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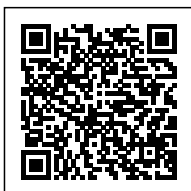
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By Zack Haber

Nate Miley, who has served on Alameda County's Board of Supervisors since 2000, is running for reelection to the District 4 supervisor seat.

Jennifer Esteen, a nurse and activist, is seeking to unseat him and become one of the five members of the powerful board that sets the county's budget, governs its unincorporated areas, and oversees the sheriff, Alameda Health System, and mental health system.

District 4 includes most of East Oakland's hills and flatlands beyond Fruitvale, part of Pleasanton and unincorporated areas south of San Leandro like Ashland and Castro Valley.

Voting is open and will remain open until March 5.

In California, campaign donations of \$100 or more are public record. The records show that Miley has received about \$550,000 in total campaign donations since he won the previous District 4 election in March 2020. Esteen has raised about \$255,000 in total campaign donations since she started collecting them last July. All figures are accurate through Feb. 20.

While Miley has raised more money, Esteen has received donations from more sources. Miley received donations of \$100 or more from 439 different sources. Esteen received such donations from 507 different sources.

Below, we've listed each candidate's 10 highest campaign contributors. For Miley, two of his top campaign donors also bought their own advertisements to support him and/or oppose Esteen through independent expenditures. Such expenditures, though separate from campaign donations, are also public record, and we listed them. Additionally, the [National Organization of Realtors has spent about \\$70,500 on their own independent expenditures to support Miley.](#)

Nate Miley's top campaign contributors:

The [California Apartment Association](#), a trade group representing landlords and investors in California's rental housing business, has spent about \$129,500 supporting Miley's election bid through [about \\$59,500 in ads against Esteen](#), [\\$55,000 in ads supporting Miley](#), and \$15,000 in campaign donations.

The independent expenditure committee **Preserve Agriculture in Alameda County** has spent about \$46,025 supporting Miley through [about \\$27,200 in their own ads](#), and \$18,825 in donations to his campaign. Preserve Agriculture has [supported reelection efforts for former Alameda County DA Nancy O'Malley, and Sheriff Greg Ahern](#), a republican. It's received funding from [Chevron](#), [PG&E](#), and a [the California Apartment Association](#).

Organizations associated with the [Laborers' International Union of North America](#), or LiUNA, have donated about \$35,000 in total. **Construction and General Laborers Local 304**, a local chapter of

the union representing which represents over 4,000 workers, donated \$20,000.

[Laborers Pacific Southwest Regional Organizing Coalition](#), which represents 70,000 LiUNA members in Arizona, California, Hawaii and New Mexico, donated \$15,000.

William 'Bill' Crotinger and the East Oakland-based company **[Argent Materials](#)** have donated \$26,000. Crotinger is the president and founder of Argent, a concrete and asphalt recycling yard. Argent's website says it is an eco-friendly company that diverts materials from landfills. In 2018, Argent **[paid the EPA \\$27,000](#)** under **[a settlement](#)** for committing Clean Water Act violations.

Michael Morgan of Hayward, owner of **[We Are Hemp](#)**, a marijuana dispensary in Ashland, has donated \$21,500.

Alameda County District 1 Supervisor **David Haubert** has donated \$21,250 from his 2024 reelection campaign. He's running unopposed for the District 1 seat.

[SEIU 1021](#), which represents over 60,000 workers in local governments, non-profit agencies, healthcare programs, and schools in Northern California, has donated \$20,000.

[UA Local 342](#), which represents around 4,000 pipe trades industry workers in Contra Costa and Alameda counties, donated \$20,000.

The union representing the county's deputy sheriffs, **[Deputy Sheriff's Association of Alameda County](#)**, has donated \$17,000.

[Becton Healthcare Resources](#) and its managers have donated \$14,625. Becton's **[mission statement](#)** says it provides "behavioral health management services to organizations and groups that serve the serious and persistent mentally ill population."

Jennifer Esteen's top campaign contributors:

Mary Quinn Delaney of Piedmont, founder of **[Akonadi Foundation](#)**, has donated \$20,000. **[Akonadi Foundation](#)** gives grants to nonprofit organizations, especially focusing on racial justice organizing,

Bridget Galli of Castro Valley has donated \$7,000. Galli is a yoga instructor and a co-owner of **[Castro Valley Yoga](#)**.

Rachel Gelman of Oakland has donated \$5,000. Gelman is an activist who **[has vowed to redistribute her inherited wealth](#)** to working class, Indigenous and Black communities.

[California Worker Families Party](#) has donated \$5,000. The organization's website describes itself as a "grassroots party for the multiracial working class."

David Stern of Albany has donated \$5,000. **[Stern is a retired UC Berkeley Professor of Education](#)**.

[Oakland Rising Committee](#)—a collaborative of racial, economic, and environmental justice organizations—has donated about \$3,050.

Fredeke Von Bothmer-Goodyear, an unemployed resident of San Francisco, has donated \$2,600.

Robert Britton of Castro Valley has donated \$2,500. Britton is [retired](#) and [worked in the labor movement for decades](#).

Progressive Era PAC has donated about \$2,400. Its [mission statement](#) says it “exists to elect governing majorities of leaders in California committed to building a progressive era for people of color.”

East Bay Stonewall Democrats Club has donated \$2,250. The club was founded in 1982 to give voice to the East Bay LGBTQIA+ communities.



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