



Lyft Tickets:

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40 Ride-Hail Lobbyists Land Up to \$2.3 Million

Uber & Lyft spent up to \$5.5 Million Lobbying Since 2014

Uber and Lyft ramped up their Texas lobby expenditures after Austin voters invited the ride-hailing giants [to leave](#) their hi-tech city in 2016 if they refused to comply with a local law requiring them to fingerprint their drivers.

With Texas lawmakers today considering several bills to block cities from regulating such ride companies,¹ Uber has increased its state lobby spending 23 percent over last year. It now is spending up to \$1.6 million on 26 lobbyists. Lyft meanwhile boosted its lobby spending 88 percent, to pay 14 lobbyists up to \$760,000.

Together, the two San Francisco-based companies are spending up to \$2.3 million to preempt the powers of local Texas governments.

The two ride giants handed out a total of \$40,500 in corporate contributions in 2016 to Texas' two dominant political parties and to several legislative caucuses.

Today the Senate Business and Commerce Committee also is [hearing](#) proposals to prevent local governments from curtailing the use of plastic grocery bags or to regulate short-term property rentals.²

Uber Lobby Spending

Year	Min. Value of Contracts	Max. Value of Contracts	No. of Contracts
*2017	\$835,000	\$1,555,000	26
2016	\$720,000	\$1,265,000	21
2015	\$360,000	\$840,000	27
2014	\$170,000	\$400,000	14
TOTAL	\$2,085,000	\$4,060,000	88

Lyft Lobby Spending

Year	Min. Value of Contracts	Max. Value of Contracts	No. of Contracts
*2017	\$365,000	\$760,000	14
2016	\$185,000	\$405,000	13
2015	\$175,000	\$310,000	10
2014	\$0	\$0	0
TOTAL	\$725,00	\$1,475,000	37

* 2017 data as of March 13, 2017.

Uber Lobbyists in Early 2017



Lobbyist	Min. Value of Contracts	Max. Value of Contracts
Miller, Christopher J.	\$150,000	\$200,000
Beard, Amy C.	\$100,000	\$150,000
Theunissen, Trevor	\$100,000	\$150,000
Karjeker, Alex	\$50,000	\$100,000
Miller, Robert D.	\$50,000	\$100,000
Parker, David Doran	\$50,000	\$100,000
Wageman, Paul N.	\$50,000	\$100,000
Wickers, Robert	\$50,000	\$100,000
Castaneda Jr., Tristan	\$25,000	\$50,000
Fainter Jr., John W.	\$25,000	\$50,000
Ford, Crystal	\$25,000	\$50,000
Goldman, Adam	\$25,000	\$50,000
Johnson, Michael J.	\$25,000	\$50,000
Malone, Mark	\$25,000	\$50,000
Partida, Neftali	\$25,000	\$50,000
Pate, Gardner	\$25,000	\$50,000
Peeler Jr., Wm. Robert	\$25,000	\$50,000
Brooks, Jeri	\$10,000	\$25,000
Johns, Leandre	\$0	\$10,000
Kelley, Russell T.	\$0	\$10,000
Lacy, Sarah	\$0	\$10,000
McGarah, Carol	\$0	\$10,000
Oney, Jessica	\$0	\$10,000
Rodriguez, Micah Anthony	\$0	\$10,000
Sachde, Sara	\$0	\$10,000
Scott, Julie	\$0	\$10,000
TOTALS	\$835,000	\$1,555,000

Lyft Lobbyists in Early 2017

Lobbyist	Min. Value of Contracts	Max. Value of Contracts
Bordas, Mark E.	\$50,000	\$100,000
Brown, Jay P.	\$50,000	\$100,000
Clark, Melody	\$50,000	\$100,000
Sanders, Joshua	\$50,000	\$100,000
Brown, Jay P.	\$25,000	\$50,000
Gonzalez, Analco	\$25,000	\$50,000
Gonzalez, Luis G.	\$25,000	\$50,000
Johnson Jr, Robert	\$25,000	\$50,000
Ramirez, Rene A.	\$25,000	\$50,000
Castillo, Evelyn C.	\$10,000	\$25,000
Mims, April	\$10,000	\$25,000
Jones, Dallas S.	\$10,000	\$25,000
Whitmire, Whitney	\$10,000	\$25,000
Pardue, Leslie	\$0	\$10,000
TOTALS	\$365,000	\$760,000



2016 Corporate Contributions

Amount	Recipient	Donor
\$10,000	TX Legislative Black Caucus	Uber
\$5,000	Mexican American Legislative Caucus	Uber
\$5,000	TX Democratic Party	Lyft
\$5,000	TX Legislative Black Caucus	Lyft
\$5,000	TX Republican Legislative Caucus	Lyft
\$5,000	TX Republican Party	Lyft
\$3,000	Mexican American Legislative Caucus	Lyft
\$2,500	Innovation & Tech. Caucus of TX House	Uber
\$40,500	TOTAL	

Notes

¹ [SB 113](#), [SB 176](#) and [SB 361](#).

² [SB 103](#) and [SB 451](#), respectively.