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Loyal Knights Invited to Vicente Fox's "Business Roundtable"

Austin, TX: In inviting top campaign contributors to an exclusive "Business Roundtable" meeting today with Mexican President Vicente Fox, Texas Governor Rick Perry gave Mexico's first opposition-party president a \$3 million lesson in American-style democracy.

All 33 of Governor Perry's invitees to the roundtable were Texas business executives except for U.S. Ambassador to Mexico Tony Garza. Since Perry became governor in December 2000, he and the Texas Republican Party have received \$3 million in contributions from 28 of the 32 business invitees and/or their companies.

"This patronage system is enough to qualify Governor Perry for an honorary membership in the PRI Party that ruled Mexico for 71 years," said Texans for Public Justice Director Craig McDonald.

See below for a listing of contributions by the 32 business invitees to today's Business Roundtable.

Tribute To Perry and the Texas Republican Party From Knights of the Business Roundtable			
Roundtable Invitee	Employer/Company	Invitee & Company Donations To Perry	Invitee & Company Donations To TX GOP
Bob Perry	Perry Homes	\$225,000	\$990,000
Bo Pilgrim	Pilgrim's Pride	\$206,692	\$200,000
*Charles Tate	Hicks Muse Tate & Furst	\$126,500	\$0
Peter Holt	Holt Co's/San Antonio Spurs	\$101,000	\$25,000
Woody Hunt	Hunt Companies	\$98,038	\$10,000
*Drayton McLane	Houston Astros/McLane Foods	\$78,126	\$32,500
*Erle Nye	TXU	\$85,000	\$46,000
*Bob McNair	Houston Texans/Cogen	\$75,000	\$125,000
Jan Newton	SBC (Southwestern Bell)	\$66,000	\$45,000
*Ross Perot, Jr.	Perot Systems	\$51,750	\$0
*L. Lowry Mays	Clear Channel	\$51,400	\$15,000
Charles Butt	HEB Grocery	\$50,000	\$0
*Charles McMahan	Compass Bank	\$36,703	\$0
H.B. Zachry	H.B. Zachry Co.	\$15,000	\$0
*Kenny Jastrow	Temple-Inland, Inc.	\$10,600	\$0

*Gordon Bethune	Continental Airlines	\$10,000	\$0
*Tom Engibous	Texas Instruments	\$10,000	\$0
*Gerald Arpey	American Airlines	\$7,500	\$35,000
Jon L. Thompson	ExxonMobil	\$5,000	\$0
Ken Villano	Citibank	\$5,000	\$0
James Huffines	Plains Capital	\$2,500	\$0
Trini Mendenhall	Fiesta Mart, Inc.	\$1,500	\$0
*Scott Anderson	Motorola	\$1,000	\$0
*Hector Ruiz	Advanced Micro Devices	\$1,000	\$0
Massey Villareal	Precision Task Group	\$1,000	\$0
*Michael Dell	Dell Computer	\$0	\$100,000
Max Yzaguirre	Hunt Oil Company	\$0	\$25,000
Jim Keyes	7-11, Inc.	\$0	\$1,000
*Lynn Elsenhans	Shell Oil	\$0	\$0
Sung Lee	Samsung	\$0	\$0
*John Mackey	Whole Foods	\$0	\$0
Kip Thompson	Dell Computer	\$0	\$0
	TOTAL:	\$1,321,309	\$1,649,500

* Invitee declined invitation, according to the Governor's Office.

Note: Contributions include individual and spouse donations, as well as direct company or company PAC contributions from January 1, 2001 through current Texas Ethics Commission filings.

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