

THE HEISING-SIMONS FOUNDATION
(A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION)

DECEMBER 31, 2017 AND 2016



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

AND

CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Heising-Simons Foundation
(A Nonprofit Organization)

**Independent Auditors' Report
and Consolidated Financial Statements**

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Independent Auditors' Report

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THE HEISING-SIMONS FOUNDATION
Los Altos, California

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of **THE HEISING-SIMONS FOUNDATION (the Foundation)** which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, and the related consolidated statements of activities and changes in net assets, and cash flows for the years then ended and the related notes to the consolidated financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these consolidated 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 consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits 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 consolidated financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated 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 consolidated 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 consolidated 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 consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of The Heising-Simons Foundation as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, and the results of its activities and changes in net assets, and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Hood & Strong LLP

San Francisco, California
November 29, 2018

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Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

| <i>December 31,</i> | 2017 | 2016 |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| Assets | | |
| Cash and equivalents | \$ 920,192 | \$ 3,636,303 |
| Investments - at fair value | 489,250,726 | 362,002,494 |
| Investments in transit | 8,057,445 | 76,495,953 |
| Program related investment, net | 2,767,465 | 2,436,216 |
| Prepaid expenses and other assets | 509,062 | 324,128 |
| Leasehold improvements and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation | 3,479,551 | 3,623,475 |
| Security deposits | 105,000 | 80,000 |
| Total assets | \$ 505,089,441 | \$ 448,598,569 |
| Liabilities and Net Assets | | |
| Liabilities: | | |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | \$ 1,163,984 | \$ 1,068,150 |
| Direct charitable activities payable | 719,935 | 21,500 |
| Grants payable - net of discounts | 41,358,717 | 30,906,664 |
| Deferred excise taxes payable | 3,577,000 | 2,496,000 |
| Total liabilities | 46,819,636 | 34,492,314 |
| Unrestricted Net Assets | 458,269,805 | 414,106,255 |
| Total liabilities and net assets | \$ 505,089,441 | \$ 448,598,569 |

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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Consolidated Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets

| <i>Years Ended December 31,</i> | 2017 | 2016 |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Revenues and Support: | | |
| Contributions | \$ 19,970,757 | \$ 35,345,000 |
| Investment income: | | |
| Net realized gains on investments | 55,952,824 | 105,526,792 |
| Net unrealized gains/(losses) on investments | 53,882,957 | (2,690,012) |
| Interest and dividend income | 496,048 | 1,214,669 |
| Net investment income before federal excise taxes | 110,331,829 | 104,051,449 |
| Federal excise tax expense | 1,555,900 | 1,225,200 |
| Total revenues and support | 128,746,686 | 138,171,249 |
| Expenses: | | |
| Program services: | | |
| Grants to charitable organizations | 74,705,996 | 53,483,402 |
| Other program expenses | 6,887,743 | 5,551,563 |
| Total program services | 81,593,739 | 59,034,965 |
| Management and general | 2,989,397 | 2,771,180 |
| Total expenses | 84,583,136 | 61,806,145 |
| Increase in Net Assets | 44,163,550 | 76,365,104 |
| Net Assets, unrestricted - beginning of year | 414,106,255 | 337,741,151 |
| Net Assets, unrestricted - end of year | \$ 458,269,805 | \$ 414,106,255 |

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Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

| <i>Years Ended December 31,</i> | 2017 | 2016 |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| Cash Flows from Operating Activities: | | |
| Increase in net assets | \$ 44,163,550 | \$ 76,365,104 |
| Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash used by operating activities: | | |
| Depreciation | 479,656 | 459,787 |
| Loss on disposal of equipment | 981 | 1,043 |
| Net realized gains on investments | (55,952,824) | (105,526,792) |
| Net unrealized (gains)/losses on investments | (53,882,957) | 2,690,012 |
| Program related investment discount | (31,250) | (31,250) |
| Grants payable discount | (137,466) | (187,699) |
| Changes in: | | |
| Prepaid expenses | (184,935) | (169,661) |
| Prepaid excise taxes | - | 90,029 |
| Security deposits | (25,000) | - |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | 95,834 | 563,506 |
| Direct charitable activities payable | 698,435 | 21,500 |
| Federal excise taxes payable | 1,081,000 | (37,000) |
| Grants payable | 10,589,519 | 1,678,045 |
| Net cash used by operating activities | (53,105,457) | (24,083,376) |
| Cash Flows from Investing Activities: | | |
| Purchases of leasehold improvements and equipment | (336,712) | (158,763) |
| Investments in transit | 68,438,508 | (51,495,953) |
| Proceeds from sale of investments | 147,680,713 | 207,387,365 |
| Purchase of program related investment | (299,999) | - |
| Purchases of investments | (165,093,164) | (159,067,116) |
| Net cash provided (used) by investing activities | 50,389,346 | (3,334,467) |
| Net Change in Cash and Equivalents | (2,716,111) | (27,417,843) |
| Cash and Equivalents, beginning of year | 3,636,303 | 31,054,146 |
| Cash and Equivalents, end of year | \$ 920,192 | \$ 3,636,303 |

Supplemental Disclosure:

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| Federal excise and income taxes paid, net of refunds | \$ 484,819 | \$ 1,070,145 |
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See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

Note 1 - Description of Foundation:

The Heising-Simons Foundation (the "Foundation") was organized in 2007 under the Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law for charitable purposes. The specific charitable focus of the Foundation is to make grants dedicated to sustainable solutions in climate and clean energy, research in science, enhance the education of our youngest learners, and support human rights for all people.

In 2016, the Foundation established a single member California limited liability company (the Company) where the Foundation is the sole member. The Company is formed for the purpose of making investments in various investment vehicles. The Company has been consolidated into the Foundation's financial statements.

Note 2 - Significant Accounting Policies:

a. Method of Accounting

The consolidated financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. The consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of the Foundation and the Company. All intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated.

b. Basis of Presentation

The Foundation's consolidated financial statements are presented on the basis of unrestricted, temporarily restricted, and permanently restricted net assets.

Unrestricted net assets represent unrestricted resources available to support the Foundation's operations and temporarily restricted resources, which become available for use by the Foundation in accordance with the intentions of donors.

Temporarily restricted net assets represent contributions that are limited in use by the Foundation in accordance with temporary donor-imposed stipulations. These stipulations may expire with time or may be satisfied and removed by the actions of the Foundation according to the terms of the contribution. Upon satisfaction of such stipulations, the associated net assets are released from temporarily restricted net assets and recognized as unrestricted net assets. If a restriction is fulfilled in the same fiscal year in which the contribution is received, the Foundation classifies the support as unrestricted. The Foundation has no temporarily restricted net assets at December 31, 2017 and 2016.

Permanently restricted net assets represent contributions to be held as investments in perpetuity as directed by the donor. The Foundation has no permanently restricted net assets.

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c. Cash and Equivalents

For purposes of the consolidated statement of cash flows, the Foundation considers all highly liquid debt instruments purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. Cash and cash equivalents principally include cash in banks and money market funds except those held for investment purposes.

d. Investments

Investments are reported at fair value. Investments in corporate bonds are carried at fair market value, based upon published market values, and all realized and unrealized gains and losses are reported in the consolidated statement of activities and changes in net assets. Certain investments are valued at the net asset value per unit or percentage of ownership as reported by the investment funds in which the Foundation is invested.

In addition, the Foundation reports certain investments using the Net Asset Value (NAV) per share as determined by the investment funds in which the Foundation is invested under the so-called “practical expedient.” The practical expedient allows net asset value per share to represent fair value for reporting purposes when the criteria for using this method are met.

e. Fair Value Measurements

The Foundation carries certain assets and liabilities at fair value. Fair value is defined as the price that would be received if selling an asset or paid if transferring a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

Fair value measurement standards also require the Foundation to classify these financial instruments into a three-level hierarchy. The Foundation classifies its financial assets and liabilities according to three levels, and maximizes the use of observable inputs and minimizes the use of unobservable inputs when measuring fair value.

Level 1 - Inputs are quoted market prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity has the ability to access at the measurement date.

Level 2 - Observable inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3 - Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability that are not corroborated by market data.

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f. Investments in Transit

Investments in transit consist of funds that are in the process of being liquidated from or transferred to investment accounts.

g. Leasehold Improvements and Equipment

Leasehold improvements and equipment are stated at cost. Leasehold improvements comprised a majority of the balance at December 31, 2017 and 2016. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets or lease term, whichever is shorter. Useful lives range from three to twelve years.

Renewals and betterments that amend the economic useful lives of the related assets are capitalized. The Foundation expenses, as incurred, other expenditures for repairs and maintenance.

h. Contribution Revenue Recognition

Contributions are generally recognized as revenue when received or unconditionally promised. Contributions of assets other than cash are recorded at their estimated fair value.

i. Tax Status

The Foundation is a nonprofit organization exempt from income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (the “Code”) and Section 23701(d) of the Revenue and Taxation Code of the State of California. The Foundation has been determined by the Internal Revenue Service to be a private foundation within the meaning of Section 509(a) of the Code. The Foundation and its Company are subject to federal excise taxes based on net investment income as defined in the Tax Reform Act of 1969. Deferred taxes are recorded on the unrealized gain on investments. In addition, the Foundation could be subject to tax on unrelated business income, if any, generated by its investments.

The Foundation follows the guidance of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) Topic 740 for accounting for uncertainty in income taxes. Management evaluated the Foundation’s tax positions and concluded that the Foundation had maintained its tax exempt status and had taken no uncertain tax positions that require adjustment to the financial statements.

j. Grant Expense

Grant expense consists of grants made to various other charitable organizations as determined by the Foundation's Board of Directors and are recorded when commitments have been formally approved.

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k. Grants Payable

The Foundation recognizes grants payable for unconditional promises to give and conditional promises to give when the possibility of not meeting the condition is remote. Grants payable are recorded at a discounted rate if they will extend beyond one year from the date of commitment. Discounts are amortized as grant expense over the life of the grant commitment.

l. 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.

m. Concentrations of Risk

Financial instruments, which potentially subject the Foundation to concentrations of credit and other risks, consist of cash and equivalents and investments. The Foundation's investments are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market fluctuations and credit risks.

Cash is transferred to operating accounts as needed, the balances of which may exceed FDIC insured limits.

n. Program-Related Investments

Program related investments are strategic funding for the specific objective of furthering the Foundation's charitable purpose and may be in the form of a loan or an equity investment. Debt investments are carried at cost, unless it is determined that a discount is material to the Foundation's financial statements. Equity investments are also carried at cost.

These investments are evaluated for impairment annually and written down if appropriate. Management has reviewed the collectability of the program related investments and has determined no allowance is necessary as of December 31, 2017 or 2016. Interest on the program related investments loan receivables is generally charged below market rates. The Foundation's loan receivables are recorded at the time the loan is agreed to by both parties. The equity investment made in the form of preferred stock is not convertible and is recorded at cost.

Program related investments loan receivables at December 31, 2017 and 2016, includes a \$2,500,000 loan made to one organization due January 15, 2019. The interest rate on that loan receivable is 2% and is repayable in full at maturity. The loan is uncollateralized and discounted at the rate valid at the date of issuance which amounted to \$32,534 and \$63,784 for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

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During 2017, the Foundation made a program related equity investment in a for-profit company of preferred stock that is not convertible and is carried at its cost basis of \$299,999.

o. Reclassifications

Certain reclassifications have been made to the prior year consolidated financial statements to conform to the current year presentation. There was no effect on net assets or changes in net assets as a result of the reclassifications.

p. Recent Accounting Pronouncements

Pronouncements effective in the future:

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-02 – Leases (Topic 842). The amendments in this update will supersede much of the existing authoritative guidance for leases. This guidance requires lessees, among other things, to recognize right-of-use assets and liabilities on their balance sheet for all leases with lease terms longer than twelve months. The standard will be effective for the Foundation, since it is not deemed a public business entity, for its fiscal year beginning after December 15, 2019, and for interim periods beginning after December 15, 2020 with early application permitted. Entities are required to use modified retrospective application for leases that exist or are entered into after the beginning of the earliest comparative period in the consolidated financial statements with the option to elect certain transition reliefs. The Foundation is currently evaluating the impact of this pronouncement on its consolidated financial statements.

In August 2016, FASB issued ASU 2016-04 Not-for-Profit Entities (Topic 958) Presentation of Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Entities. The ASU changes presentation and disclosure requirements for not-for-profit entities to provide more relevant information about their resources, and the changes in those resources, to the users of the financial statements. The standard is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017 and early adoption is permitted. The Foundation is currently evaluating the impact the new standard will have on its consolidated financial statements.

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In June 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018-08, Clarifying the Scope and the Accounting Guidance for Contributions Received and Contributions Made (Topic 958). The ASU 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. It provides a framework for determining whether a contribution is conditional or unconditional, and for distinguishing a donor-imposed condition from a donor-imposed restriction. The new ASU does not apply to transfers of assets from governments to businesses. The amendments in the Update are effective for annual financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018. Early application of the amendments in the Update is permitted and applied prospectively. The Foundation is currently evaluating the impact of this pronouncement on its consolidated financial statements.

q. Subsequent Events

The Foundation evaluated subsequent events from December 31, 2017 through November 29, 2018, the date these consolidated financial statements were available to be issued. There were no material subsequent events that required recognition or additional disclosure in these consolidated financial statements, except as disclosed in Note 8.

Note 3 - Investments:

At December 31, 2017 and 2016, investments are recorded at fair value. The estimated fair values of the Foundation's investments are as follows:

| | 2017 | 2016 |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Cash equivalents (investment related) | \$ 94,469 | \$ 2,363,826 |
| Corporate bonds | 23,888,741 | 32,289,958 |
| Alternative investments | 465,267,516 | 327,348,710 |
| Total | \$ 489,250,726 | \$ 362,002,494 |

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Note 4 - Fair Value Measurements:

The table below presents assets at December 31, 2017 measured at fair value on a recurring basis:

| | Level 1 | Level 2 | Total |
|---|-----------|---------------|----------------|
| Cash Equivalents (investment related) | \$ 94,469 | | \$ 94,469 |
| U.S. Treasuries | | \$ 13,808,899 | 13,808,899 |
| Corporate Bonds: | | | |
| Communication Services | | 2,016,047 | 2,016,047 |
| Financial Services | | 6,055,860 | 6,055,860 |
| Technology | | 2,007,935 | 2,007,935 |
| Total corporate bonds | | 10,079,842 | 10,079,842 |
| Investments measured at net asset value per share (a): | | | |
| Alternative Investment Funds | | | 465,267,516 |
| Total investments measured at net asset value | | | 465,267,516 |
| Total assets measured at fair value | \$ 94,469 | \$ 23,888,741 | \$ 489,250,726 |

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The table below presents assets at December 31, 2016 measured at fair value on a recurring basis:

| | Level 1 | Level 2 | Total |
|---|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| Cash Equivalents (investment related) | \$ 2,363,826 | | \$ 2,363,826 |
| Corporate Bonds: | | | |
| Communication Services | | \$ 5,082,807 | 5,082,807 |
| Consumer | | 7,035,146 | 7,035,146 |
| Financial Services | | 11,109,871 | 11,109,871 |
| Technology | | 2,010,075 | 2,010,075 |
| Healthcare | | 6,028,976 | 6,028,976 |
| Utilities | | 1,023,083 | 1,023,083 |
| Total corporate bonds | | 32,289,958 | 32,289,958 |
| Investments measured at net asset value per share (a): | | | |
| Alternative Investment Funds | | | 327,348,710 |
| Total investments measured at net asset value | | | 327,348,710 |
| Total assets measured at fair value | \$ 2,363,826 | \$ 32,289,958 | \$ 362,002,494 |

- (a) In accordance with ASC subtopic 820-10, certain investments that are measured at fair value using the net asset value 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.

Net Asset Value (NAV) Per Share

The Foundation uses the Net Asset Value (NAV) to determine the fair value of all the investments which do not have readily determinable fair value and prepares its consolidated financial statements consistent with the measurement principles of an investment company or has the attributes of an investment company.

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The following table lists investments valued at NAV, which were all alternative investments held at December 31, 2017 and 2016.

| | # of <u>Funds</u> 2017/2016 | 2017 <u>Fair Value</u> | 2016 <u>Fair Value</u> | Unfunded <u>Commitment</u> | <u>Redemption</u> | Notice Period <u>(days)</u> |
|--|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Multi-Strategy (a) Redeemable | 2/2 | \$ 336,004,254 | \$ 209,613,529 | \$ 8,057,445 | Monthly - Quarterly | 10-45 |
| Hedge funds (b) Redeemable with restrictions | 1/1 | 121,483,791 | 113,682,616 | 17,775,585 | Semi-Annual | 120 |
| Real Assets (c) Non redeemable | 1/1 | 2,663,816 | 1,659,603 | 258,117 | None | |
| Commercial Mortgage Back Securities (d) Non redeemable | 2/1 | 3,117,568 | 1,500,872 | 3,130,929 | None | |
| Real Estate Debt (e) Non redeemable | 1/1 | 1,998,087 | 892,090 | 1,135,800 | None | |
| | | \$ 465,267,516 | \$ 327,348,710 | \$ 30,357,876 | | |

During 2017, the Foundation committed \$10 million to a social impact private equity fund that has not been funded as of December 31, 2017 and not included in the unfunded commitments above.

- (a) The multi-strategy funds are master fund investment portfolios consisting principally of readily marketable securities, which are valued at quoted market prices. As of December 31, 2017 and 2016, the Foundation owned 13.61% and 14.31% of one of the funds in this category.
- (b) The hedge fund is a so-called “fund of hedge funds.” The fund consists principally of investments in hedge funds and other funds of hedge funds and is subject to a thirty-six-month lockup period which expires December 31, 2017. As of December 31, 2017 and 2016, the Foundation owned 21.15% of this fund.
- (c) Real assets are investments in real property, improvements and other such assets (real or personal) located in the five boroughs of New York City and the greater New York City metropolitan area. The fund has an expected life span of 10 years beginning May 31, 2016.
- (d) The investment objective of this fund is to invest directly or indirectly in Commercial Mortgage Back Securities (CMBS) B-Pieces and other investments and to engage in related activity. The funds are scheduled to dissolve in 2027 and 2028, unless otherwise extended or terminated under the funds’ respective limited partnership agreements.

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(e) The investment objective of this fund is to invest directly or indirectly in certain real estate debt and other investments and to engage in related activity. The fund is scheduled to dissolve in 2024, unless otherwise extended or terminated under the fund's limited partnership agreement.

Note 5 - Leasehold Improvements and Equipment, Net:

Leasehold improvements and equipment at December 31, 2017 and 2016 consist of the following:

| | 2017 | 2016 |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| Leasehold improvements | \$ 3,227,418 | \$ 3,215,846 |
| Furniture and equipment | 699,704 | 692,794 |
| Artwork | 223,266 | 223,266 |
| Computers and software | 616,459 | 300,305 |
| <hr/> | | |
| Total leasehold improvements and equipment | 4,766,847 | 4,432,211 |
| Less: accumulated depreciation | (1,287,296) | (808,736) |
| <hr/> | | |
| <u>Leasehold improvements and equipment, net</u> | <u>\$ 3,479,551</u> | <u>\$ 3,623,475</u> |

Depreciation expense for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 was \$479,656 and \$459,787, respectively.

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Note 6 - Grants Payable and Direct Charitable Activities Payable:

The Foundation's Board of Directors authorizes certain grants to charitable organizations to be paid over multiple years. The Foundation has a grant with a contingent matching amount of \$565,000 which is not included in Grants Payable at December 31, 2017. Grants payable and direct charitable activities payable at December 31, 2017 are scheduled to be paid in the following years:

| Year ending December 31 | Grants Payable | Direct Charitable Activities Payable |
|--|-------------------|--|
| 2018 | \$ 31,307,180 | \$ 719,935 |
| 2019 | 7,386,513 | |
| 2020 | 3,068,899 | |
| 2021 | 306,750 | |
| <hr/> | | |
| Subtotal | 42,069,342 | 719,935 |
| Less discounts | (710,625) | |
| <hr/> | | |
| Grants payable and direct charitable activities, net | \$ 41,358,717 | \$ 719,935 |

At December 31, 2016, grants payable was \$30,906,664 net of discounts of \$573,159, and direct charitable activities payable was \$21,500.

Note 7 - Excise Taxes:

In accordance with applicable Treasury regulations, the Foundation is classified as a private foundation subject to an excise tax of two percent on net investment income, including realized gains. The Foundation is eligible to reduce its tax liability from two percent to one percent of net investment income if a certain level of distributions, calculated as defined in the Treasury regulations, is attained. The Foundation utilized one percent (1%) for the current calculations. A rate of two percent (2%) was used for the deferred tax calculations.

Tax regulations require that certain minimum distributions be made in accordance with a specified formula. The Foundation is in full compliance with the regulations.

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The provision for current and deferred excise taxes is as follows:

| | <u>December 31,</u> | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| | 2017 | 2016 |
| Current excise tax expense | \$ 474,900 | \$ 1,262,200 |
| Deferred excise expense (benefit) | 1,081,000 | (37,000) |
| | <hr/> | |
| Total | \$ 1,555,900 | \$ 1,225,200 |

Note 8 - Commitments:

Beginning in March of 2015, the Foundation moved into new office space in Los Altos. The space has a twelve year operating lease for 11,117 square feet. In September of 2017, the Foundation amended the lease agreement to include 3,186 square feet of additional space in the building. Rent expense for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 was \$875,999 and \$882,695, respectively.

Minimum future rental payments under the combined lease are estimated as follows: \$817,600 in 2018, \$984,600 in 2019, \$1,116,000 in 2020, \$1,149,500 in 2021, \$1,183,900 in 2022, and \$5,437,500 thereafter.

Subsequent to year end, the Foundation signed a lease for office space in San Francisco expiring in 2026. Minimum future rental payments under the lease are estimated as follows: \$38,000 in 2018, \$457,300 in 2019, \$471,000 in 2020, \$485,100 in 2021, \$499,700 in 2022, and \$1,731,000 thereafter.

Note 9 - Retirement Plan:

The Foundation has a 401(k) retirement plan covering all employees who have met minimum service and age requirements. The Foundation will match 200% of the employees' contribution up to 8% of eligible compensation subject to legal limits. In addition, the Foundation may make additional contributions at the discretion of the Board of Directors. The Foundation's contributions to the plan amounted to \$630,229 and \$542,059 for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

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Deferred Compensation Plans

The Foundation established the Heising-Simons Foundation 457(b) Plan effective on January 1, 2016 for key employees. Deferrals are made at the discretion of the participants, subject to certain limitations. Related assets and liabilities total \$126,839 and \$63,944 at December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

Note 10 - Related Parties:

For the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, contributions received by the Foundation were made by individuals or Trust arrangements created by involved persons or having beneficiaries related to the Foundation's Directors.