Financial Statements
December 31, 2020 and 2019

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors Washington Environmental Council Seattle, Washington

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Washington Environmental Council (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2020, 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.

Auditor's 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 auditor's 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 Washington Environmental Council as of December 31, 2020, 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.

Prior Period Financial Statements

The financial statements of Washington Environmental Council as of December 31, 2019, were audited by other auditors whose report dated January 15, 2021, expressed an unmodified opinion on those statements.

Greenwood Ohlund

Seattle, Washington September 23, 2021

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION December 31, 2020 and 2019

ASSETS	 2020	 2019
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,452,522	\$ 796,219
Investments	984,109	934,711
Contributions and grants receivable	201,160	114,252
Due from Washington Conservation Voters	127,327	-
Prepaid expenses and other assets	 	 7,656
Total current assets	2,765,118	1,852,838
Investments Held for Board-Designated Endowments	4,890,116	4,463,606
Rent Deposit	29,435	29,435
Property and Equipment, net	 69,850	 44,624
Total assets	\$ 7,754,519	\$ 6,390,503
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 187,592	\$ 136,932
Due to Washington Conservation Voters	85,282	41,443
Accrued wages and benefits	 61,040	48,763
Total current liabilities	333,914	227,138
Deferred Rent	 114,880	 116,245
Total liabilities	448,794	343,383
Net Assets		
Without donor restrictions		
Undesignated	1,456,557	1,583,514
Board-Designated endowment funds	 4,890,116	 4,463,606
Total net assets without donor restrictions	6,346,673	6,047,120
With donor restrictions	 959,052	
Total net assets	 7,305,725	 6,047,120
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 7,754,519	\$ 6,390,503

STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES For the Years Ended December 31, 2020 and 2019

				2020			2019					
	Wit	hout Donor	W	ith Donor/			Wit	hout Donor	W	/ith Donor		
	R	estrictions	R	estrictions	Total		Restrictions		R	estrictions		Total
Public Support and Revenue												
Contributions and grants	\$	2,439,194	\$	1,476,345	\$	3,915,539	\$	1,257,949	\$	1,817,880	\$	3,075,829
Special events revenue		274,676		-		274,676		370,580		-		370,580
Special events - direct benefit to donors		(4,660)		-		(4,660)		(90,735)		-		(90,735)
Donated professional services		174,045		-		174,045		144,243		-		144,243
Investment return		522,638		-		522,638		679,562		-		679,562
Other income		14,991		-		14,991		-		-		-
Net assets released from restrictions		517,293		(517,293)				1,908,670		(1,908,670)		
Total public support and revenue		3,938,177		959,052		4,897,229		4,270,269		(90,790)		4,179,479
Expenses												
Program services		3,023,741		-		3,023,741		3,110,919		-		3,110,919
Management and general		207,435		-		207,435		179,492		-		179,492
Fundraising		407,448				407,448		411,827				411,827
Total expenses		3,638,624				3,638,624		3,702,238				3,702,238
Change in net assets		299,553		959,052		1,258,605		568,031		(90,790)		477,241
Net Assets, beginning of year		6,047,120				6,047,120		5,479,089		90,790		5,569,879
Net Assets, end of year	\$	6,346,673	\$	959,052	\$	7,305,725	\$	6,047,120	\$	_	\$	6,047,120

STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

	Program Services									Supporting Services							
	E۱	vergreen		Voter	Cli	mate and				Oil		Ma	1anagement				
		Forests	E	ducation	Cle	an Energy	Pug	Puget Sound Tra		sportation	 Total		d General	Fu	ndraising		Total
Salaries and wages Employee benefits Payroll taxes	\$	324,489 48,162 29,129	\$	225,853 28,919 16,647	\$	246,312 32,576 19,818	\$	377,090 44,736 31,091	\$	233,000 31,150 18,322	\$ 1,406,744 185,543 115,007	\$	116,360 12,807 9,467	\$	272,017 29,905 19,546	\$	1,795,121 228,255 144,020
Total salaries and related		401,780		271,419		298,706		452,917		282,472	1,707,294		138,634		321,468		2,167,396
Professional fees Occupancy Donated professional fees Equipment and software		197,248 51,561 - 13,398		16,351 29,463 - 8,812		186,228 36,829 88,125 44,769		66,582 51,561 - 14,730		268,692 31,919 85,920 7,423	735,101 201,333 174,045 89,132		41,305 14,732 - 3,268		9,863 29,463 - 6,821		786,269 245,528 174,045 99,221
Printing and publishing Communications Depreciation		5,490 5,446 4,302		3,149 4,043 2,099		4,478 3,327 3,904		6,559 6,476 3,569		3,698 2,967 2,750	23,374 22,259 16,624		1,813 1,616 1,022		8,478 3,668 2,337		33,665 27,543 19,983
Membership dues and fees Postage and delivery Meetings and conferences		969 1,669 1,837		683 966 1,718		773 1,278 2,188		1,410 3,851 4,082		585 1,076 1,834	4,420 8,840 11,659		1,683 276 757		12,403 7,979 2,155		18,506 17,095 14,571
Miscellaneous Office supplies		2,126 537		1,256 326		1,617 483		2,579 6,730		- 616	7,578 8,692		662 517		1,411 388		9,651 9,597
Travel Event catering and venue Insurance		1,031 1,650 849		2,226 - 475		1,563 - 637		798 266 862		849 - 526	6,467 1,916 3,349		903 - 245		180 4,660 715		7,550 6,576 4,309
Training		722		107		275		409		145	 1,658		2		119		1,779
Total expenses		690,615		343,093		675,180		623,381		691,472	3,023,741		207,435		412,108		3,643,284
Less: Special events - direct benefit to donors		-		_				-		-	 -		-		(4,660)		(4,660)
	\$	690,615	\$	343,093	\$	675,180	\$	623,381	\$	691,472	\$ 3,023,741	\$	207,435	\$	407,448	\$	3,638,624

STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

	Program Services									Supporting Services											
	E۱	vergreen		Voter	Cli	mate and				Oil			Ma	nagement							
		Forests	E	ducation	Cle	an Energy	Pug	get Sound	Transportation		_	Total		Total		Total		d General	Fundraising		 Total
Salaries and wages	\$	366,247	\$	231,138	\$	273,162	\$	375,656	\$	227,538	\$	1,473,741	\$	117,013	\$	262,969	\$ 1,853,723				
Employee benefits		46,426		29,008		38,006		48,947		31,082		193,469		12,530		27,492	233,491				
Payroll taxes		31,894		17,823		20,657		31,441		18,717		120,532		10,520		19,562	150,614				
Total salaries and related		444,567		277,969		331,825		456,044		277,337		1,787,742		140,063		310,023	2,237,828				
Professional fees		186,801		31,724		245,822		55,040		142,081		661,468		12,611		17,198	691,277				
Occupancy		77,862		23,542		32,602		36,527		24,834		195,367		11,963		25,868	233,198				
Donated professional fees				-		86,557		-		57,686		144,243		-		-	144,243				
Equipment and software		15,702		11,327		47,049		18,885		17,331		110,294		4,874		12,446	127,614				
Event catering and venue		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		90,735	90,735				
Meetings and conferences		27,385		5,048		4,582		21,447		2,313		60,775		1,258		2,429	64,462				
Printing and publishing		5,945		3,538		4,766		11,812		3,855		29,916		1,523		12,797	44,236				
Travel		16,286		4,211		3,440		6,993		3,825		34,755		677		1,351	36,783				
Communications		6,612		4,512		4,321		7,251		3,266		25,962		765		3,974	30,701				
Membership dues and fees		2,310		465		1,817		1,302		1,199		7,093		2,025		12,887	22,005				
Depreciation		3,802		1,855		3,450		3,154		2,431		14,692		903		2,064	17,659				
Office supplies		2,398		2,430		2,592		3,136		2,178		12,734		564		1,719	15,017				
Postage and delivery		1,442		917		1,282		1,959		1,049		6,649		326		6,286	13,261				
Training		1,695		1,122		2,254		3,037		1,664		9,772		958		1,173	11,903				
Miscellaneous		1,577		870		1,236		1,548		849		6,080		653		1,073	7,806				
Insurance		763		491		684		922		517		3,377		329		539	 4,245				
Total expenses		795,147		370,021		774,279		629,057		542,415		3,110,919		179,492		502,562	3,792,973				
Less: Special events - direct																					
benefit to donors								-								(90,735)	 (90,735)				
	\$	795,147	\$	370,021	\$	774,279	\$	629,057	\$	542,415	\$	3,110,919	\$	179,492	\$	411,827	\$ 3,702,238				

STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS For the Years Ended December 31, 2020 and 2019

	2020			2019				
Cash Flows from Operating Activities								
Change in net assets	\$	1,258,605	\$	477,241				
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to								
net cash flows for operating activities:								
Depreciation		19,983		17,659				
Realized and unrealized gain on investments		(481,269)		(545,200)				
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:								
Contributions and grants receivable		(86,908)		31,652				
Due from Washington Conservation Voters		(127,327)		-				
Prepaid expenses and other assets		7,656		7,824				
Security deposit		-		(6,004)				
Accounts payable		50,660		(106,775)				
Due to Washington Conservation Voters		43,839		42,708				
Accrued wages and benefits		12,277		4,948				
Deferred rent		(1,365)		40,947				
Net cash flows from operating activities		696,151		(35,000)				
Cash Flows from Investing Activities								
Purchases of furniture and equipment		(45,209)		(47,235)				
Purchases of investments		(600,427)		(585,536)				
Sales of investments		605,788		252,904				
Net cash flows from investing activities		(39,848)		(379,867)				
Net change in cash and cash equivalents		656,303		(414,867)				
Cash and Cash Equivalents, beginning of the year		796,219		1,211,086				
Cash and Cash Equivalents, end of the year	\$	1,452,522	\$	796,219				

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 1 – Organization and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Organization

Washington Environmental Council (WEC) is a nonprofit corporation founded in January 1968 to increase public understanding and awareness of the impact of modern society on the environment; encourage the protection and restoration of our natural and historical heritage; to encourage comprehensive land use planning; protect the public interest in public lands and resources including air, land, and water.

WEC uses policy analysis, public education and outreach, legal action and legislative advocacy to advance environmental protection in Washington State. WEC focuses on the following efforts:

<u>Climate and Clean Energy:</u> The Climate and Clean Energy program works to advance state policy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by setting scientifically based, effective, and equitable limits, pricing climate pollution, and implementing other carbon reducing policies.

<u>Fossil Fuel:</u> The goal of the Fossil Fuel program is to stop new fossil fuel infrastructure from being built, strengthen oil spill prevention and protections, and over time to transition away from fossil fuels.

<u>Civic Engagement and Government Affairs:</u> The goal of the Civic Engagement and Government Affairs program seeks to increase civic participation through grassroots organizing, increased voting access, and engagement with state and local decision-makers. We invest in research and experimentation to learn how to engage more people in the voting process and our work more broadly. We also engage directly with elected officials, providing resources and guidance for both newly elected and seasoned lawmakers to be more effective environmental champions.

<u>Evergreen Forests:</u> The Evergreen Forests program works to ensure Washington has a strong regulatory and policy framework that guides the responsible management of state and private forests. Through the Growing Our Future campaign, WEC is working to improve the management of Washington's private forests by providing landowners with financial incentives for approaches that better protect clean water, habitat, and mitigate climate pollution. This program is an exciting intersection of WEC's climate campaign, clean water work, and long-time commitment to forest protection.

<u>People for Puget Sound</u>: The Puget Sound program protects and restores clean water and healthy habitat for people and wildlife throughout the region. We push for stronger protections at all levels of government using a variety of tools, from regulatory to incentives.

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Affiliate Relationship

WEC has entered into an agreement with Washington Conservation Voters (WCV, a tax-exempt 501(c)(4) corporation) to share management, personnel, office space, supplies, utilities, and other resources. Under the terms of the agreement, both organizations charge each other for costs incurred under the agreement. At December 31, 2020 WEC had a receivable of \$127,327 from WCV. At December 31, 2020 and 2019, WEC had a payable to WCV of \$85,282 and \$41,443, respectively.

Although there are transactions between WEC and WCV, all financial activity is presented independent from one another. In addition, while WEC and WCV share board members, their boards are not substantially the same. Accordingly, the entities are not consolidated.

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. Actual results could differ from the estimated amounts.

Financial Statement Presentation

WEC is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to two classes of net assets: without donor restrictions and with donor restrictions.

The board has designated certain net assets without donor restrictions (held in investments) to be held for endowment purposes (see Note 4).

Net Assets with Donor Restrictions

Net assets with donor restrictions consist of unexpended grants restricted for particular purposes or time periods. If WEC receives contribution with a donor restriction and it meets the restriction in the same year the contribution is received, then it records the contribution as being without donor restrictions. Net assets with donor restrictions are transferred to net assets without donor restrictions as expenditures are incurred for the restricted purpose or as time restrictions expire. Net assets with donor restrictions consist of the following at December 31, 2020:

Climate and clean energy	\$ 546,042
Puget sound	240,458
Evergreen forests	112,552
Diversity, equity, and inclusion capacity building	55,000
Voter education	 5,000
	\$ 959,052

There were no net assets with donor restrictions at December 31, 2019.

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Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash includes cash in bank accounts and money market funds (other than cash and cash equivalents classified with investments) with original maturity dates of three months or less. Occasionally, cash and cash equivalents may exceed federally insured limits. WEC has not experienced any losses in such accounts and believes it is not exposed to any significant credit risk on cash and cash equivalents.

Fair Value Measurements

Fair value is a market-based measurement determined based on assumptions that market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability. There are three levels that prioritize the inputs used in measuring fair value as follows:

- Level 1: Observable market inputs such as quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;
- Level 2: Observable market inputs, other than quoted prices in active markets, that are observable either directly or indirectly; and
- Level 3: Unobservable inputs where there is little or no market data, which require the reporting entity to develop its own assumptions.

Investments

Investments in marketable debt and equity securities are recorded at fair value. The fair value measurement of the investments was determined using Level 1 observable market inputs within the fair value hierarchy, consisting of quoted prices in active markets (such as national exchanges) for identical assets. WEC classifies investments held in board-designated endowments (see also Note 4) as long-term assets.

Investment return is reported on the statement of activities and consists of interest and dividend income, realized and unrealized gains and losses, less external investment expenses.

Investments consist of the following at December 31:

	 2020	2019		
Cash and cash equivalents Mutual funds	\$ 121,505 2,260,966	\$	69,921 2,167,407	
Corporate bonds Domestic common stocks	1,867,907		1,056,099	
Domestic common stocks	\$ 1,623,847 5,874,225	\$	2,104,890 5,398,317	
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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Investments are presented in the statements of financial position as follows at December 31:

	 2020	 2019
Investments Investments held for board-designated endowments	\$ 984,109 4,890,116	\$ 934,711 4,463,606
	\$ 5,874,225	\$ 5,398,317

Contributions and Grants Receivable

Contributions and grants receivable are primarily from individuals, foundations and businesses. Contributions and grants receivable are expected to be collected within one year and are recorded at the net realizable value. Management periodically reviews receivables and establishes an allowance for accounts that may not be collectible. Any amounts written off are charged against the allowance. Management has determined that no allowance was necessary at December 31, 2020 or 2019.

Property and Equipment

Property and equipment are recorded at cost or, in the case of donated property, at the estimated fair value at the date of donation. Depreciation is calculated using the straight-line method over three to five years, the estimated useful lives of the assets. WEC capitalizes property and equipment acquisitions with a cost over \$2,000 and an estimated useful life of more than one year.

Property and equipment consist of the following at December 31:

		2020	2019			
Office equipment Accumulated depreciation		185,248 (115,398)	\$	140,039 (95,415)		
	\$	69,850	\$	44,624		

Contribution and Grant Revenue

Contributions and grants (including those received through special events) are recorded when unconditionally pledged as with or without donor restrictions, depending on the existence and/or nature of any donor restrictions. Conditional promises to give, that is, those with a measurable performance or barrier and a right of return, are not recognized until the conditions on which they depend have been met.

Conditional promises to give – that is, those with measurable performance or barrier and a right of return – are not recognized until the conditions on which they depend have been met. At December 31, 2020, WEC has conditional awards outstanding of \$100,000 from a donor for the purpose of climate justice and climate change policies benefitting communities of color and low-income communities in 2021 and \$300,000 from a donor for the purpose of general support to be paid in \$100,000 installments in 2021 through 2023.

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During the year ended December 31, 2020, WEC received a Paycheck Protection Program loan from the Small Business Administration of \$409,280. This loan included forgivable conditions which were met during the year ended December 31, 2020 and, therefore, the loan amount was recognized to contribution and grant revenue.

Donated Professional Services

Donated professional services are recognized in the financial statements at the estimated fair value of the services received. These services are recognized if the services received require specialized skills that are provided by individuals possessing those skills and would need to be purchased if not provided by donation. These services amounted to \$174,045 and \$144,243 in 2020 and 2019, respectively, and represent time expended by volunteer attorneys and paralegals in connection with programmatic services.

Functional Allocation of Expenses

Certain categories of expenses are attributable to more than one program or supporting function and are allocated based on a formula that is consistently applied throughout the year. The expenses that are allocated thus are compensation and benefits, professional fees, equipment and software, and other, which are allocated on estimates of time and effort; and occupancy, which is allocated based on percentages of use of space.

Income Taxes

WEC is exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Reclassifications

Certain prior-year balances have been reclassified to conform to the current-year presentation.

Subsequent Events

WEC has evaluated subsequent events through the date these financial statements were available to be issued, which was September 23, 2021.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 2 – Liquidity and Availability of Resources

The following table reflects WEC's financial assets as of December 31, 2020 and 2019 available to meet general expenditures within one year of the statement of financial position date. Available financial assets include net assets with donor restrictions as restrictions are for regular and ongoing programs of WEC. Available financial assets exclude investments held for board-designated endowments because of the long-term intent of the funds. In the event the need arises to utilize the board-designated funds for liquidity purposes, funds could be drawn upon through board resolution.

In addition to financial assets available to meet general expenditures over the next 12 months, WEC operates with a balanced budget and anticipates collecting sufficient revenue to cover general expenditures.

	2020	2019		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,452,522	\$	796,219	
Investments	984,109		934,711	
Contributions and grants receivable	201,160		114,252	
Due from Washington Conservation Voters	127,327		-	
	\$ 2,765,118	\$	1,845,182	

Note 3 - Lease Obligation

WEC leases office space under a noncancellable shared operating lease with WCV expiring in August 2026. Rental payments include escalations. WEC has recorded a deferred rent liability to reflect the difference between scheduled rent payments and straight-line rent expense. WEC's rent expense (including straight-line adjustments) under this lease was \$245,528 and \$233,198 in 2020 and 2019, respectively.

WEC's future minimum payments under this lease are as follows for the years ending December 31:

2021	\$	232,969
2022		238,671
2023		244,377
2024		250,085
2025		255,787
Thereafter		173,059
	\$	1 204 049
	<u> </u>	1,394,948

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Note 4 – Board-Designated Endowment Funds

WEC's endowment includes funds designated by the Board of Directors to function as endowments (quasiendowments). As required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, net assets associated with endowment funds, including quasi-endowments, are classified and reported based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions.

The Vim Wright Fund (VWF) is intended to protect and nurture Washington's environmental health through communication among stakeholders, research, internships, and recognition of outstanding environmental accomplishment with the "VIM Award." The governing document states that the balance shall be at least \$35,000 at all times, that no more than 10% of the fund's total balance may be appropriated in a given year, and that VIM Awards are to be made by the board of WEC based on the recommendations of the VIM Advisory Committee. The assets are invested with the goal of preserving the fund's minimum funding requirements.

The Board Restricted Fund (BRF) is a general endowment established to provide funding to further WEC's objectives. The governing document establishes an Investment Committee to monitor the fund's investment activity. The investment policy is focused on preservation of capital and risk aversion. The Investment Committee has set an annual spending limit of 5% of the fund's portfolio value, although actual appropriations are based on the committee's discretion.

Changes in the endowment funds are as follows for the years ending December 31, 2020 and 2019:

	VWF		BRF		Total	
Balance, December 31, 2018	\$	48,439	\$	3,900,447	\$	3,948,886
Investment return		11,988		602,732		614,720
Appropriations for expenditure		-		(100,000)		(100,000)
Balance, December 31, 2019		60,427		4,403,179		4,463,606
Additions		-		470,268		470,268
Investment return		11,042		470,200		481,242
Appropriations for expenditure				(525,000)		(525,000)
Balance, December 31, 2020	\$	71,469	\$	4,818,647	\$	4,890,116

Note 5 - Retirement Plan

WEC has established a qualified defined-contribution 401(k) plan and trust covering all eligible employees. WEC matches employees' voluntary contributions up to 3% of gross salary. WEC may also make additional contributions at its discretion.

Employer discretionary and matching contributions are immediately vested. WEC's contributions to the plan totaled \$47,094 and \$44,135 in 2020 and 2019, respectively.