



Lehman Campaign Received \$46,000 From Special Interests / Out-of-Towners

NewsLanc has reviewed the final official filings of contributions to the Craig Lehman and Molly Henderson commissioner campaigns and has come up with many revelations:

The Lehman campaign raised \$100,131.11 and the Henderson campaign raised \$104,277.69.

Lehman raised \$10,750 from Political Action Committees from outside the area. Henderson received nothing from out-of-town PACs.

Lehman received \$10,500 from Mayor Rick Gray's campaign committee and \$5,000 from Representative Mike Sturla's campaign committee. Henderson received nothing.

Lehman received at least \$9,600 from individuals directly or indirectly linked to the

convention center project: S. Dale High: \$5,500; C. Dale High: \$2,000; Nevin Cooley: \$500 and Beverly Steinman: \$1,600. Henderson received nothing.

Lehman raised \$10,500 from individuals, some with lobby or financial firms, some likely from 'friends' and family. Henderson raised \$3,350 from what appear to be 'friends' and family.

In total, Lehman raised \$46,000 from lobbyists / special interests / persons from outside the county. Henderson raised little if anything.

What Henderson did do was contribute \$60,000 to her campaign. Lehman contributed \$6,250.

EDITORIAL: Stockyard Offers Last Great Opportunity

The City should purchase the 22 acre Stockyard tract for the asking price of \$6 million dollars and use the eastern section for ten acres of commuter parking.

The City could then rezone the remaining twelve acres as commercial and sell it off, probably recouping the \$6 million purchase price and perhaps some of the cost of paving the parking lot.

Finally, free trolley buses should operate over a loop starting three blocks south of Penn Square and stopping off at the commuter parking area both coming and going to the northern point of the Amtrak Station.

The annual cost of free trolley buses would be no more per year than the anticipated government subsidy for the street cars, and there would be no need for taxpayers to subsidize at least \$20 million in initial streetcar route construction costs.

Commerce and shoppers will be attracted downtown because of the ease of parking and ready shuttle service. And, unlike streetcars, trolley buses will not clog the city streets.

In addition, this is an environmentally-friendly approach because it will facilitate the use of rail service to Philadelphia and points north and south.

Anonymity vs. Doing Well By Doing Good

According to the Internal Revenue Service, as reported by *Central Penn Business*, the following five Central Pennsylvania foundations gave out the most money in 2006:

1. Ferree Foundation, \$1.83 million
2. Graham Foundation, \$1.74 million
3. Tyco Electronics Foundation, \$1.50 million
4. James Hale Steinman Foundation, \$1.49 million
5. John Frederick Steinman Foundation, \$1.44 million

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Foundations are usually funded in anticipation of death or by bequests. Some local philanthropists give as much but do so anonymously.

But there are those who trumpet giving, especially through naming rights, in order to conceal their avaricious business practices. It's like putting perfume on a skunk.

Newspapers Silent re Diverted \$ Millions

Although a subject of upcoming negotiations, not a word of news or editorial comment has been printed by the monopoly newspapers concerning the four ways perhaps \$10 million is being scandalously diverted from the taxpayer-

owned convention center to the Penn Square Partner's owned Marriott Hotel.

Can the silence be because an affiliate of Lancaster Newspapers, Inc. has a half interest in Penn Square Partners?

School District of Lancaster Rejects Charter School

When asked by a show of hands to indicate whether they supported the Lancaster County Science Academy application, about 90% of the 160 people attending the Tuesday meeting raised their hands.

Yet almost all of the approximately 20 speakers from the audience talked more about their aspirations for better educating children than the credentials of those who would actually be operating the school or the feasibility of the

proposal.

The board based its decision on an adjudication generated by its staff and advisors.

A professional investigation of public records funded by *NewsLanc* was also unable to turn up information suggesting the out-of-town sponsors had appropriate leadership experience or a history of past successes.

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