# **American Civil Liberties Union, Inc.** and Consolidated Entities Consolidated Financial Report March 31, 2019



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**RSM US LLP** 

#### **Independent Auditor's Report**

To the Board of Directors
American Civil Liberties Union, Inc.

## **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of American Civil Liberties Union, Inc. and consolidated entities (collectively, the American Civil Liberties Union or the ACLU), which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as of March 31, 2019, the related consolidated statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the consolidated financial statements (collectively, 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 American Civil Liberties Union, Inc. and consolidated entities as of March 31, 2019, and the changes in their net assets and their cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Emphasis of Matter**

As discussed in Note 1 to the financial statements, the ACLU adopted Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2016-14, *Not-for-Profit Entities (Topic 958): Presentation of Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Entities*, during the year ended March 31, 2019. The adoption of the standard resulted in additional disclosures and changes to the classification of net assets and disclosures relating to net assets. The adoption was retrospectively applied to March 31, 2018, the earliest year presented. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

## **Report on Summarized Comparative Information**

We have previously audited the American Civil Liberties Union's 2018 financial statements, and we expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those audited financial statements in our report dated September 28, 2018. In our opinion, the summarized comparative information presented herein as of and for the year ended March 31, 2018, is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements from which it has been derived.

#### **Other Matter**

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The consolidating information is presented for purposes of additional analysis rather than to present the financial position and changes in net assets of the individual entities, and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from, and relates directly to, the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The consolidating information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

RSM US LLP

New York, New York October 18, 2019

# Consolidated Statement of Financial Position March 31, 2019 (With Summarized Comparative Information as of March 31, 2018)

		2019	2018
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	95,150,102	\$ 18,550,469
Pledges and contributions receivable, net		44,816,768	39,229,730
Investments		448,007,036	493,539,898
Other assets		9,782,895	5,218,779
Due from affiliates		3,486,250	13,975,967
Due from affiliates – allocated share of pension liability		22,164,774	23,386,720
Beneficial interest in trusts		1,536,737	1,665,262
Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation			
and amortization		31,976,581	33,331,187
Total assets	\$	656,921,143	\$ 628,898,012
Liabilities and Net Assets			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$	14,944,937	\$ 13,265,757
Due to affiliates		44,263,510	36,787,354
Liabilities under split-interest agreements		13,863,928	13,571,591
Bill of Rights Trust held for affiliates		35,219,224	33,457,616
Accrued pension liability		36,795,002	40,093,018
Total liabilities		145,086,601	137,175,336
Commitments and contingencies			
Net assets:			
Net assets without donor restrictions:			
Board-designated		189,263,953	169,629,865
Undesignated		175,516,507	186,129,927
Net assets without donor restrictions		364,780,460	355,759,792
Net assets with donor restrictions		147,054,082	135,962,884
Total net assets	_	511,834,542	491,722,676
Total liabilities and net assets	\$	656,921,143	\$ 628,898,012

# Consolidated Statement of Activities Year Ended March 31, 2019

(With Summarized Comparative Information for the Year Ended March 31, 2018)

		2019		2018
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total	Total
Support and revenue:				
Support:				
Current member contributions	\$ 101,062,368	\$ - \$	101,062,368 \$	100,283,304
New member contributions	18,633,390	-	18,633,390	13,946,398
Grants and contributions	95,342,095	47,301,689	142,643,784	135,829,619
Donated legal services	14,477,401	, , <u>-</u>	14,477,401	9,780,957
Bequests	28,371,886	1,445,841	29,817,727	24,262,394
Total support	257,887,140	48,747,530	306,634,670	284,102,672
Revenue:				
List rentals	304,597	-	304,597	124,317
Rental income	950,240	_	950,240	828,384
Merchandise and book sales	468,001	_	468,001	581,161
Other income	666,476	_	666,476	154,128
Total revenue	2,389,314	-	2,389,314	1,687,990
Net assets released from restrictions	41,342,559	(41,342,559)	-	-
Total support and revenue	301,619,013	7,404,971	309,023,984	285,790,662
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Expenses:				
Program services:				
Legislative	32,488,643	-	32,488,643	19,919,056
Legal	68,912,165	-	68,912,165	54,940,490
Public education	40,865,881	-	40,865,881	41,107,720
Civil liberties policy formulation	1,610,509	-	1,610,509	1,029,974
Affiliate support	124,624,406	-	124,624,406	94,736,747
Total program services	268,501,604	-	268,501,604	211,733,987
Supporting services:				
Management and general	12,196,677	_	12,196,677	8,417,092
Fundraising	19,976,161		19,976,161	13,640,733
Total supporting services	32,172,838	<u>-</u>	32,172,838	22,057,825
rotal supporting services	32,172,030	-	32,172,030	22,037,623
Total expenses	300,674,442	-	300,674,442	233,791,812
Change in net assets before other changes	944,571	7,404,971	8,349,542	51,998,850
Other changes in net assets:				
Legal expenses awarded, net	3,917,156	-	3,917,156	2,695,991
Net investment income, gains and losses	10,406,293	3,821,246	14,227,539	22,149,354
Changes in value of split-interest agreements	(1,285,862)	(135,019)	(1,420,881)	1,259,377
Recognition of affiliates' share of minimum	(1,=11,11=)	(100,100)	(1,1=1,001)	,,,,
pension liability adjustment	(1,221,946)	_	(1,221,946)	1,531,490
Minimum pension liability adjustment	(3,739,544)		(3,739,544)	(3,108,052)
Other adjustments	(3,739,344)	-	(3,739,344)	
Total other changes in net assets	8,076,097	3,686,227	11,762,324	(652,038) 23,876,122
Change in net assets	9,020,668	11,091,198	20,111,866	75,874,972
Net assets:				
Beginning of year	355,759,792	135,962,884	491,722,676	415,847,704
End of year	\$ 364,780,460	\$ 147,054,082 \$	511,834,542 \$	491,722,676

Consolidated Statement of Functional Expenses Year Ended March 31, 2019 (With Summarized Comparative Information for the Year Ended March 31, 2018)

	2019										
	Program Services							pporting Servi		-	
	Legislative	Legal	Public Education	Civil Liberties Policy Formulation	Affiliate Support	Total Program Services	Management and General	Fundraising	Total Supporting Services	Total Expenses	2018 Summarized Comparative Information
Salaries	\$ 7,253,599	\$ 21,617,866	\$ 7,261,632	\$ 699,720	\$ 6,905,343	\$ 43,738,160	\$ 5,858,265	\$ 5,832,746	\$ 11,691,011	\$ 55,429,171	\$ 44,346,983
Employee benefits	2,049,176	6,766,252	2,328,796	145,625	2,015,909	13,305,758	1,140,248	2,048,904	3,189,152	16,494,910	13,662,823
Rent and occupancy	399,623	2,535,271	448,133	33,515	492,517	3,909,059	317,708	498,460	816,168	4,725,227	3,143,161
Books	95,982	245,649	60,995	1,185	31,556	435,367	4,494	95,108	99,602	534,969	581,851
Building depreciation	1,209	840,209	130,646	88	107,152	1,079,304	899	258,095	258,994	1,338,298	1,600,217
Other depreciation and amortization	157,709	2,648,418	496,768	18,004	557,983	3,878,882	116,203	828,712	944,915	4,823,797	2,373,167
Equipment rental and maintenance	539,407	1,457,869	801,672	74,483	615,656	3,489,087	619,121	1,055,069	1,674,190	5,163,277	4,458,566
Grants to affiliates	3,855,355	2,256,678	17,550	-	6,878,977	13,008,560	-	57,450	57,450	13,066,010	13,081,843
Shared portion of contributions	372,545	6,231,372	32,320	-	78,854,978	85,491,215	-	-	-	85,491,215	70,073,246
Shared portion of bequest	76,060	685,789	-	-	8,209,746	8,971,595	-	-	-	8,971,595	7,043,620
Meetings/conferences	589,279	688,712	378,243	172,387	5,809,290	7,637,911	741,881	328,170	1,070,051	8,707,962	1,758,308
Legal fees	1,261	4,514	13,850	22,491	117,510	159,626	255,777	15,390	271,167	430,793	756,298
Donated legal services	-	14,477,401	-	-	-	14,477,401	-	-	-	14,477,401	9,780,957
Accounting fees	-	10,000	735	14,952	89,711	115,398	194,375	115	194,490	309,888	368,438
Professional fund-raising services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,250,759	2,250,759	2,250,759	1,958,522
Other professional services	7,152,588	4,417,995	6,599,793	231,673	3,653,909	22,055,958	1,482,205	2,431,260	3,913,465	25,969,423	15,343,903
Interest expense	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,474
Postage and supplies	6,244	40,154	7,952,665	3,100	36,580	8,038,743	31,017	1,384,634	1,415,651	9,454,394	9,169,563
Publishing, printing and outreach	664,852	20,684	8,803,607	52	237,291	9,726,486	162	1,302,761	1,302,923	11,029,409	9,096,642
Special affiliate subsidies	62,838	565,541	-	-	6,347,313	6,975,692	-	-	-	6,975,692	7,200,000
Telephone	217,638	372,638	119,093	13,178	134,167	856,714	84,292	101,366	185,658	1,042,372	964,093
Telemarketing	-	-	1,254,591	-	-	1,254,591	-	263,782	263,782	1,518,373	1,334,273
Travel	660,195	1,379,871	1,006,624	87,627	593,350	3,727,667	375,105	362,551	737,656	4,465,323	3,007,850
Other grants and awards	7,287,449	60,645	1,295	-	1,846,124	9,195,513	-	-	-	9,195,513	3,208,440
Other expenses	1,045,634	1,588,637	3,156,873	92,429	1,089,344	6,972,917	974,925	860,829	1,835,754	8,808,671	9,476,574
Total – 2019	\$ 32,488,643	\$ 68,912,165	\$ 40,865,881	\$ 1,610,509	\$ 124,624,406	\$ 268,501,604	\$ 12,196,677	\$ 19,976,161	\$ 32,172,838	\$ 300,674,442	:
Total – 2018	\$ 19,919,056	\$ 54,940,490	\$ 41,107,720	\$ 1,029,974	\$ 94,736,747	\$ 211,733,987	\$ 8,417,092	\$ 13,640,733	\$ 22,057,825	_	\$ 233,791,812

# Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows Year Ended March 31, 2019 (With Summarized Comparative Information for the Year Ended March 31, 2018)

Change in net assets		2019		2018
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities  Depreciation and amortization Discount on pledges receivable Changes in value of split-interest agreements A 1,420,881 (1,259,377) Net realized and unrealized gains on investments, net of adjustments for affiliate holdings A 1,302,995 (13,017,726) Minimum pension liability adjustment A 3,739,544 (3,108,052 Affiliates' allocated share of pension liability adjustment A 1,221,946 (1,531,490) Cash received on contributions restricted for endowment Cash received on contributions restricted for endowment Cash received on contributions restricted for endownent Cash received on contributions restricted for endownent Cash received on contributions reserved by the contributions receive able Increase in pledges and contributions receivable Increase in pledges and contributions receivable Increase in accounts payable and accrued expenses Increase in accounts payable and accrued expenses Increase in accrued pension liability Increase in accrued pension liability (7,037,560) (Decrease) increase in accrued pension liability (7,037,560) (1	Cash flows from operating activities:			
Depreciation and amortization   1,420,985   3,973,84     Discount on pledges receivable   (216,391)   201,443     Changes in value of split-interest agreements   (216,391)   (216,391)     Net realized and unrealized gains on investments, net of adjustments for affiliate holdings   (8,302,995)   (13,017,726)     Minimum pension liability adjustment   1,221,946   (1,531,490)     Cash received on contributions restricted for endowment   (15,258,488)   (6,207,612)     Contributions subject to split-interest agreements   (15,258,488)   (6,207,612)     Decrease in pleedges and contributions receivable   (17,977,500)   (6,489,608)     Increase in pleedges and contributions receivable   (17,977,500)   (6,489,608)     Increase in account payable and accrued expenses   (17,978,180)   (4,959,114)     Increase in account payable and accrued expenses   (17,978,180)   (4,959,114)     Increase in account payable and accrued expenses   (1,104,3179)   (1,215,259,488)     Net cash provided by operating activities   (1,065,309,580)   (39,177,238)     Purchase of property and equipment   (4,792,930)   (8,104,001)     Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities   (1,065,309,580)   (39,177,238)     Purchase of property and equipment   (4,792,930)   (8,104,001)     Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities   (1,065,309,580)   (39,177,238)     Cash received on contributions restricted for endowment   (1,525,488)   (6,207,612)     Cash received on contributions restricted for endowment   (1,529,271)   (1,609,940)     Net cash provided by funancing activities   (1,509,542)   (1,509,940)     Net cash provi	Change in net assets	\$ 20,111,866	\$	75,874,972
Depreciation and amortization   6,162,095   3,973,384     Discount on pledges receivable   (216,391)   201,443     Changes in value of split-interest agreements   1,420,881   (1,259,377)     Net realized and unrealized gains on investments, net of adjustments for affiliate holdings   (8,302,995)   (13,017,726)     Minimum pension liability adjustment   3,739,544   3,108,052     Affiliates' allocated share of pension liability adjustment   1,221,946   (1,531,490)     Cash received on contributions restricted for endowment   (15,258,488)   (6,207,612)     Contributions subject to split-interest agreements   (935,323)   (1,379,811)     Changes in operating assets and liabilities:     Decrease (increase) in due from/to affiliates   17,977,500   (6,489,608)     Increase in pelegges and contributions receivable   (5,370,647)   (3,647,837)     (Increase) decrease in other assets   (4,644,116)   (1,290,877)     Increase in accounts payable and accrued expenses   1,679,180   4,969,114     Increase in accounts payable and accrued expenses   1,679,180   4,969,114     Increase in accounts payable and accrued expenses   1,679,180   4,969,114     Increase in accounts payable and accrued expenses   1,679,180   4,969,114     Increase in accounts payable and accrued expenses   1,679,180   4,969,114     Increase in accounts payable and accrued expenses   1,679,180   4,969,114     Increase in accounts payable and accrued expenses   1,679,180   4,969,114     Increase in Bill of Rights Trust held for affiliates   11,670,671   57,316,708    Cash flows from investing activities   1,408,83,866   330,669,282     Proceeds from sale of investments   1,408,83,866   330,669,282     Purchase of investments   1,408,83,866   330,669,282     Purchase of investments   1,408,39,580   (39,772,389)     Purchase of property and equipment   4,792,930   (39,772,389)     Rot cash provided by (used in) investing activities   15,258,488   6,207,612     Contributions subject to split-interest agreements   353,523   1,379,811     Payments on split-inter	Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash			
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Cash and cash equivalents:         18,550,469         22,872,844           Ending         \$ 95,150,102         \$ 18,550,469           Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:				
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Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:	Beginning	18,550,469		22,872,844
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Change in investments for Bill of Rights Trust held for affiliates \$\frac{\\$718,429}{\}\$\$ 1,846,222	Change in investments for Bill of Rights Trust held for affiliates	\$ 718,429	\$	1,846,222

#### **Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements**

## Note 1. Organization

The American Civil Liberties Union, Inc. (the Union) and the American Civil Liberties Union Foundation, Inc. (the Foundation), collectively, the American Civil Liberties Union or the ACLU, were established as nonprofit corporations to preserve and promote individual civil rights and civil liberties as guaranteed by the United States Constitution and the nation's civil rights laws.

The ACLU is affiliated with 50 nonprofit, tax-exempt organizations and has a presence in every state in the United States and in the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. All affiliates include reference to the American Civil Liberties Union or some variation thereof in their names (the affiliates). The affiliates also operate through related Section 501(c)(3) and Section 501(c)(4) organizations. The affiliates share the same overall mission and purpose as the ACLU, but their programs focus more on local or regional issues, while the ACLU's program activities are focused on overarching civil liberties issues and initiatives. Although the ACLU plays no direct role in the governance of and, except in very limited instances, does not share employees with, the affiliates, the organizations jointly fundraise and work together on certain programs and the ACLU, through either the Union or Foundation, as appropriate, at its sole discretion provides targeted financial and other support to the affiliates.

## Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

**Basis of presentation:** The accompanying consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP).

**Principles of consolidation:** The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts and activities of the Union, the Foundation and 915 15th Street, LLC (the LLC). Certain members of the board of directors of the Union comprise the board of directors of the Foundation. The LLC is a single-member limited liability company of which the Foundation is the sole member. All significant inter-organizational accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

The accounts and activities of the affiliates are not included in these consolidated financial statements.

**Use of estimates:** The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Cash and cash equivalents:** The ACLU considers all highly liquid debt instruments purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. Cash and cash equivalents held temporarily in the investments portfolio are included in investments.

**Investments and related income, gains and losses:** Investments are reported at fair value in the consolidated statements of financial position. The consolidated statement of activities includes net investment income consisting of interest and dividend income, realized and unrealized gains and losses. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Realized gains and losses on sale of investments are calculated on the basis of specific identification of the securities sold. Purchases and sales of securities are recognized on a trade-date basis.

#### **Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements**

## Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

**Fair value measurements:** Assets and liabilities recorded at fair value in the consolidated statements of financial position are categorized based upon the level of judgment associated with the inputs used to measure their fair value. Pursuant to Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB), Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 820, Fair Value Measurement, level inputs are defined as follows:

- **Level 1:** Inputs that reflect unadjusted quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the ACLU has the ability to access at the measurement date. The types of investments in Level 1 generally include listed equities, mutual funds and exchange-traded funds.
- **Level 2:** Inputs other than quoted prices within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, including inputs in markets that are not considered to be active. Investments in this category generally include corporate debt, U.S. government debt, and less liquid securities such as securities traded on certain foreign exchanges. A significant adjustment to a Level 2 input could result in the Level 2 measurement becoming a Level 3 measurement.
- **Level 3:** Inputs that are unobservable for the asset or liability and that include situations where there is little, if any, market activity for the asset or liability. The inputs into the determination of fair value are based upon the best information in the circumstances and may require significant management judgment or estimates. Investments in this category generally include equity and debt positions in private companies.

The availability of observable inputs can vary from security to security and is affected by a wide variety of factors, including, for example, the type of security, whether the security is new and not yet established in the marketplace, the liquidity of markets and other characteristics particular to the security. To the extent that valuation is based on models or inputs that are less observable or unobservable in the market, the determination of fair value requires more judgment. Accordingly, the degree of judgment exercised in determining fair value is greatest for instruments categorized in Level 3.

**Fair value of financial instruments:** The following methods and assumptions were used in estimating the fair values of significant financial instruments:

**Cash and cash equivalents:** The carrying amount approximates fair value because the instruments are liquid in nature and have short-term maturities.

Investments: The fair value is determined as described in Note 5.

**Pledges and contributions receivable:** The carrying amount is based on estimated present value of the anticipated cash inflows and allowances for doubtful accounts on contributions receivable, if any, and approximates fair value.

Other assets, due to/from affiliates, and accounts payable and accrued expenses: The carrying amounts approximate fair value because of the short-term nature of the instruments.

**Beneficial interest in trusts:** The carrying amount is based on estimated present value of the anticipated cash inflows and approximates fair value.

#### **Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements**

## Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

*Liabilities under split-interest agreements*: The carrying amount is based on estimated present value of the expected payments to beneficiaries and approximates fair value.

**Concentration of market and credit risk:** The ACLU's financial instruments that are potentially exposed to concentrations of credit risk consist primarily of cash and cash equivalents and investments.

Exposure to credit risk is reduced by the placement of such funds in high credit quality financial institutions and financial instruments. At March 31, 2019, the majority of the ACLU's money market accounts were in funds that invest in short-term direct government obligations, such as U.S. Treasury Bills, that are backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government.

In order to control market risk, the ACLU has an investment committee that reviews and updates investment policy statements for the organization's various investment portfolios, oversees its investment portfolio and engages the services of investment advisors and managers to invest and manage the assets within the guidelines of the respective investment policy statements and perform ongoing due diligence and reporting. The ACLU monitors the market risk of its investment portfolio via ongoing review of asset allocation formulas and analysis of investment values as reported by investment custodians and managers.

The clearing and depository operations for the ACLU's portfolio of investments held in managed accounts are provided principally by two financial institutions that held approximately 94% and 99% of the total portfolio at March 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively.

**Property and equipment:** Property and equipment (consisting of office buildings, furniture, fixtures, office equipment and intangible assets) are carried at cost, less accumulated depreciation or amortization. Depreciation and amortization are provided for using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the respective assets.

**Impairment of long-lived assets:** The ACLU reviews long-lived assets for impairment whenever events or circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of any asset may not be recoverable and, if so, the carrying value is reduced to the estimated fair value.

**Net assets:** The ACLU reports information regarding its financial position and activities in two classes of net assets: without donor restrictions and with donor restrictions. Net assets without donor restrictions consist of amounts that can be spent at the discretion of the ACLU and have no donor restrictions associated with them. A portion of net assets without donor restrictions has been designated by the board of directors for certain purposes. Net assets with donor restrictions consist of contributions that are restricted by donors for a specific time period and/or purpose. Generally, the donors of these assets permit the use of all or part of the income earned on related investments for general or specific purpose.

**Endowment:** When the ACLU receives a contribution and the donor restricts the ACLU from spending the principal, the contribution is classified as an endowment, with the amount of the gift recorded as with donor restrictions. The majority of the ACLU's endowment funds are held pursuant to the terms of the agreement for the establishment of the Bill of Rights Trust.

The ACLU is subject to the New York Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (NYPMIFA), and has interpreted NYPMIFA as requiring the preservation of the fair value of the original gift as of the gift date of the donor-restricted endowment funds absent explicit donor stipulations to the contrary. The remaining portion of the endowment fund that is not classified as held in perpetuity are classified as net assets with donor restrictions until those amounts are appropriated for expenditure by the ACLU in a manner consistent with the standard of prudence prescribed by NYPMIFA.

#### **Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements**

## Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

**Contributions and related receivables:** The ACLU reports contributions as without donor restrictions or with donor restrictions depending on the existence and/or nature of any donor restrictions.

Unconditional promises to give are recorded as pledges and contributions receivable in the period the promise is received. Payments received in subsequent periods on unconditional promises to give, such as payments on multi-year gifts, are not recognized as revenue; rather, these are recorded as decreases in the corresponding pledges receivable balance. Pledges and contributions receivable due within one year are recorded at their net realizable value. Pledges and contributions receivable due in more than one year are recorded at the present value of their net realizable value, using applicable risk-adjusted interest rates to discount the amounts. Allowances for doubtful pledges and contributions receivable are provided by management based on the ACLU's experience with the donors and their ability to pay.

Contributions of cash and other assets are reported as with donor restrictions support if they are received with donor stipulations that limit the use of the donated assets. When a donor restriction expires, that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished, net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and reported in the consolidated statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

Contributions that are to be maintained in perpetuity are recorded as with donor restrictions support.

Contributions of noncash assets are recorded at fair value in the period received.

Certain contributions and bequests revenue are subject to revenue sharing agreements with affiliates. The ACLU's sharing rules specify the circumstances under which revenue shall be shared and the methodology for determining the specific portion of various categories of revenue that will be shared among the ACLU and the affiliates. Shared revenues are reported at gross amounts and the affiliates' share of the revenues are included as affiliate support expense in the consolidated statement of activities. The ACLU reports the affiliates' share of revenues as expenses when cash is received from the donor.

Donated services are reported as contributions at their fair value if such services create or enhance nonfinancial assets or would have been purchased if not provided by donation, require specialized skills and are provided by individuals possessing such specialized skills.

Due to the nature of the ACLU's civil liberties litigation, in-kind professional legal services are from time to time provided on a pro bono basis by outside attorneys. These services are recorded as revenue and expenses at fair value based on the attorneys' records of time spent and applicable billing rates.

A number of individuals have made a contribution of their time to serve on the ACLU's board. The value of their contributed time is not reflected in these consolidated financial statements inasmuch as those services would not typically be purchased had they not been provided by donation.

**Bequests:** The ACLU is a beneficiary under various wills and trust agreements, the total realizable amounts of which are not determinable at present. The ACLU's share of such bequests is recorded when the probate courts declare the testamentary instrument valid and the proceeds are measurable.

**Donor concentration:** Approximately 14% and 11% of the total grants, contributions and bequests revenue for the years ended March 31, 2019 and 2018, were provided by three donors, respectively. In addition, approximately 41% and 50% of the gross pledges and contributions receivable at March 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively, were due from three donors both years.

#### **Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements**

## Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

**Functional expenses:** The costs of providing various program and supporting services of the ACLU have been summarized on a functional basis in the accompanying consolidated financial statements. Each department within the ACLU will be allocated to its programmatic or supporting services based on a total analysis of their respective FTE's and a determination of what functions they perform. Certain departments, such as legal department expenses, are determined to be 100% programmatic and are reflected therefore under legal programs. Other departments, such as executive or administrative/finance, are largely supportive in nature and reflected largely under management and general. Each year, the functional allocations are reviewed and modified based on initiatives and organizational changes to best reflect the activities within the ACLU for a specified year.

In addition, certain expenses, predominantly salaries and employee benefits, are shared between the Union and the Foundation. Expenses paid by the Union and allocated to the Foundation during the years ended March 31, 2019 and 2018 amounted to \$12,766,552 and \$8,382,257, respectively.

**Grants to affiliates:** The ACLU recognizes grants to affiliates as expense when a formal agreement has been signed by both the ACLU and the affiliate, and any conditions set forth are met by the affiliate.

**Legal awards:** Pursuant to the Civil Rights Attorneys Fee Awards Act of 1976 and similar laws, legal fees and expenses may be awarded in certain legal actions. The amounts of these awards are the result of court determinations and/or negotiations between the parties to the matters. Management anticipates that the ACLU will be the recipient of legal awards of a substantial amount, but is unable to determine the amounts receivable with any degree of accuracy. Accordingly, the ACLU's accounting policy is to accrue an award only when, in management's judgment, the amount appears relatively certain of collection.

**Defined benefit pension plan:** The ACLU reports the funded status of, and discloses other information about, its sponsored defined benefit pension plan in accordance with FASB ASC 715, Compensation - Retirement Benefits (see Note 11).

**Income taxes:** The Union and the Foundation are nonprofit organizations exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c)(4) and Section 501(c)(3), respectively, of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code (IRC). Both the Union and the Foundation are subject to taxes on unrelated business income, as applicable. The LLC is treated as a disregarded (tax) entity.

The Union and the Foundation file tax and information returns with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and with various states.

Management evaluated the Union's and the Foundation's tax positions and concluded that each organization had taken no uncertain tax positions that require additional adjustment or disclosure to the accompanying consolidated financial statements. Generally, the Union and the Foundation are no longer subject to income tax examinations by U.S. federal, state or local tax authorities for tax years before 2016, which is the standard statute of limitations look-back period.

**Prior-year summarized comparative information:** The consolidated financial statements include certain prior-year summarized comparative information in total but not by net asset or by functional expense classifications. Such information does not include sufficient detail to constitute a presentation in accordance with U.S. GAAP. Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with the ACLU's consolidated financial statements as of and for the year ended March 31, 2018, from which the summarized information was derived.

#### **Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements**

## Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

**Evaluation of subsequent events:** The ACLU evaluates events occurring after the date of the consolidated financial statements to consider whether or not the impact of such events needs to be reflected and/or disclosed in the consolidated financial statements. Such evaluation is performed through the date the consolidated financial statements are issued, which is October 18, 2019.

Recently issued accounting pronouncements: In August 2018, FASB issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2018-08, *Not-For-Profit Entities (Topic 958): Clarifying the Scope and the Accounting Guidance for Contributions Received and Contributions Made.* The ASU 2018-08 clarifies and improves current guidance about whether a transfer of assets, or the reduction, settlement, or cancellation of liabilities is a contribution or an exchange transaction. It provides criteria for determining whether the resource provider is receiving commensurate value in return for the resources transferred which, depending on the outcome, determines whether the organization follows contribution guidance or exchange transaction guidance in the revenue recognition and other applicable standards. The new standard is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018. The ACLU is currently evaluating the effect that the standard will have on the consolidated financial statements.

In March 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-07, *Compensation – Retirement Benefits (Topic 715): Improving the Presentation of Net Periodic Pension Cost and Net Periodic Postretirement Benefit Cost.* ASU 2017-07 addresses how employers that sponsor defined benefit pension and/or other postretirement benefit plans present the net periodic benefit cost in the income statement. Employers will be required to present the service cost component of net periodic benefit cost in the same income statement line item as other employee compensation costs arising from services rendered during the period. Employers will present the other components of the net periodic benefit cost separately from the line item that includes the service cost and outside of any subtotal of operating income, if one is presented. The standard is effective for the Union for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2018, and interim periods within annual periods beginning after December 15, 2019. Adoption of ASU 2017-07 will require the Union to include the service cost component of net periodic benefit cost related to its defined benefit plan and other postretirement benefit plan within salaries and wages expense on the consolidated statement of activities and to present all other components in a separate line item excluded from the subtotal for other changes in net assets.

In August 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-15, *Statement of Cash Flows (Topic 230)*, *Classification of Certain Cash Receipts and Cash Payments*. ASU 2016-15 provides guidance on how certain cash receipts and cash payments should be presented and classified in the statement of cash flows with the objective of reducing existing diversity in practice with respect to these items. ASU 2016-15 is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2018. Early adoption is permitted. The ACLU has not evaluated the impact that adoption will have on the consolidated statement of cash flows.

In November 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-18, *Statement of Cash Flows (Topic 230): Restricted Cash (a consensus of the FASB Emerging Issues Task Force),* which provides guidance on the presentation of restricted cash or restricted cash equivalents in the statements of cash flows. These amendments are effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2018. ASU 2016-18 must be applied using a retrospective transition method with early adoption permitted. The ACLU has not evaluated the impact that adoption will have on the consolidated statement of cash flows.

#### **Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements**

## Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-02, *Leases (Topic 842)*. The guidance in this ASU supersedes the leasing guidance in Topic 840, *Leases*. Under the new guidance, lessees are required to recognize lease assets and lease liabilities on the statements of financial position for all leases with terms longer than 12 months. Leases will be classified as either finance or operating, with classification affecting the pattern of expense recognition in the statement of activities. The new standard is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019, including interim periods within those fiscal years. The ACLU is currently evaluating the impact of the adoption of the new standard on the consolidated financial statements.

In January 2016, FASB issued ASU 2016-01, *Financial Instruments – Overall (Subtopic 825-10):* Recognition and Measurement of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities. ASU 2016-01 includes a number of amendments that address certain aspects of recognition, measurement, presentation and disclosure of financial instruments. One of the amendments eliminates the requirements to disclose the fair value of financial instruments measured at amortized cost for entities that are not public business entities. The amendments in this update are effective for the ACLU for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018, and interim periods within fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019. The ACLU has not yet determined the effect on the consolidated financial statements of adopting the other amendments included in ASU 2016-01.

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-09, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606)*, requiring an entity to recognize the amount of revenue to which it expects to be entitled for the transfer of promised goods or services to customers. The updated standard will replace most existing revenue recognition guidance in U.S. GAAP when it becomes effective and permits the use of either a full retrospective or retrospective with cumulative effect transition method. All other entities should apply the guidance in update 2014-09 to annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2018, and interim reporting periods within annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2019. The ACLU has not yet selected a transition method and is currently evaluating the effect that the standard will have on the consolidated financial statements.

**Recently adopted accounting pronouncement:** During 2019, the ACLU adopted ASU 2016-14, *Not-for-Profit Entities (Topic 958)*, *Presentation of Financial Statements for Not-for-Profit Entities*, which amends the requirements for financial statements and notes in Topic 958 to require the ACLU to make reporting changes that affect the following:

- Net assets classification and related disclosures
- Underwater donor-restricted endowments and related disclosures
- Additional disclosures useful in assessing liquidity within one year of the statement of financial positon date
- New reporting requirements relating to expenses including disclosure of expenses by both nature and function
- Recognition of the expiration of restrictions under the placed-in-service-approach for all capital gifts
- Ability to report net investment return without disclosure requirement of components

The ACLU made changes to terminology and classification as described above as well as additional or modified disclosures, particularly Notes 2, 8 and 12. Amounts previously reported for the year ended March 31, 2018, have been reclassified, on a retrospective basis, to achieve consistent presentation. Amounts previously reported as temporarily or permanently restricted have been reclassified to be reported as with donor restrictions. There were no underwater endowment funds at March 31, 2019 and 2018.

#### **Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements**

## Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

The changes have the following effect on net assets at March 31, 2018.

Net Assets Class	As Originally Presented	After Adoption of ASU 2016-14
Net Assets Class	Fresented	01 A30 2010-14
Unrestricted net assets	\$ 355,759,792	\$ -
Temporarily restricted net assets	79,591,616	-
Permanently restricted net assets	56,371,268	-
Net assets without donor restrictions	-	355,759,792
Net assets with donor restrictions		135,962,884
Total net assets	\$ 491,722,676	\$ 491,722,676

## Note 3. Related Party Transactions

Amounts due from and to affiliates represent receivables and payables related to affiliate support and revenue sharing.

Amounts due to affiliates include the portion of contributions that are shared in accordance with the ACLU sharing rules and payments related to certain affiliate subsidy programs.

Amounts due from affiliates include income generated by the affiliates that is subject to the application of the ACLU sharing rules, and reimbursement to the ACLU for expenses paid by the ACLU on behalf of the affiliates, including contributions payable to the employee pension plan totaling \$3,712,163 and \$3,733,659 for the years ended March 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively.

Also included in the amounts due from affiliates are notes receivable of \$124,667 at March 31, 2019, and \$182,083 at March 31, 2018, due from certain affiliates. The remaining notes matures June 30, 2021, and accrues interest at the prime rate.

Amounts due from affiliates – allocated share of pension liability of \$22,164,774 and \$23,386,720 at March 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively, represent the estimated aggregate amount due from affiliates in connection with employer withdrawal liability provision stipulated in the amended and restated ACLU Retirement Plan effective January 1, 2015 (Note 11) in the event of withdrawal from the plan.

During the years ended March 31, 2019 and 2018, the Foundation received approximately \$377,000 for the both years from the New York Civil Liberties Union, Inc. and the New York Civil Liberties Union Foundation, Inc. in payments for the use of space occupied at the Foundation's offices at 125 Broad Street. These payments include charges for cleaning and other customary services.

#### **Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements**

## Note 4. Pledges and Contributions Receivable

Pledges and contributions receivable which are expected to be collected after one year have been discounted to net present value at rates ranging from 3.52% to 4.10% and are reflected in the consolidated financial statements at their net realizable value.

Pledges and contributions receivable are comprised of the following at March 31:

		2019		2018
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Receivable due within one year or less	\$	26,095,000	\$	19,092,765
Receivable due in more than one year to five years		19,607,527		21,739,115
Receivable due in over five years		500,000		_
		46,202,527		40,831,880
Less discount to present value		(1,385,759)		(1,602,150)
	\$	44,816,768	\$	39,229,730

Accordingly, the provision for uncollectible pledges and contributions receivable is recognized in the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

Approximately \$13,055,000 and \$16,411,000 of pledges and contributions receivable as of March 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively, are the affiliates' share of these revenues which are based on ACLU's revenue sharing rules; these amounts will be recognized as expenses by the ACLU upon the receipt of cash from donors.

In addition to the pledges and contributions receivable recognized in the consolidated financial statements, in fiscal year 2016 a certain ACLU donor confirmed his intention of contributing \$5,000,000 over a period of five years from a donor-advised fund. Through March 31, 2019, the ACLU has received \$3,000,000 in contributions (from donor-advised fund) towards the intention. ACLU has recognized as revenue for the year ended March 31, 2019, the \$1,000,000 received during the year. The remaining anticipated contributions have not been recognized in the accompanying consolidated financial statements as they do not meet the criteria for recognition of contributions revenue under U.S. GAAP until payments from the donor-advised fund are received.

As of March 31, 2019, the ACLU has received approximately \$32,000,000 of conditional commitments to make matching grants and contributions that have not been recognized in these consolidated financial statements. Approximately \$19,400,000 of these conditions have been met and recognized as support during the year ended March 31, 2019. Revenues on these grants and contributions will be recognized by the ACLU in future periods as the matching requirements are met.

# **Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements**

## Note 5. Investments and Fair Value Measurement

The following tables present the ACLU's investments that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis.

		Fair Value Measurements at March 31, 2019 Usir			, 2019 Using
	 Total		uoted Prices in ctive Markets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Money market funds	\$ 29,397,222	\$	29,397,222	\$ -	\$ -
Equities	 114,708,714		114,708,714	-	<u>-</u> _
Corporate bonds (by S&P rating):	0.747.755			0.747.755	
AAA — A- BBB – BBB+	 2,747,755 2,580,238		-	2,747,755 2,580,238	<u>-</u>
Total corporate bonds	5,327,993		_	5,327,993	_
U.S. Treasury Notes, agency and related	29,856,295		_	29,856,295	_
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Mutual funds:	2 262 060		2 262 060		
Large-cap U.S. equity	2,262,069 98,230		2,262,069 98,230	-	-
Small-/mid-cap U.S. equity International equity	468,121		468,121	-	-
Short-term bond	15,500,628		15,500,628	- -	_
Intermediate-term bond	2,570,970		2,570,970	_	_
High-yield bond	117,082		117,082	-	-
International fixed income	929,521		929,521	-	-
Other bond	 5,841,416		5,841,416	-	
Total mutual funds	27,788,037		27,788,037	-	-
Common trust funds <sup>(1)</sup> :					
Large-cap U.S. equity	4,167,527		_	-	-
Small-/mid-cap U.S. equity	1,638,516		_	-	-
International equity	3,805,833		-	-	-
Intermediate-term bond	322,718		-	-	-
High-yield and other bonds	3,192,314		-	-	-
Real estate and hard assets (commodities)	 1,211,992		-	-	-
Total common trust funds	 14,338,900		-	-	-
Exchange-traded funds:					
Large-cap U.S. equity	528,520		528,520	-	-
Small-/mid-cap U.S. equity	756,310		756,310	-	-
International equity	1,504,265		1,504,265	-	-
Short-term, long-term and intermediate-term bonds	8,538,015		8,538,015	-	-
Real estate and hard assets (commodities)	612,055		612,055	_	-
Total exchange-traded funds	11,939,165		11,939,165	-	-
Certificates of deposit	 1,904,035		1,904,035	-	
Private equity funds – multi strategy <sup>(1)</sup>	26,296,221		_	-	_
Proprietary equity funds – multi strategy <sup>(1)</sup>	 186,450,454		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	-
	\$ 448,007,036	\$	185,737,173	\$ 35,184,288	\$ -

## **Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements**

Note 5. Investments and Fair Value Measurement (Continued)

		Que			Significant
	Total	Quoted Prices in Active Markets (Level 1)		Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
	Total		(Level I)	(Level 2)	(Level 3)
Money market funds \$	60,950,532	\$	60,950,532	\$ -	\$ -
Equities	23,235,825		23,235,825	-	-
Corporate bonds (by S&P rating):					
AAA – A-	33,711,005		-	33,711,005	_
BBB+ – B-	24,621,673		-	24,621,673	-
Total corporate bonds	58,332,678		-	58,332,678	-
U.S. Treasury Notes, agency and related	17,080,686		-	17,080,686	-
Mutual funds:					
Large-cap U.S. equity	63,379,717		63,379,717	_	_
Small-/mid-cap U.S. equity	10,194,366		10,194,366	_	_
International equity	52,544,056		52,544,056	-	_
Short-term bond	35,540,080		35,540,080	_	_
Intermediate-term bond	45,619,353		45,619,353	-	_
High-yield bond	8,609,783		8,609,783	-	_
International fixed income	768,173		768,173	_	_
Other bond	14,361,101		14,361,101	-	_
Real estate and commodities	13,057,354		13,057,354	-	_
Total mutual funds	244,073,983		244,073,983	-	-
Common trust funds <sup>(1)</sup> :					
Large-cap U.S. equity	4,148,087				_
Small-/mid-cap U.S. equity	1,695,380		-	_	-
International equity	4,293,558				_
Intermediate-term bond	1,887,030		-	_	-
High-yield and other bonds	1,536,626		_	_	_
Real estate and hard assets (commodities)	1,276,003		_	_	_
Total common trust funds	14,836,684		-	-	-
Evehange traded funder					
Exchange-traded funds:	2 762 404		0.760.404		
Large-cap U.S. equity	2,768,101		2,768,101	-	-
Small-/mid-cap U.S. equity	1,493,827		1,493,827	-	-
International equity	16,167,590		16,167,590	-	-
Short-term, long-term and intermediate-term bonds	13,395,217		13,395,217	-	-
Real estate and hard assets (commodities)	8,281,559		8,281,559	-	-
Total exchange-traded funds	42,106,294		42,106,294	-	-
Certificates of deposit	2,244,100		2,244,100	-	-
Hedge funds <sup>(1)</sup>	30,679,116		_	-	
\$	493,539,898	\$	372,610,734	\$ 75,413,364	\$ -

<sup>(1)</sup> In accordance with the Fair Value measurements topic, certain investments that are measured at fair value using the net asset value (NAV) per share (or its equivalent) practical expedient have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in this table are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the amounts presented in the consolidated statement of financial position.

#### **Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements**

## Note 5. Investments and Fair Value Measurement (Continued)

Below are the valuation techniques used by the ACLU to measure different financial instruments at fair value and the level within the fair value hierarchy in which the financial instrument is categorized.

Equities, money market funds and exchange-traded funds listed on a national securities exchange or reported on the NASDAQ global market are stated at the last reported sales or trade price on the day of valuation. These financial instruments are classified as Level 1 in the fair value hierarchy.

U.S. government debt, corporate bonds and certificates of deposits are valued based on the last reported bid price provided by broker-dealers, and are reported as Level 2 in the fair value hierarchy.

Investments in mutual funds are stated at fair value based on the last quoted evaluation price or NAV. To the extent these securities are actively traded and valuation adjustments are not applied, they are classified as Level 1 in the fair value hierarchy.

Investments in common trust funds, hedge funds and private equity are valued at fair value based on the applicable percentage ownership of the underlying net assets on the measurement date. In determining fair value, the ACLU utilizes, as a practical expedient, the NAV (or equivalent) provided by the fund managers (NAV of funds). The underlying common trust funds and hedge funds value securities and other financial instruments on a fair value. The estimated fair values of certain investments of the underlying common trust funds or hedge funds, which may include private placements and other securities for which prices are not readily available, are determined by the trustee of the common trust funds or sponsor of the hedge funds and may not reflect amounts that could be realized upon immediate sale, nor amounts that ultimately may be realized. Accordingly, the estimated fair values may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a ready market existed for these investments.

Investments that use the practical expedient are not classified within the fair value hierarchy.

The ACLU assesses the fair value hierarchy levels of the investments at each measurement date, and transfers between levels are recognized on the actual date of the event or change in circumstances that caused the transfer. There were no significant transfers among Levels 1, 2 and 3 during fiscal 2019 or 2018.

ACLU has the ability to redeem its investments in common trust funds on a daily or monthly basis. The objectives of the investments in common trust funds are to approximate as closely as practicable or to provide total investment returns that are in excess of the performance of the following benchmarks over time with certain risk parameters:

	Benchmark
Large-cap U.S. equity Small-/mid-cap U.S. equity International equity Intermediate-term bond	S&P 500 Index Russell 2000 Index, S&P Mid-Cap 400 Index MSCI EAFE Index, MSCI Emerging Markets Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index, Barclays U.S. Intermediate
momodate term bend	Bond Index
High-yield and other bonds	Barclays U.S. Treasury Inflation Protected Securities Index, Barclays Corporate High-Yield 2% Issuer Cap Index
Real estate and hard assets (commodities)	Dow Jones U.S. Select REIT Index, Dow Jones-UBS Commodity Total Return Index

#### **Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements**

## Note 5. Investments and Fair Value Measurement (Continued)

The investment in private equity funds which ACLU does not have the ability to redeem the investments on March 31, 2019, or in the near term, which is defined as 90 days or less from March 31, 2019. The investment objective of the private equity funds are to generate consistent capital appreciation over the long term, with relatively low volatility and a low correlation with traditional equity and fixed income markets.

The following table summarizes the investment strategies and liquidity provision of investments in the private equity and proprietary funds valued at the NAV as provided by the fund managers as of March 31, 2019:

	Fair Value	_		Redemption Frequency	Redemption Notice Period	Remaining Lock Up Period
Private equity:						
Sequoia	\$ 22,109,091	\$	-	Annual	NA	NA*
SRA III	4,187,130		20,928,429	None	NA	NA
Multi strategy	186,450,454		-	Monthly	7 Business Days	None
	\$ 212,746,675	\$	20,928,429			

<sup>\*</sup>While 5% can be drawn down annually, full amount cannot be transferred until donor stipulation met.

The investments are held for the following purposes:

	2019	2018
Bill of Rights Trust, inclusive of endowments held in perpetuity of \$50,234,756 and \$50,001,268 at March 31, 2019 and		
2018, respectively (Note 9)	\$ 108,978,840	\$ 105,441,734
Split-interest agreements (Note 7)	24,958,131	25,384,279
Other endowment, special projects, program		
support and operating reserves	314,070,065	362,713,885
	\$ 448,007,036	\$ 493,539,898

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## Note 6. Property and Equipment

Property and equipment consist of the following:

2019		2018	Estimated Useful Life
\$ 55,627,888 5,173,035	\$	53,891,864 5,463,294	10 to 50 years 3 to 5 years
13,814,866		14,094,186	3 to 15 years
1,216,590		1,685,799	N/A
75,832,379		75,135,143	
(43,855,798)		(41,803,956)	_
\$ 31,976,581	\$	33,331,187	<u> </u>
	\$ 55,627,888 5,173,035 13,814,866 1,216,590 75,832,379 (43,855,798)	\$ 55,627,888 \$ 5,173,035 13,814,866 1,216,590 75,832,379 (43,855,798)	\$ 55,627,888 \$ 53,891,864 5,173,035 5,463,294 13,814,866 14,094,186 1,216,590 1,685,799 75,832,379 75,135,143 (43,855,798) (41,803,956)

## Note 7. Split-Interest Agreements

The Foundation receives contributions through its charitable gift annuity program whereby in exchange for gifts of cash or securities, the Foundation promises to pay a fixed annual amount for life to the annuitant.

The difference between the fair value of the assets received and the present value of the future distributions to the annuitant is recognized as contribution revenue.

Upon the death of the annuitant, any balance of the amount in the split-interest account reverts to the Foundation.

The Foundation has received gifts under this program on which it is obligated to make annual annuity payments of approximately \$1,639,000 in accordance with the agreements as of March 31, 2019.

In addition, the Foundation has seven unitrust agreements on which the income is paid to the donor for life. Upon the death of the donor, the balance in the trust account shall be distributed to the Foundation for its general purposes.

Assets and liabilities related to the Foundation's split-interest agreements are as follows:

	2019	2018
		_
Assets – investments	\$ 24,958,131	\$ 25,384,279
Liabilities under split-interest agreements	 13,863,928	13,571,591
	\$ 11,094,203	\$ 11,812,688

Asset balances at March 31, 2019 and 2018, exceeded the reserve requirements of the New York State Insurance Commission as well as the reserve requirements of the relevant regulatory bodies in all other states that require a reserve fund and in which the Foundation issues gift annuities. Reserves are included in liabilities under split-interest agreements on the accompanying consolidated statement of financial position.

The present value of obligations under split-interest agreements was calculated using interest rates ranging from 2.5% to 8.5% and applicable Annuity Mortality Tables (either 1983A, 2000 or 2012AR).

#### **Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements**

## Note 7. Split-Interest Agreements (Continued)

Beneficial interests in trusts (BITs) are recorded based on the present value of the estimated future receipts from the trusts, using discount rates ranging from 1.32% to 5.34%. These rates approximate the rates of return on the assets held in the trusts, and are commensurate with the risks that management associates with the ultimate collection of the trusts. The initial gift and any subsequent adjustments to the non-perpetual BITs' carrying value are recognized as contributions with donor restrictions. With donor restrictions relates to the extended time period over which the gift is expected to be received and may also include purpose restrictions to benefit specific Foundation programs.

Adjustments to reflect revaluations of the present value of estimated future payments and changes in actuarial assumptions are recognized in the consolidated statement of activities as changes in value of split-interest agreements.

## Note 8. Liquidity and Availability of Resources

The ACLU regularly monitors liquidity required to meet its annual operating needs and other contractual commitments. As of the balance sheet date, the ACLU holds approximately 15 months of operating expenses in cash, cash equivalents and liquid investment assets. The following chart reflects the ACLU's financial assets available as of the balance sheet date for general expenditures over the next 12 months.

	2019
Financial assets at year-end:	
Cash, cash equivalents, investment assets, and pledges without donor	
restrictions due within one year	\$ 562,031,710
Less investments unavailable within one year due to restrictions on funds	
by donors or other commitments	(353,050,144)
Financial assets available to meet cash needs	
for general expenditures within one year	\$ 208,981,566

The ACLU has a board designated endowment totaling \$189,263,953 as of March 31, 2019. Although the ACLU does not intend to spend from its board designated endowment other than amounts appropriated for general expenditures as part of its annual budget approval and appropriation process, amounts from its board designated endowment could be made available if necessary.

#### **Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements**

## Note 9. The Bill of Rights Trust and Other Endowments

In 1997, the Foundation and the Section 501(c)(3) arms of the affiliates (the Affiliate Foundations) established the Bill of Rights Trust (BORT). The purpose of BORT, a portion of which is an endowment fund of the Foundation, is to build an enduring endowment to carry out the work of the ACLU and its affiliates in protecting, preserving and expanding the civil liberties of all persons in the United States of America. BORT has 100,000,000 authorized units, which are issued to or among the Foundation and Affiliate Foundations based upon their respective interests in BORT. Unit shares have a unit value based upon the fair value of the net assets of BORT divided by the total number of unit shares outstanding. BORT permits for annual distributions to the Foundation and Affiliate Foundations in accordance with the Foundation's approved spending policy, prorated in accordance with the percentage of the fair value of each unit share. For the years ended March 31, 2019 and 2018, BORT allowed for a potential distribution amount equal to 4% of the average month-end value of total funds over the preceding 36 months through December 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively. Each unit holder, including the Foundation and the participating Affiliate Foundations, must establish that it has determined the appropriation to be prudent before the distribution is disbursed. There were no actual distributions during the years ended March 31, 2018 and 2019.

The investment goal of the endowment fund is to invest assets in a prudent manner that will balance reasonable annual distributions to the Foundation and Affiliate Foundations with long-term growth in the value of the assets of BORT.

At March 31, 2019 and 2018, BORT comprised the following accounts and amounts that are included in the consolidated statements of financial position:

	 2019	2018
Assets:		
Investments	\$ 108,978,840	\$ 105,441,734
Other assets	 221,020	70,253
	\$ 109,199,860	\$ 105,511,987
Liabilities and net assets:		
Held for affiliate foundations	\$ 35,219,224	\$ 33,457,616
Net assets with donor restrictions	23,745,880	22,053,103
Net assets with donor restrictions – held in perpetuity	 50,234,756	50,001,268
	\$ 109,199,860	\$ 105,511,987

#### **Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements**

## Note 9. The Bill of Rights Trust and Other Endowments

In October 2016, an endowment fund was established for the Union. The endowment-related activities of the ACLU, which is comprised principally of the endowment-related activities of BORT, are summarized below:

			2019						2018		
	With Donor Restrictions	He	ld In Perpetuity		tal With Donor Restrictions		With Donor Restrictions	He	ld In Perpetuity		tal With Donor Restrictions
Endowment net assets, beginning of year	\$ 22,927,016	\$	56,371,268	\$	79,298,284	\$	19,583,752	\$	50,163,656	\$	69,747,408
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Investment return:											
Interest and dividends	1,045,465		-		1,045,465		2,073,603		-		2,073,603
Net realized and unrealized											
gains on investments	3,269,973		-		3,269,973		4,029,257		-		4,029,257
Investment fees and expenses	(493,655)		-		(493,655)		(137,596)		-		(137,596)
Net investment return	3,821,783		-		3,821,783		5,965,264		-		5,965,264
Other changes during the year:											
Contributions	-		15,258,488		15,258,488		-		6,207,612		6,207,612
Appropriation of endowment											
assets for expenditures	(60,000)		-		(60,000)		(2,622,000)		-		(2,622,000)
Total	(60,000)		15,258,488		15,198,488		(2,622,000)		6,207,612		3,585,612
Endowment net assets, end of year	\$ 26,688,799	\$	71,629,756	\$	98,318,555	\$	22,927,016	\$	56,371,268	\$	79,298,284

## Note 10. Commitments and Contingencies

The Foundation entered into a long-term lease for a new office space in October 2017. This lease agreement expires on July 31, 2025, with four months rent credit provided. Below is the future aggregate minimum commitment under the lease.

Years ending March 31:	
2020	\$ 683,698
2021	683,698
2022	683,698
2023	683,698
2024	683,698
Thereafter	 911,597
	\$ 4,330,087

Deferred rent consists of the excess of the rental expenses on a straight-line basis over the payments required by the lease. As of March 31, 2019, there was \$184,259 of deferred rent included in accounts payable and accrued expenses.

The ACLU is involved in other legal actions arising in the ordinary course of business. Management is of the opinion that the ultimate outcome of these matters would not have a material adverse impact on the consolidated financial position of the ACLU or the consolidated results of its activities.

#### **Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements**

#### Note 11. Retirement Plans

**American Civil Liberties Union Retirement Plan:** The ACLU sponsors the American Civil Liberties Union Retirement Plan (the Pension Plan) which it accounted for as a single-employer plan. The Pension Plan covers eligible employees of the ACLU and its unconsolidated affiliates.

The Pension Plan is a defined benefit plan covering those employees who have at least one year of service, or at least 1,000 hours worked per year, and are at least 21 years of age. Benefits are based on service to date on an average of career earnings. The ACLU's policy is to fund pension costs by contributing at least the minimum amount required by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). The Pension Plan is covered under the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) termination insurance program. On January 1, 2015, the Pension Plan was amended and restated to include, among other things, a provision for additional contribution due on withdrawal or freezing of benefits by an employer.

The liability attributed to the employer or former employer is determined based upon the sum of the present value of the accrued benefits for each of the participants associated with the employer or former employer determined as of the last day of the plan year preceding the date as of which the withdrawal contribution is calculated. Accordingly, as of March 31, 2019 and 2018, the ACLU recognized a receivable of \$22,164,774 and \$23,386,720, respectively, representing the allocated share of pension liability due from the affiliates participating in the Pension Plan (see Note 3).

All funds of the Pension Plan were held by JPMorgan Chase, N.A. (JPMCB), the Custodian, under an investment management agreement with JPMorgan Investment Management Inc. (the Investment Adviser). When benefits commence for any participant, the Plan pays the monthly payments from the Pension Plan assets instead of purchasing annuity contracts.

# **Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements**

# Note 11. Retirement Plans (Continued)

The following table sets forth the funded status of the ACLU Pension Plan, the change in funded status and amounts recognized in the accompanying consolidated financial statements:

Change in benefit obligation:           Obligation, beginning of year         \$ 153,503,433         \$ 135,453,128           Service cost         5,796,481         5,883,179           Interest cost         6,032,767         5,769,040           Actuarial gain (loss)         3,207,335         9,815,524           Benefit payments and expected expenses         (5,519,320)         (3,417,438)           Obligation, end of year         163,020,696         153,503,433           Change in Plan assets:         ***         ***           Fair value of Plan assets, beginning of year         113,410,415         98,668,960           Actual return on Plan assets         5,234,049         11,967,075           Employer contributions         13,200,000         6,200,000           Benefit payments and actual expenses         (5,618,770)         (3,425,620)           Fair value of Plan assets, end of year         126,225,694         113,410,415           Funded status, end of year         (36,795,002)         **(40,093,018)           Amounts recognized as liabilities in the consolidated statements of financial position         **(36,795,002)         **(40,093,018)           Amounts recognized as cumulative changes in pension other than net periodic costs         **(38,579,229)         **(34,839,685)           Components of ne			2019		2018
Service cost         5,796,481         5,883,179           Interest cost         6,032,767         5,769,040           Actuarial gain (loss)         3,207,335         9,815,524           Benefit payments and expected expenses         (5,519,320)         (3,417,438)           Obligation, end of year         163,020,696         153,503,433           Change in Plan assets:         Teair value of Plan assets, beginning of year         113,410,415         98,668,960           Actual return on Plan assets         5,234,049         11,967,075         13,200,000         6,200,000           Benefit payments and actual expenses         (5,618,770)         (3,425,620)           Fair value of Plan assets, end of year         126,225,694         113,410,415           Funded status, end of year         \$ (36,795,002)         \$ (40,093,018)           Amounts recognized as liabilities in the consolidated statements of financial position         \$ (36,795,002)         \$ (40,093,018)           Amounts recognized as cumulative changes in pension other than net periodic costs         \$ (38,579,229)         \$ (34,839,685)           Net loss         \$ (38,579,229)         \$ (34,839,685)           Components of net benefit cost:         \$ (39,000,000)         \$ (30,000,000)         \$ (30,000,000)         \$ (30,000,000)         \$ (30,000,000)         \$ (30,000,000)	Change in benefit obligation:				
Interest cost	Obligation, beginning of year	\$	153,503,433	\$	135,453,128
Actuarial gain (loss) Benefit payments and expected expenses (5,519,320) (3,417,438) Obligation, end of year  163,020,696 153,503,433  Change in Plan assets: Fair value of Plan assets, beginning of year 113,410,415 98,668,960 Actual return on Plan assets Employer contributions 13,200,000 Benefit payments and actual expenses (5,618,770) Employer contributions Benefit payments and actual expenses (5,618,770) Employer contributions 13,200,000 Benefit payments and actual expenses (5,618,770) Employer contributions Benefit payments and actual expenses (5,618,770) Employer contributions Energit payments and actual expenses (5,618,770) Employer contributions (3,200,000) 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,200,000 6,20	Service cost		5,796,481		5,883,179
Benefit payments and expected expenses         (5,519,320)         (3,417,438)           Obligation, end of year         163,020,696         153,503,433           Change in Plan assets:         \$\$\$\$\$\$-\$\$\$ 113,410,415         98,668,960           Actual return on Plan assets         5,234,049         11,967,075           Employer contributions         13,200,000         6,200,000           Benefit payments and actual expenses         (5,618,770)         (3,425,620)           Fair value of Plan assets, end of year         126,225,694         113,410,415           Funded status, end of year         \$\$\$\$(36,795,002)         \$\$\$\$\$(40,093,018)           Amounts recognized as liabilities in the consolidated statements of financial position         \$\$\$\$\$(36,795,002)         \$\$\$\$\$\$\$(40,093,018)           Amounts recognized as cumulative changes in pension other than net periodic costs         \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$(38,579,229)         \$\$\$\$\$(34,839,685)           Net loss         \$\$\$\$\$(38,579,229)         \$\$\$\$\$(34,839,685)           Components of net benefit cost:         \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$(38,579,229)         \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$	Interest cost		6,032,767		5,769,040
Obligation, end of year         163,020,696         153,503,433           Change in Plan assets:         Fair value of Plan assets, beginning of year         113,410,415         98,668,960           Actual return on Plan assets         5,234,049         11,967,075           Employer contributions         13,200,000         6,200,000           Benefit payments and actual expenses         (5,618,770)         (3,425,620)           Fair value of Plan assets, end of year         126,225,694         113,410,415           Funded status, end of year         \$ (36,795,002)         \$ (40,093,018)    Amounts recognized as liabilities in the consolidated statements of financial position  Amounts recognized as cumulative changes in pension other than net periodic costs Net loss  Net loss  \$ (38,579,229)         \$ (34,839,685)           Components of net benefit cost:         2019         2018           Components of net benefit cost:         \$ 5,796,481         \$ 5,883,179           Interest cost         6,032,767         5,769,040           Expected return on Plan assets         (7,169,839)         (6,905,819)	Actuarial gain (loss)		3,207,335		9,815,524
Change in Plan assets:         Fair value of Plan assets, beginning of year       113,410,415       98,668,960         Actual return on Plan assets       5,234,049       11,967,075         Employer contributions       13,200,000       6,200,000         Benefit payments and actual expenses       (5,618,770)       (3,425,620)         Fair value of Plan assets, end of year       126,225,694       113,410,415         Funded status, end of year       \$ (36,795,002)       \$ (40,093,018)         Amounts recognized as liabilities in the consolidated statements of financial position       \$ (36,795,002)       \$ (40,093,018)         Amounts recognized as cumulative changes in pension other than net periodic costs	Benefit payments and expected expenses		(5,519,320)		(3,417,438)
Fair value of Plan assets, beginning of year         113,410,415         98,668,960           Actual return on Plan assets         5,234,049         11,967,075           Employer contributions         13,200,000         6,200,000           Benefit payments and actual expenses         (5,618,770)         (3,425,620)           Fair value of Plan assets, end of year         126,225,694         113,410,415           Funded status, end of year         \$ (36,795,002)         \$ (40,093,018)           Amounts recognized as liabilities in the consolidated statements of financial position         \$ (36,795,002)         \$ (40,093,018)           Amounts recognized as cumulative changes in pension other than net periodic costs	Obligation, end of year		163,020,696		153,503,433
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Employer contributions         13,200,000         6,200,000           Benefit payments and actual expenses         (5,618,770)         (3,425,620)           Fair value of Plan assets, end of year         126,225,694         113,410,415           Funded status, end of year         \$ (36,795,002)         \$ (40,093,018)           Amounts recognized as liabilities in the consolidated statements of financial position         \$ (36,795,002)         \$ (40,093,018)           Amounts recognized as cumulative changes in pension other than net periodic costs					
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Fair value of Plan assets, end of year       126,225,694       113,410,415         Funded status, end of year       \$ (36,795,002)       \$ (40,093,018)         Amounts recognized as liabilities in the consolidated statements of financial position       \$ (36,795,002)       \$ (40,093,018)         Amounts recognized as cumulative changes in pension other than net periodic costs             \$ (38,579,229)       \$ (34,839,685)         Net loss       \$ 2019       2018         Components of net benefit cost:             Components of net periodic pension cost:             \$ 5,796,481       \$ 5,883,179         Interest cost       6,032,767       5,769,040         Expected return on Plan assets       (7,169,839)       (6,905,819)					
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statements of financial position         \$ (36,795,002)         \$ (40,093,018)           Amounts recognized as cumulative changes in pension other than net periodic costs         \$ (38,579,229)         \$ (34,839,685)           Net loss         \$ (38,579,229)         \$ (34,839,685)           Components of net benefit cost:         2019         2018           Components of net periodic pension cost:         \$ 5,796,481         \$ 5,883,179           Interest cost         \$ 6,032,767         5,769,040           Expected return on Plan assets         (7,169,839)         (6,905,819)	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	\$		\$	
statements of financial position         \$ (36,795,002)         \$ (40,093,018)           Amounts recognized as cumulative changes in pension other than net periodic costs         \$ (38,579,229)         \$ (34,839,685)           Net loss         \$ (38,579,229)         \$ (34,839,685)           Components of net benefit cost:         2019         2018           Components of net periodic pension cost:         \$ 5,796,481         \$ 5,883,179           Interest cost         \$ 6,032,767         5,769,040           Expected return on Plan assets         (7,169,839)         (6,905,819)					_
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Net loss         \$ (38,579,229)         \$ (34,839,685)           2019         2018           Components of net benefit cost:           Components of net periodic pension cost:           Service cost         \$ 5,796,481         \$ 5,883,179           Interest cost         6,032,767         5,769,040           Expected return on Plan assets         (7,169,839)         (6,905,819)	Amounts recognized as cumulative changes in				
Z019         Z018           Components of net benefit cost:           Components of net periodic pension cost:           Service cost         \$ 5,796,481         \$ 5,883,179           Interest cost         6,032,767         5,769,040           Expected return on Plan assets         (7,169,839)         (6,905,819)	pension other than net periodic costs				
Components of net benefit cost:         Components of net periodic pension cost:         Service cost       \$ 5,796,481       \$ 5,883,179         Interest cost       6,032,767       5,769,040         Expected return on Plan assets       (7,169,839)       (6,905,819)	Net loss	\$	(38,579,229)	\$	(34,839,685)
Components of net benefit cost:         Components of net periodic pension cost:         Service cost       \$ 5,796,481       \$ 5,883,179         Interest cost       6,032,767       5,769,040         Expected return on Plan assets       (7,169,839)       (6,905,819)			2019		2018
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Service cost       \$ 5,796,481       \$ 5,883,179         Interest cost       6,032,767       5,769,040         Expected return on Plan assets       (7,169,839)       (6,905,819)	•				
Interest cost         6,032,767         5,769,040           Expected return on Plan assets         (7,169,839)         (6,905,819)		\$	5 796 481	\$	5 883 179
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Net periodic pension cost 6,162,440 6,400,798					
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Changes in pension costs other than net periodic cost:	Changes in pension costs other than net periodic cost:				
Net gain 5,242,575 4,762,450			5,242,575		4,762,450
Amortization of net loss (1,503,031) (1,654,398)	Amortization of net loss		(1,503,031)		(1,654,398)
Other than net periodic cost         3,739,544         3,108,052	Other than net periodic cost				
Net periodic benefit cost         \$ 9,901,984         \$ 9,508,850	Net periodic benefit cost	\$	9,901,984	\$	9,508,850

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#### **Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements**

## Note 11. Retirement Plans (Continued)

The net periodic pension costs of \$6,162,440 and \$6,400,798 for the years ended March 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively, comprise \$2,450,277 and \$2,667,139 which are recognized as expenses by the ACLU and \$3,712,163 and \$3,733,659 which are charged to the affiliates for net periodic pension costs associated with affiliates' employees participating in the Plan during 2019 and 2018, respectively, (see Note 3).

The following table provides the weighted-average assumptions and certain other information:

	2019	2018
Weighted-average assumptions to determine		
benefit obligation as of March 31:		
Discount rate	3.91%	4.01%
Expected long-term rate of return on Plan assets	6.50%	6.25%
Rate of compensation increase	4.00%	4.00%
Weighted-average assumptions to determine net		
benefit cost for the year ended March 31:		
Discount rate	4.01%	4.19%
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Expected long-term rate of return on Plan assets	6.25%	7.00%
Rate of compensation increase	4.00%	4.00%

The mortality tables used were RP-2014 Mortality Tables adjusted backwards to 2006 with scale MP-2014 and projected with improvement scale MP-2017 to the RP-2014 Mortality Tables adjusted backwards to 2006 with scale MP-2014 and projected with improvement scale MP-2018.

As of March 31, 2019 and 2018, the accumulated benefit obligation of the Pension Plan was \$144,727,597 and \$136,166,943, respectively.

The ACLU expects to contribute approximately \$6,300,000 to the Pension Plan during the fiscal year ending March 31, 2020, and may consider further contributions as well.

Estimated future benefit payments attributable to estimated future employee service in each of the five years subsequent to March 31, 2019, and in the aggregate subsequent to 2024 are as follows:

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2020	\$ 5,031,157
2021	5,438,786
2022	5,702,407
2023	5,898,719
2024	6,220,192
2025 – 2029	36,289,894

#### **Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements**

## Note 11. Retirement Plans (Continued)

An investment policy has been established that takes into consideration both the current and projected financial requirements of the Pension Plan. The ACLU is continuing to undertake a thorough review of the Pension Plan with a focus on its overall economic health. All investments are chosen with prudence and due diligence by investment managers to ensure that results over time meet the goals and objectives of the Pension Plan.

The Pension Plan's assets are comprised principally of investments in the collective investment trust fund. The following tables set forth the fair value of the Pension Plan's investments at March 31, 2019 and 2018, which is estimated using NAV (practical expedient) or its equivalent, and are not classified within the fair value hierarchy in accordance with FASB ASU 2015-07.

			2019		
	% Allocation	Fair Value	Unfunded Commitment	Redemption Frequency	Redemption Notice Period
Collective investment trust fund	100%	\$126,225,694	\$ -	Daily	None / 60 days*
			2018		
	%		Unfunded	Redemption	Redemption
	Allocation	Fair Value	Commitment	Frequency	Notice Period
Collective investment trust fund	100%	\$113,410,415	\$ -	Daily	None / 60 days*

<sup>\*</sup> Units of the fund may generally be redeemed daily, provided such withdrawals are to facilitate the payment of plan benefits or to make distributions in connection with the Pension Plan's termination if participants are not covered by a replacement or other eligible plan. A request made by a plan for complete or partial withdrawal from the fund for any purpose other than for benefit payments will have a 60-day redemption notice period.

As of July 1, 2014, the Pension Plan's assets are maintained by the Investment Adviser under an investment management agreement. Based on this agreement, the Investment Adviser invests in other commingled pension trust funds, which may be affiliated or unaffiliated with JPMCB, and may also invest in unaffiliated exchange-traded funds and individual securities. The JPMCB portfolio will be categorized into two portions. The growth-oriented portion, which comprises at least 50% of the portfolio, invests directly or directly via underlying funds in a broad mix of equity, U.S. credit, emerging market debt, and real estate securities including: 1) U.S. equity securities, such as common stock, preferred and convertible securities and real estate investment trusts, 2) international equity securities, including both developed and emerging markets, 3) U.S. credit, including high yield securities (rated below investment grade by one or more nationally recognized statistical rating organizations at the time of purchase), leverage loans, mortgage backed securities, mortgage dollar rolls and other mortgage-related securities, asset-backed securities and emerging market debt and 4) direct real estate. The remaining portion of the portfolio, up to 50% of the portfolio, invests directly or indirectly via underlying funds in investment grade corporate bonds, securities issued by the U.S. Treasury and its agencies or instrumentalities, and securities issued by foreign governments or supranational organizations.

Assets of the Pension Plan are included in a collective investment trust fund with JPMCB and earnings are based on its proportionate share of the accounts. Fair value of the collective investment trust fund, which approximates market value, are allocated to the Pension Plan.

There have been no changes in the methodologies used at March 31, 2019 and 2018.

#### **Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements**

## Note 11. Retirement Plans (Continued)

The ACLU implemented a "soft freeze" of the Pension Plan effective March 31, 2009. Employees hired on or after April 1, 2009 by ACLU and the 46 affiliates that initially elected to participate in the soft freeze do not participate in the Pension Plan (employees hired prior to this date are not impacted by the election to institute a soft freeze). The four affiliates that had not originally elected to participate in the soft freeze subsequently elected to do so. Employees hired on or after the subsequent soft freeze dates for these affiliates also do not participate in the Pension Plan (employees from these affiliates hired after April 1, 2009 but prior to the affiliate's soft freeze date participate in the Pension Plan).

Employees of ACLU National and affiliates who are not admitted into the Pension Plan instead are enrolled in a new Defined Contribution (DC) 401(k) plan. The DC plan includes an employer contribution of 2% and an employer match of 100% of the first 1% of the employee's contribution and 50% of the next 5% of an employee's contribution, for a total match of 3.5% and a total employer contribution of 5.5%. Employer contributions to the DC plan during the years ended March 31, 2019 and 2018, were \$1,923,405 and \$1,342,901, respectively.

Eligible ACLU employees who are participants in the Pension Plan may also participate in the ACLU 401(k) plan (the 401(k) Plan), which is a 401(k) salary-reduction plan. Under the 401(k) Plan, employees may voluntarily contribute up to 80% of their pre-tax compensation to the 401(k) Plan subject to IRS dollar limits. There is no employer match or other contributions.

#### Note 12. Net Assets

Net assets comprise the following:

	2019	2018
Without donor restrictions:		
Undesignated	\$ 175,516,507	\$ 186,129,927
Board-designated:		
Litigation Fund	21,084,672	17,167,517
California Annuity Fund	2,192,040	1,898,202
Annuity Reserve	9,392,177	9,699,623
Organizational Fund	26,702,750	26,830,629
Jacobs Affiliate Development Fund	20,205,256	17,162,506
Dividend Distribution Fund	102,710,595	89,357,810
John Adams Fund	6,976,463	7,513,578
Total board-designated	189,263,953	169,629,865
Total without donor restrictions	364,780,460	355,759,792
With donor restrictions:		
Bill of Rights Trust and other endowments	26,688,799	22,927,016
Trusts	2,802,243	2,869,820
Other time and purpose restrictions	45,933,284	53,794,780
Bill of Rights Trust and other endowments – held in perpetuity	71,629,756	56,371,268
Total with donor restrictions	147,054,082	135,962,884
	\$ 511,834,542	\$ 491,722,676
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## **Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements**

## Note 13. Net Assets Released From Restrictions

Net assets were released from donor restrictions during the year ended March 31, 2019, by incurring expenses satisfying restricted purposes or by the occurrence of other events specified by donors as follows:

Special projects:			
Speech, Privacy and Technology and National Security	\$	1,367,471	
Prisoners' Rights and Smart Justice		12,096,172	
Immigrants' Rights		7,361,882	
Reproductive Freedom		3,584,488	
Women's Rights		135,067	
Criminal Law Reform		600,624	
LGBT/Marriage Equality		2,175,757	
Voting Rights		3,556,949	
Racial Justice		886,725	
Other special projects		1,812,008	
Total special projects		33,577,143	
Bill of Rights Trust and other endowments		60,000	
Time-restricted gifts		7,705,416	
Total released from restrictions	\$	41,342,559	

## **Consolidating Statement of Financial Position**

March 31, 2019

	American Civil Liberties Union, Inc.	American Civil Liberties Union Foundation, Inc.	915 15th Street, LLC	Eliminations	Consolidated	
Assets						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 19,555,182	\$ 75,494,794	\$ 100,126	\$ -	\$ 95,150,102	
Pledges and contributions receivable, net	1,030,000	43,786,768	-	-	44,816,768	
Investments	106,715,021	341,292,015	-	-	448,007,036	
Other assets	7,915,702	1,867,193	-	-	9,782,895	
Due from affiliates	776,217	2,710,033	-	-	3,486,250	
Due from affiliates – allocated share						
of pension liability	22,164,774	-	-	-	22,164,774	
Due from ACLU Foundation – allocated share					-	
of pension liability	9,974,401	=	-	(9,974,401)	-	
Due to the ACLU from the ACLU Foundation	22,616,780	_	_	(22,616,780)	_	
Due to the ACLU Foundation from the LLC	, ,	10,137,389		(10,137,389)	_	
Investment in 915 15th Street, LLC	_	(2,382,646)	_	2,382,646	_	
Beneficial interest in trusts	-	1,536,737	_	_,,	1,536,737	
Property and equipment, net of accumulated		1,000,101			1,222,121	
depreciation and amortization	2,241,336	22,014,717	7,720,528	-	31,976,581	
Total assets	\$ 192,989,413	\$ 496,457,000	\$ 7,820,654	\$ (40,345,924)	\$656,921,143	
Liabilities and Net Assets						
Liabilities:						
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 6,918,443	\$ 7,960,583	\$ 65,911	\$ -	\$ 14,944,937	
Due to the ACLU Foundation	-	-	10,137,389	(10,137,389)	-	
Due to the American Civil Liberties Union, Inc.	_	22,616,780	-	(22,616,780)	_	
Due to the American Civil Liberties Union, Inc. –		,,		(==,0:0,:00)	_	
allocated share of pension liability	_	9,974,401	_	(9,974,401)	_	
Due to affiliates	8,155,470	36,108,040	_	(0,07 1,101)	44,263,510	
Liabilities under split-interest agreements	-	13,863,928	_	_	13,863,928	
Bill of Rights Trust held for affiliates	780,367	34,438,857	_	_	35,219,224	
Accrued pension liability	36,795,002	-	_	_	36,795,002	
Total liabilities	52,649,282	124,962,589	10,203,300	(42,728,570)	145,086,601	
Commitments and contingencies						
Net assets:						
Net assets without donor restrictions:						
Board-designated	28,155,427	161,108,526			189,263,953	
•			(2,382,646)	2,382,646		
Undesignated  Net assets without donor restrictions	109,991,553 138,146,980	65,524,954 226,633,480	(2,382,646)	2,382,646	175,516,507 364,780,460	
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Net assets with donor restrictions	2,193,151	144,860,931	-		147,054,082	
Total net assets	140,340,131	371,494,411	(2,382,646)	2,382,646	511,834,542	
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 192,989,413	\$ 496,457,000	\$ 7,820,654	\$ (40,345,924)	\$656,921,143	

#### Consolidating Statement of Activities Year Ended March 31, 2019

	American Civil Liberties Union, Inc.						915 15th Street,					
				American Civil Liberties Union Foundation, Inc.		LLC		Consolidated				
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total	Without Donor Restrictions	Eliminations	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total	
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Support and revenue:												
Support:												
Current member contributions	\$ 101,062,368	\$ -	\$ 101,062,368	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 101,062,368	\$ -	\$ 101,062,368	
New member contributions	18,633,390	-	18,633,390	-	-	-	-	-	18,633,390	-	18,633,390	
Grants and contributions	5,990,385	3,704,806	9,695,191	89,351,710	43,596,883	132,948,593	-	-	95,342,095	47,301,689	142,643,784	
Donated legal services	-	-	-	14,477,401	-	14,477,401	-	-	14,477,401	-	14,477,401	
Bequests	4,793,512	1,032,241	5,825,753	23,578,374	413,600	23,991,974			28,371,886	1,445,841	29,817,727	
Total support	130,479,655	4,737,047	135,216,702	127,407,485	44,010,483	171,417,968	<u> </u>		257,887,140	48,747,530	306,634,670	
Revenue:												
List rentals	304,597	-	304,597	-	-	-	-	-	304,597	-	304,597	
Rental income	-	-	-	383,326	-	383,326	1,001,212	(434,298)	950,240	-	950,240	
Merchandise and book sales	_	_	_	468,001	_	468,001	· · · -	-	468,001	_	468,001	
Other income	8.162	_	8,162	658,314	_	658,314	_	_	666,476	_	666.476	
Total revenue	312,759		312,759	1,509,641	_	1,509,641	1,001,212	(434,298)	2,389,314	-	2,389,314	
Net assets released from restrictions	11,812,956	(11,812,956)	012,700	29,529,603	(29,529,603)	1,000,041	1,001,212	(404,200)	41,342,559	(41,342,559)	2,000,014	
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Total support and revenue	142,605,370	(7,075,909)	135,529,461	158,446,729	14,480,880	172,927,609	1,001,212	(434,298)	301,619,013	7,404,971	309,023,984	
Expenses:												
Program services:												
Legislative	28,154,937	-	28,154,937	4,334,926	-	4,334,926	-	(1,220)	32,488,643	-	32,488,643	
Legal	4,557,712	_	4,557,712	64,664,167	-	64,664,167	-	(309,714)	68,912,165	-	68,912,165	
Public education	27,042,064	_	27,042,064	13,853,672	_	13,853,672	_	(29,855)	40,865,881	_	40,865,881	
Civil liberties policy formulation	740,222	_	740,222	870,395	_	870,395	_	(108)	1,610,509	_	1,610,509	
Affiliate support	74,177,252	_	74,177,252	50,480,274	_	50,480,274	_	(33,120)	124,624,406	_	124,624,406	
Total program services	134,672,187	_	134,672,187	134,203,434	-	134,203,434		(374,017)	268,501,604	-	268,501,604	
Supporting services:		•										
Management and general	5,649,821		5,649,821	5,265,772		5,265,772	1,282,325	(1,241)	12,196,677		12,196,677	
		-			-		1,202,323	, ,		-		
Fundraising	5,605,981	<del>-</del>	5,605,981	14,429,220	-	14,429,220		(59,040)	19,976,161	-	19,976,161	
Total supporting services	11,255,802	-	11,255,802	19,694,992	-	19,694,992	1,282,325	(60,281)	32,172,838	-	32,172,838	
Total expenses	145,927,989	-	145,927,989	153,898,426	-	153,898,426	1,282,325	(434,298)	300,674,442	-	300,674,442	
Change in net assets before other changes	(3,322,619)	(7,075,909)	(10,398,528)	4,548,303	14,480,880	19,029,183	(281,113)	_	944,571	7,404,971	8,349,542	
other changes	(0,022,010)	(1,010,000)	(10,000,020)	4,040,000	14,400,000	10,020,100	(201,110)		044,071	7,404,071	0,040,042	
Other changes in net assets:												
Legal expenses awarded, net	-	-	-	3,917,156	-	3,917,156	-	-	3,917,156	-	3,917,156	
Net investment income, gains and losses	5,407,625	23,307	5,430,932	4,998,668	3,797,939	8,796,607	_	_	10,406,293	3,821,246	14,227,539	
Changes in value of split-interest agreements	· · · · · -		· · · · -	(1,285,862)	(135,019)	(1,420,881)	_	_	(1,285,862)		(1,420,881)	
Net loss on investment in				( , , ,	(,,	( , -, ,			( ,, ,	(,,	( , -, ,	
915 15th Street, LLC	-	-	-	(281,113)	-	(281,113)	-	281,113	-	-	-	
Recognition of affiliates' share of minimum												
pension liability adjustment	(388,864)	-	(388,864)	(833,082)	-	(833,082)	-	-	(1,221,946)	-	(1,221,946)	
Minimum pension liability adjustment	(3,739,544)	-	(3,739,544)	-	-	-	-	-	(3,739,544)	-	(3,739,544)	
Total other changes in net assets	1,279,217	23,307	1,302,524	6,515,767	3,662,920	10,178,687	-	281,113	8,076,097	3,686,227	11,762,324	
Change in net assets	(2,043,402)	(7,052,602)	(9,096,004)	11,064,070	18,143,800	29,207,870	(281,113)	281,113	9,020,668	11,091,198	20,111,866	
Net assets:												
Beginning of year	140,190,382	9,245,753	149,436,135	215,569,410	126,717,131	342,286,541	(2,101,533)	2,101,533	355,759,792	135,962,884	491,722,676	
End of year	\$ 138,146,980	\$ 2,193,151	\$ 140,340,131	\$ 226,633,480	\$ 144,860,931	\$ 371,494,411	\$ (2,382,646)	\$ 2,382,646	\$ 364,780,460	\$ 147,054,082	\$ 511,834,542	