



Financial Statements
Union of Concerned Scientists, Inc.
September 30, 2017 and 2016



UNION OF CONCERNED SCIENTISTS, INC.

Financial Statements

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Independent Auditors' Report

Board of Directors
Union of Concerned Scientists, Inc.
Cambridge, Massachusetts

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Union of Concerned Scientists, Inc. ("UCS"), which comprise the statement of financial position as of September 30, 2017, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes 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.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.



Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Union of Concerned Scientists, Inc. as of September 30, 2017, 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.

Other Matter

The financial statements of Union of Concerned Scientists, Inc. as of and for the year ended September 30, 2016 were audited by other auditors whose report dated March 3, 2017 expressed an unmodified opinion on those statements.

Mayer Hoffmann McCann P.C.

February 28, 2018
Boston, Massachusetts

UNION OF CONCERNED SCIENTISTS, INC.

Statement of Financial Position

September 30, 2017
(with comparative totals for 2016)

	<i>Unrestricted</i>						
	<i>General</i>	<i>Board Designated</i>	<i>Total Unrestricted</i>	<i>Temporarily Restricted</i>	<i>Permanently Restricted</i>	<i>2017 Total</i>	<i>2016 Total</i>
Assets							
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,734,549	\$ -	\$ 3,734,549	\$ 4,439,228	\$ -	\$ 8,173,777	\$ 5,506,418
Investments	-	31,820,920	31,820,920	426,470	185,435	32,432,825	27,248,938
Pledges receivable	-	-	-	58,501	-	58,501	108,488
Grants receivable	-	-	-	1,546,021	-	1,546,021	1,483,022
Prepaid expenses and other assets	682,802	-	682,802	-	-	682,802	638,643
Property and equipment, net	8,918,785	-	8,918,785	-	-	8,918,785	9,109,575
Total assets	\$ 13,336,136	\$ 31,820,920	\$ 45,157,056	\$ 6,470,220	\$ 185,435	\$ 51,812,711	\$ 44,095,084
Liabilities and Net Assets							
Liabilities:							
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 1,792,601	\$ 3,043	\$ 1,795,644	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,795,644	\$ 1,118,046
Deferred rent	421,614	-	421,614	-	-	421,614	274,483
Liabilities under unitrust and annuity agreements	-	-	-	1,894,931	-	1,894,931	1,434,236
Long-term debt	1,690,042	-	1,690,042	-	-	1,690,042	2,661,454
Note payable, other	250,000	-	250,000	-	-	250,000	250,000
Due to (from) other funds	3,128,156	(3,128,156)	-	-	-	-	-
Total liabilities	7,282,413	(3,125,113)	4,157,300	1,894,931	-	6,052,231	5,738,219
Net assets	6,053,723	34,946,033	40,999,756	4,575,289	185,435	45,760,480	38,356,865
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 13,336,136	\$ 31,820,920	\$ 45,157,056	\$ 6,470,220	\$ 185,435	\$ 51,812,711	\$ 44,095,084

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Statement of Financial Position

September 30, 2016

	<i>Unrestricted</i>					
	<i>General</i>	<i>Board Designated</i>	<i>Total Unrestricted</i>	<i>Temporarily Restricted</i>	<i>Permanently Restricted</i>	<i>Total</i>
Assets						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,707,280	\$ -	\$ 1,707,280	\$ 3,799,138	\$ -	\$ 5,506,418
Investments	-	26,672,207	26,672,207	391,296	185,435	27,248,938
Pledges receivable	-	-	-	108,488	-	108,488
Grants receivable	-	-	-	1,483,022	-	1,483,022
Prepaid expenses and other assets	638,643	-	638,643	-	-	638,643
Property and equipment, net	9,109,575	-	9,109,575	-	-	9,109,575
Total assets	\$ 11,455,498	\$ 26,672,207	\$ 38,127,705	\$ 5,781,944	\$ 185,435	\$ 44,095,084
Liabilities and Net Assets						
Liabilities:						
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 1,118,046	\$ -	\$ 1,118,046	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,118,046
Deferred rent	274,483	-	274,483	-	-	274,483
Liabilities under unitrust and annuity agreements	-	-	-	1,434,236	-	1,434,236
Long-term debt	2,661,454	-	2,661,454	-	-	2,661,454
Note payable, other	250,000	-	250,000	-	-	250,000
Due to (from) other funds	1,832,968	(1,832,968)	-	-	-	-
Total liabilities	6,136,951	(1,832,968)	4,303,983	1,434,236	-	5,738,219
Net assets	5,318,547	28,505,175	33,823,722	4,347,708	185,435	38,356,865
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 11,455,498	\$ 26,672,207	\$ 38,127,705	\$ 5,781,944	\$ 185,435	\$ 44,095,084

See Independent Auditors' Report and accompanying notes to financial statements.

UNION OF CONCERNED SCIENTISTS, INC.

Statement of Activities

Year Ended September 30, 2017
(with comparative totals for 2016)

	Unrestricted			Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	2017 Total	2016 Total
	General	Board Designated	Total Unrestricted				
Operating revenue and other support							
Membership and contributions	\$ 25,714,295	\$ -	\$ 25,714,295	\$ 2,558,715	\$ -	\$ 28,273,010	\$ 20,914,940
Foundation and other institutional grants	148,212	-	148,212	6,681,175	-	6,829,387	5,244,910
Net investment income	-	3,312,701	3,312,701	26,907	-	3,339,608	2,443,348
Bequests and annuities	-	1,092,412	1,092,412	-	-	1,092,412	2,957,310
In-kind contributions	329,698	-	329,698	-	-	329,698	543,976
Other revenue	370,277	-	370,277	-	-	370,277	474,810
Interfund transfers	(2,606,774)	2,606,774	-	-	-	-	-
Net assets released from restriction	9,039,216	-	9,039,216	(9,039,216)	-	-	-
Total operating revenue and other support	32,994,924	7,011,887	40,006,811	227,581	-	40,234,392	32,579,294
Operating expenses							
Programs							
Center for science and democracy	4,618,848	-	4,618,848	-	-	4,618,848	3,801,476
Climate and clean energy	10,879,938	-	10,879,938	-	-	10,879,938	11,009,597
Clean vehicles	3,756,505	-	3,756,505	-	-	3,756,505	3,383,083
Global security	3,165,938	-	3,165,938	-	-	3,165,938	3,071,409
Federal defense	224,541	-	224,541	-	-	224,541	-
Food and environment	3,665,509	-	3,665,509	-	-	3,665,509	4,780,968
Legislative	373,209	-	373,209	-	-	373,209	348,089
Total program expenses	26,684,488	-	26,684,488	-	-	26,684,488	26,394,622
Supporting services							
Fundraising and member communications	4,847,300	-	4,847,300	-	-	4,847,300	4,347,110
General and administrative	1,298,989	-	1,298,989	-	-	1,298,989	1,159,660
Total supporting services expenses	6,146,289	-	6,146,289	-	-	6,146,289	5,506,770
Total operating expenses	32,830,777	-	32,830,777	-	-	32,830,777	31,901,392
Change in net assets before transfer for capital expenditures	164,147	7,011,887	7,176,034	227,581	-	7,403,615	677,902
Transfer for capital expenditures	571,029	(571,029)	-	-	-	-	-
Change in net assets	735,176	6,440,858	7,176,034	227,581	-	7,403,615	677,902
Net assets, beginning of year	5,318,547	28,505,175	33,823,722	4,347,708	185,435	38,356,865	37,678,963
Net assets, end of year	\$ 6,053,723	\$ 34,946,033	\$ 40,999,756	\$ 4,575,289	\$ 185,435	\$ 45,760,480	\$ 38,356,865

UNION OF CONCERNED SCIENTISTS, INC.

Statement of Activities

Year Ended September 30, 2016

	<i>Unrestricted</i>			<i>Temporarily Restricted</i>	<i>Permanently Restricted</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>General</i>	<i>Board Designated</i>	<i>Total Unrestricted</i>			
Operating revenue and other support						
Membership and contributions	\$ 16,352,962	\$ -	\$ 16,352,962	\$ 4,561,978	\$ -	\$ 20,914,940
Foundation and other institutional grants	100,000	-	100,000	5,144,910	-	5,244,910
Net investment income	-	2,428,683	2,428,683	14,665	-	2,443,348
Bequests and annuities	1,434,818	1,522,492	2,957,310	-	-	2,957,310
In-kind contributions	543,976	-	543,976	-	-	543,976
Other revenue	474,810	-	474,810	-	-	474,810
Interfund transfers	1,975,197	(1,975,197)	-	-	-	-
Appropriation of cumulative gains	1,312,496	(1,312,496)	-	-	-	-
Net assets released from restriction	9,707,133	-	9,707,133	(9,707,133)	-	-
Total operating revenue and other support	31,901,392	663,482	32,564,874	14,420	-	32,579,294
Operating expenses						
Programs						
Center for science and democracy	3,801,476	-	3,801,476	-	-	3,801,476
Climate and clean energy	11,009,597	-	11,009,597	-	-	11,009,597
Clean vehicles	3,383,083	-	3,383,083	-	-	3,383,083
Global security	3,071,409	-	3,071,409	-	-	3,071,409
Food and environment	4,780,968	-	4,780,968	-	-	4,780,968
Legislative	348,089	-	348,089	-	-	348,089
Total program expenses	26,394,622	-	26,394,622	-	-	26,394,622
Supporting services						
Fundraising and member communications	4,347,110	-	4,347,110	-	-	4,347,110
General and administrative	1,159,660	-	1,159,660	-	-	1,159,660
Total supporting services expenses	5,506,770	-	5,506,770	-	-	5,506,770
Total operating expenses	31,901,392	-	31,901,392	-	-	31,901,392
Change in net assets before transfer for capital expenditures	-	663,482	663,482	14,420	-	677,902
Transfer for capital expenditures	998,413	(998,413)	-	-	-	-
Change in net assets	998,413	(334,931)	663,482	14,420	-	677,902
Net assets, beginning of year	4,320,134	28,840,106	33,160,240	4,333,288	185,435	37,678,963
Net assets, end of year	\$ 5,318,547	\$ 28,505,175	\$ 33,823,722	\$ 4,347,708	\$ 185,435	\$ 38,356,865

UNION OF CONCERNED SCIENTISTS, INC.

Statements of Functional Expenses

Years Ended September 30, 2017 and 2016

	2017											
	Programs							Supporting Services				Total Operating Expenses
	Center for Science and Democracy	Climate and Clean Energy	Clean Vehicles	Global Security	Federal Defense	Food and Environment	Legislative	Total Programs	Fundraising and Member Communications	General and Administrative	Total Supporting Services	
Personnel costs	\$ 2,481,869	\$ 6,932,647	\$ 2,397,384	\$ 2,124,497	\$ 152,269	\$ 2,111,297	\$ 197,190	\$ 16,397,153	\$ 2,949,443	\$ 982,278	\$ 3,931,721	\$ 20,328,874
Contractual expenses	765,525	1,285,996	452,567	270,458	6,438	351,260	110,466	3,242,710	403,476	171,021	574,497	3,817,207
Coalition support	16,627	165,732	24,991	10,481	1,382	372,040	3,373	594,626	5,436	118	5,554	600,180
Publications and mailing costs	541,113	385,252	161,852	56,441	218	65,798	1,114	1,211,788	940,232	405	940,637	2,152,425
Event costs	92,672	210,158	38,597	167,744	10,918	58,135	2,001	580,225	138,237	2,514	140,751	720,976
Office and equipment expenses	382,742	1,046,510	419,987	282,125	38,079	429,181	39,155	2,637,779	173,962	98,335	272,297	2,910,076
Books, periodicals and online services	144,206	323,192	123,572	104,166	4,107	123,165	5,451	827,859	69,188	23,446	92,634	920,493
Travel	145,277	391,653	88,823	104,753	7,874	110,273	10,789	859,442	138,092	1,851	139,943	999,385
Fees and interest expense	48,817	138,798	48,732	45,273	3,256	44,360	3,670	332,906	29,234	19,021	48,255	381,161
Total expenses	\$ 4,618,848	\$ 10,879,938	\$ 3,756,505	\$ 3,165,938	\$ 224,541	\$ 3,665,509	\$ 373,209	\$ 26,684,488	\$ 4,847,300	\$ 1,298,989	\$ 6,146,289	\$ 32,830,777

	2016											
	Programs							Supporting Services				Total Operating Expenses
	Center for Science and Democracy	Climate and Clean Energy	Clean Vehicles	Global Security	Federal Defense	Food and Environment	Legislative	Total Programs	Fundraising and Member Communications	General and Administrative	Total Supporting Services	
Personnel costs	\$ 2,106,978	\$ 6,541,111	\$ 2,108,843	\$ 2,026,844	\$ -	\$ 1,949,555	\$ 180,519	\$ 14,913,850	\$ 2,644,936	\$ 863,448	\$ 3,508,384	\$ 18,422,234
Contractual expenses	669,614	1,790,434	518,941	453,562	-	576,671	106,097	4,115,319	452,659	161,040	613,699	4,729,018
Coalition support	10,835	92,792	8,521	7,771	-	1,348,908	19	1,468,846	4,457	98	4,555	1,473,401
Publications and mailing costs	251,232	546,980	120,258	91,389	-	161,682	1,446	1,172,987	670,139	1,421	671,560	1,844,547
Event costs	163,627	240,310	43,020	36,995	-	112,859	1,648	598,459	148,215	2,359	150,574	749,033
Office and equipment expenses	342,322	1,052,353	395,067	276,630	-	396,981	40,816	2,504,169	153,378	96,651	250,029	2,754,198
Books, periodicals and online services	88,233	241,811	75,714	74,522	-	85,143	3,626	569,049	101,620	16,965	118,585	687,634
Travel	135,251	397,968	78,490	69,699	-	117,505	11,191	810,104	150,285	3,292	153,577	963,681
Fees and interest expense	33,384	105,838	34,229	33,997	-	31,664	2,727	241,839	21,421	14,386	35,807	277,646
Total expenses	\$ 3,801,476	\$ 11,009,597	\$ 3,383,083	\$ 3,071,409	\$ -	\$ 4,780,968	\$ 348,089	\$ 26,394,622	\$ 4,347,110	\$ 1,159,660	\$ 5,506,770	\$ 31,901,392

UNION OF CONCERNED SCIENTISTS, INC.

Statements of Cash Flows

	<i>Years Ended September 30,</i>	
	<i>2017</i>	<i>2016</i>
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Change in net assets	\$ 7,403,615	\$ 677,902
Adjustments to reconcile changes in net assets to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	670,060	646,142
Realized and unrealized gain on investments, net	(2,943,435)	(2,203,191)
Loss on disposal of property and equipment	1,818	6,410
Changes in certain assets and liabilities:		
Pledges receivable	49,987	1,132
Grants receivable	(62,999)	564,542
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(47,769)	(165,681)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	677,598	(313,564)
Deferred rent	147,131	274,483
Liabilities under unitrust and annuity agreements	460,695	181,267
	<u>6,356,701</u>	<u>(330,558)</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities		
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchases of property and equipment	(477,478)	(880,945)
Purchases of investments	(4,465,230)	-
Sales of investments	2,224,778	2,800,800
	<u>(2,717,930)</u>	<u>1,919,855</u>
Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities		
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Repayment of long-term debt	(971,412)	(945,486)
	<u>(971,412)</u>	<u>(945,486)</u>
Net cash used in financing activities		
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	2,667,359	643,811
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	<u>5,506,418</u>	<u>4,862,607</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ <u>8,173,777</u>	\$ <u>5,506,418</u>

UNION OF CONCERNED SCIENTISTS, INC.

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1 - Nature of Organization

Union of Concerned Scientists, Inc. (“UCS”) is an independent not-for-profit organization that was incorporated in the District of Columbia on September 19, 1973. UCS’s support comes primarily through contributions from individuals including membership, major gifts, bequests and other planned gifts, foundations grants, as well as investment returns.

UCS puts rigorous, independent science to work to solve our planet’s most pressing problems. Joining with people across the country, UCS combines technical analysis and effective advocacy to create innovative, practical solutions for a healthy, safe and sustainable future.

What began as a collaboration between students and faculty members at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1969 is now an alliance of more than 500,000 individuals. UCS members are people from all walks of life: parents and business people, biologists and physicists, teachers and students. UCS members understand that scientific analysis - not political calculations or corporate hype - should guide our efforts to secure responsible changes in government policy, corporate practices and consumer choices.

UCS experts work on some of the world’s most complex and daunting problems: stemming the tide of global warming, finding sustainable ways to feed, power and transport ourselves, and reducing the threat of catastrophic war. UCS’s achievements over the decades show that thoughtful action based on the best available science can help safeguard our future and the future of our planet.

UCS’s major programs include Center for Science and Democracy, Climate and Clean Energy, Clean Vehicles, Global Security, Food and Environment, Federal Defense, and Legislative.

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

UCS uses the accrual basis of accounting as generally accepted in the United States of America attributable to not-for-profit organizations. The more significant of the accounting policies used are summarized as follows:

Classification of Net Assets

Net assets and revenue, expenses, gains and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets and changes therein are classified as follows:

Unrestricted Net Assets - Net assets not subject to donor-imposed restrictions or for which restrictions have expired. Unrestricted net assets include the following:

General - General includes the revenue and expenses associated with the principal mission of UCS.

Board Designated - Board designated includes certain unrestricted contributions and bequests that have been earmarked by the Board of Directors to build a reserve that will provide a long-term stable funding source for UCS, as well as an operating cash reserve and a fund for strategic initiatives.

Temporarily Restricted Net Assets - Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that may, or will be, met by actions of UCS and/or the passage of time.

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Notes to Financial Statements

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Classification of Net Assets (Continued)

Permanently Restricted Net Assets - Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that the principal be maintained in perpetuity by UCS, with the investment returns available to support the general operations or specific activities, stipulated by the donor.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of bank deposits and money market accounts with initial maturities of 90 days or less. Such amounts are stated at cost plus accrued interest. Cash and cash equivalents held by investment managers are considered part of investment balances. At times, balances exceed federally insured limits. Management monitors such exposure and has not experienced any losses in such accounts.

Investments, Investment Returns and Related Matters

Investments are carried at fair value as outlined elsewhere in these policies. Interest, dividends and net gains or losses on investments are reported as investment return in the period earned as follows:

- as increases or decreases in permanently restricted net assets if the terms of the gift require that they be applied to the principal of a permanent endowment fund;
- as increases or decreases in temporarily restricted net assets if the terms of the gift or state law impose restrictions on the current use of the income or net gains and losses; and as increases or decreases in unrestricted net assets in all other cases. Losses in excess of accumulated unspent gains on permanently and temporarily restricted net assets are reported as decreases in unrestricted net assets. These amounts will be restored to unrestricted as future gains are earned on the underlying investments. Should future gains exceed the original corpus of the underlying gifts, such amounts would be reflected as accumulated unspent gains in temporarily restricted net assets.

UCS's primary objective is to provide long-term stability while allowing support for current activities. To satisfy its objectives, UCS relies on a total return strategy in which investment returns are achieved through both capital appreciation (realized and unrealized) and current yield (interest and dividends). UCS targets a diversified asset allocation that places a greater emphasis on equity-based investments to achieve its long-term objectives within prudent risk constraints.

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Notes to Financial Statements

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Spending Policy

UCS utilizes a spending policy whereby a percentage of the historical twelve quarter average market value of the board designated reserves is distributed for program services and capital needs and treated as support for operating activities. The amount distributed is reported as appropriation of cumulative gains. In the event unrestricted general activities has a surplus for the year, UCS will not appropriate any amounts from its board designated reserves. No appropriation was necessary from board designated reserves for the year ended September 30, 2017. For the year ended September 30, 2016, UCS appropriated the amount necessary to balance the unrestricted general activities.

The Board policy allows for 50% of current year bequests received to be used to support operations if such bequests are unrestricted, with the remainder being designated by the Board for special purposes. In the event unrestricted general activities has a surplus for the year, UCS will not use any bequests to support operations. UCS did not use any bequests to support general operations for the year ended September 30, 2017 and used \$1,434,818 for the year ended September 30, 2016.

For the year ended September 30, 2017, UCS transferred \$2,606,774 of its unrestricted general activities surplus to the board designated reserves. The Board voted to transfer from board designated reserves the amount needed to cover the general operations deficit which amounted to \$1,975,197 for the year ended September 30, 2016.

Per UCS's spending policy, the Board will transfer the amount needed for capital expenditures from the board designated reserves which amounted to \$571,029 and \$998,413 for the years ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

Gift Annuities and Charitable Remainder Unitrust Agreements

UCS records assets received under gift annuities and charitable remainder unitrust agreements at the fair market value of the assets when the assets are received by UCS as trustee. In conjunction with gift annuity and unitrust contributions, UCS records a liability equal to the estimated fair value of the obligation using present value of future cash flows expected to be paid to the beneficiaries based on actuarial expected lives of the beneficiaries using Level 2 fair value methods with the difference being reported as revenue.

Fair Value Measurements

UCS reports certain assets and liabilities at fair value on a recurring and non-recurring basis depending on the underlying accounting policy for the particular item. Recurring fair value measures include investments. Non-recurring fair value measures include pledge and grant receivables and liabilities under unitrust and annuity agreements. Accounting principles define fair value as the price that would be received to sell an asset, or paid to transfer a liability, in an orderly transaction between market participants. Accounting rules specify a hierarchy of valuation techniques based on whether the inputs to a fair value measurement are considered to be observable or unobservable in a marketplace. Observable inputs reflect market data obtained from independent sources, while unobservable inputs reflect UCS's market assumptions.

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Notes to Financial Statements

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

This hierarchy requires the use of observable market data when available. The valuation methods used over fair value items are then summarized based on the preponderance of valuation methods used which are summarized into the following categories:

Level 1 - Quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2 - Observable inputs other than those included in Level 1. For example, quoted prices for similar assets in active markets or quoted prices for identical assets in inactive markets.

Level 3 - Unobservable inputs reflecting management's own assumptions about the inputs used in estimating the value of the asset.

In some instances, the input used to measure fair value may fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In such instances, an instrument's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

Market price is affected by a number of factors, including the type of instrument and the characteristics specific to the instrument, as well as the effect of market, interest and credit risk. Instruments with readily available actively quoted prices or for which fair value can be measured from actively quoted prices generally will have a higher degree of market price observability and a lesser degree of judgment used in measuring fair value.

It is reasonably possible that different assumptions or changes in values of these instruments could occur which could materially affect amounts reported in these financial statements. For more information on the fair value of these items, see Note 3.

Pledges and Grants

Unconditional promises to give are recorded at fair value when initially pledged using Level 2 fair value methods. Amounts that will be received within one year are recorded at net realizable value while amounts expected to be received over longer periods are recorded at the present value of expected future cash flows using a risk adjusted discount rate. Amortization of discounts is included as revenue as accreted.

Pledges and grants are assessed for collectability at periodic intervals and management has determined that it expects to collect substantially all amounts pledged and granted, and accordingly, no allowance has been provided over these amounts.

Property and Equipment

Property and equipment are stated at cost, or if donated, are recorded at fair value at the date of the gift. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs is charged to expense as incurred; significant additions and improvements are capitalized.

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Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Property and Equipment (Continued)

The straight-line method is used to depreciate the cost of property and equipment over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Building and building improvements	40 years
Leasehold improvements	Term of Lease
Furniture and fixtures	5 - 10 years
Equipment	5 - 10 years
Solar equipment	25 years
Computer equipment	3 years

Membership and Contributions

Membership and contribution revenues are recognized at the earlier of when received or when the donor declares an unconditional intent to contribute cash or other assets to UCS. Donor-restricted contributions are reported as increases in temporarily or permanently restricted net assets depending on the nature of the restrictions. When a restriction expires, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the Statements of Activities as net assets released from restrictions. All memberships are contributors and such transactions are considered donative.

Foundations and Other Institutional Grants

Foundations and other institutional grants follow the same revenue recognition practices as membership and contributions noted above.

Bequests

Bequests are recognized as revenue when amounts are received, which management has determined is the time uncertainty is eliminated and such realization is assured.

Contributed Services and Assets

Contributions of services are recognized if the services received (a) create or enhance non-financial assets or (b) require specialized skills, are provided by individuals possessing those skills, and would typically need to be purchased if not provided by donation. Contributions of assets are recognized if the assets would typically need to be purchased if not provided by donation.

Paid Media

Paid media expenses refer to print or broadcast ads to increase public awareness of issues central to UCS's mission such as renewable energy, clean vehicles and climate change. UCS's policy is to expense paid media costs as incurred. These expenses were approximately \$905,000 and \$1,133,000 for the years ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively. Included in the media expenses is use of an in-kind donation of billboard advertising amounting to approximately \$330,000 and \$514,000 for the years ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

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Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Rent Expense and Deferred Rent

Rent expense is recorded on a straight-line basis over the lease term. Differences between amounts paid and amounts accrued are accounted for as deferred rent.

Functional Allocation of Expenses

The costs of providing various programs and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the Statements of Activities and the Statements of Functional Expenses. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited.

Income Taxes

UCS is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and is generally exempt from Federal and state income taxes on related income. Accordingly, no provision for income taxes is made in the financial statements.

UCS has determined that its status as a tax exempt entity and its determinations as to its income being related and unrelated are not uncertain tax positions within the meaning of generally accepted accounting principles for its open tax years. UCS's Federal and state income tax returns are generally open for examination for three years following the date filed.

Subsequent Events

UCS has evaluated subsequent events through February 28, 2018, the date the financial statements were issued.

Note 3 - Investments

The purpose of the reserve funds of UCS is to contribute to the long-term financial stability of the organization. The portfolio is managed prudently and productively on a total return basis with a long-term horizon. The investments are diversified between short-term reserves, fixed income securities and equity securities with a long-term target allocation. UCS utilizes professional investment advisory services to manage the portfolio. In its choice of investments and investment managers, UCS considers the broad environmental mission of the organization as well as the need for strong financial performance. To align with the organization's responsibility for the environment, UCS screens for and mitigates its exposure to investments in carbon intensive companies.

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Note 3 - Investments (Continued)

Investments consist of the following at September 30:

	<i>2017</i>	<i>2016</i>
Equity Mutual Funds	\$ 21,267,369	\$ 17,126,319
Bond Mutual Funds	11,131,498	9,514,918
Commodities/Real Estate	7,604	6,434
Money Market Funds	26,354	601,267
	<u>\$ 32,432,825</u>	<u>\$ 27,248,938</u>

All of the above investments are considered Level 1 other than the commodities/real estate category for 2017 and 2016.

Investment returns consist of the following for the years ended September 30:

	<i>2017</i>	<i>2016</i>
Interest and dividend income	\$ 480,573	\$ 368,694
Unrealized gains, net	2,799,688	2,122,071
Realized gains, net	143,747	81,120
Investment fees and annuity gifts interest expense	(84,400)	(128,537)
	<u>\$ 3,339,608</u>	<u>\$ 2,443,348</u>

Note 4 - Grants Receivable

Grants receivable consist of the following at September 30:

	<i>2017</i>	<i>2016</i>
Due within a year	\$ 1,546,021	\$ 1,238,816
Due between one and five years	-	249,940
	1,546,021	1,488,756
Less: present value discount	-	(5,734)
Net grants receivable	<u>\$ 1,546,021</u>	<u>\$ 1,483,022</u>

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Note 5 - Property and Equipment

Property and equipment consist of the following at September 30:

	<i>2017</i>	<i>2016</i>
Building and leasehold improvements	\$ 11,361,555	\$ 11,290,834
Equipment, furniture and fixtures	<u>3,797,516</u>	<u>3,469,463</u>
	15,159,071	14,760,297
Less: accumulated depreciation and amortization	<u>6,240,286</u>	<u>5,650,722</u>
Property and equipment, net	<u>\$ 8,918,785</u>	<u>\$ 9,109,575</u>

Note 6 - Line of Credit and Other Debt Instruments

Line of Credit Agreement

UCS has a line of credit agreement with a bank which provides for borrowings of up to \$2,000,000. Borrowings under the agreement are due on demand and bear interest at the prime rate, plus one-half percent, with a minimum rate of 4.5%. Borrowings are collateralized by a security interest in substantially all UCS's assets. There was no borrowing outstanding under this agreement at September 30, 2017 and 2016.

Bonds and Notes Payable

UCS has two debt instruments outstanding that are collateralized by certain real property. These obligations were incurred to facilitate property acquisitions or the refinancing of such from prior property purchases. These obligations bear interest at fixed rates of 1.65 and 2.52 percent. Both debt obligations contain certain covenants; however, management has concluded that such covenants are incidental given the modest debt levels and the ability of UCS to fund such amounts should they become due and payable earlier than scheduled.

Maturities of long-term debt for the years ending September 30 are as follows:

2018	\$ 983,628
2019	244,447
2020	250,729
2021	<u>211,238</u>
	<u>\$ 1,690,042</u>

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Note 6 - Line of Credit and Other Debt Instruments (Continued)

Other Debt

UCS has a non-interest bearing loan in the amount of \$250,000 from an individual. The loan is payable upon request and may be converted to a contribution upon the death of this party. The balance outstanding on the loan was \$250,000 for each of the years ended September 30, 2017 and 2016. Such amount has been excluded from the debt maturities table above as management believes it is unlikely that payment will be requested under this arrangement.

Interest expense was approximately \$41,000 and \$73,000 for the years ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively. Cash paid for interest was approximately equivalent to these amounts.

Note 7 - Temporarily Restricted Net Assets

Temporarily restricted net assets are available for the following purposes at September 30:

	<i>2017</i>	<i>2016</i>
Center for Science and Democracy Program	\$ 556,728	\$ 228,833
Climate and Clean Energy Program	1,569,837	1,034,363
Clean Vehicles Program	1,099,123	843,253
Global Security Program	355,417	724,494
Food and Environment Program	469,240	1,101,971
Federal Defense Program	13,896	-
Accumulated unspent gains on permanently restricted net assets	190,571	163,664
Other	320,477	251,130
	\$ 4,575,289	\$ 4,347,708

Note 8 - Permanently Restricted Net Assets

Permanently restricted net assets consist of the following at September 30:

	<i>2017</i>	<i>2016</i>
Fund for Ongoing Scientific Research	\$ 51,362	\$ 51,362
Victor F. Weisskopf Fund for New Initiatives	41,248	41,248
Fund for Activist and Media/Outreach	1,968	1,968
General Endowment	90,857	90,857
	\$ 185,435	\$ 185,435

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Note 9 - Endowment

UCS's endowment consists of individual funds established for a variety of purposes. UCS has interpreted the Massachusetts Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (UPMIFA) as requiring the preservation of the fair value of original gift as of the gift date of the donor-restricted endowment funds absent explicit donor stipulations to the contrary. As a result, UCS classifies as permanently restricted net assets (a) the original value of gifts donated to the permanent endowment, (b) the original value of subsequent gifts to the endowment, and (c) accumulations to the permanent endowment made in accordance with the direction of the applicable donor gift instrument at the time the accumulation is added to the fund. The remaining portion of the donor-restricted net assets is classified as temporarily restricted net assets until those amounts are appropriated for expenditure by UCS.

In accordance with UPMIFA, UCS considers the following factors in making a determination to appropriate or accumulate donor-restricted endowment funds:

1. The duration and preservation of the fund
2. The purposes of UCS and the donor-restricted endowment fund
3. General economic conditions
4. The possible effect of inflation and deflation
5. The expected total return from income and the appreciation of investments
6. Other resources of UCS
7. The investment policies of UCS

The endowment net asset composition by type of fund as of September 30, 2017 is as follows:

	<i>Temporarily Restricted</i>	<i>Permanently Restricted</i>	<i>Total</i>
Donor-restricted endowment funds	\$ <u>182,858</u>	\$ <u>185,435</u>	\$ <u>368,293</u>

The endowment net asset composition by type of fund as of September 30, 2016 is as follows:

	<i>Temporarily Restricted</i>	<i>Permanently Restricted</i>	<i>Total</i>
Donor-restricted endowment funds	\$ <u>163,664</u>	\$ <u>185,435</u>	\$ <u>349,099</u>

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Note 9 - Endowment (Continued)

The changes in endowment net assets are as follows at September 30:

	<i>Temporarily Restricted</i>	<i>Permanently Restricted</i>	<i>Total</i>
Balance at October 1, 2015	\$ 148,999	\$ 185,435	\$ 334,434
Investment return, net	14,665	-	14,665
Balance at September 30, 2016	163,664	185,435	349,099
Investment return, net	19,194	-	19,194
Balance at September 30, 2017	\$ 182,858	\$ 185,435	\$ 368,293

Note 10 - Leases

UCS leases facilities under non-cancelable operating lease agreements that expire at various dates through April 2026. Such leases include provisions for escalation for increases in operating costs to be passed through as additional rent. UCS subleases certain space from time to time, but such amounts are not considered significant. Rent expense was approximately \$1,346,000 and \$1,332,000 for the years ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

Aggregate approximate future minimum lease payments and lease rentals under non-cancelable operating leases at September 30, 2017 are as follows:

<i>Years Ending</i>	<i>Lease Commitments</i>
2018	\$ 1,201,805
2019	1,345,204
2020	1,378,760
2021	1,413,827
2022	1,449,900
Thereafter	4,711,295
	\$ 11,500,791

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Note 11 - Retirement Plan

UCS has a defined contribution retirement plan (the “plan”) organized under Internal Revenue Service Code Section 403(b). UCS contributes 8% of salaries and wages for employees after the completion of one year of services. UCS funds the plan on a semi-monthly basis and once contributions commence they are vested. Employees are also allowed to make elective deferrals to the plan upon employment subject to limits as established from time to time for such a qualified plan. Pension plan expense was \$1,100,546 and \$998,979 for the years ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively. While UCS expects to continue the plan indefinitely, it has reserved the right to modify, amend or terminate the plan.

Note 12 - Allocation of Joint Costs

UCS incurred joint costs of \$2,266,857 and \$1,973,470 for the years ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively, for informational materials and activities that included fundraising appeals that were allocated as follows:

	<i>2017</i>	<i>2016</i>
Center for Science and Democracy	\$ 689,106	\$ 290,698
Climate and Clean Energy	343,393	579,348
Clean Vehicles	143,854	55,274
Global Security	4,640	8,189
Food and Environment	11,601	135,113
	<u>1,192,594</u>	<u>1,068,622</u>
Fundraising	<u>1,074,263</u>	<u>904,848</u>
Total joint costs	<u>\$ 2,266,857</u>	<u>\$ 1,973,470</u>

Note 13 - Significant Donors

Contributions from one donor amounted to approximately 12% of total operating revenue for the year ended September 30, 2017. There were no significant donors that contributed 10% or more of total operating revenue for the year ended September 30, 2016.