

Amidst His Push For Voter Suppression Legislation, Texas Governor Greg Abbott Has Raked In Millions From Corporate Donors Like The Owner Of The Houston Rockets, PACs and Leaders Of Oncor And Ryan LLC, And Others.

After Texas Lawmakers Killed Gov. Abbott's Voter Suppression Legislation In May 2021, Abbott Has Vowed To Push Voting Restrictions Through The Legislature By Calling "Special Session After Special Session"

In Spring Of 2021, Texas Gov. Greg Abbott Called "Election Integrity" An "Emergency" In Texas And Praised The Texas Legislature's Voter Restriction Bill SB 7—The Bill Was Denounced As The "Largest Step Back Since Jim Crow"

May 2021: Texas Governor Greg Abbot Claimed That "Election Integrity" Was An Emergency In Texas. "Abbott, who says 'election integrity' remains an emergency in Texas, wields control over what is essentially legislative overtime, where lawmakers consider issues on a sped-up timeline. When the session will begin remains unclear." [The Guardian, [05/31/21](#)]

Texas Governor Greg Abbott Praised Texas' SB7, Claiming That It Would Make It "Easier To Vote And Harder To Cheat." "Texas is making it easier to vote and harder to cheat. #SB7 increases the hours of early voting and protects the number of early voting days — days that states like NY & Biden's home state of Delaware do NOT have." [Twitter, [04/29/21](#)]

HEADLINE: "Largest Step Back Since Jim Crow": Houston-area Officials, Business Leaders Denounce SB7, HB6 Bills." [Click2Houston, [04/05/21](#)]

In May 2021, After Democrats Broke Quorum To Stop SB7, Greg Abbott Threatened To Cut The Legislature's Budget And Demanded A Special Session To Advance Voter Restriction Legislation And Other Republican Priorities

May 31, 2021: After Democrats Broke Quorum, Stopping The Republican-Backed Voting Bill "In Its Tracks," Governor Abbott Threatened To Cut The Legislature's Budget. "Things are tense between Governor Greg Abbott and the Texas Legislature. Their budget is on the chopping block in retaliation for a Republican-backed voting bill being stopped in its tracks. 'It's a nuclear bomb brought to a knife fight,' said Harvey Kronberg, editor of the Quorum Report Political Newsletter. In a tweet on Monday, Governor Abbott called out the legislature, threatening their funding following a quorum break by House Democrats, which effectively killed the Senate's voting bill, according to Representative John Smithee of Amarillo." [ABC7 Amarillo, [06/01/21](#)]

May 2021: Abbott Claimed That The Failure Of The Texas State Legislature's Election Bill Was "Deeply Disappointing" And Called For A Special Session. "The Texas governor, Greg Abbott — who leads the state's domineering Republican majority — has announced he will include the high-stakes issue on his agenda when he reconvenes the legislature for a rapid-fire special session. He called the failure of the bill 'deeply disappointing.'" [The Guardian, [05/31/21](#)]

Early June 2020: Gov. Abbott Told The Dallas Morning News "I Fully Expect To Have A [Special] Session Where We Will Pass An Election Integrity Bill." "On elections and voting, he has said he wants lawmakers to send him an 'election security' bill and legislation related to bail reform. 'I fully expect to have a session where we will pass an election integrity bill, as well as bail reform,' Abbott told The Dallas Morning

News earlier this month. 'Those are both needed and they both must pass. And as we get there, we may be adding some additional items.'" [Dallas Morning News, [06/22/21](#)]

June 22, 2021: Gov. Abbott Officially Called For A Special Legislative Session, Which Would Begin July 8, 2021. [Texas Tribune, [06/22/21](#)]

In July 2021, During Texas' Special Session, Texas State Legislators Fled The State To Block Passage Of The Republicans' Election Restriction Bill—Abbott Responded By Threatening To Arrest Legislators And Promising To Call "Special Session After Special Session" To Pass The Election Bill

July 2021: Texas House Democrats Left The State In A Bid To Block Passage Of The Republican Election Bill. "After House Democrats left the state Monday in an attempt to block passage of a GOP election bill during the special legislative session, attention turned to the Republicans and what they can do to get the priority legislation passed [...] It's unclear though what impact such an order could have, given that Democrats have flown to Washington, D.C. where Texas law enforcement does not have jurisdiction. Republicans are also keeping their cards close to the vest as to whether there are other tactics they plan to employ to compel members from the state's minority party to return to Austin before the special session ends in 26 days." [Texas Tribune, [07/12/21](#)]

In Response To The Democrats Fleeing The State, Abbot Threatened To Arrest The Legislators Upon Their Return To Texas. "Answering your second question, yes, there is something the governor can do. First of all, I'll tell you what the House of Representatives can do. What the speaker can do is issue a call to have these members arrested. In addition to that, however, I can and I will continue to call a special session after special session all the way up until election next year. And so if these people want to be hanging out wherever they're hanging out on this taxpayer-paid junket, they're going to have to be prepared to do it for well over a year. As soon as they come back in the state of Texas, they will be arrested, they will be cabined inside the Texas Capitol until they get their job done. Everybody who has a job must show up to do that job, just like your viewers on watching right now. State representatives have that same responsibility." [KVUE, [07/12/21](#)]

Abbot Promised To Call "Special Session After Special Session" To Get The Election Bill Done. "Of course, even if the Senate passes SB1, without a quorum in the House, the bill will die in the special session. But Abbott promised to call 'special session after special session after special session' to get an election bill done. And a redistricting special session looms." [Twitter, [07/13/21](#)]

The Houston Rockets Have Highlighted That Their Home Arena Was A Voting Site In The 2020 Election For Public Relations Purposes, And Declared That "Voting Is An Extremely Important Right" – But Their Billionaire Owner, Tilman Fertitta, Contributed \$200,000 To Greg Abbott In June 2021

Tilman Fertitta Is The Billionaire Owner Of The Houston Rockets And Massive Restaurant And Entertainment Company Landry's, Inc.

Tilman J. Fertitta Is The Chairman, President and CEO of Landry's Inc. [Landry's Inc., accessed [07/14/20](#)]

Landry's Inc. Operated "More Than 600 Properties," Through Its Subsidiaries And Affiliates, As Of Mid-2020. "With a host of concepts flourishing across the nation and around the world, Landry's, Inc., through its subsidiaries and affiliated entities, continues to find success on all fronts. As a group, Landry's owns and operates more than 600 properties [...] Landry's has vaulted into position as one of America's leading dining, entertainment, gaming and hospitality groups." [Landry's Inc., accessed [07/14/20](#)]

Tilman Fertitta, A Billionaire, Also Owns The Houston Rockets Basketball Team. “The billionaire owns business across the country, including the NBA’s Houston Rockets, and said he expects more disruptions to those businesses if the federal government does not step in.” [CNBC, [07/07/20](#)]

Tilman Fertitta Was “Worth Nearly \$3 Billion” As Of 2017. “Self-made billionaire and restaurateur Tilman Fertitta says Donald Trump is going to help America because he is going to help American business. [...] Fertitta is worth nearly \$3 billion and has 60,000 employees spread across his restaurant and casino empire.” [CNBC, 03/07/17]

June 2021: Tilman Fertitta Gave \$200,000 To Texas Governor Greg Abbott’s Campaign

June 2021: Tilman Fertitta Contributed \$200,000 To Texans For Greg Abbott.

Date 06/30/2021	Full name of contributor <input type="checkbox"/> out-of-state PAC (ID#: _____) Fertitta, Tilman Contributor address; City; State; Zip Code Houston, TX 77027-9505	Amount of Contribution (\$) \$200,000.00
Principal occupation / Job title (See Instructions) Executive		Employer (See Instructions) Landry’s Restaurants, Inc.

[Texas Ethics Commission, Texans for Greg Abbott, July Report, filed [07/15/21](#)]

- **Texans For Greg Abbott Pays For Greg Abbott’s Official Campaign Website.** “Political Ad paid for by Texans for Greg Abbott.” [Abbott for Governor, accessed [07/23/21](#)]

In 2020, The Houston Rockets Promoted The Use Of Their Home Arena – The Toyota Center – As A Voting Site To Seek Positive Press Coverage, Declaring That “Voting Is An Extremely Important Right.”

In 2020, The Houston Rockets Worked With Harris County Clerk To Have The Team’s Home Arena, The Toyota Center, Serve As A Vote Center In The 2020 Election. “The Houston Rockets and the Harris County Clerk office today announced that Toyota Center will serve as a Vote Center for the 2020 Presidential General Election. Toyota Center will be open to any registered voter in Harris County from Oct. 13-30 and on Election Day, Nov. 3. Hours of operation will run seven days a week from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.” [NBA, [08/27/20](#)]

- **The Toyota Center Is “The Home To The NBA’s Houston Rockets.”** “Laid over the span of six city blocks, Toyota Center is home to the NBA’s Houston Rockets. Toyota Center also plays host to the nation’s top concerts and touring shows.” [Toyota Center, accessed [07/15/21](#)]

The General Manager For The Toyota Center – Doug Hall – Said The Team And The Arena Were “Honored To Help Serve” The Community By Providing A Voting Location At The Stadium. “On behalf of the Houston Rockets, and Toyota Center, we are honored to help serve our community by providing a safe and convenient location for Harris County voters for the upcoming Presidential election,” said Doug Hall, General Manager & Senior Vice President of Toyota Center.” [NBA, [08/27/20](#)]

- **Hall Lists His Employer As The Houston Rockets.** [Linkedin Profile for Doug Hall, accessed [07/23/21](#)]

Hall Also Thanked The Harris County Clerk For “Allowing The Rockets And Toyota Center To Offer Support” Because “Voting Is An Extremely Important Right.” “Voting is an extremely important right which

many have fought hard for throughout the years and we want to thank the Harris County Clerk office for allowing the Rockets and Toyota Center to offer support.” [NBA, [08/27/20](#)]

The Rockets Also Partnered With A Nonpartisan Voter Engagement Group To “Energize Voting Interest In The Election.” “In an effort to energize voting interest in the upcoming election, the Rockets have partnered with I am a voter., a nonpartisan movement which aims to create a cultural shift around voting and civic engagement.” [NBA, [08/27/20](#)]

The Houston Rockets Have Organized At Least Two Voter Registration Drives, Including One At The Toyota Center. “HOUSTON – Due to Tropical Storm Beta, the Houston Rockets have rescheduled their voter registration drive at Toyota Center for Friday, Sept. 25. Anyone who is eligible to vote may register regardless of which county they reside in.” [Houston Rockets, accessed [07/15/21](#)]



[Houston Rockets, accessed [07/15/21](#)]

Ryan LLC, Whose Executive Described The Company’s Workplace Diversity As “Reinforc[ing] Our Efforts To Have A Diverse Workplace That Lives Our Values,” Gave \$100,000 To Greg Abbott Through Its Texas PAC In June 2021.

Dallas-Based Tax Firm Ryan LLC Has Repeatedly Been On Fortune Magazine’s “Best Workplaces Diversity List,” And One Of Its Executives Has Said The Recognition “Reinforces Our Efforts To Have A Diverse Workplace That Lives Our Values.”

In 2019, Dallas-Based Tax Firm Ryan LLC Was On Fortune Magazine’s “Best Workplaces For Diversity” List For The “Fourth Time In The Past Five Years.” “Ryan, a leading global tax services and software provider, has been named by *FORTUNE* magazine as one of the nation’s Best Workplaces for Diversity in 2019. This is the third consecutive year for the Firm to make *FORTUNE*’s annual list and the fourth time in the past five years.” [Ryan LLC, [12/23/19](#)]

- **Dallas-Based Ryan LLC Is “The Largest Firm In The World Dedicated Exclusively To Business Taxes.”** “Ryan, an award-winning global tax services and software provider, is the largest Firm in the world dedicated exclusively to business taxes. With global headquarters in Dallas, Texas, the Firm provides an integrated suite of federal, state, local, and international tax services on a multijurisdictional basis, including tax recovery, consulting, advocacy, compliance, and technology services.” [Ryan LLC, [12/20/17](#)]

Ryan LLC Global President And COO’s Said, “This Recognition From Our Employees Reinforces Our Efforts To Have A Diverse Workplace That Lives Our Values.” “We have worked to create an inclusive culture that encourages our employees to find ways to connect with one another, listen, and build on their unique perspectives to make valuable contributions to their teams and the Firm,’ said Ryan Global President and Chief Operating Officer Ginny B. Kissling. ‘This recognition from our employees reinforces our efforts to have a diverse workplace that lives our values and continues to deliver meaningful results to our clients.” [Ryan LLC, [12/23/19](#)]

In 2017, Ryan LLC Chairman And CEO G. Brint Ryan Said, “This Diverse Set Of Employee Experiences Ensures That We Continue To Develop Innovative And Meaningful Ways To Deliver Superior Value And Results For Our Clients.” “Earning this recognition as a premier workplace for diversity supports our ongoing efforts to attract and retain top talent that provides a myriad of individual perspectives and ideas,’ said G. Brint Ryan, Chairman and CEO of Ryan. ‘This diverse set of employee experiences ensures that we continue to develop innovative and meaningful ways to deliver superior value and results for our clients.” [Ryan LLC, [12/20/17](#)]

On June 30, 2021, Ryan Texas PAC Contributed \$100,000 To Texans For Greg Abbott.

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4 Date 06/30/2021	5 Full name of contributor <input type="checkbox"/> out-of-state PAC (ID#: _____) Ryan Texas PAC	7 Amount of Contribution (\$) \$100,000.00
6 Contributor address; City; State; Zip Code Dallas, TX 75240-5050		
8 Principal occupation / Job title (See Instructions)		9 Employer (See Instructions)

[Texas Ethics Commission, Texans for Greg Abbott, July Report, filed [07/15/21](#)]

Ryan Texas PAC Is Associated With Ryan LLC. “Three noncampaign PACs all made big donations: Ryan Texas PAC, which is associated with a tax services consulting firm founded by Brint Ryan; Friedkin's Gulf States Toyota Inc. PAC and the Texans for Lawsuit Reform PAC.” [Texas Tribune, [08/16/19](#)]

- **G. Brint Ryan Is The Chairman And CEO Of Ryan LLC.** [Ryan LLC, accessed [07/23/21](#)]

Although Oncor Claims To “Champion” Supplier Diversity And Has Quoted Martin Luther King Jr. In Honor Of Black History Month, Its Leadership And Texas PAC Contributed \$150,000 To Greg Abbott In June 2021

Oncor’s Claims To “Champion” Supplier Diversity And Released A Black History Month Video Quoting Dr. Rev. Martin Luther King Jr’s “It Is Not Possible To Be In Favor Of Justice For Some People And Not Be In Favor Of Justice For All People”

Oncor Website Claims That Oncor “Champions” Its Supplier Diversity Program And Has A “Dedication” To Support Customer Communities.

SUPPLIER DIVERSITY

Oncor champions a progressive supplier diversity initiative that strengthens our dedication to the economic development of our customer communities. The initiative has the endorsement and support of the highest levels of the Oncor management team.

POLICY AND COMMITMENT

Oncor participates in activities, organizations and programs that support small, minority and woman-owned businesses. We provide opportunities to companies with the following federal designation:

- Small business
- Small disadvantaged business
- Small woman-owned businesses
- Small businesses located in HUB Zones
- Small businesses owned by service-disabled veterans

Working with Oncor Strategic Sourcing and Procurement, all company business units are responsible for administering and implementing supplier diversity.

[Oncor, accessed [04/08/21](#)]

2021: Oncor Posted On Facebook To Honor Black History Month With A Video Featuring The Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King Jr. Quote “It Is Not Possible To Be In Favor Of Justice For Some People And Not Be In Favor Of Justice For All People.”



[Oncor on Facebook, [02/08/21](#)]

In June 2021, Oncor Texas State Political Action Committee Of Oncor Electric Delivery And Oncor Leadership Together Contributed \$150,000 To Texans For Greg Abbott

June 30, 2021: Oncor Texas State Political Action Committee of Oncor Electric Delivery Contributed \$50,000 To Texans For Greg Abbott.

Date 06/30/2021	Full name of contributor <input type="checkbox"/> out-of-state PAC (ID#: _____) Oncor Texas State Political Action Committee of Oncor Electric Delivery Contributor address; City; State; Zip Code Dallas, TX 75202-1234	Amount of Contribution (\$) \$50,000.00
Principal occupation / Job title (See Instructions)		Employer (See Instructions)

[Texas Ethics Commission, Texans for Greg Abbott, July Report, filed [07/15/21](#)]

June 30, 2021: Erle Nye, Jr., Whose Listed Occupation Was “General Counsel” At “Oncor Electric Delivery Company,” Contributed \$100,000 To Texans For Greg Abbott.

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4 Date 06/30/2021	5 Full name of contributor <input type="checkbox"/> out-of-state PAC (ID#: _____) Nye Jr., Erle 6 Contributor address; City; State; Zip Code Dallas, TX 75225-7117	7 Amount of Contribution (\$) \$100,000.00
8 Principal occupation / Job title (See Instructions) General Counsel		9 Employer (See Instructions) Oncor Electric Delivery Company

[Texas Ethics Commission, Texans for Greg Abbott, July Report, filed [07/15/21](#)]

- **E. Allen Nye Jr. Is Oncor’s CEO.** [Smart Grid Center, Accessed [07/15/21](#)]
- **E. Allen Nye’s Father Was Erle Nye.** [D Magazine, [July 18](#)]

Nye, Now The CEO Of Oncor, Served As General Counsel At Oncor Until 2018. [LinkedIn, accessed [07/22/21](#)]

Big Name Leaders At Texas Universities—Like The Provost Of The University Of Houston, The Chancellor Of The Texas State University System, The Chairman Of The Texas Tech Foundation, And An Advisory Council Member At Texas A&M—Gave Greg Abbott At Least \$150,000 In June 2021

Paula Short, The Senior Vice President For Academic Affairs And Provost At The University Of Houston, Gave \$5,000 To Greg Abbot In June 2021—The University Of Houston Has Emphasized “The Importance Of Voting,” Noting That “People Were Willing To Risk Their Lives To Secure The Right To Vote.”

Paula Myrick Short Is The Senior Vice President For Academic Affairs and Provost At The University Of Houston. [University of Houston, accessed [07/22/21](#)]

June 25, 2021: Paula Short, Listed As A Senior Vice President For The University Of Houston, Gave \$5,000 To Texans For Greg Abbott.

2 FILER NAME Texans for Greg Abbott		3 Filer ID (Ethics Commission Filers) 00051153
4 Date 06/25/2021	5 Full name of contributor <input type="checkbox"/> out-of-state PAC (ID#: _____) Short, Paula	7 Amount of Contribution (\$) \$5,000.00
6 Contributor address; City; State; Zip Code Houston, TX 77058-4379		
8 Principal occupation / Job title (See Instructions) Senior Vice President		9 Employer (See Instructions) University of Houston

[Texas Ethics Commission, Texans for Greg Abbott, July Report, filed [07/15/21](#)]

The University Of Houston Has Touted The “Importance Of Voting,” Noting It Is “The Only Way To Preserve The Government ‘Of The People, By The People, For The People’” And That The Right To Participate In Elections “Includes Each One Of Us.” “Importance of Voting The only way to preserve the government ‘of the people, by the people, for the people’ that President Abraham Lincoln described in the Gettysburg Address is for ‘the people’ to participate in election of that government. ‘The people’ that Lincoln was talking about includes each one of us.” [University of Houston, accessed [07/23/21](#)]

The University Of Houston’s Page Promoting Voting Observed, ““Not Too Many Years Ago, People Were Willing To Risk Their Lives To Secure The Right To Vote.” “Not too many years ago, people were willing to risk their lives to secure the right to vote. It is a privilege we cannot take for granted. It was not until 1918 that women were allowed to vote. Eighteen year olds have only been able to vote since 1971. The very close Bush v. Gore presidential election in 2000 showed us clearly that each vote can make a difference. Voting is the cornerstone of democracy. We cannot waste this hard-won privilege if we want to preserve government ‘of the people, by the people, for the people.” [University of Houston, accessed [07/23/21](#)]

Brian McCall, The Chancellor Of The Texas State University System, Contributed \$10,000 To Greg Abbott’s Campaign On June 25, 2021—Texas State University Touted Its Status As A “Voter Friendly Campus” After It And Its Students Worked Increase Voting Machines And Early Voting At The School

Brian McCall Was The Chancellor Of The Texas State University System, As Of July 23, 2021. [Texas State University System, accessed [07/23/21](#)]

June 25, 2021: Brian McCall, Listed As The Chancellor Of The Texas State University System, Gave \$10,000 To Texans For Greg Abbott.

Date 06/25/2021	Full name of contributor <input type="checkbox"/> out-of-state PAC (ID#: _____) McCall, Brian	Amount of Contribution (\$) \$10,000.00
Contributor address; City; State; Zip Code Austin, TX 78701-2904		
Principal occupation / Job title (See Instructions) Chancellor		Employer (See Instructions) Texas State University System

[Texas Ethics Commission, Texans for Greg Abbott, July Report, filed [07/15/21](#)]

Texas State University, Part Of The Texas State University System, Touted Its Designation As A “Voter Friendly Campus,” Based On The School’s “Inclusive Programming” To Promote Voting. “Texas State University has been designated a ‘Voter Friendly Campus’ through an initiative led by the national nonpartisan organizations Fair Elections Center’s Campus Vote Project (CVP) and the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) – Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education. The designation is based on Texas State’s nonpartisan, university-wide and inclusive programming and events that encouraged students to register and vote in the 2020 elections and beyond.” [Texas State University, [03/10/21](#)]

- **Texas State University Is Part Of The Texas State University System.** “The Texas State University System consists of seven institutions located throughout the state: Lamar University, Sam Houston State University, Sul Ross State University, Texas State University, Lamar Institute of Technology, Lamar State College Orange and Lamar State College Port Arthur. You can view a map of our institutions [here](#).” [Texas State University System, accessed [07/23/21](#)]

In August 2020, Texas State University’s President Formed An Elections Task Force, Which Included Six Subcommittees That Collaborated In Promoting “Voting And Civic Engagement,” Including A Dedicated “Voter Friendly Campus” Subcommittee. “In preparation for the 2020 elections, Texas State President Denise M. Trauth formed an elections task force in August 2020 with 25 faculty, staff and student members. Sherri Benn, assistant vice president for institutional inclusive excellence for student initiatives, chaired the task force which developed a plan to proactively prepare the university community for the elections and promote constructive interactions through the election season. ‘Voter Friendly Campus’ was one of six elections task force subcommittees and was charged with implementing strategies, in collaboration with the other five subcommittees, to provide opportunities for engagement in respectful discourse, promotion of voting and civic engagement, preparation for election night and post-election processing.” [Texas State University, [03/10/21](#)]

The School’s Dean Of Students Co-Chaired The “Voter Friendly Campus” Subcommittee—And Her Fellow Co-Chair Noted That They Worked On Increasing The Number Of Voting Machines And Increasing Early Voting Days At The University. “Graduate student Catherine Wicker and Vincent E. Morton, associate vice president for student affairs and dean of students, co-chaired the subcommittee, Student Government Senator Patrick Maloney was a task force member, and undergraduate students Kalin Garcia and Jessica Myers were Democracy Fellows. Bill DeSoto, professor of political science, and Jennifer Lamm, lecturer in political science, were faculty advisors for the subcommittee. ‘This was really a holistic approach, beginning with our students working to increase the number of voting machines and extend early voting days at the university, to providing support after the election,’ Wicker said. ‘The effort was student-led and student-centered, and had support from a variety of departments and organizations across the university community.’” [Texas State University, [03/10/21](#)]

A Co-Chair Of The Voting Friendly Campus Subcommittee Said Participants Were Helping To “Make Sure That Their Peers Have The Right To Vote.” “‘I am especially proud that a team of nine student groups with diverse views worked together. We are doing something right when our students are willing to come together to help make sure that their peers have the right to vote.’” [Texas State University, [03/10/21](#)]

On June 28, 2021, Donald Sinclair, Former President And CEO Of Western Gas And Chairman Of The Texas Tech Foundation, Gave \$10,000 To Greg Abbott’s Campaign

Donald Sinclair Is The Chairman Of The Texas Tech Foundation. [Texas Tech, accessed [07/22/21](#)]

Donald Sinclair Was CEO Of Western Gas Partners From 2009 To 2017. “From 2009 to 2017 he served as CEO of Western Gas Partners and Western Gas Equity Partners, both publicly-traded midstream master limited partnerships. As chief executive of the Western Gas entities, he was also senior vice president of Anadarko Petroleum Corporation.” [Texas Tech, accessed [07/22/21](#)]

June 28, 2021: Donald Sinclair, Listed As President And CEO Of Western Gas, Contributed \$10,000 To Texans For Greg Abbott.

Date 06/28/2021	Full name of contributor Sinclair, Donald	<input type="checkbox"/> out-of-state PAC (ID#: Contributor address; City; State; Zip Code Houston, TX 77005-2108	Amount of Contribution (\$) \$10,000.00
Principal occupation / Job title (See Instructions) President/Chief Executive Officer		Employer (See Instructions) Western Gas	

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David Baggett—Who Served On The Board Of The Texas A&M Business School’s Dean’s Development Council And Is Currently The Longest Serving Member Of The Accounting Department Advisory Council—Gave \$125,000 To Greg Abbott In June 2021

David Baggett Is The “Founder And Managing Partner Of Opportune LLP.” [Opportune LLP, accessed [07/22/21](#)]

David Baggett Served On The Board Of The Dean’s Development Council Of The Texas A&M Business School And “And Is Currently The Longest Serving Member Of Its Accounting Department Advisory Council.” “David also served on the board of the Dean’s Development Council of the Mays Business School at Texas A&M University and is currently the longest serving member of its Accounting Department Advisory Council. David was named an Outstanding Alumnus of the Mays Business School in 2011. In 2016, David was recognized by the James Benjamin Department of Accounting at the Mays Business School by being named to the initial class of its Accounting Hall of Honor.” [Opportune LLP, accessed [07/22/21](#)]

June 30, 2021: David Baggett Jr., Whose Listed Employer Was Opportune LLP, Contributed \$125,000 To Texans For Greg Abbott.

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4 Date 06/30/2021	5 Full name of contributor Baggett Jr., David	7 Amount of Contribution (\$) \$100,000.00
6 Contributor address; City; State; Zip Code Houston, TX 77002-2711		
8 Principal occupation / Job title (See Instructions) Consultant		9 Employer (See Instructions) Opportune LLP
Date 06/30/2021	Full name of contributor Baggett Jr., David	Amount of Contribution (\$) \$25,000.00
Contributor address; City; State; Zip Code Houston, TX 77002-2711		
Principal occupation / Job title (See Instructions) Consultant		Employer (See Instructions) Opportune LLP

[Texas Ethics Commission, Texans for Greg Abbott, July Report, filed [07/15/21](#)]

James Bodenstedt, The CEO Of MUY! Companies, Which Owns Taco Bell, Pizza Hut, And Wendy’s Franchises Across The US, Gave Greg Abbott \$100,000 In June 2021.

James Bodenstedt Is The CEO Of Fast Food Franchisee MUY! Companies, Which Owns Wendy’s, Taco Bell, And Pizza Hut Franchises Across The US

James Bodenstedt Is The CEO Of MUY! Companies. “James Bodenstedt is the CEO of MUY! Companies, which owns Wendy's, Taco Bell and Pizza Hut franchises across the country.” [USA Today, [06/11/21](#)]

MUY! Companies Owns Wendy's, Taco Bell, And Pizza Hut Franchises Across The United States. “James Bodenstedt is the CEO of MUY! Companies, which owns Wendy's, Taco Bell and Pizza Hut franchises across the country.” [USA Today, [06/11/21](#)]

On June 24th, 2021, James Bodenstedt Gave \$100,000 To Texans For Greg Abbott

June 24, 2021: James Bodenstedt, Listed As A Manager of MUY Brands, Contributed \$100,000 To Texans For Greg Abbott.

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4 Date 06/24/2021	5 Full name of contributor <input type="checkbox"/> out-of-state PAC (ID#: _____) Bodenstedt, James 6 Contributor address; City; State; Zip Code San Antonio, TX 78232-1031	7 Amount of Contribution (\$) \$100,000.00
8 Principal occupation / Job title (See Instructions) Manager		9 Employer (See Instructions) MUY Brands, LLC

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PACs, Executives, And Board Members Of Texas Oil, Gas, And Energy Companies Contributed At Least \$1.9 Million To Greg Abbott In June 2021 Alone—Many Of These Contributions, Including One \$1 Million Contribution, Came From Billionaire Texas Oil Moguls

On June 30, 2021, Gas And Electric Utility CenterPoint's PAC Contributed \$10,000 To Texans For Greg Abbott

June 30, 2021: CenterPoint Energy, Incorporated PAC Contributed \$10,000 To Texans For Greg Abbott.

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4 Date 06/30/2021	5 Full name of contributor <input type="checkbox"/> out-of-state PAC (ID#: _____) CenterPoint Energy, Incorporated Political Action Committee 6 Contributor address; City; State; Zip Code Houston, TX 77210-4567	7 Amount of Contribution (\$) \$10,000.00
8 Principal occupation / Job title (See Instructions)		9 Employer (See Instructions)

[Texas Ethics Commission, Texans for Greg Abbott, July Report, filed [07/15/21](#)]

CenterPoint Energy Is An Electric And Gas Utility. [MarketWatch, [06/22/21](#)]

On June 23, 2021, Valero Energy Corporation PAC Gave \$10,000 To Texans For Greg Abbott

June 30, 2021: Valero Energy Corporation PAC Contributed \$10,000 To Texans For Greg Abbott.

4 Date 06/30/2021	5 Full name of contributor <input type="checkbox"/> out-of-state PAC (ID#: _____) Valero Energy Corporation PAC	7 Amount of Contribution (\$) \$10,000.00
6 Contributor address; City; State; Zip Code San Antonio, TX 78269-6000		
8 Principal occupation / Job title (See Instructions)		9 Employer (See Instructions)

[Texas Ethics Commission, Texans for Greg Abbott, July Report, filed [07/15/21](#)]

On June 30, 2021, NRG Energy Inc. Political Action Committee Contributed \$25,000 To Texans For Greg Abbott

June 30, 2021: NRG Energy Inc. Political Action Committee Contributed \$25,000 To Texans For Greg Abbott.

Date 06/30/2021	Full name of contributor <input type="checkbox"/> out-of-state PAC (ID#: _____) NRG Energy Inc. Political Action Committee	Amount of Contribution (\$) \$25,000.00
Contributor address; City; State; Zip Code Austin, TX 78701-9957		
Principal occupation / Job title (See Instructions)		Employer (See Instructions)

[Texas Ethics Commission, Texans for Greg Abbott, July Report, filed [07/15/21](#)]

On June 23, 2021, Kelcy Warren, The Billionaire Founder And Executive Chairman Of Oil Pipeline Company Energy Transfer, Gave \$1 Million To Greg Abbott's Campaign

Kelcy L. Warren Founded Energy Transfer LP And Currently Serves As The Executive Chairman Of The Board Of Directors Of Energy Transfer LP. [Energy Transfer, accessed [07/22/21](#)]

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Principal occupation / Job title (See Instructions) Executive	Employer (See Instructions) Energy Transfer	

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June 30, 2021: Jay Graham, Who Listed His Occupation As “Engineer” At Spur Energy Partners, Contributed \$250,000 To Greg Abbott.

Date 06/30/2021	Full name of contributor <input type="checkbox"/> out-of-state PAC (ID#: _____) Graham, Jay Contributor address; City; State; Zip Code Houston, TX 77024-5018	Amount of Contribution (\$) \$250,000.00
Principal occupation / Job title (See Instructions) Engineer	Employer (See Instructions) Spur Energy Partners	

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Date 06/30/2021	Full name of contributor <input type="checkbox"/> out-of-state PAC (ID#: _____) Hildebrand, Jeffery & Mindy Contributor address; City; State; Zip Code Houston, TX 77251-1308	Amount of Contribution (\$) \$250,000.00
Principal occupation / Job title (See Instructions) Executive		Employer (See Instructions) Hilcorp Energy Company

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Jeffrey Hildebrand Co-Founded Hilcorp In 1990. [Forbes, accessed [07/22/21](#)]

Hilcorp Acquired BP's Assets In Alaska In 2020. [Forbes, accessed [07/22/21](#)]

Hilcorp Is "America's Biggest Privately Owned Oil Company" By Production Volume. [Forbes, accessed [07/22/21](#)]

On June 28, 2021, Donald Sinclair, Former President And CEO Of Western Gas And Chairman Of The Texas Tech Foundation, Gave \$10,000 To Greg Abbott's Campaign

June 28, 2021: Donald Sinclair, Listed As President And CEO Of Western Gas, Contributed \$10,000 To Texans For Greg Abbott.

Date 06/28/2021	Full name of contributor <input type="checkbox"/> out-of-state PAC (ID#: _____) Sinclair, Donald Contributor address; City; State; Zip Code Houston, TX 77005-2108	Amount of Contribution (\$) \$10,000.00
Principal occupation / Job title (See Instructions) President/Chief Executive Officer		Employer (See Instructions) Western Gas

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Donald Sinclair Was CEO Of Western Gas Partners From 2009 To 2017. "From 2009 to 2017 he served as CEO of Western Gas Partners and Western Gas Equity Partners, both publicly-traded midstream master limited partnerships. As chief executive of the Western Gas entities, he was also senior vice president of Anadarko Petroleum Corporation." [Texas Tech, accessed [07/22/21](#)]

Donald Sinclair Is The Chairman Of The Texas Tech Foundation. [Texas Tech, accessed [07/22/21](#)]

On June 29, 2021, Brian Sheffield, The Billionaire Founder Of Parsley Energy, Contributed \$100,000 To Greg Abbott's Campaign

Bryan Sheffield Is Founded Parsley Energy In 2008. "Bryan Sheffield founded Parsley Energy during oil's record run in 2008 after taking over 109 old wells that his grandfather Joe Parsley had drilled around Midland, Texas in the 1960s and '70s." [Forbes, accessed [07/22/21](#)]

As Of March 2017, Bryan Sheffield Had A Net Worth Of \$1.3 Billion. [Forbes, accessed [07/22/21](#)]

June 29, 2021: Brian Sheffield, President Of Parsley Energy, Contributed \$100,000 To Texans For Greg Abbott.

Date 06/29/2021	Full name of contributor <input type="checkbox"/> out-of-state PAC (ID#: _____) Sheffield, Bryan Contributor address; City; State; Zip Code Austin, TX 78746-1929	Amount of Contribution (\$) \$100,000.00
Principal occupation / Job title (See Instructions) President		Employer (See Instructions) Parsley Energy

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On June 30, 2021, William Greehey, The Chairman of NuStar Energy, Contributed \$100,000 To Greg Abbott's Campaign

William "Bill" Greehey Is The Chairman Of NuStar Energy, Formerly Served As CEO Of Valero. "Bill Greehey became Chairman of the Board in January 2002. He has also been the Chairman of the board of directors of NuStar GP Holdings, LLC since March 2006. Mr. Greehey served as Chairman of the board of directors of Valero Energy Corporation from 1979 through January 2007. Mr. Greehey was CEO of Valero Energy Corporation from 1979 through December 2005, and President of Valero Energy Corporation from 1998 until January 2003." [NuStar, accessed [07/22/21](#)]

NuStar Energy Is "One Of The Largest Independent Liquids Terminal And Pipeline Operators In The Nation" With 10,000 Miles Of Pipeline. "NuStar Energy L.P., a publicly traded master limited partnership based in San Antonio, is one of the largest independent liquids terminal and pipeline operators in the nation. NuStar currently has approximately 10,000 miles of pipeline and 73 terminal and storage facilities that store and distribute crude oil, refined products, renewable fuels and specialty liquids. The partnership's combined system has approximately 72 million barrels of storage capacity, and NuStar has operations in the United States, Canada and Mexico." [NuStar, accessed [07/22/21](#)]

June 30, 2021: William Greehey, Chairman Of NuStar Energy, Contributed \$100,000 To Texans For Greg Abbott.

Date 06/30/2021	Full name of contributor <input type="checkbox"/> out-of-state PAC (ID#: _____) Greehey, William Contributor address; City; State; Zip Code San Antonio, TX 78278-0489	Amount of Contribution (\$) \$100,000.00
Principal occupation / Job title (See Instructions) Chairman		Employer (See Instructions) NuStar Energy/ NuStar GP Holdings

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On June 29, 2021, Ruben Martin III, The CEO Of Martin Resource Management Corp., Contributed \$100,000 To Greg Abbott's Campaign

Ruben S. Martin III Is The President And CEO Of Martin Midstream Partners. [Martin Midstream, accessed [07/22/21](#)]

Ruben S. Martin III Has Served As President And Chairman Of Martin Resource Management Corporation Since 1981. [Martin Resource Management, accessed [07/22/21](#)]

Martin Resource Management Corporation Is An "Independent Provider Of Marketing And Distribution Of Fuel Oil, Asphalt, Diesel Fuel" And Other Products. "Martin Resource Management Corporation through

its various subsidiaries (“MRMC”) is an independent provider of marketing and distribution of fuel oil, asphalt, diesel fuel and high-quality naphthenic lubricants. MRMC markets over 250 million gallons of diesel fuel and lubricants per year along the Gulf Coast and over 1.5 million barrels of naphthenic lubricants and base oils per year throughout the United States.” [Martin Resource Management, accessed [07/22/21](#)]

June 29, 2021: Ruben Martin III, Listed As “President/CEO” Of Martin Resource Management Corp., Contributed \$100,000 To Texans For Greg Abbott.

Date 06/29/2021	Full name of contributor <input type="checkbox"/> out-of-state PAC (ID#: _____) Martin III, Ruben	Amount of Contribution (\$) \$100,000.00
Contributor address; City; State; Zip Code Kilgore, TX 75663-0191		
Principal occupation / Job title (See Instructions) President/CEO		Employer (See Instructions) Martin Resource Management Corp.

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On June 30, 2021, Billionaires Carole And C. James Looke Contributed \$50,000 To Greg Abbott’s Campaign—Cecil James Looke Is VP Of Operations For Walter Oil & Gas

Carole Walter Looke Is The Daughter Of Joe Walter Jr, Who Founded Walter Oil And Gas. [Forbes, accessed [07/22/21](#)]

According To Forbes, The Walters Were Worth \$1.8 Billion As Of 2015. [Forbes, accessed [07/22/21](#)]

“Jim” Looke, The Husband Of Carole Walter Looke, Ran Walter Oil & Gas, As Of 2015. “Twins Joseph ‘Rusty’ Walter, III. and Carole Walter Looke inherited Walter Oil & Gas from their father, Joe, Jr., a wildcatter who built Houston Oil & Minerals by drilling along the Gulf Coast of Texas and Louisiana. After selling to Tenneco in 1981, Walter started over with Walter Oil & Gas, continuing to grow the company until his death in 1997. Now run by Rusty and by Carole’s husband Jim Looke, the company has drilled more than 450 wells in the Gulf. It is one of the biggest privately-held oil companies in the nation.” [Forbes, accessed [07/22/21](#)]

Cecil James Looke III Was The Vice President Of Operations For Walter Oil & Gas Corporation, As Of July 23, 2021. [Walter Oil & Gas Corporation, accessed [07/23/21](#)]

June 30, 2021: Carole And C. James Looke, Whose Reported Occupation Was “Owner” Of Walter Oil And Gas Corporation, Contributed \$50,000 To Texans For Greg Abbott.

Date 06/30/2021	Full name of contributor <input type="checkbox"/> out-of-state PAC (ID#: _____) Looke III, Carole & C. James	Amount of Contribution (\$) \$50,000.00
Contributor address; City; State; Zip Code Houston, TX 77002-5231		
Principal occupation / Job title (See Instructions) Owner		Employer (See Instructions) Walter Oil and Gas Corporation

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Despite Whole Foods Stating On Its Website “We Earn Trust Through [...] Inclusive People Practices,” Whole Foods CEO John Mackey Contributed \$20,000 To Greg Abbott In June 2021.

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John Mackey, CEO And Co-Founder Of Whole Foods, Contributed \$20,000 To Texans For Greg Abbott On June 30, 2021

June 30, 2021: John Mackey, Co-Founder And CEO Of Whole Foods, Contributed \$20,000 To Texans For Greg Abbott.

Date 06/30/2021	Full name of contributor <input type="checkbox"/> out-of-state PAC (ID#: _____) Mackey, John Contributor address; City; State; Zip Code Austin, TX 78703-4644	Amount of Contribution (\$) \$20,000.00
Principal occupation / Job title (See Instructions) Co-Founder/CEO		Employer (See Instructions) Whole Foods Markert

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The Same Month That Charter Communications Launched A Multicultural News Network To “Give A Voice To The Issues And Priorities That Matter” To Customers, Charter’s Texas PAC Contributed \$15,000 To Greg Abbott

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[Charter Policy on Facebook, [06/04/21](#)]

Weeks Later, On June 30th 2021, Charter's Texas PAC Contributed \$15,000 To Texans For Greg Abbott

June 30, 2021: Charter Communications, Inc. Texas PAC Contributed \$15,000 To Texans For Greg Abbott.

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4 Date 06/30/2021	5 Full name of contributor <input type="checkbox"/> out-of-state PAC (ID#: _____) Charter Communications, Inc. Texas PAC	7 Amount of Contribution (\$) \$15,000.00
6 Contributor address; City; State; Zip Code Austin, TX 78701-2491		
8 Principal occupation / Job title (See Instructions)		9 Employer (See Instructions)

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June 2021 Million Dollar Contributions To Greg Abbott Came From A Billionaire Horse Breeder, The Owner Of Texas' Largest Highway Contractor, A Billionaire Founder Of An Oil Pipeline Company, And A Retired Ranching Couple That Has Previously Made Headlines For Million Dollar Contributions To Republican Lawmakers

Kenny Troutt, A Billionaire Who Owns A Horse Breeder That Produced A Kentucky Derby Winner, Gave Abbott \$1 Million In June 2021.

According To Forbes, Kenny Troutt Was Worth \$1.5 Billion, As Of July 23, 2021. [Forbes, accessed [07/23/21](#)]

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Kenny Troutt Is The Founder Of Excel Communications, Which He Sold To Teleglobe In 1998. [Forbes, accessed [07/22/21](#)]

Kenny Troutt Owns Thoroughbred Kentucky Horse Breeder WinStar Farms, Which Bred A Kentucky Derby Winner. [Forbes, accessed [07/22/21](#)]

June 30, 2021: Kenny Trout, Whose Reported Occupation Was "Executive" At "Mount Vernon Investments," Contributed \$1 Million To Texans For Greg Abbott.

Date 06/30/2021	Full name of contributor <input type="checkbox"/> out-of-state PAC (ID#: _____) Troutt, Kenny Contributor address; City; State; Zip Code Dallas, TX 75229-5424	Amount of Contribution (\$) \$1,000,000.00
Principal occupation / Job title (See Instructions) Executive	Employer (See Instructions) Mount Vernon Investments	

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Mount Vernon Investments Has Been "The Troutt Family's Investment Arm." "Joe O'Brien, president of Dallas-based Rider Investments L.P., declines to say how much his firm received from Mount Vernon Investments L.L.C., the Troutt family's investment arm." [Dallas Business Journal, [07/11/04](#)]

James “Doug” Pitcock Jr., The Owner, Chairman, And CEO Of Texas’ Largest Highway Contractor, Gave Greg Abbott \$1 Million In June 2021

Doug Pitcock Is Owner, Chairman, And CEO Of Williams Brothers Construction. [Williams Bros. Construction, accessed [07/22/21](#)]

Williams Brothers Is The Largest Highway Contractor In Texas And One Of The Largest Highway Contractors In The US. “Williams Brothers has completed over 350 projects with a total value of over \$12 billion making it one of the largest highway contractors in the United States as well as the largest in Texas.” [Williams Bros. Construction, accessed [07/22/21](#)]

In 2010, James “Doug” Pitcock Was Operating A Boat When It Crashed And Killed A Passenger. “The operator of a speeding boat that crashed and killed a woman over the holiday weekend was James Doug Pitcock Jr., the CEO of Williams Brothers Construction Co., the state's largest highway construction company. Pitcock, 82, was treated at Hermann Memorial Hospital in the Medical Center for injuries he received in the accident Sunday morning. Hospital officials said Thursday that Pitcock requested no further information be released.” [Houston Chronicle, [09/09/10](#)]

June 24, 2021: James Pitcock Jr., Whose Reported Occupation Was “Contractor” At “Williams Bros. Construction,” Contributed \$1 Million To Texans For Greg Abbott.

Date 06/24/2021	Full name of contributor <input type="checkbox"/> out-of-state PAC (ID#: _____) Pitcock Jr., James Contributor address; City; State; Zip Code Houston, TX 77096-5302	Amount of Contribution (\$) \$1,000,000.00
Principal occupation / Job title (See Instructions) Contractor		Employer (See Instructions) Williams Bros. Construction

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Michael And Mary Porter, A Retired Ranching Couple That Has Previously Made Headlines For Contributing \$2 Million To Abbott, Contributed Another \$1 Million To Greg Abbott In June 2021—The Couple Also Launched A PAC In January Of 2021

June 25, 2021: Michael And Mary Porter Contributed \$1 Million To Texans For Greg Abbott.

Date 06/25/2021	Full name of contributor <input type="checkbox"/> out-of-state PAC (ID#: _____) Porter, Michael & Mary Contributor address; City; State; Zip Code Doss, TX 78618-0219	Amount of Contribution (\$) \$1,000,000.00
Principal occupation / Job title (See Instructions) Retired		Employer (See Instructions) Retired

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In 2017, After Making A \$1 Million Contribution To Abbott’s Campaign, Michael Porter “Said He Was A Humble Rancher” And That He And His Wife Were “Very, Very, Very Private People.” “Reached by telephone, Michael Porter said he was a humble rancher, that he and his wife are ‘very, very, very private people,’ that they just like and support Abbott, ‘and there is really not much more to it than that.’” [Statesman, [07/20/17](#)]

In January 2021, The Texas Tribune Reported That Michael And Mary Porter Emerged “As Some Of The Biggest Donors To Texas Republicans” With “Two \$1 Million Contributions To Gov. Greg Abbott.”

“Over the past few years, the retired Hill Country couple Michael and Mary Porter have emerged as some of the biggest donors to Texas Republicans, most notably making two \$1 million contributions to Gov. Greg Abbott.” [Texas Tribune, [01/08/21](#)]

January 2021: Michael And Marry Porter Launched A PAC Called “Texans For Responsible Government” For The 2022 Cycle. “Now they are getting even more serious about their giving, launching a new political action committee as the 2022 election cycle begins. The group, Texans for Responsible Government, is starting with \$1 million in initial funding from Michael Porter, according to an announcement first shared with The Texas Tribune. The PAC’s first donation was to presumptive state House Speaker Dade Phelan, R-Beaumont.” [Texas Tribune, [01/08/21](#)]

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