

welding supplier Industrial Source and Tyree Oil also gave \$1,000 each to Nathanson.

Many of Nathanson's biggest funders are also big contributors to George Bush and local right-wing causes. The Giustinas recently gave \$50,000 to the Republican National Committee's efforts to re-elect Bush and his friends. The Wildish clan recently gave \$2,000 to Republicans nationally, \$5,000 for the pro-Parkway campaign two years ago and \$2,000 to the Gang of 9's attack ads against city council progressives.

Demers recently gave \$25,000 to national Republicans, \$10,000 to Oregon Republicans, \$10,000 for the West Eugene Parkway and \$2,500 to the Gang of 9.

The Gonyeas gave Bush \$8,000 last year, the national Republican party \$25,000 and

the Oregon Republican party \$10,000. Delta Sand and Gravel gave \$5,000 to the Parkway and \$1,000 to the Gang of 9. Hamilton contributed \$2,000 to the Parkway.

Almost a quarter of Nathanson's funding, including donations from the Gonyeas, Hamilton Construction and Demers, came from companies and individuals outside of Eugene.

Council Races

Many of the top contributors to Nathanson are also backing Maurie Denner, Scott Meisner and Tom Slocum for the city council. These three conservative candidates are largely funded by development interests. The Chamber PAC is the largest donor to Denner and Meisner's campaigns. The

Homebuilders PAC has also invested big bucks in Denner and Slocum. Here's a look at the contributions these conservative council candidates reported as of May 9:

Maurie Denner, running for Ward 2, reported \$17,000 in contributions. A total of \$8,200 came from developer interests including \$1,500 from the Chamber PAC.

Arlie & Company gave \$1,000. Arlie is run by John Musumeci, the land speculator who made millions moving PeaceHealth to Springfield and funded tens of thousands of dollars of Gang of 9 attack ads against pro-environment city councilors.

Papé gave Denner \$1,000, the Homebuilders Association PAC gave \$750, Gonyea gave \$700 and Wildish gave Denner \$500. Seneca Jones Timber gave

another \$500.

Among donors who gave \$250 each to Denner are: Cascade Title, Duncan & Brown, Giustina, McKay, PeaceHealth executive Skip Kriz, and the Delta and Eugene Sand and Gravel companies.

Marie & Ted Baker of the Baker family that owns *The Register-Guard* also gave \$250. The *Guard* has endorsed Denner.

Scott Meisner, Ward 7, reported \$7,221 in contributions. A total of \$4,200 came from development interests, including \$1,500 from the Chamber PAC, \$650 from Giustina, \$500 from Duncan & Brown, \$500 from Triad and \$300 from the Oregon Realtors PAC. Arlie also gave Meisner \$2,000, but Meisner returned the money. Jack Roberts, the area's leading proponent of corporate tax

Progressive candidates have received more contributions showing a broader base of support.



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