



SAN ANTONIO CAMPAIGN-FINANCE TRANSPARENCY REVIEW

Housing, real-estate, development, and related interests

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\$470,492.77

industry-linked contributions identified across 12 reviewed campaigns

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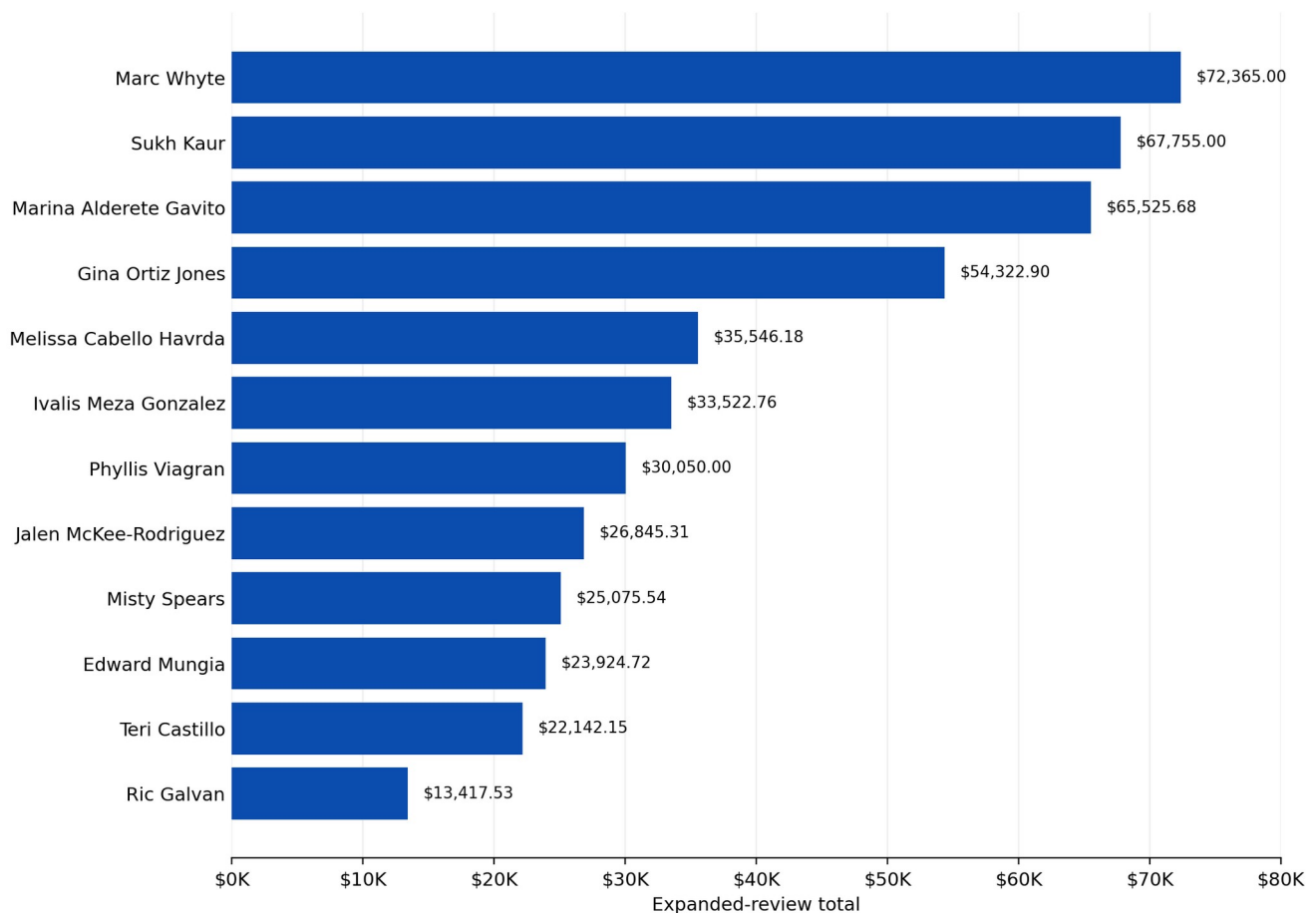
1. Executive summary

The approved expanded review identified **\$470,492.77** in contributions associated with apartment, REALTOR®, real-estate, development, property-management, construction, finance, and related interests across 12 San Antonio political campaigns.

- The amount is the sum of the 12 campaign totals reported in this publication.
- The figure is not the total amount raised by these campaigns.
- The figure is not money paid to the City of San Antonio.
- The review includes the current mayor, all 10 council districts, and one additional reviewed mayoral campaign.
- The same methodology was applied regardless of whether an official supported or opposed the veteran housing amendment.

Core finding: organized housing, real-estate, development, and related interests have a measurable financial presence across San Antonio campaigns. The appropriate public response is transparency, equal scrutiny, policy accountability, voter education, registration, and participation - not unsupported accusations.

Industry-linked campaign contributions identified by the approved review



2. Campaign totals and veteran-housing vote context

The vote-context column is included as a documented policy reference. It is not presented as evidence that campaign contributions caused any vote.

Office / campaign	Campaign	Expanded-review total	May 7, 2026 amendment
District 10	Marc Whyte	\$72,365.00	Voted to keep exemptions
District 1	Sukh Kaur	\$67,755.00	Voted to keep exemptions
District 7	Marina Alderete Gavito	\$65,525.68	Voted to keep exemptions
Mayor	Gina Ortiz Jones	\$54,322.90	Supported removing exemptions
Additional reviewed campaign	Melissa Cabello Havrda	\$35,546.18	Not serving on Council at vote
District 8	Ivalis Meza Gonzalez	\$33,522.76	Voted to keep exemptions
District 3	Phyllis Viagran	\$30,050.00	Voted to keep exemptions
District 2	Jalen McKee-Rodriguez	\$26,845.31	Supported removing exemptions
District 9	Misty Spears	\$25,075.54	Voted to keep exemptions
District 4	Edward Mungia	\$23,924.72	Supported removing exemptions
District 5	Teri Castillo	\$22,142.15	Voted to keep exemptions
District 6	Ric Galvan	\$13,417.53	Supported removing exemptions
TOTAL - 12 REVIEWED CAMPAIGNS		\$470,492.77	

Melissa Cabello Havrda is shown as an additional reviewed campaign because her campaign was included in the approved citywide financial review. She was not serving on City Council for the May 7, 2026 amendment vote.

3. Public methodology

Purpose and scope

This report converts an approved internal review into a public-facing summary. It reports aggregate campaign totals, the classification method, public source systems, and safeguards used to reduce duplicate counting and unsupported attribution.

Public data sources

- City of San Antonio campaign-finance reports filed with the local filing authority for mayoral and City Council campaigns.
- Texas Ethics Commission campaign-finance reports and PAC records.
- Texas Ethics Commission Campaign Finance CSV Database and record-layout documentation used for PAC and donor cross-checking.
- Public business, professional, and organizational information used to verify donor affiliations where necessary.

Expanded-review calculation

Verified direct industry-linked contributions + additional verified related contributions not already counted = expanded-review campaign total

Review controls

- One-count rule: each contribution was counted once in the final campaign total.
- Duplicate control: known duplicate records and donors already included in the direct baseline were not added again through the PAC crosswalk.
- Identity verification: common names or uncertain identities were not publicly attributed without supporting verification.
- Consistent treatment: the same classification rules were applied to supporters and opponents of the policy.
- Aggregate public release: this version reports campaign-level totals. Internal working files are not published because they contain review notes, tentative matches, and audit annotations.

Review date

This publication reflects the approved analysis completed in May 2026. The Texas Ethics Commission PAC-data crosswalk used in that review included records through May 8, 2026. Campaign-specific City filing periods vary according to the records available and reviewed for each campaign. This is a fixed public report, not a real-time campaign-finance tracker.

4. Donor categories

A contribution was included when the donor or political committee was verified as associated with one or more of the categories below. Categories are descriptive screening categories, not allegations of misconduct.

Category	Public definition used for this review
Apartment and multifamily housing	Apartment owners, operators, management companies, multifamily developers, apartment-industry political committees, and directly affiliated contributors.
REALTOR® and brokerage interests	Real-estate brokers, agents, REALTOR® political committees, brokerage leadership, and verified industry-affiliated contributors.
Development and land-use interests	Developers, builders, land-use firms, development companies, and contributors with verified leadership or ownership roles in those businesses.
Property ownership and management	Rental-property owners, portfolio operators, property-management firms, and verified principals or officers.
Construction and related services	Construction companies, contractors, engineering, architecture, title, inspection, and closely related development-service interests when verified.
Finance and transaction services	Mortgage, lending, banking, title, insurance, investment, and other transaction-related businesses connected to housing and development.
Political committees and related networks	PAC contributions and additional donors identified through verified overlap with relevant political committees or industry donor networks.

Category overlap does not increase the total. A contribution connected to more than one category is counted once. The citywide figure is therefore the sum of contribution amounts, not the sum of category labels.

5. How to interpret the findings

What the report shows

- The scale of verified industry-linked contributions identified across the reviewed campaigns.
- The distribution of those contributions among the mayor, all 10 council districts, and one additional reviewed campaign.
- The importance of public access to campaign-finance records and consistent accountability standards.
- Why grassroots organizations need sustained voter education, registration, district organizing, and turnout.

What the report does not show

- It does not prove that a donor purchased a vote.
- It does not establish bribery, corruption, illegality, or a quid pro quo.
- It does not measure every possible indirect expenditure, independent expenditure, or relationship.
- It does not claim that all contributions from a person or company were motivated by one policy.
- It does not replace an investigation by an authorized ethics, law-enforcement, or election authority.

Public-accountability questions

- How much access do large organized donor networks have compared with veterans, renters, and neighborhood residents?
- When an office changes its public position, what evidence and stakeholder input explain that change?
- Who requested policy exemptions, and what public data supported them?
- Are campaign-finance and meeting records easy enough for residents to review?
- How can residents build organized voting power that does not depend on large PAC contributions?

Nonpartisan accountability standard

AGIF / My City Is My Home does not endorse or oppose candidates. We advocate for policies and document public commitments, votes, amendments, campaign-finance records, and responses to community questions. Officials who support a policy and officials who oppose it are evaluated under the same public-record standard.

6. Public source links and civic participation

Official campaign-finance sources

Texas Ethics Commission - Search Campaign Finance Reports: <https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/search/cf/>

Texas Ethics Commission - Campaign Finance CSV Database: Available from the Search Campaign Finance Reports page under "Database of Campaign Finance Reports."

City of San Antonio Office of the City Clerk: <https://www.sa.gov/Directory/Departments/OCC> - use the campaign-finance section or request local candidate filings from the City Clerk.

Why the source systems are different

San Antonio mayoral and City Council candidates are local filers, so their reports are filed with the City of San Antonio. Texas political committees and other TEC filers are searched through the Texas Ethics Commission. The expanded review used both systems to identify direct contributions and verified PAC-related overlap.

Community action

- Review the public record before every major policy vote.
- Register and verify voter eligibility through official election authorities.
- Participate in nonpartisan candidate forums and issue education.
- Join a district team focused on veterans, housing, education, and community priorities.
- Vote based on the documented issues and public records that matter to your family and neighborhood.

MONEY CAN CREATE ACCESS. ORGANIZED PEOPLE CREATE ACCOUNTABILITY.

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Publication note: This public report summarizes the approved aggregate findings. The underlying City and Texas filings remain the authoritative public records. Corrections supported by source documentation may be submitted to AGIF / My City Is My Home for review.