Texas PACs: 2002 Election Cycle Spending

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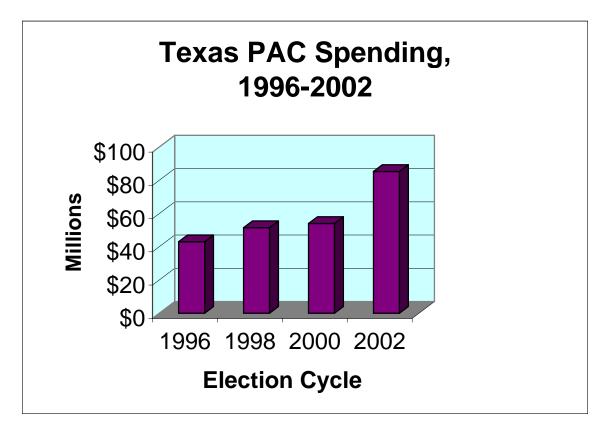
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I. Total Texas PAC Spending

This report identifies and ranks Texas' top general-purpose political action committees (PACs) in the 2002 election cycle. These rankings are based on the total amount of expenditures that PACs electronically reported to the Texas Ethics Commission.¹ During the two-year election cycle ending in December 2002, 964 general-purpose PACs reported spending a total of \$85.3 million.²

Texas PAC spending almost doubled from \$43 million in the 1996 cycle to more than \$85 million in the 2002 cycle. The greatest growth spurt (58 percent) occurred from 2000 to 2002.

Texas PAC Spending Doubled From 1996-2002							
Election Cycle		PAC Spending	Spending Increase From Previous Cycle				
1996	911	\$43,082,546	NA	NA			
1998	893	\$51,543,820	\$8,461,274	20%			
2000	865	\$53,996,975	\$2,453,155	5%			
2002	964	\$85,320,226	\$31,323,251	58%			



¹ The rankings section of this report excludes PAC expenditures that were not electronically reported to the Texas Ethics Commission. For more on these PACs, see TPJ's "Luddite PACs & Candidates: Texas Political Funds that Dodge the Internet," October 2002.

http://www.tpj.org/docs/2002/10/reports/luddites02/index.html

² While the largest PAC expenditures typically take the form of contributions to candidates or other PACs, PACs also spend money on overhead and other expenses—all of which are included here.

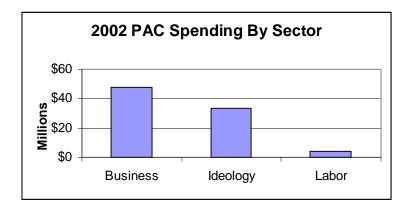
II. Comparing Business, Ideological & Labor PACs

Business PACs accounted for 56 percent of all spending in the 2002 cycle; Ideological and Single-Issue PACs spent 39 percent of all PAC money; and Labor PACs spent just 4 percent of the total.

Spending by Ideological and Single-Issue PACs almost doubled from 2000 to 2002, far outstripping the 39 percent spending increase among both Business and Labor PACs. The Ideological sector's recent torrid growth in spending is all the more remarkable given that PAC spending in this sector actually had dropped 5 percent from 1998 to 2000.

Sector	1996 Cycle	1998 Cycle	2000 Cycle	2002 Cycle	Growth From 2000-2002 (%)
Business	\$27,314,623	\$31,516,817	\$34,416,627	\$48,000,676	39%
Ideology	\$13,713,797	\$17,719,192	\$16,870,715	\$33,466,788	98%
Labor	\$1,886,325	\$2,259,742	\$2,707,704	\$3,776,290	39%
Unknown	\$167,801	\$48,068	\$1,929	\$76,473	
TOTAL	\$43,082,546	\$51,543,820	\$53,996,975	\$85,320,226	58%

PAC Spending By Sector



Two tables below help identify what drove the huge PAC spending increase from 2000 to 2002 especially among Ideological PACs. The first table shows the nine largest new PACs, which each spent more than \$100,000 in 2002 despite spending nothing in the 2000 cycle. More than half of these new PACs, which spent more than \$2.3 million in 2002, are Ideological and Single-Issue PACs.

Largest New PACs in 2002

		2002
PAC	Interest	Spending
Texans for a Republican Majority	Ideological	\$800,441
Q PAC	Finance	\$270,048
Texans For Governmental Integrity	Ideological	\$261,563
Citizens for Equality	Ideological	\$206,507
MAXIMUS, Inc.	Computers	\$199,025
Southeast Texas Democrats	Ideological	\$178,655
Landry's Seafood Restaurants	Misc. Business	\$148,900
Democratic Party of Bexar County	Ideological	\$127,725
Gulf States Toyota, Inc.	Transportation	\$119,787

Dominating the new PACs is Texans for a Republican Majority (TRM), the controversial PAC associated with U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay. Although TRM reported to the IRS that it made \$1.4 million in political expenditures in the 2002 cycle, it just reported \$800,000 of this amount to the Texas Ethics Commission. The cause of this \$600,000 discrepancy is that TRM failed to report \$600,000 in corporate money to regulators in Texas—which prohibits spending corporate funds to influence state elections. A Travis County grand jury is investigating charges that TRM PAC illegally spent this corporate money in 2002 to help Republicans seize a Texas House majority and then redraw Texas' congressional districts. One of TRM PAC's corporate donors, Houston's Gulf States Toyota, has an affiliated PAC that ranks among the top new PACs.

Republican legislative candidates also got a boost from Texans for Governmental Integrity, an Ideological PAC bankrolled by San Antonio conservative James Leininger. The last three top new Ideological PACs are all Democratic: Dallas-based Citizens for Equality, Southeast Texas Democrats and the Democratic Party of Bexar County.

Ideological PACs also dominate the fastest-growing Texas PACs that spent more than \$100,000 in the 2002 election cycle. Like TRM PAC, the Campaign for Republican Leadership's chief objective was to elect a Republican House majority in 2002. Instead of using corporate money, however, the campaign for Republican Leadership raised money from GOP House members—led by the man who would be speaker: Rep. Tom Craddick.

		2000	2002	2000-2002
PAC	Sector	Spending	Spending	Growth (%)
Campaign For Republican Leadership	Ideological	\$62	\$171,039	277,515%
Lone Star Fund - TX	Ideological	\$1,100	\$220,219	19,920%
Travis County Democratic Party	Ideological	\$5,000	\$235,658	4,613%
Harris County GOP	Ideological	\$9,077	\$129,120	1,323%
C Club	Ideological	\$13,076	\$150,453	1,051%
El Paso Energy Corp.	Energy	\$27,500	\$313,200	1,039%
Progressive Voters In Action	Ideological	\$34,568	\$272,147	687%
International Bank of Commerce	Finance	\$20,500	\$123,641	503%
TX Assn. of Business	Misc. Business	\$46,664	\$275,956	491%
TX Friends of Time Warner Cable	Communications	\$30,237	\$176,704	484%

Fastest Growing Large PACs

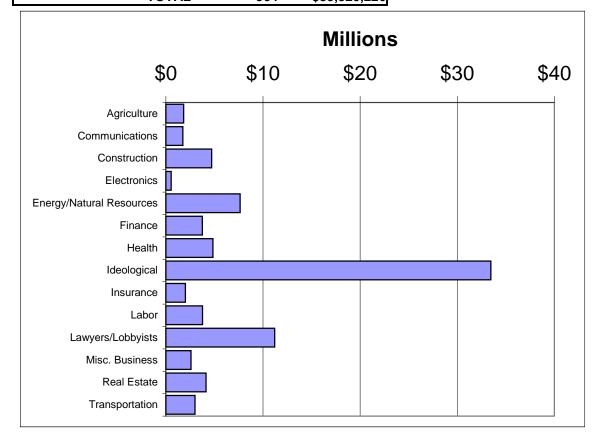
Democratic Congressman Martin Frost's Lone Star Fund is a competing fast-growth PAC. In response to the TRM PAC allegations, Republican Senator Bob Deuell accused the Lone Star Fund of illegally contributing corporate money to Texas state candidates. Democratic Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle, who continues to investigate TRM PAC, cleared the Lone Star Fund of those charges in July 2004. Earle's office also continues to probe the Texas Association of Business (TAB), which had a fast-growth PAC. Separate from its PAC activities, TAB spent \$2 million in corporate money on ads attacking Democratic House candidates.

Travis County Democrats had one fast-growth ideological PACs, while Houston Republicans had two: The Harris County GOP and the conservative, Houston-based C Club. The last fast-growth ideological PAC, Progressive Voters in Action, is a Houston PAC that supports candidates who support gays.

III. 2002 PAC Spending By Interest Category

After the Ideological and Single-Issue sector the largest interest categories were Lawyers & Lobbyists, Energy & Natural Resources, Health, Construction and Real Estate.

	No. of Active	2002 PAC
Interest Category	2002 PACs	Spending
Agriculture	34	\$1,825,611
Communications	17	\$1,738,672
Construction	81	\$4,717,165
Electronics	8	\$548,038
Energy & Natural Resources	76	\$7,649,366
Finance	42	\$3,760,656
Health	59	\$4,850,618
Ideological	305	\$33,466,788
Insurance	25	\$2,009,575
Labor	97	\$3,776,290
Lawyers & Lobbyists	51	\$11,196,921
Miscellaneous Business	59	\$2,581,796
Real Estate	38	\$4,127,857
Transportation	27	\$2,994,400
Unknown	45	\$76,473
TOTAL	- 964	\$85,320,226



2002	2000	1998	1996	The foo biggest r Aos in Texas,	2002 PAC
	Rank			Political Action Committee (PAC)	Spending Interest Category
1	1	1 1	1 1	TX Democratic Party	\$15,041,055 Ideological
2	2	2	2	Republican Party of TX	\$6,725,988 Ideological
3	9	7	7	TX Trial Lawyers Assn.	\$2,862,549 Lawyers & Lobbyists
4	5	5	3	Texans For Lawsuit Reform	\$2,447,618 Ideological
5	4	6	4	TX Assn. of Realtors	\$2,149,380 Real Estate
6	- 26	421		Duke Energy Corp.	\$1,785,449 Energy & Natural Resources
7	8	12	16	TX Medical Assn.	\$1,663,027 Health
8	3	12	10	Texas 2000	\$1,500,132 Lawyers & Lobbyists
9	7	4	5	Vinson & Elkins	\$1,376,153 Lawyers & Lobbyists
10	, 14	9		Compass Bancshares	\$1,146,650 Finance
11	11	14	49	TX Partnership PAC	\$955,102 Ideological
12	41	79	47	Valero Refining & Marketing	\$895,661 Energy & Natural Resources
13		15	- 1	Texans For A Republican Majority	\$800,441 Ideological
14	19	10	17	Fulbright & Jaworski	\$760,131 Lawyers & Lobbyists
14	12	11	9	SBC Communications	\$746,242 Communications
16	12	13	9 12	TX Automobile Dealers Assn.	\$726,199 Transportation
17	13	17	13	United Services Auto Assn.	\$668,439 Insurance
18	23	30	27	Burlington Northern Santa Fe	\$667,806 Transportation
19	23 17	15	15	Reliant Energy	\$643,371 Energy & Natural Resources
20	18	18	19	TX Dental Assn.	\$612,402 Health
20	20	31	34	Free Enterprise	
21	20 51	51	34	TXU Corp. Employee PAC	\$597,238 Ideological \$588,223 Energy & Natural Resources
22	10	48	40	Coca-Cola Enterprises, Inc.	\$588,323 Energy & Natural Resources \$535,605 Miscellaneous Business
23 24	29	40 25		American Airlines	
24 25	29 28	25 24	18		\$515,755 Transportation
	20 6	24 3		Farmers Employee & Agent PAC	\$506,853 Insurance
26 27	6 25	3 22	6 28	Associated Republicans of TX TX State Teachers Assn.	\$480,820 Ideological
					\$446,555 Labor
28	34	28	46	Bracewell & Patterson	\$431,906 Lawyers & Lobbyists
29	30	42	41	Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld	\$404,900 Lawyers & Lobbyists
30	33	35	14	TX Optometric PAC	\$404,700 Health
31	35	29			\$394,000 Energy & Natural Resources
32	102	40	~~~	HillCo PAC	\$379,174 Lawyers & Lobbyists
33	69	40		TX Aggregates & Concrete Assn.	\$376,500 Construction
34	42	32	38	TX Farm Bureau	\$372,205 Agriculture
35	49	123		Houston Police Officers Union	\$348,811 Labor
36	38	16	25	TX Society of CPAs	\$347,082 Finance
37	59	00	00	Haynes & Boone	\$336,140 Lawyers & Lobbyists
38	24	20	23	Good Government Fund	\$325,076 Energy & Natural Resources
39	267	283		El Paso Energy Corp.	\$313,200 Energy & Natural Resources
40	72	49		TX Apartment Assn.	\$289,500 Real Estate
41	45	36	50	Hughes & Luce	\$277,800 Lawyers & Lobbyists
42	188	94	94	TX Assn. of Business & Commerce	\$275,956 Miscellaneous Business
43	231	07	~~	Progressive Voters In Action	\$272,147 Ideological
44	94	27	60	PSEL PAC	\$271,575 Energy & Natural Resources
45	103	85	117	Gardere Wynne Sewell	\$271,150 Lawyers & Lobbyists
46	40			Q PAC	\$270,048 Finance
47	40	33	72	Jenkens & Gilchrist	\$268,679 Lawyers & Lobbyists
48	70	62	66	Independent Bankers Assn.	\$263,361 Finance
49	92	82		Assoc. Gen'l Contractors Bldg Branch	
50			196	Texans For Governmental Integrity	\$261,563 Ideological

The 100 Biggest PACs in Texas, 2001-2002

2002	2000	1998	1996		2002 PAC
				Political Action Committee (PAC)	Spending Interest Category
51	76	60	42		\$261,194 Miscellaneous Business
52	56	89	68	TX Hospital Assn.	\$260,175 Health
53	53	99		Home PAC of TX	\$257,381 Construction
54	90	80	92	Houston Apartment Assn.	\$256,333 Real Estate
55	43	34	44	Conservative Republicans Harris Co.	\$248,885 Ideological
56	66	43	35	Independent Insurance Agents of TX	\$247,711 Insurance
57	98			Union Pacific Corp.	\$236,313 Transportation
58	536	336	32	Travis County Democratic Party	\$235,658 Ideological
59	52	38	31	TX Assn. of Insurance & Fin'l Advisors	\$229,974 Insurance
60	47	56	70	Beef PAC	\$227,264 Agriculture
61	65	45	67	Winstead Sechrest & Minick	\$224,882 Lawyers & Lobbyists
62	44	61	55	Verizon Communications, Inc.	\$223,225 Communications
63	73	23	29	Baker Botts	\$220,695 Lawyers & Lobbyists
64	721			Lone Star Fund - TX	\$220,219 Ideological
65	60	46	43	Wholesale Beer Distributors of TX	\$215,219 Miscellaneous Business
66	78	69	90	Turner Collie & Braden PAC	\$214,714 Construction
67	50	146	95	Trinity Industries	\$212,224 Construction
68	71	50	80	Associated General Contractors of TX	\$210,979 Construction
69	83	54	59	Tarrant County Democratic Party	\$210,906 Ideological
70	101	130	176	Houston Prof'l Fire Fighters Assn.	\$210,735 Labor
71	79	63	87	Chase Bank of TX	\$209,143 Finance
72	46	111	141	Jackson Walker	\$208,565 Lawyers & Lobbyists
73	15	19	20	Enron Corp.	\$207,751 Energy & Natural Resources
74				Citizens For Equality	\$206,507 Ideological
75	85	70	54	TX & Southwestern Cattle Raisers	\$206,362 Agriculture
76	155	117		Plumbers Local No. 68	\$205,832 Labor
77	82	81	127	ACT TX Classroom Teachers Assn.	\$202,800 Labor
78	27	71		Constitutional Defense Fund	\$200,857 Lawyers & Lobbyists
79	31	21	71	TX Manufactured Housing Assn.	\$200,535 Construction
80				MAXIMUS, Inc.	\$199,025 Computers
81	181	386		Real Estate Council of Austin	\$197,231 Real Estate
82	48	68		Teamsters Local No. 745	\$196,476 Labor
83	74	112	118	TX Petro Marketers/Conven. Store Assn	\$194,281 Energy & Natural Resources
84	110	316	45	TX Industries, Inc.	\$190,281 Construction
85	36	37	45	Mayor Day Caldwell & Keeton	\$189,317 Lawyers & Lobbyists
86	256			Southeast TX Democrats	\$178,655 Ideological
87	256 61	20	65	TX Friends of Time Warner Cable	\$176,704 Communications \$176,050 Communications
88 89	61 140	39 26	65 48	AT&T	\$176,050 Communications \$171,713 Ideological
89 90	149 850	26 227		TX Civil Justice League Campaign For Republican Leadership	\$171,713 Ideological \$171,039 Ideological
90 91		102			\$170,650 Real Estate
91 92	89 215	76	1ZZ	Stratus, Inc. TX League of Conservation Voters	\$170,324 Ideological
92 93	215	265	185	Kirby Corp.	\$169,000 Transportation
93 94	86	205 164		Trinity Industries	\$162,074 Construction
94 95	93	90		TX Society of Anesthesiologists	\$160,600 Health
95 96	136	90 124	93	TX Bankers Assn.	\$156,750 Finance
90 97	58	66	93 77	Brown Maroney & Oaks Hartline	\$150,750 Finance \$154,327 Lawyers & Lobbyists
98	77	107	83	TX Credit Union League	\$151,750 Finance
99	144	139		Rural Friends of TX Electric Coops	\$151,351 Energy & Natural Resources
100	202	108		H.B. Zachry Co.	\$151,240 Construction
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2002	2000	1998	1996		2000 PAC	
Rank	Rank	Rank	Rank	Political Action Committee (PAC)		Interest Category
1	1	1	1	TX Democratic Party	\$5,989,561	Ideological
2	2	2	2	Republican Party of TX	\$2,743,376	Ideological
8	3			TX 2000	\$2,022,735	Lawyers & Lobbyists
5	4	6	4	TX Assn. of Realtors	\$1,529,044	Real Estate
4	5	5	3	Texans For Lawsuit Reform	\$1,420,738	Ideological
26	6	3	6	Associated Republicans of TX	\$1,255,423	
9	7	4	5	Vinson & Elkins		Lawyers & Lobbyists
7	8	12	16	TX Medical Assn.	\$836,776	
3	9	7	7	TX Trial Lawyers Assn.		Lawyers & Lobbyists
23	10	48	40	Coca-Cola Enterprises, Inc.		Miscellaneous Business
11	11	14	49	TX Partnership PAC		Ideological
15	12	11	9	SBC Communications		Communications
17	13	17	13	United Services Automobile Assn.		Insurance
10	14	9	26	Compass Bancshares, Inc.	\$618,100	
73	15	19	20	Enron Corp.		Energy & Natural Resources
16	16	13	12	TX Automobile Dealers Assn.		Transportation
19	17	15	15	Reliant Energy		Energy & Natural Resources
20	18	18		TX Dental Assn.	\$587,072	
14	19	10	17	Fulbright & Jaworski		Lawyers & Lobbyists
21	20	31	34	Free Enterprise PAC		Ideological
519	21	120		Hobby TX Fund		Ideological
417	22	64		American General Corp.		Insurance
18	23	30	27	Burlington Northern Santa Fe Corp.		Transportation
38	23	20	23	Good Government Fund		Energy & Natural Resources
27	25	22	-	TX State Teachers Assn.	\$401,308	
6	26	421		Duke Energy Corp		Energy & Natural Resources
78	20 27	71	201	Constitutional Defense Fund		Lawyers & Lobbyists
25	28	24	20	Farmers Employee & Agent PAC		Insurance
23	20 29	24 25	18			Transportation
24	29 30	42	41	Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld		Lawyers & Lobbyists
29 79	30	42 21	71	TX Manufactured Housing Assn.		
162	32	67	88	GTE		Construction Communications
30	33	35		TX Optometric PAC	\$336,500	
28	33 34	28	46	Bracewell & Patterson		
20 31	34 35	20 29	40	TX Oil & Gas PAC		Lawyers & Lobbyists Energy & Natural Resources
85	36	29 37	45			
	30 37		45	Mayor Day Caldwell & Keeton		Lawyers & Lobbyists Ideological
436 36	38	136 16		6th District Republican Assn. TX Society of CPAs		
30		10	25		\$269,442	
47	39	22	70	Texans For Proposition 17		Ideological
47	40	33	72	Jenkens & Gilchrist		Lawyers & Lobbyists
12 34	41 42	79 32	47 29	Valero Refining & Marketing		Energy & Natural Resources
				TX Farm Bureau		Agriculture
55 62	43	34 61	44 55	Conservative Republicans of Harris Co.		Ideological
62	44 45	61 26		Verizon Communications		Communications
41	45	36	50	Hughes & Luce		Lawyers & Lobbyists
72	46	111		Jackson Walker		Lawyers & Lobbyists
60	47	56	70			Agriculture
82	48	68		Teamsters Local No. 745	\$212,957	
35	49	123		Houston Police Officers Union	\$211,010	
67	50	146	95	Trinity Industries	\$207,050	Construction

The 100 Biggest PACs in Texas, 1999-2000

2002	2000	1998	1996		2000 PAC
				Political Action Committee (PAC)	Spending Interest Category
22	51	Nalik	Nalin	TXU Employee PAC	\$203,950 Energy & Natural Resources
59	52	38	31	TX Assn. of Insurance & Fin'l Advisors	\$200,555 Insurance
53	53	99	-	HOME PAC	\$200,104 Construction
151	54	47		Bank of America	\$199,263 Finance
131	55	165	50	Democratic Legislative Campaign Com.	\$197,500 Ideological
52	56	89	68	TX Hospital Assn.	\$194,471 Health
110	57	51		AFL-CIO State COPE Fund	\$187,424 Labor
97	58	66	77	Brown Maroney & Oaks Hartline	\$185,500 Lawyers & Lobbyists
37	59	00		Haynes & Boone	\$185,350 Lawyers & Lobbyists
65	60	46	43	Wholesale Beer Distributors of TX	\$184,860 Miscellaneous Business
88	61	39		AT&T PAC	\$183,200 Communications
125	62	59		Customer Services PAC of TXU	\$182,425 Energy & Natural Resources
804	63	52	51	Coastal Employee Action Fund	\$182,050 Energy & Natural Resources
568	64	44	86	Bank One	\$180,200 Finance
61	65	45	67	Winstead Sechrest & Minick	\$179,875 Lawyers & Lobbyists
56	66	43	35	Independent Insurance Agents of TX	\$178,543 Insurance
187	67	58		TX Utilities Co.	\$176,550 Energy & Natural Resources
195	68	92		Central Power & Light Co.	\$175,750 Energy & Natural Resources
33	69	40		TX Aggregates & Concrete Assn.	\$171,500 Construction
48	70	62	66	Independent Bankers Assn.	\$167,002 Finance
68	71	50		Associated General Contractors	\$161,250 Construction
40	72	49		TX Apartment Assn.	\$160,360 Real Estate
63	73	23	29	Baker Botts	\$158,416 Lawyers & Lobbyists
83	74	112		TX Petro Marketers/Conven. Store Assn.	\$158,064 Energy & Natural Resources
130	75	53	61	San Antonio Police Officers Assn.	\$152,753 Labor
51	76	60		TX Restaurant Assn.	\$147,278 Miscellaneous Business
98	77	107		TX Credit Union League	\$142,700 Finance
66	78	69	90	Turner Collie & Braden	\$139,100 Construction
71	79	63	87	Chase Bank	\$135,612 Finance
261	80	115	98	Power PAC of TXU	\$134,000 Energy & Natural Resources
276	81	96		Texaco, Inc.	\$133,900 Energy & Natural Resources
77	82	81		ACT for TX Classroom Teachers Assn.	\$133,500 Labor
69	83	54	59	Tarrant Co. Democratic Party	\$132,623 Ideological
	84			Texans For Affordable Vehicle Leasing	\$132,000 Transportation
75	85	70	54	TX & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Assn.	\$129,691 Agriculture
94	86	164	133	Trinity Industries	\$127,050 Construction
144	87	121		TX Thoroughbred Breeders' Assn.	\$124,268 Agriculture
358	88	198	159	Assoc. Builders & Contractors North TX	\$119,947 Construction
91	89	102	122	Stratus, Inc.	\$118,900 Real Estate
54	90	80	92	Houston Apartment Assn.	\$118,160 Real Estate
114	91	55	36	TX Opthalmological Assn.	\$116,131 Health
49	92	82	179	Assoc. Gen. Contractors Building Branch	\$113,500 Construction
95	93	90		TX Society of Anesthesiologists	\$111,100 Health
44	94	27		PSEL PAC	\$110,200 Energy & Natural Resources
104	95	101		Entex (Noram Energy Corp.)	\$108,337 Energy & Natural Resources
113	96	87		Friends of Baylor Medical	\$106,934 Health
119	97	147		Temple-Inland Forest Products Corp.	\$102,454 Agriculture
57	98			Union Pacific Corp.	\$102,150 Transportation
	99	168	138	Hollywood Marine PAC	\$101,000 Transportation
197	100	116	82	Houston Contractors Assn.	\$100,829 Construction

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	2000				1998 PAC
Rank	Rank	Rank	Rank	Political Action Committee (PAC)	Spending Interest Category
1	1	1	1	TX Democratic Party	\$6,061,414 Ideological
2	2	2	2	Republican Party of TX	\$3,346,263 Ideological
26	6	3	6	Associated Republicans of TX	\$1,432,945 Ideological
9	7	4	5	Vinson & Elkins	\$1,237,225 Lawyers & Lobbyists
4	5	5	3	Texans For Lawsuit Reform	\$1,207,262 Ideological
5	4	6	4	TX Assn. of Realtors	\$1,086,835 Real Estate
3	9	7	7	TX Trial Lawyers Assn.	\$957,485 Lawyers & Lobbyists
		8		Eight In Ninty Eight Committee	\$824,434 Ideological
10	14	9	26	Compass Bancshares, Inc.	\$821,750 Finance
14	19	10	17	Fulbright & Jaworski	\$773,446 Lawyers & Lobbyists
15	12	11	9	SBC Communications, Inc.	\$730,438 Communications
7	8	12	16	TX Medical Assn.	\$661,652 Health
16	16	13	12	TX Automobile Dealers Assn.	\$642,237 Transportation
11	11	14	49	TX Partnership PAC	\$568,295 Ideological
19	17	15	15	Reliant Energy	\$563,297 Energy & Natural Resources
36	38	16	25	TX Society of CPA's	\$528,932 Finance
17	13	17		United Services Automobile Assn.	\$496,350 Insurance
20	18	18	19	TX Dental Assn.	\$494,287 Health
73	15	19		Enron Corp.	\$466,234 Energy & Natural Resources
38	24	20		Good Government Fund	\$465,550 Energy & Natural Resources
79	31	21		TX Manufactured Housing Assn.	\$456,800 Construction
27	25	22	-	TX State Teachers Assn.	\$432,005 Labor
63	73	23		Baker Botts	\$409,120 Lawyers & Lobbyists
25	28	24		Farmers Employee & Agent PAC	\$407,696 Insurance
24	29	25		American Airlines	\$396,406 Transportation
89	149	26		TX Civil Justice League	\$356,331 Ideological
44	94	27		PSEL PAC	\$355,750 Energy & Natural Resources
28	34	28	46	Bracewell & Patterson	\$339,185 Lawyers & Lobbyists
31	35	29	~ -	TX Oil & Gas PAC	\$335,500 Energy & Natural Resources
18	23	30		Burlington Northern Santa Fe Corp.	\$320,491 Transportation
21	20	31		Free Enterprise PAC	\$316,920 Ideological
34	42	32		TX Farm Bureau	\$313,730 Agriculture
47	40	33	72	Jenkens & Gilchrist	\$305,865 Lawyers & Lobbyists
55	43	34		Conservative Republicans of Harris Co.	\$302,538 Ideological
30 41	33 45	35 36		TX Optometric PAC	\$280,970 Health
85	45 36	30 37		Hughes & Luce	\$275,630 Lawyers & Lobbyists
85 59	30 52	37 38	45 31	Mayor Day Caldwell & Keeton TX Assn. of Insurance & Fin'l Advisors	\$273,062 Lawyers & Lobbyists \$269,140 Insurance
88	52 61	38 39		AT&T	\$266,257 Communications
33	69	39 40		TX Aggregates & Concrete Assn.	\$264,988 Construction
- 33	157	40 41	24	Concerned Associates Employees	\$255,080 Finance
29	30	41	24 41	Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld	\$233,000 Finance \$243,780 Lawyers & Lobbyists
29 56	66	42 43	35	Independent Insurance Agents of TX	\$230,936 Insurance
568	64	43 44	86	Bank One	\$227,000 Finance
61	65	45	67	Winstead Sechrest & Minick	\$225,542 Lawyers & Lobbyists
65	60	45 46	43	Wholesale Beer Distributors of TX	\$224,424 Miscellaneous Business
151	54	47	56	Bank of America	\$223,355 Finance
23	10	48	40	Coca-Cola Enterprises, Inc.	\$217,310 Miscellaneous Business
40	72	40 49	40 58	TX Apartment Assn.	\$205,098 Real Estate
68	71	49 50	80	Associated General Contractors of TX	\$201,300 Construction
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2002	2000	4000	4000		1000 040
	2000 Bank				1998 PAC Spending Interest Category
Kank 110	Kallik 57		Rank 79	AFL-CIO State COPE Fund	
804	63	51 52	79 51	Coastal Employee Action Fund	\$200,312 Labor \$191,756 Energy & Natural Resources
130	75	52	61	San Antonio Police Officers Assn.	\$191,750 Energy & Natural Resources \$188,835 Labor
69	83	53 54	59	Tarrant Co. Democratic Party	
114	91	54 55	36	-	\$187,298 Ideological \$180,745 Health
60	47	55 56		TX Opthalmological Assn. Beef PAC	\$175,616 Agriculture
00	47 814	50 57	10	ABC Group	\$172,006 Ideological
187	67	58	74	TXU Corp. PAC	\$171,545 Energy & Natural Resources
125	62	59		Customer Services PAC of TXU	\$170,550 Energy & Natural Resources
51	76	60	42	TX Restaurant Assn.	\$169,510 Miscellaneous Business
62	44	61		Verizon Communications, Inc.	\$165,800 Communications
48	70	62		Independent Bankers Assn. of TX	\$165,743 Finance
71	79	63		Chase Bank	\$157,870 Finance
417	22	64		American General Corp.	\$155,272 Insurance
773	207	65	21	TX Senate Democratic Campaign Com.	\$154,686 Ideological
97	58	66	77	Brown Maroney & Oaks Hartline	\$150,375 Lawyers & Lobbyists
162	32	67	88	GTE	\$146,600 Communications
82	48	68		Teamsters Local No. 745	\$143,720 Labor
66	78	69	90	Turner Collie & Braden	\$142,100 Construction
75	85	70		TX & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Assn.	\$141,644 Agriculture
78	27	71	04	Constitutional Defense Fund	\$141,250 Lawyers & Lobbyists
10	21	72	97	Locke Purnell Rain & Harrell	\$139,150 Lawyers & Lobbyists
131	106	73		TX Health Care Assn.	\$138,854 Health
203	159	74		TX Sport PAC	\$137,089 Ideological
102	126	75		Friends of the University PAC	\$136,855 Ideological
92	215	76	10	TX League of Conservation Voters	\$134,651 Ideological
156	152	77	150	S&B Engineers & Constructors	\$127,200 Construction
100	769	78		21st Century Democrats	\$121,866 Ideological
12	41	79		Valero Refining & Marketing	\$120,458 Energy & Natural Resources
54	90	80		Houston Apartment Assn.	\$119,977 Real Estate
77	82	81		ACT For TX Classroom Teachers Assn.	\$119,534 Labor
49	92	82		Assoc. Gen'l Contractors Building Branch	\$118,000 Construction
132	116	83	75	TX Instruments	\$117,406 Electronics
106	104	84	111	HCA	\$115,900 Health
45	103	85		Gardere Wynne Sewell	\$114,612 Lawyers & Lobbyists
545	165	86		Central & South West Corp.	\$113,400 Energy & Natural Resources
113	96	87		Friends of Baylor Medical	\$113,100 Health
101	372	88		C Club	\$112,955 Ideological
52	56	89		TX Hospital Assn.	\$111,098 Health
95	93	90		TX Society of Anesthesiologists	\$109,851 Health
		91		BetzDearborn, Inc.	\$106,272 Energy & Natural Resources
195	68	92		Central Power & Light Co.	\$106,000 Energy & Natural Resources
346	330	93		TX Progress Fund	\$104,000 Energy & Natural Resources
42	188	94	94	TX Assn. of Business & Commerce	\$103,879 Miscellaneous Business
189	108	95	89	Employees of Dow Chemical Co. PAC	\$103,640 Energy & Natural Resources
276	81	96		Texaco, Inc.	\$102,100 Energy & Natural Resources
172	160	97		Compaq Computer Corp.	\$101,980 Electronics
188	117	98	84	Licensed Beverage Distributors	\$101,000 Miscellaneous Business
53	53	99		HOME PAC of TX	\$100,679 Construction
649	156	100	69	Transmission & Pipeline PAC of TXU	\$98,150 Energy & Natural Resources

2002	2000	2000 1998 1996 1996						
					1996 PAC			
				Political Action Committee (PAC)		Interest Category		
1	1	1	1	TX Democratic Party	\$3,210,434	-		
2	2	2	2	Republican Party of TX	\$1,873,316			
4	5	5	3	Texans For Lawsuit Reform	\$1,267,881	8		
5	4	6	4	TX Assn. of Realtors		Real Estate		
9	7	4	5	Vinson & Elkins		Lawyers & Lobbyists		
26	6	3	6	Associated Republicans of TX		Ideological		
3	9	7	7	TX Trial Lawyers Assn.		Lawyers & Lobbyists		
			8	Republican Nat'l State Elections Com.	\$612,503	Ideological		
15	12	11	9	SBC Communications	\$611,634	Communications		
	769	78	10	21st Century Democrats		Ideological		
			11	76 in '96 Committee		Ideological		
16	16	13	12	TX Automobile Dealers Assn.	\$543,606	Transportation		
17	13	17	13	United Services Automobile Assn.	\$531,886	Insurance		
30	33	35	14	TX Optometric PAC	\$494,854			
19	17	15		Reliant Energy		Energy & Natural Resources		
7	8	12	16	TX Medical Assn.	\$486,430			
14	19	10	17	Fulbright & Jaworski	\$471,503	Lawyers & Lobbyists		
24	29	25	18	American Airlines	\$471,236	Transportation		
20	18	18	19	TX Dental Assn.	\$422,723	Health		
73	15	19	20	Enron Corp.		Energy & Natural Resources		
773	207	65	21	TX Senate Democratic Campaign Com.		Ideological		
		119	22	A+ PAC For Parental School Choice		Ideological		
38	24	20	23	Good Government Fund	\$351,867	Energy & Natural Resources		
	157	41	24	Concerned Associates Employees	\$337,731	Finance		
36	38	16		TX Society of CPA's	\$325,670	Finance		
10	14	9		Compass Bancshares, Inc.	\$322,190	Finance		
18	23	30	27	Burlington Northern Santa Fe Corp.		Transportation		
27	25	22	28	TX State Teachers Assn.	\$315,148			
63	73	23	29	Baker Botts		Lawyers & Lobbyists		
25	28	24	30	Farmers Employee & Agent PAC		Insurance		
59	52	38	31	TX Assn. of Insurance & Fin'l Advisors		Insurance		
58	536	336	32	Travis Co. Democratic Party	\$263,256	Ideological		
131	106	73	33	TX Health Care Assn.	\$245,294	Health		
21	20	31		Free Enterprise PAC	\$242,554	Ideological		
56	66	43	35	Independent Insurance Agents of TX		Insurance		
114	91	55	36	TX Opthalmological Assn.	\$233,684			
			37	Harris Co. Republican Party		Ideological		
34	42	32	38	TX Farm Bureau		Agriculture		
	137	185	39	Ann Richards Committee	\$227,178	Ideological		
23	10	48	40	Coca-Cola Enterprises, Inc.		Miscellaneous Business		
29	30	42	41	Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld		Lawyers & Lobbyists		
51	76	60	42	TX Restaurant Assn.		Miscellaneous Business		
65	60	46	43	Wholesale Beer Distributors of TX		Miscellaneous Business		
55	43	34	44	Conservative Republicans of Harris Co.		Ideological		
85	36	37	45	Mayor Day Caldwell & Keeton		Lawyers & Lobbyists		
28	34	28	46	Bracewell & Patterson		Lawyers & Lobbyists		
12	41	79	47	Valero Refining & Marketing PAC		Energy & Natural Resources		
89	149	26	48	TX Civil Justice League		Ideological		
11	11	14	49	TX Partnership PAC		Ideological		
41	45	36	50	Hughes & Luce	\$196,915	Lawyers & Lobbyists		

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2002	2000	1998	1996		1996 PAC
				Political Action Committee (PAC)	Spending Interest Category
804	63	52	51	Coastal Employee Action Fund	\$195,450 Energy & Natural Resources
402	150	105	52	Kellogg Brown & Root Brownbuilders PAC	\$194,403 Construction
299	282	345	53	DuPont	\$189,208 Energy & Natural Resources
75	85	70	54	TX & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Assn.	\$179,389 Agriculture
62	44	61	55	Verizon Communications, Inc.	\$177,505 Communications
151	54	47	56	Bank of America	\$175,535 Finance
417	22	64	57	American General Corp.	\$174,588 Insurance
40	72	49	58	TX Apartment Assn.	\$172,548 Real Estate
69	83	54	59	Tarrant Co. Democratic Party	\$172,098 Ideological
44	94	27	60	PSEL PAC	\$163,667 Energy & Natural Resources
130	75	53	61	San Antonio Police Officers Assn.	\$163,101 Labor
33	69	40	62	TX Aggregates & Concrete Assn.	\$163,033 Construction
			63	Bear Stearns	\$162,000 Finance
125	62	59	64	Customer Services PAC of TXU	\$159,051 Energy & Natural Resources
88	61	39	65	AT&T PAC TX	\$156,350 Communications
48	70	62	66	Independent Bankers Assn. of TX	\$154,001 Finance
61	65	45		Winstead Sechrest & Minick	\$150,889 Lawyers & Lobbyists
52	56	89	68	TX Hospital Assn.	\$150,474 Health
649	156	100	69	Transmission & Pipeline PAC of TXU	\$145,322 Energy & Natural Resources
60	47	56	70	Beef PAC	\$144,729 Agriculture
79	31	21	71	TX Manufactured Housing Assn.	\$142,650 Construction
47	40	33	72	Jenkens & Gilchrist	\$139,250 Lawyers & Lobbyists
102	126	75	73	Friends of the University	\$138,370 Ideological
187	67	58	74	TXU Corp.	\$137,050 Energy & Natural Resources
132	116	83	75	TX Instruments	\$136,474 Electronics
256	334	122		Local No. 154 PAC	\$128,379 Labor
97	58	66	77	Brown Maroney & Oaks Hartline	\$123,350 Lawyers & Lobbyists
115		169	78	Democratic Party of Bexar Co.	\$123,028 Ideological
110	57	51		AFL-CIO State COPE Fund	\$122,565 Labor
68	71	50	80	Associated General Contractors of TX	\$121,050 Construction
118	307	212	81	International Bank of Commerce	\$119,953 Finance
197	100	116	82	Houston Contractors Assn.	\$119,381 Construction
98	77	107	83	TX Credit Union League	\$117,815 Finance
188	117	98 1 4 F	84	Licensed Beverage Distributors	\$115,844 Miscellaneous Business
500	64	145	85	Government Interests, Inc. PAC Bank One	\$112,150 Lawyers & Lobbyists
568	64 70	44	86 87		\$111,543 Finance
71 162	79 32	63 67	87 00	Chase Bank of TX GTE	\$110,453 Finance \$100,513 Communications
189	32 108	67 95	88 89	Dow Chemical Co. Employees PAC	\$109,512 Communications \$109,034 Energy & Natural Resources
			90	, ,	\$109,034 Energy & Natural Resources \$107,750 Construction
66 120	78 128	69 127	90 91	Turner Collie & Braden PAC TX Assn. of Defense Counsel	\$107,750 Construction \$104,593 Lawyers & Lobbyists
54	90	80	91 92	Houston Apartment Assn.	\$104,401 Real Estate
96	90 136	00 124	92 93	TX Bankers Assn.	\$104,386 Finance
90 42	188	94	93 94	TX Assn. of Business & Commerce	\$102,760 Miscellaneous Business
67	50	146	94 95	Trinity Industries Employee PAC	\$102,750 Construction
0'	361	135	95 96	Morrison Knudsen Corp.	\$100,691 Construction
	001	72	90 97	Locke Purnell Rain & Harrell	\$99,850 Lawyers & Lobbyists
261	80	115	97 98	Power PAC of TXU	\$95,550 Energy & Natural Resources
201	00	699	99 99	FHP, Inc.	\$94,257 Health
161	184	129		Service Corp. International	\$93,975 Miscellaneous Business
101		120	100		