

# Willie Brown gives \$5,000 to Kim; Sparks gets \$45,000 from rent control foe

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got \$55,000 from the San Francisco Labor Council, \$26,628 from the California Nurses Association and \$50,660 from another PAC, Standing Up to Save SF, whose executive director, Tim Paulson, is also executive director of the S.F. Labor Council. At press time, Paulson had not returned The Extra's calls.

The world of PAC financing, however, is a murky one. Ethics Commission staff say they need a more powerful computer system, which they can't afford, to effectively parse the massive electronic files and pounds of paper that constitute campaign funding reports. There are various filing deadline dates throughout the campaign, so a sizable PAC might have to file 300 or more pieces of paper packed with names and numbers.

As an example, The Extra set out to determine what the smallest PAC that contributed to District 6 candidates — the Coleman Action Fund for Children Committee — did with the \$852 it reported spending in District 6.

The Extra called the nonprofit Coleman Advocates for Youth, which had formed this PAC. A staff member said all the candidates had been sent a questionnaire about how they stood on various ballot issues, and from those results the PAC printed a postcard listing the candidates who supported its stand on those issues. Then the PAC apportioned an equal share of the cost of that postcard to each candidate listed on it. Coleman didn't endorse any of those candidates, the staffer said. To have learned this from Ethics Commission documents, however, would have required sorting through nearly 100 separate Coleman filings.

## ETHICS STOPS KEEPING TRACK

Ethics Commission oversight of the PAC filings diminishes greatly once the election is over. Ethics' final reports on the election document only spending reported through early November, though many PACs continue to settle accounts and file reports on those transactions through the end of the year. In the cases of PACs that will live on to fight in future elections, the book-balancing continues even now.

Various PACs also transfer money between themselves. For instance, Friends Supporting Debra Walker listed a \$7,000 contribution to a PAC called

"Teachers, Nurses, Muni Riders, Neighbors and Working Families supporting Mandelman for Supervisor 2010 sponsored by labor organizations" that was primarily concerned with the District 8 race. But, in turn, filings show that this PAC made a nonmonetary contribution of consulting and \$1,000 worth of election-week "field organizing," a total value of \$3,634.07 to Friends Supporting Debra Walker and the Walker campaign itself.

Similarly, the Alice B. Toklas LGBT Democratic Club shows up in Ethics Commission filings as both a PAC, funding Sparks to the tune of \$15,000, and as the recipient of funds from other PACs: \$1,000 from the Building Owners and Managers Association and \$5,000 from the Alliance For Jobs and Sustainable Growth's Sparks account.

Much campaign money isn't spent in San Francisco. The Alliance for Jobs and Sustainable Growth, for instance, reported paying almost \$26,000 to Stanford Campaigns, an Austin, Texas, company, for polling and survey research. New York's Benenson Strategy Group is still owed \$4,600 of the \$27,600 of work it did for the Alliance, according to filings of Jan. 31. The PAC did, however, send \$10,000 to San Francisco UA Local 38 Plumbers and Pipefitters, apparently for office expenses.

New Day for SF, in supporting Kim, raised \$30,200 — including \$2,500 in free rent — and spent \$27,951. About \$8,000 of that went to Sara Powell, owner of a Mission District art/music/poetry venue called Kaleidoscope Free Zone, for "field work" and almost \$10,000 went to Li Chang Yu for voter registration.

Besides Brown's \$5,000, New Day also got \$5,000 from attorney Steven Kay, who has represented the 49ers, a group trying to purchase the Oakland A's, and numerous sports stars. His firm, Kay and Merkle, has offices adjacent to Brown's. San

Franciscan Florence Kong, president of Kwan Wo Ironworks, gave \$2,500. Peter Bosma and Alastair McTaggart, both of the prominent SoMa builders Emerald Fund, each contributed \$2,000. Urban Realty principals David Rhoades and Martin Sawa, the driving force behind the proposed mid-Market retail showcase CityPlace, together gave \$1,500. Lawrence Lui, president of the Stanford Hotels Corp., gave \$1,000; Dublin's Kho Corp. and San Francisco's Electric Current Construction each kicked in \$1,000. Henry Karnilowicz and the South of Market Business Association supplied the free rent. ■

## PAC contributions to District 6 supervisorial candidates

Four of the 14 candidates received a total of \$439,773 from 13 different PACs.

### Theresa Sparks

Alice B. Toklas Lesbian and Gay Democratic Club	\$15,012
Alliance for Jobs and Sustainable Growth	\$176,800
Coalition for A Safer California	\$12,715
Coalition for Sensible Government	\$33,619
San Francisco Coalition for Responsible Growth	\$500
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$238,646</b>

### Debra Walker

Affordable Housing Alliance	\$1,172
California Nurses Association	\$9,990
Coleman Action Fund for Children Committee	\$284
Friends of Debra Walker	\$149,514
Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club	\$5,159
San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee	\$606
Teachers, Nurses, Muni Riders	\$3,634
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$170,359</b>

### Jane Kim

Coleman Action Fund for Children Committee	\$284
New Day for SF	\$30,200
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$30,484</b>

### James Keys

Coleman Action Fund for Children Committee	\$284
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$284</b>

Source: S.F. Ethics Commission

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