

# THE CAMPAIGN LEGAL CENTER, INC. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**DECEMBER 31, 2024** 

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#### Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Trustees The Campaign Legal Center, Inc. Washington, D.C.

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of The Campaign Legal Center, Inc. (a nonprofit organization) which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2024, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Campaign Legal Center, Inc. as of December 31, 2024, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of The Campaign Legal Center, Inc. and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about The Campaign Legal Center, Inc.'s ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Board of Trustees The Campaign Legal Center, Inc.

#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements (Continued)

The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures
  that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on
  the effectiveness of The Campaign Legal Center Inc.'s internal control. Accordingly, no such
  opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about The Campaign Legal Center Inc.'s ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.

Bethesda, Maryland August 13, 2025 Certified Public Accountants

Councilor Buchanan + Mitchell, P.C.

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2024

Assets					
Current Assets Cash and Cash Equivalents Investments Pledges Receivable Accounts Receivable Due from Campaign Legal Center Action Prepaid Expenses	\$ 31,720,481 2,529,320 2,346,536 50,000 79,923 184,256				
Total Current Assets	36,910,516				
Pledges Receivable, Net of Current Portion	196,328				
Operating Right-of-Use Assets	801,994				
Property and Equipment, Net	444,162				
Security Deposit	87,874				
Total Assets	\$ 38,440,874				
Liabilities and Net Assets					
Current Liabilities Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses Operating Lease Liabilities	\$ 622,718 613,275				
Total Current Liabilities	1,235,993				
Operating Lease Liabilities, Net of Current Portion	523,807				
Total Liabilities	1,759,800				
Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions Undesignated Board Designated for Reserve Fund Board Designated for President's Emergent Threat Fund	14,881,892 13,350,000 1,920,000				
Total Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions	30,151,892				
With Donor Restrictions	6,529,182				
Total Net Assets	36,681,074				
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 38,440,874				

# STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Revenue			
Contributions and Grants	\$ 7,572,184	\$ 4,736,678	\$ 12,308,862
Donated Services	122,003	-	122,003
Reimbursed Legal Fees	83,216	-	83,216
Service Revenue	50,000	-	50,000
Net Investment Income	1,887,244	-	1,887,244
Other	5,444	-	5,444
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	18,465,879	(18,465,879)	
Total Revenue	28,185,970	(13,729,201)	14,456,769
Expenses			
Program	16,071,171	-	16,071,171
Administrative	3,746,034	-	3,746,034
Fundraising	1,327,359		1,327,359
Total Expenses	21,144,564	<u>-</u>	21,144,564
Change in Net Assets	7,041,406	(13,729,201)	(6,687,795)
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	23,110,486_	20,258,383	43,368,869
Net Assets, End of Year	\$ 30,151,892	\$ 6,529,182	\$ 36,681,074

### STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Voting Rights	Ethics	Redistricting	Campaign Finance	Communications	Policy	Other Programs	Total Program Services	Administrative	Fundraising	Total
Expenses											
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 3,181,220	\$ 739,708	\$ 943,883	\$ 2,098,326	\$ 1,431,196	\$ 1,105,959	\$ 1,291,685	\$ 10,791,977	\$ 2,465,920	\$ 1,010,397	\$ 14,268,294
Professional Fees	105,399	8,000	-	795	1,230,124	350,540	191	1,695,049	462,667	149,321	2,307,037
Litigation Expenses	199,101	-	140,062	47,200	-	-	1,897	388,260	-	-	388,260
Conferences and Meetings	22,469	600	1,034	-	11,947	12,648	625	49,323	11,945	11,871	73,139
Depreciation and Amortization	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	· -	286,676	-	286,676
Insurance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	166,542	-	166,542
Operating Lease Expense	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	432,018	-	432,018
Other Occupancy Costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21,985	-	21,985
Office Expense	21,253	2,216	19,319	4,455	53,906	11,477	7,091	119,717	98,678	17,631	236,026
Telecommunications	-	, -	, -	, -	, -	-	, -	-	44,673	-	44,673
Travel	207,242	8,214	47,533	23,903	20,357	11,840	24,543	343,632	18,058	35,444	397,134
Miscellaneous	1,147	, -	-	, -	, -	· -	, -	1,147	12,826	-	13,973
Returned Grant Funds	, -	-	-	-	-	-	-	, -	325,000	-	325,000
Grants to Other Organizations	302,290	-	-	_	-	685,080	_	987,370	, -	-	987,370
Digital Expenses	129,111	-	-	40,000	590,441	, -	-	759,552	-	255	759,807
Research Services	65,337	25,893	63,521	72,313	35,438	17,011	3,955	283,468	111,678	41,484	436,630
Shared Cost Allocation	192,457	44,842	57,312	127,242	86,188	67,153	76,482	651,676	(712,632)	60,956	<del>-</del>
Total Expenses	\$ 4,427,026	\$ 829,473	\$ 1,272,664	\$ 2,414,234	\$ 3,459,597	\$ 2,261,708	\$ 1,406,469	\$ 16,071,171	\$ 3,746,034	\$ 1,327,359	\$ 21,144,564

### STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

Cash Flows from Operating Activities	
Change in Net Assets	\$ (6,687,795)
Adjustments to Reconcile Change in Net Assets to	, , , , ,
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	
Net Gain on Investments	(386,254)
Depreciation and Amortization	286,676
Operating Lease Expense	432,018
(Increase) Decrease in Assets	,
Pledges Receivable	7,568,560
Due from Campaign Legal Center Action	13,639
Prepaid Expenses	(10,920)
Decrease in Liabilities	, ,
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	(87,766)
Grants Payable	(51,000)
Operating Lease Liabilities	(593,433)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	483,725
Cash Flows from Investing Activities	
Purchases of Investments	(49,303)
Redemptions of Certificates of Deposit	240,046
Purchases of Property and Equipment	(38,263)
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities	152,480
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	636,205
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year	31,084,276
Cash and Cash Equivarents, Deginning of Tear	51,004,270
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year	\$ 31,720,481
Noncash Transactions from Investing and Financing Activities	
Establishment of Right-of-Use Asset	\$ 24,671
Establishment of Operating Lease Liability	24,671
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### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2024

#### 1. Organization and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Campaign Legal Center, Inc. (CLC) is a District of Columbia nonprofit corporation. CLC works as a nonpartisan organization to protect and strengthen the democratic process across all levels of government through litigation and advocacy.

CLC is supported primarily by contributions and grants.

The major programs of CLC are as follows:

**Voting Rights**: Voting should be accessible for all citizens, no matter where they live, the color of their skin or how much money they make. To make every vote count, we need a system that is free and fair to ensure that everyone's voice is heard, including those who have had contact with the criminal legal system. CLC believes that state and federal policies should uniformly protect the right to vote and promote voter participation across the United States. This CLC program, through litigation, policy analysis, state-based and federal advocacy, and public education, seeks to protect the right to vote and expand access to the ballot.

**Ethics**: One of the hallmarks of a healthy democracy is public confidence in the integrity of democratic institutions. That public confidence is earned through the commitment of those in and working with government to uphold the principle that public service is a public trust. Federal, state, and local governments have a responsibility to enact and enforce clear ethical guidelines and laws. Only then, can public officials adequately navigate potential conflicts and be held accountable when they break the public's trust. This system is necessary to ensure a healthy democracy. This CLC program proposes solutions for stronger ethics at all levels of government, and serves as a government watchdog, holding elected officials accountable for ethics violations.

**Redistricting**: Democracy works best when our voting maps are fairly drawn on a nonpartisan basis to ensure that Americans can participate equally in the election of their representatives. Unfortunately, incumbents often rig the system to benefit themselves, their party, and special interest supporters, manipulating voting maps to dictate the outcome of elections. Two sources of discrimination in voting maps are partisan gerrymandering and electoral systems that underrepresent people of color. The result is dysfunction, mistrust, and public policies that ignore the will of the people. This CLC program advances and supports legal cases that address redistricting violations, works on the front lines in the fight for fair redistricting practices in the states, and continues to promote voters' rights to fair districts nationwide.

Campaign Finance: The First Amendment guarantees every American the right to participate fully in the political process. The dependence of political candidates on wealthy special interests is a serious flaw in our political system and makes elected officials responsive to their large donors rather than to the public. The tremendous power of special interest money in politics often drowns out the voice of everyday Americans, threatens our First Amendment freedoms, and erodes the foundations of our entire democracy. To restore fairness to our political system, this CLC program advocates for passing and enforcing strong campaign finance reforms that help guarantee a democracy that is both representative of and responsive to the people. These reform solutions include placing reasonable limits on funding of campaigns, complete transparency of campaign spending and public financing of elections. CLC helps enact such policies at the state, local, and federal levels, and works to ensure that the Federal Election Commission enforces current campaign finance laws. CLC also defends laws that promote the First Amendment's guarantee that every American has the ability to participate in the democratic process.

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2024

#### 1. ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

**Communications**: CLC's communication program supports the overall mission of CLC and utilizes strategies to leverage and brand CLC as a thought leader, educator, and advocate. The communication program works across CLC program teams to create and disseminate content, build program audiences, and seek partnership and collaboration on important public conversations. This includes supporting Campaign Legal Conversations, which explores complicated issues in democracy, sharing stories of voters who have faced barriers to participating in the political process, and educating press, partners, and donors about CLC's litigation efforts.

**Policy**: CLC's policy program works to advance pro-democracy, pro-voter policy at the federal, state, and local levels. CLC brings decades of policy and legal expertise to our work with government officials, civic organizations, and grassroots advocates. CLC is engaged through the entire life cycle of the law: developing policy, drafting legislation and ballot initiatives, and ensuring effective implementation through administrative advocacy. The policy program works across CLC program teams to develop effective advocacy strategies and partnerships.

#### Basis of Accounting

CLC has presented its financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### Cash and Cash Equivalents

CLC considers all highly liquid debt instruments with initial maturities of ninety days or less to be cash equivalents.

#### **Investments**

CLC's investments are stated at fair market value. The valuation of marketable securities is based upon quotations obtained from national securities exchanges.

#### Pledges Receivable

Pledges expected to be collected within one year are recorded at net realizable value. Pledges expected to be collected in future years are recorded at the present value of their estimated future cash flows, using a rate established at the time of donation by management, if such discount is material.

Present value discounts are amortized over the life of the pledge. CLC reviews the collectability of the receivables on a regular basis. Management considers all pledges receivable to be fully collectible, and accordingly, does not believe any allowance for uncollectible pledges is necessary as of December 31, 2024.

#### Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable consist of amounts due within one year related to service revenue. Accounts receivable amounts are presented in the statement of financial position at the net amount expected to be collected. CLC uses the loss-rate method to estimate expected credit losses based on historical experience, current conditions, and reasonable and supportable forecasts about collectability.

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2024

#### 1. ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### Accounts Receivable (Continued)

Historical credit loss experience provides the basis for the estimation of expected credit losses and adjustments are made for differences in current and forecasted risk characteristics and economic conditions. However, CLC has historically had insignificant write-offs. Therefore, management has determined that no allowance for credit losses is necessary as of December 31, 2024.

#### Property and Equipment

CLC capitalizes all property and equipment acquisitions greater than \$2,000. Property and equipment are recorded at cost, if purchased, or at fair market value, if donated. Depreciation and amortization is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful life of the asset. Leasehold improvements are amortized using the straight-line method over the shorter of the estimated lives of the related assets or the remaining lease term and is limited by the expected lease term unless there is a transfer of title or purchase option reasonably certain of exercise. Maintenance and repairs are charged to expense when incurred.

CLC capitalizes costs for website development incurred during the application development stage. Costs related to preliminary project activities and post implementation activities are expensed as incurred. Internal and external costs, if direct and incremental, are capitalized until the website is substantially complete and ready for its intended use.

#### Right-of-Use Assets and Lease Liabilities

The determination of whether an arrangement is a lease is made at the lease's inception. Under the Financial Accounting Standards Board's (FASB) Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2016-02, *Leases (Topic 842)*, a contract is (or contains) a lease if it conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration. Control is defined under the standard as having both the right to obtain substantially all of the economic benefits from use of the asset and the right to direct the use of the asset. Management only reassesses its determination if the terms and conditions of the contract are changed.

Lease liabilities are initially measured at the present value of minimum lease payments using a risk-free rate that approximates the remaining term of the lease. The right-of-use asset is the lease liability adjusted for other lease-related accounts.

Management considers the likelihood of exercising renewal or termination clauses (if any) in measuring CLC's right-of-use assets and lease liabilities. Operating lease expense is allocated over the remaining lease term on a straight-line basis.

CLC considers leases with initial terms of twelve months or less, and no option to purchase the underlying asset, to be short-term leases. Accordingly, short-term lease costs are expensed over the remaining lease term, with no corresponding right-of-use asset or lease liability. In addition, CLC does not separate non-lease components from lease components (if any) when determining the payments for leases of office equipment.

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2024

#### 1. ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### Basis of Presentation

Net assets and revenues are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions and reported as follows:

*Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions* - net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed purpose or time restrictions.

**Net Assets With Donor Restrictions** - net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that will be met either by actions of CLC and/or the passage of time. When a donor restriction expires, that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or a purpose restriction is accomplished, net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

#### Revenue Recognition

Unconditional contributions and grants received are recorded as with donor restrictions or without donor restrictions depending on existence and/or the nature of any donor restrictions.

Conditional contributions and grants are reported as refundable advances until the conditions have been substantially met or explicitly waived by the donor. Revenue is recognized on the date the conditions are met.

Reimbursed legal fees are recognized once the court has approved the settlement and CLC has received the reimbursement.

Service revenue is primarily related to legal advice and services on election-related legislation and policy, as contracted. Service revenue is recognized over time as services are provided. Any amounts due but not yet received are included in accounts receivable. The beginning balance of accounts receivable was \$50,000 as of January 1, 2024.

#### Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### Functional Allocation of Expenses

The costs of providing various programs and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statement of activities and the statement of functional expenses. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited. These expenses require allocation on a reasonable basis that is consistently applied. The expenses that are allocated include salaries and benefits, operating lease expense, other occupancy costs, insurance, depreciation and amortization, and other general expenses, which are allocated on the basis of estimates of time and effort by employees. Expenses directly identifiable to programs and supporting activities are presented accordingly.

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2024

#### 1. ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### Income Taxes

CLC is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and is classified as an organization that is not a private foundation.

CLC requires that a tax position be recognized or derecognized based on a "more-likely-than-not" threshold. This applies to positions taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. CLC does not believe its financial statements include, or reflect, any uncertain tax positions. CLC's IRS Form 990, *Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax*, is subject to examination generally for three years after filing.

#### Donated Services

Donated services are recognized as contributions, at fair value, if the services (a) create nonfinancial assets or (b) require specialized skills, are performed by people with those skills, and would otherwise be purchased by CLC.

#### 2. CONCENTRATIONS

CLC maintains cash balances at financial institutions. The accounts at these institutions are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) up to certain limits. At times during the year, CLC's cash balances exceeded the FDIC insurance limits. Management believes the risk in these situations to be minimal.

CLC invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the accompanying financial statements.

#### 3. LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABLE RESOURCES

CLC's liquidity policy requires CLC to maintain sufficient liquid financial assets in order to meet general expenditures and obligations as they become due, specifically to maintain cash and cash equivalents equal to at least six months of routine operating expenditures. Management periodically reviews CLC's liquid asset needs and adjusts reserves as needed.

Management may use the Board Designated Reserve only with approval from CLC's Board of Trustees. CLC's President manages the Board Designated President's Emergent Threat Fund and may use funds without Board approval. The Board Designated Reserve and Board Designated President's Emergent Threat Fund are included in cash and cash equivalents on the statement of financial position.

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2024

#### 3. LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABLE RESOURCES (CONTINUED)

As of December 31, 2024, the following financial assets and liquidity sources were available for general operating expenditures in the year ending December 31, 2025:

Financial Assets	 Amount
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 31,720,481
Investments	2,529,320
Pledges Receivable Due in Less Than One Year	2,346,536
Accounts Receivable Due in Less Than One Year	50,000
Due from Campaign Legal Center Action	 79,923
Total Financial Assets Available within One Year	36,726,260
Less Donor Restricted for Purpose or General Expenditures Beyond One Year	(2,849,981)
Less Board Designated for Reserve Fund	(13,350,000)
Less Board Designated for President's Emergent Threat Fund	 (1,920,000)
Financial Assets Available to Meet Cash Needs for	
General Expenditure within One Year	\$ 18,606,279

#### 4. PLEDGES RECEIVABLE

Pledges receivable consisted of the following as of December 31, 2024:

Description	Amount
Pledges Receivable Due in Less Than One Year	\$ 2,346,536
Pledges Receivable Due in One to Five Years	215,140
Total Pledges Receivable	2,561,676
Less Discount to Net Present Value	(18,812)
Total Pledges Receivable	\$ 2,542,864

Pledges receivable have been discounted using a discount rate of 3.84% to 4.38%.

#### 5. INVESTMENTS

The fair value hierarchy prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value into three broad levels as follows:

*Level 1* - inputs to the valuation methodology are quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets;

*Level 2* - inputs to the valuation methodology include quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets, and inputs that are observable for the asset or liability other than quoted prices, either directly or indirectly, including inputs in markets that are not considered to be active;

*Level 3* - inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement. The inputs to the determination of fair value require significant management judgment.

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2024

### 5. INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

The following presents CLC's assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2024.

			Level 1	Lev	vel 2	Lev	rel 3
	F	Fair Value	Inputs	Inj	outs	Inp	outs
Vanguard Total International Stock ETF Vanguard Total Stock Market ETF	\$	414,887 2,114,433	\$ 414,887 2,114,433	\$	- -	\$	- -
Total Investments at Fair Value	\$	2,529,320	\$ 2,529,320	\$	_	\$	-

#### 6. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment consisted of the following as of December 31, 2024:

Description		Amount
Computer Equipment	\$	471,194
Furniture and Equipment		383,329
Website		451,379
Leasehold Improvements	_	784,914
Total		2,090,816
Less Accumulated Depreciation and Amortization		(1,646,654)
Property and Equipment, Net	\$	444,162

#### 7. NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS

Net assets with donor restrictions were available for the following purposes as of December 31, 2024:

Description	 Amount	
Voting Rights	\$ 392,919	
Redistricting	118,367	
Development	10,000	
Personnel	148,554	
Anti-Sabotage	1,163,535	
Charles Fried Fellowship	500,855	
Timing Restricted	 4,194,952	
Donor Restricted Net Assets	\$ 6,529,182	

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2024

#### 7. NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS (CONTINUED)

Net assets with donor restrictions were released from donor restrictions during the year ended December 31, 2024, by satisfying restrictions as follows:

Description	Amount	
Campaign Finance	\$	19,393
Voting Rights		671,583
Redistricting		218,694
Personnel		116,177
Anti-Sabotage Project		5,602,409
Office Security		11,800
Timing Restricted		11,825,823
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	\$	18,465,879

#### 8. OPERATING LEASES

CLC is obligated under an operating lease for office space through October 2026. The lease includes six months of rent abatement. Under the terms of the lease, the base lease payment increases annually based on scheduled increases provided for in the lease plus the pass-through of increases in operating expenses and real estate taxes. CLC received lease incentives totaling approximately \$785,000. The lease does not contain an option to extend the lease term or terminate early.

Under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), operating lease expense is recognized on a straight-line basis over the remaining lease term. CLC had no variable or short-term lease expense in 2024.

CLC is also obligated under a non-cancelable operating lease for certain office equipment through 2029.

Maturity of the operating lease liabilities as of December 31, 2024, is as follows:

For the Years Ending December 31,	0	Office Lease		oier Lease	Total
2025	\$	607,782	\$	5,493	\$ 613,275
2026		518,497		5,493	523,990
2027		-		5,493	5,493
2028		-		5,493	5,493
2029		-		5,033	5,033
Total Undiscounted Minimum Lease Payments		1,126,279		27,005	1,153,284
Less Discount to Present Value		(13,499)		(2,703)	(16,202)
Total Operating Lease Liabilities	\$	1,112,780	\$	24,302	\$ 1,137,082
Operating Right-of-Use Assets	\$	777,692	\$	24,302	\$ 801,994

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2024

#### 8. OPERATING LEASES (CONTINUED)

The supplementary qualitative operating lease information is as follows:

Supplementary Qualitative Operating Lease Information	Amount
Weighted-Average Remaining Lease Term (Years)	1.90
Weighted-Average Discount Rate (Risk Free)	1.44%

#### 9. RETIREMENT PLAN

CLC maintains a 401(k) plan (the Plan) that covers all employees who meet certain age and service requirements. Employees are eligible for discretionary profit-sharing contributions after completing one year of eligibility and being employed on the last day of the year. Employees are eligible for 100% matching contributions of their elective deferrals up to 6% of compensation. There is no service requirement for elective deferrals and matching contributions. During the year ended December 31, 2024, CLC's contributions to the Plan were approximately \$641,000.

#### 10. DONATED SERVICES

During the year ended December 31, 2024, CLC was the beneficiary of professional services. The donated professional services were valued based on current market rates for such services. The value approximated \$122,000 for the year ended December 31, 2024, and was included in communications expenses in the statement of functional expenses. All donated services received by CLC were considered without donor restrictions and able to be used by CLC as determined by the Board of Directors and management.

#### 11. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

CLC has a cost-sharing agreement with Campaign Legal Center Action (Action) a nonprofit organization exempt under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code. The agreement covers personnel costs, rent, and other overhead costs. During the year ended December 31, 2024, Action incurred costs under the cost-sharing agreement of approximately \$469,000.

#### 12. RETURNED GRANT FUNDS

In June 2024, CLC engaged in arm's length negotiations concerning the return of funds previously contributed to CLC. Under the terms of the agreement, CLC transferred \$600,000 to the debtors under a Chapter 11 bankruptcy case. CLC received \$275,000 of insurance proceeds related to the settlement. The net amount of \$325,000 is reported on the statement of functional expenses as returned grant funds.

#### 13. EMPLOYEE RETENTION CREDIT

The Employee Retention Credit (ERC) was created as part of the CARES Act in response to COVID-19 and provides employers a refundable tax credit against certain employment taxes after March 12, 2020. The Taxpayer Certainty and Disaster Tax Relief Act of 2020 extended the ERC through September 30, 2021.

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#### 13. EMPLOYEE RETENTION CREDIT (CONTINUED)

CLC applied for the ERC retroactively for the first three quarters of 2021. The conditional contribution related to the ERC is estimated to be approximately \$1,333,000. However, CLC did not receive confirmation from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) before December 31, 2024, therefore the ERC has not been reflected in the financial statements. Subsequent to year end, CLC received ERC amounts of approximately \$863,000. In addition, CLC received a notice from the IRS that approximately \$470,000 of the ERC was disallowed. CLC plans to appeal the amount disallowed.

#### 14. Subsequent Events

Subsequent events were evaluated through August 13, 2025, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.