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A graduate of Lake Oswego High School, in one of Portland's wealthiest – and whitest – suburbs, Bean won a golf scholarship to the University of Oregon, where he majored in politics. The Ducks fan, and longtime gay rights advocate, also helped the Human Rights Campaign purchase its Washington DC building. Attending the wedding of Massachusetts Sen. Barney Frank and his partner Jim Ready, Bean danced with Nancy Pelosi. He has the YouTube video to prove it, but without a personal invitation you can't see it. The video is listed as private.

**How do You Spell Clout? "BUNDLE R"**

Obama's more well known bundlers include: Wendell Pierce, Harvey Weinstein, Deepak Chopra, Anna Wintour and Eva Longoria. Most bundlers, however are not household names, but rather corporate leaders such as: Comcast VP David Cohen; Jay Snyder, owner of HBJ Investments LLC; and Wayne Jordan of the Oakland-based company Jordan Real Estate. Former New Jersey Gov. Jon Corzine raked in \$897,000 for Obama's reelection campaign, until the company he led, MF Global, collapsed in a \$40 billion freefall.

Nationally, as well as in California, Obama's biggest bundler is movie mogul,

Jeffrey Katzenberg. Flexing the financial muscle of Hollywood, Katzenberg has bundled more than 2.3 million for the president's 2012 re-election campaign... so far. Worth more than \$800 million personally, according to Forbes Magazine, Katzenberg sits on numerous boards and philanthropic organizations.



Suzi LeVine

His causes include: the AIDS Project in Los Angeles, Parkinson's disease research and Boston University. Katzenberg's career includes 10 years as a producer at Paramount Pictures and 10 years with Walt Disney Studios. He co-founded Dreamworks and continues to head Dreamworks Animation. Among the many hits he has

steered to success are: Sister Act, The Lion King, Kung Fu Panda, Shrek and Star Trek the Motion Picture

**The Microsoft Connection**

After speaking to an audience of around 1,000 Tuesday evening, the president's schedule takes him to Seattle, for more fundraisers, this time at the homes of two supporters.

If you had to take a wild guess on the identity of those hosts, you might want to look at his top Washington bundlers. Head-

ing that list is Suzi LeVine, a former Microsoft Corp. employee who has raised \$574,000 for Obama. LeVine reveals in her blog, that she recently quit her job to concentrate on being a mom and work on the Obama campaign. Last November, after hosting Sacramento Mayor –and former NBA star—Kevin Johnson at her home, LeVine said Johnson's brand of leadership was exactly what Seattle needs.

"What I was especially excited about is that he shares the belief that, at the core of that community's success, is quality and high-expectation-filled education," she wrote. "He shared how, what they're doing in education in Sacramento, is on track to wipe out the achievement gap and set the whole community on a path for economic and quality-of-life growth."

A Brown University graduate, LeVine worked at the travel firm Expedia before going to Microsoft to lead its communications, education team. She has said that her passion is technology education, and she co-founded the advisory board for the University of Washington's I-Labs program that studies early education. LeVine is active in the Jewish community and has used her connections to stump for Obama in Florida.

What's more, she's not the only big-time bundler at the Microsoft Corp. John Frank, Microsoft's Deputy General Counsel, also raised \$83,000 for Obama.

Attorney Michael Parham who works for RealNetworks, a digital media firm is another key Seattle-based bundler. So are



Michael Parham

Lou and Carol Frillman, who identify themselves on their blog as "We stand for Hope and Change."

"...we are getting up tomorrow and going to work in each and every way possible," reads an open letter to a Tea Party supporter. "We are going to work, and work, and work, until, on election eve of November 2012, we stand exhausted knowing we could not have done one more thing. That each thing we could have done, we did."

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**Top Five States: All Campaign Contributions**

California	\$58 million
Texas	\$38 million
New York	\$36 million
Illinois	\$35 million
Florida	\$27 million

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