

EXHIBIT A

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Former staffer: Interviewed by Feds while working for Rep. Richardson

By Paul Eakins, Staff Writer

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LONG BEACH — Members of Rep. Laura Richardson's staff were required to work on her campaign and are being interviewed in an apparent ethics investigation, a former staffer says.

In an exclusive interview with the Press-Telegram, Maria Angel Macias, the Long Beach Democratic congresswoman's former district scheduler, said Monday that staff members were required to "volunteer" their time on Richardson's re-election campaign last year and that she scheduled Richardson's campaign events while on the taxpayer dime.

Richardson's spokesman, Communications Director Ray Zaccaro, maintained Monday what Richardson said in November when the ethics investigation question was previously raised - that there have been ethics interviews, but that there "is not an investigation."

"No employee in this office has ever been required to perform any work on the campaign," Zaccaro said via e-mail.

Macias said that Richardson often told her to call staff members outside office hours to make them work at campaign events.

"She would just ask me to call them and tell them to come to the campaign office," Macias said. "She would ask me to schedule people (staff members and drivers to accompany Richardson) for campaign fundraisers for other elected officials."

In a resignation letter dated March 3 to Richardson that had been previously obtained by the Press-Telegram and was first reported by Politico.com,

Macias explains her reason for leaving the job: "On more than one occasion I was asked to do a task or coordinate an event that was on the ethical borderline and not in my job description; things that I was never properly trained on or warned about, and later caused me to be deposed by an ethics investigator with a lawyer present."

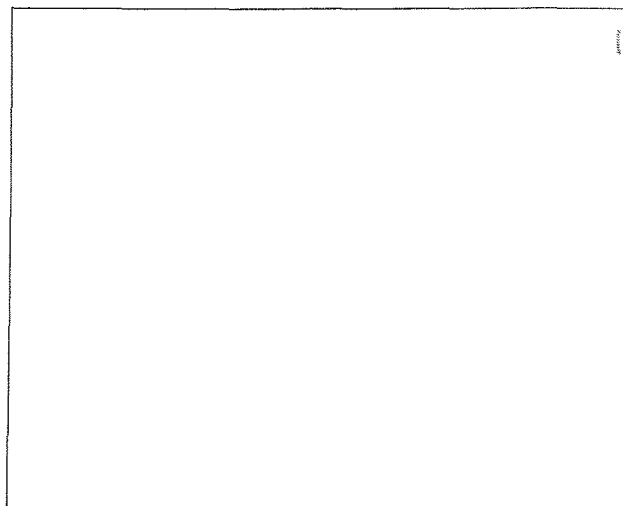
Under federal law, congressional staff members may work on campaigns outside of regular work schedules when they aren't on the taxpayer dollar.

Zaccaro also noted that House ethics rules permit congressional schedulers to coordinate with campaign schedulers.

Ethics Committee staff members have repeatedly refused to confirm or deny whether they are investigating Richardson, as is their policy. If Richardson is under investigation, this would mark the second time in her three years in office.

The committee began an ethics investigation in mid-2009 into the circumstances surrounding the foreclosure of Richardson's Sacramento home, which was seized by the bank and sold at auction, but which she later was able to recover. Last July the committee cleared Richardson of any wrongdoing.

Macias had worked part-time for Richardson in her Long Beach office since June until she was made a full-time employee and took over local scheduling Oct. 1, she said. She had worked for Richardson from 2005 to 2007 when Richardson was on the Long Beach City Council, Macias said.



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She said it wasn't until she was interviewed by an Ethics Committee investigator in November that she learned that some of her actions while on the congressional office's clock might be unethical. Macias said that several other members of Richardson's staff were interviewed as well and that the congresswoman provided an attorney for staff members during the interviews.

Macias said the investigation seemed to center on Richardson's deputy district director, Daysha Austin.

"He wants to know if Daysha was being paid from her government job while doing campaign stuff," Macias said. "I think that's the main thing that he's investigating."

She noted that last fall, when Richardson faced re-election Nov. 2, Austin would say that she "was in the field" most days, but "everybody knew" that she was at Richardson's campaign office. Austin would typically only spend part of a day each week in the Long Beach office, Macias said.

Richardson was overwhelmingly re-elected to represent the 37th District, which includes most of Long Beach, Compton, Carson, Signal Hill and parts of Los Angeles.

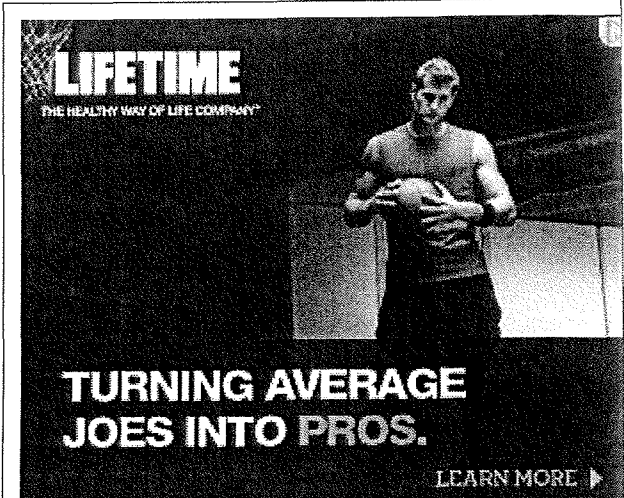
Macias recalled other incidents, such as when Richardson once forced a staff member to drive her to a campaign event in Pasadena, even though she didn't want to, and when Macias was directed to find out why Richardson's new home television had arrived broken - a time-consuming endeavor that took most of a week.

Staff members often had little time for their families because they had to attend campaign functions, she said.

"They would be so upset, 'We need some time with our family,'" Macias recalled her co-workers saying. "And she (Richardson) would get so upset. 'Get them on the phone, let me talk to them,' (Richardson responded.)"

Macias added: "She makes you feel like she owns you."

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EXHIBIT B

March 3, 2011

Congresswoman Laura Richardson
100 W. Broadway, Suite 600
Long Beach, CA 90802

RE: LETTER OF RESIGNATION

Congresswoman Richardson:

I write this letter to announce my resignation from the position of Scheduler/Special Events Assistant for the 37th Congressional District staff. I realize that the customary professional courtesy is to give two weeks notice, but I can no longer work under the constant verbal and emotional abuse that I have been subjected to these past few months, so I am resigning effective immediately. To be clear, my last day in the District Office was Friday, February 25, 2011, after which my doctor recommended I take time off. I have been out since Monday, February 28, and effective today, Thursday, March 3, 2011, I will not be returning to work in the CD-37 Office.

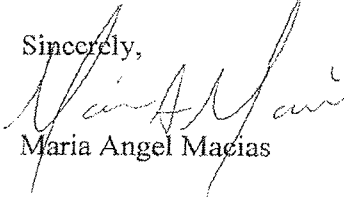
I regret that a drastic step like this had to be taken. I started this job working part time and with a heart full of joy to give my colleagues and the constituents. I came in determined to work hard and contribute in every way that I could to boost your image, increase work productivity and raise the morale of this office, while being the best co-worker that I could possibly be to my colleagues. I later took on the position of Scheduler at your request, apparently having done a good job up to that point. But my stress levels have now risen to very unhealthy, if not dangerous levels as a result of the repeated emotional abuse and constant conflict over the past few months.

When you and Daysha recruited me to work with you for a second time I was led to believe that some of the problems of the past – such as the disrespectful way of talking to staff, the lack of regard for family time or personal time off for staff, and the thankless, unappreciative attitude that staff are met with no matter how hard we work, had improved since I last worked for you. It is clear to me now that this was not true.

I am also hurt because on more than one occasion I was asked to do a task or coordinate an event that was on the ethical borderline and not in my job description; things that I was never properly trained on or warned about, and later caused me to be deposed by an ethics investigator with a lawyer present. Meanwhile, promises for vacation time to attend Mama Frances's 80th Birthday have been broken, and whenever I make even a very minor mistake it is treated like a federal crime. I cannot work in a toxic and hostile environment like this, which is why I resign today.

I will be coming in to collect my things and to give my keys and Congressional property to Daysha or Eric in the next few days. I gave you and this job my 100% effort my whole time here and I leave with a clear conscience.

Sincerely,



Maria Angel Macias

RETURN TO WORK / SCHOOL



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DATE: 2/24/11

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HCP Site: Wellness LLC

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

THE ABOVE PATIENT IS UNDER MY CARE AND:

- PLEASE EXCUSE FROM WORK/SCHOOL FROM 2/24 TO 3/2 MAY RETURN TO WORK/SCHOOL ON: 3/2
- HAS RECOVERED AND MAY RETURN TO LIGHT WORK ON: _____
- HAS RECOVERED AND MAY RETURN TO WORK/SCHOOL ON: _____
- REQUIRES A MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE FROM: _____ TO _____
- IS RESTRICTED FROM: _____ UNTIL _____ DATE
- RECEIVED TREATMENT AT MY OFFICES ON: _____
- IS SCHEDULED TO RETURN ON: _____ AT _____

REMARKS:

PROVIDER SIGNATURE

EXHIBIT C

Los Angeles Wave

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The Soulvine: Calling all cars

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By BETTY PLEASANT, Contributing Editor
April 7, 2010

A crime may be occurring and the possible perpetrator is running amongst us, trying to divert our attention from possible unlawful acts so we can re-elect her to Congress. On the face of it, Rep. **Laura Richardson** may very well be violating the Hatch Act — that law which forbids federal employees from engaging in partisan political activity; that law which forbids the staff of federal officials from working to affect their bosses' re-election or election to another office; that law which makes it necessary for federal elected officials to hire, at their own expense, campaign consultants to handle everything involving their political aspirations, from soup to nuts.

Richardson is running for re-election this year in the 37th Congressional District. Among her staff of federally paid employees is **Eric Boyd**, her district director, and **Ken Miller**, her press deputy/communications director or what-have-you. In her absence, Boyd was the congresswoman's stand-in at the Gardena Valley Democratic Club's endorsement meeting last month where his sole task was to convince the club to support his boss' bid for re-election. He's not supposed to do that. His job is to supervise the delivery of federal services throughout Richardson's congressional district and she is supposed to hire somebody else to tout her candidacy.

I have ignored Miller's feverish attempts to have me interview Richardson because all of my questions to her would have been harsh and would have reflected the stream of really unfavorable information about her coming from her staff, her constituents and other elected officials. For example, I was informed of Richardson's commandeering of the county's emergency helicopters as sightseeing vehicles for her entire staff long before my colleague **Steve Lopez** reported it in The Times. I chose not to write about it because I was embarrassed by her lapse in judgment.

Any interview I would have had with Richardson would have had to include that joy-flying thing plus several other issues that do not bode well for the congresswoman. But the persistent Miller got beside himself and e-mailed me a press release he had written April 1 enthusing about how his boss was "the big winner" at the Democratic Pre-Endorsement Conference in South Gate. He went on to detail how Richardson had trounced her challenger, **Peter Mathews**, and he threw in a few quotes from the

congresswoman, talking about how she's so "honored" and "thankful," and blah blah blah. It was a good little piece. The only problem, however, is that Miller can't write it and he can't e-mail it to me!! It's against the law for him to do so. Richardson has to keep her regular employees completely away from her election campaigns. She has to hire somebody else to write and distribute her political propaganda. All politicians know that and she knows it, as well.

I don't think she cares though, because for some time now I've been getting complaints and comments from Richardson's defected former employees (of which there are many) and other elected officials that she forces her staff to work on her political campaigns under threats of dismissal. I never raised the issue before because, frankly, I didn't think it was that important. But now I see where such complaints could be pervasive, given that Richardson was a Long Beach City Council member when she ran for the Assembly and was an Assembly member when she ran for Congress. She's always had a government-paid staff at her command whenever her name appeared on a ballot. I'll have to go back and pay more attention to what these people are saying because what they're saying to me is showing up in Steve's column, not mine, and I'm not liking that. (I must be getting soft in my old age.)

A RECONSIDERATION — The Los Angeles City Council is not a bunch of (scatological terms); they are awesome!!! The body is standing up like people with (different scatological terms) and telling the DWP what it can do with its rate increase. The council members are on our side, for a change, and are telling the mayor and his DWP that they are not the boss of them — that the council is the boss of them! I love it so much. It feels good to have our elected officials fight for us, rather than against us. Stand firm, council; take it to the brink. We got your back — as long as you have ours!!

INGLEWOOD REPORT — Inglewood's newly rehired chief financial officer, **Jeff Muir**, suddenly resigned Tuesday. You might recall that Muir was the underqualified fiscal person who popped into and out of the city's administrative office at will and who was pegged by Councilwoman **Judy Dunlap** to become the chief administrative officer after she engineered the firing of **Timothy Wanamaker**. Well, they offered Wanamaker's job to Muir Tuesday morning and he said, "Hell, No!" and quit.

Speaking of Dunlap, I was doing some light reading the other day of Dunlap's state-mandated campaign finance filings (Form 460) over the past couple of years, as I was trying to determine from whence cometh her campaign contributions, and I noted a couple of interesting things. First of all, her contributions from people who reside in or do business in Inglewood are extremely scarce. The overwhelming bulk of her contributions come from San Francisco, Sacramento, Beverly Hills, West Los Angeles, Orange County, etc. People and companies in these far flung places are giving her thousands and thousands of dollars to run for city council and mayor of Inglewood,

while a mere handful of Inglewood residents have given her \$100 to \$150 each.

Another thing which struck me as odd about Dunlap's financial filings is the fact that she reported to have paid \$49,484.93 to Addra Service Inc. in Inglewood for campaign literature during the period of Jan. 1, 2008 and June 30, 2008. There was no campaign in 2008. The Rev. **Roosevelt Dorn** had already been re-elected mayor in 2007 and Dunlap's re-election campaign was waged in 2009. So why did she need to buy \$49,484.93 worth of campaign literature from Addra in the middle of 2008? Did she pocket that money? I don't know. I'm just reading.

DATEBOOK — Sheriff **Lee Baca** will lead a panel discussion on "The Crib to the Penitentiary Pipeline" at 9 a.m. Thursday at the Junior Blind of America's facilities at 5300 Angeles Vista Blvd. The event is hosted by Great Beginnings for Black Babies which seeks to examine racial profiling and predictions for the future of Black babies.

The Paul Robeson Community Center, will celebrate the 112th birthday of legendary athlete, singer, actor and civil rights groundbreaker **Paul Robeson** on Sunday with a musical program featuring opera virtuoso KB Solomon in the Little Theater at L.A. Southwest College, 1600 Imperial Hwy. beginning at 3 p.m.

AND FINALLY — What's this I keep hearing about Nazis coming to L.A.?! I heard that the NSM (whatever that means) is a group of openly racist Nazis which plans to hold a rally on the South Lawn of the City Hall at noon on April 17. Anti-Nazis are being summoned to gather at the Triforium statue at Temple and Main at 10 a.m. to form a picket line around the City Hall and yell at the Nazis. This had better be true because I don't appreciate giving up my Saturday morning to go cuss out Nazis and Nazis don't show up. (If it's true, it's gonna be good, yeah!)

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Los Angeles Wave

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The Soulvine: Harsh taskmistress?

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By BETTY PLEASANT, Contributing Editor
November 10, 2010

Widely circulated criticism of 37th District Rep. **Laura Richardson's** management style — some going back to when she was on the Long Beach City Council — are coming to a head now, as the House Ethics Committee launched an investigation into complaints filed in September by several of her district and Washington, D.C., staff members accusing her of employee abuse and misuse.

Richardson is reputed to have one of the highest — if not the highest — turnover of employees in the House of Representatives. This year alone, seven staffers have left her employ. Three were terminated, **Terry Valdez**, **Teng Fang** and **Lala** something, as Richardson's staff has been forbidden to give me her last name. The others left on their own accord, including her D.C. communications deputy, **Jeffrey Billington**, who departed the Richardson gulag just the other day.

Clifford Stoddard, an investigator for the House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct [Ethics Committee] interviewed the employees in Richardson's Long Beach office a couple of weeks ago. I called Stoddard in Washington seeking information about his investigation and he told me: "I can't talk about it. I am legally forbidden to discuss this with you because what we do is not public."

I asked him if he could confirm or deny that he is investigating Richardson. "I can not," he said. Granted, Richardson's staff and I have been discussing their formal complaints and issues since Oct. 8, but I still needed confirmation that the U.S. House of Representatives is taking them seriously. Toward that end, I spoke with Richardson Tuesday and the first thing out of her mouth was: "There is no ethics investigation. They just had somebody interviewing my staff."

That is confirmation. On Wednesday, I received a copy of a confidential e-mail sent to Richardson's staff in mid-October from the U.S. House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct. The e-mail is captioned: "Investigation of Certain Allegations Related to Campaign Activities." The e-mail goes on to state: "Pursuant to rule 18(a), the committee has authorized counsel to conduct interviews, collect records and other documentation..." So, despite Richardson's denial and Stoddard's zipped lip, I think it's safe to say, yeah, she's being investigated.

Richardson's district employees told me that they told Stoddard the congresswoman is abusive, cusses them out, intimidates them, forces them, under threat of termination, to work her re-election campaign each weekday evening from 6 to 9 p.m. and all day on the weekends from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. This is on top of their normal working hours which end at 6 p.m. People in her D.C. office complained to the Ethics Committee about a fundraiser Richardson held for which she could not afford to hire people to serve, so she forced her staff to serve at the event. Richardson told me her staffers volunteered for such extra work.

I asked if she forced them to volunteer. "No, I did not force them to volunteer," she answered. She further stated: "I am an extremely hard worker and I expect the people I work with to work hard, too. Not everybody wants to work hard." She said this whole "non-investigation" resulted from the Soulvine column I wrote sometime ago questioning whether Richardson's involvement of **Ken Miller**, her press deputy, and **Eric Boyd**, her district director, in her re-election campaign activities was a violation of the Hatch Act, as well as a complaint filed by one disgruntled member of her D.C. staff.

"That's what this is all about," the congresswoman asserted. Richardson's staff admitted that Stoddard had the Soulvine column and began his questioning with its contents, but they said their responses led to full disclosures of what life as a Laura Richardson employee is really like.

"I told him how abusive the congresswoman is and how she intimidates and coerces employees into doing whatever she sees fit, even it means breaking the law," one staffer said. "For our interviews with Stoddard, the congresswoman offered us the services of an attorney that she would pay for," the staffer continued. "But we didn't use him because we figured she'd renege on paying him and we'd be stuck with the legal bill. And besides, we didn't do anything wrong. We didn't need an attorney — she did," the staffer said.

A couple of months ago, one of Richardson's House colleagues told me that House Speaker **Nancy Pelosi** called Richardson into her office and chewed her out about her behavior. Pelosi allegedly instructed Richardson to get her stuff together, clean up her act and stay out of the newspapers because her antics were making the whole Democratic Party look bad. I asked Richardson if such a meeting had been held between her and Pelosi.

She said no. "Such a meeting never occurred. She never spoke to me about that. After all, she's the speaker and she doesn't do that kind of thing."

Late Tuesday night, I received a call from Congresswoman-elect **Karen Bass**, whom Richardson had obviously enlisted to persuade me not to write this column, knowing

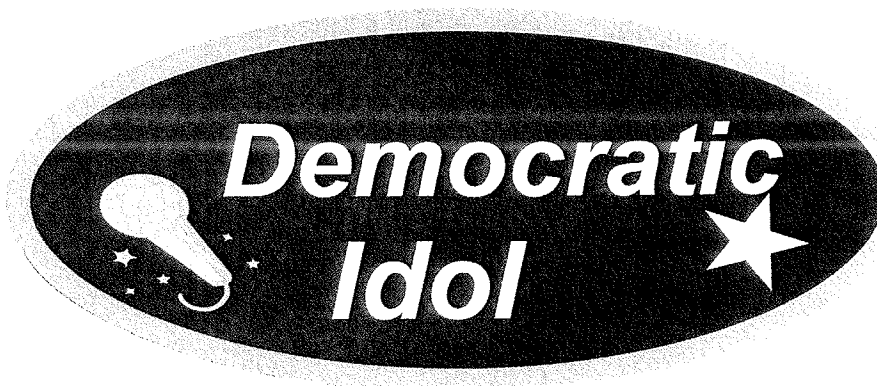
how close Bass and I are. After I finished yelling and screaming about the audacity of such a call, the first words out of Bass' mouth was: "There is no investigation." I heaved a sigh and said: "If not, then why did an Ethics Committee person interview Laura's staff?"

Bass was audibly surprised by this information and asked, "They interviewed her staff?" I said, "Yeah, but she didn't tell you that, did she?" Then Bass proceeded to tell me how well Richardson is regarded in Congress and of her great deeds in Washington, etc. etc. etc. Then I asked: "If she's so well regarded in Congress, why did Pelosi summon her to her office and read her the riot act about her behavior?" Then Bass said: "Well after that, she got better!" I rest my case.

There is a lot more and worse stuff being alleged against Richardson which I can't go into right now but I will discuss it as this investigation proceeds and as I get more people to speak on the record. But I did promise Richardson that I would include here today one complete statement from her. Here it is: "I have quite a few staff members working for me over 10 years [namely, **Daysha Austin**, whom the other staffers detest] and I think they would tell you that I take care of the people who work for me. We work very hard."

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EXHIBIT F

From: Cooks, Shirley
Sent: Monday, September 27, 2010 6:04 PM
To: CA37-dc
Subject: Wednesday at 5:00 pm

All staff are required to attend Ms Richardson's event. Bring spouses and tell interns they have to be there as well.
Thanks

Sent using BlackBerry

EXHIBIT G

From: daysha74@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, September 28, 2010 6:43 PM
To: Cooks, Shirley; Dennis, Jakki; Billington, Jeffrey; Woodward, Lucinda; Berry, Gregory; Aho, Loren; Maginnis, Thorne
Subject: Rep. Richardson's Democratic Idol

The Congresswoman is asking all staff that has one to wear their staff shirt to tomorrow's event so we can be visible and easily identified.

Thank you for you cooperation and assistance.
Sent from my Verizon Wireless BlackBerry

EXHIBIT H



EXHIBIT I

From: Cooks, Shirley
Sent: Wednesday, September 29, 2010 10:31 AM
To:
Subject: Re: Question

Yes. Will you tell him to meet you there too, please.

Sent using BlackBerry

----- Original Message -----

From
To: Cooks, Shirley
Sent: Wed Sep 29 10:19:15 2010
Subject: RE: Question

Ok, my friend Sean, who took the pics at her Sisterhood Event last year will do it for \$150, should I go ahead and tell him yes?

-----Original Message-----

From: Cooks, Shirley
Sent: Wednesday, September 29, 2010 10:15 AM
To:
Subject: Re: Question

Thanks

Sent using BlackBerry

----- Original Message -----

From
To: Cooks, Shirley
Sent: Wed Sep 29 10:11:22 2010
Subject: RE: Question

I have one person I can ask, let me see if he is available.

-----Original Message-----

From: Cooks, Shirley
Sent: Wednesday, September 29, 2010 10:11 AM
To
Subject: Re: Question

Ok. The campaign will pay. Rush to get someone please.

Sent using BlackBerry

----- Original Message -----

From: .
To: Cooks, Shirley
Sent: Wed Sep 29 10:09:41 2010
Subject: RE: Question

I don't know of anyone who would do it as a favor, only those that do it for money, especially at this late of notice.

-----Original Message-----

From: Cooks, Shirley
Sent: Wednesday, September 29, 2010 10:08 AM
To: .
Subject: Re: Question

Calm down. Who do you know up there who could substitute? Someone in another office maybe who would do it as a favor?

Sent using BlackBerry

----- Original Message -----

From:
To: Cooks, Shirley
Sent: Wed Sep 29 10:02:57 2010
Subject: RE: Question

Shirley,

Daysha just told me I'll be taking photos at the event tonight. I explained to her I would be leaving early and she ignored me. If this is not somehow rectified I am prepared to render my resignation effective immediately. I am completely serious about this. In addition, for your information, I will be taking action against this office through House leadership if I am forced to go this route.

-----Original Message-----

From: Cooks, Shirley
Sent: Wednesday, September 29, 2010 8:49 AM
To: Austin, Daysha;
Subject: Fw: Question

David is not available.

Sent using BlackBerry

----- Original Message -----

From: Sims, David
To: Cooks, Shirley
Sent: Wed Sep 29 08:24:29 2010
Subject: Re: Question

No. @ doctor with aidan.

----- Original Message -----

From: Cooks, Shirley

To: Sims, David

Sent: Tue Sep 28 23:28:00 2010

Subject: Question

Are you available tomorrow at 5:30 to 7:30ish to cover an event at Jones Day that includes Pelosi, Clyburn and ten more members in a talent show. Call Jakki Dennis 202-445-9958 if she is not at her desk tomorrow morning. Thanks

Sent using BlackBerry

EXHIBIT J

From: Rogers, Henry
Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2010 7:33 PM
To:
Subject: FW: CA State Democratic Party Endorsement on 3/20
Attachments: SpeakerReport.110thCongress.Accomplishments.doc; CLR.ProjectSmartVote.Feb2010.doc

From: Richard, Lucinda
Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2010 9:14 AM
To: Rogers, Henry; Boyd, Eric
Cc: Cooks, Shirley
Subject: CA State Democratic Party Endorsement on 3/20

Hi Henry and Eric,

CLR has an event this Saturday (something along the lines of "California Dem Party Endorsement") and she asked staff to prepare a binder for her. She needs a lot of the same information that she needed for her last endorsement event (was it Sunday?). I was hoping you could compile a binder again using the same materials from last weekend.

Please add additional tabs for the two documents I've attached to this email. I will probably send you some healthcare materials later in the week, too. I figure it's better to start on this stuff early so we're not all scrambling Friday night to get it done.

Thanks for all your help!

~Lucinda

Lucinda Richard
Legislative Assistant
Representative Laura Richardson (CA-37)
1725 Longworth House Office Building
(202) 225-7924

Please consider the environment before printing this e-mail.

EXHIBIT K

From: Woodward, Lucinda
Sent: Friday, October 01, 2010 12:18 PM
To:
Subject: FW: Memo: Campaign Leave Request

Lucinda Woodward
Congresswoman Laura Richardson (CA-37)
1725 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-7924 (p)

From: Cooks, Shirley
Sent: Friday, October 01, 2010 12:17 PM
To: Maginnis, Thorne; Woodward, Lucinda
Subject: FW: Memo: Campaign Leave Request

From: laurarichardson55assembly@yahoo.com [mailto:laurarichardson55assembly@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, October 01, 2010 12:22 PM
To: Cooks, Shirley
Subject: Re: Memo: Campaign Leave Request

I am disturbed by this. I never authorized any staff to communicate to the dccc. I certainly never authorized staff to consider a specific seat. Those are my decisions. The direction was if someone was interested to see me NOT to go and do what he has done

Sent from my Verizon Wireless BlackBerry

From: "Cooks, Shirley" <Shirley.Cooks@mail.house.gov>
Date: Fri, 1 Oct 2010 12:10:00 -0400
To: 'laurarichardson55assembly@yahoo.com'<laurarichardson55assembly@yahoo.com>
Subject: FW: Memo: Campaign Leave Request

CLR-

In our last staff meeting in Washington, in which you were engaged, you indicated to staff that you would encourage their volunteering for tough races through the DCCC mechanism. Attached is Thorn's request to volunteer in a hard race in TN (Tanner's seat). Please advise. I think it would be good for Thorne to have the experience. He's never had the opportunity to do campaign related work before.

From: Maginnis, Thorne
Sent: Friday, October 01, 2010 11:17 AM
To: Cooks, Shirley
Subject: Memo: Campaign Leave Request

Shirley,

Attached is the memo requesting leave to volunteer on the 2010 midterm elections.

Thorne Maginnis
Congresswoman Laura Richardson (CA-37)
1725 Longworth House Office Building
(202) 225-7924

EXHIBIT L

From: Cooks, Shirley
Sent: Wednesday, September 30, 2009 9:15 AM
To: CA37-dc
Subject: On an errand for CLR. Will arrive shortly

Sent using BlackBerry

EXHIBIT M

From: Peng, Seng
Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2009 3:49 PM
To: CA37-dc
Subject: ot cleaners + Lawanda

Seng H. Peng
Staff Assistant
Congresswoman Laura Richardson (CA-37)
1725 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515
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December 29, 2006

Statement of Chairman Doc Hastings and Ranking Minority Member Howard L. Berman
Regarding Representative John Conyers

The Chairman and Ranking Minority Member, pursuant to Committee Rule 18(a), initiated an informal inquiry in December 2003 into reports that members of the congressional staff of Representative John Conyers had performed campaign activity on official time and in some instances using official resources, and that some staff members may have been compelled to do campaign work or personal work for Representative Conyers. The assertions in the reports, if true, could implicate a number of laws and House rules applicable to Members, including: House Rule 23, clause 1 (requiring the conduct of a Member or employee to reflect creditably on the House of representatives); House Rule 23, clause 8 (requiring that congressional staff perform official duties commensurate with compensation); 31 U.S.C. § 1301(a) and corresponding regulations of the Committee on House Administration (providing that official funds may be used only for the purposes appropriated); and 18 U.S.C § 606 (prohibiting adverse personnel action or intimidation to secure a "contribution of money or other valuable thing" including services, for a political purpose).

Committee Rule 18(a) permits the Committee, in the absence of a filed complaint, to consider "any information in its possession indicating that a Member, officer, or employee may have committed a violation of the Code of Official Conduct or any law, rule, regulation, or other standard of conduct" The Chairman and Ranking Minority Member may jointly gather additional information concerning such a potential violation unless and until an investigative subcommittee is established.

During the course of their inquiry, the Chairman and Ranking Member asked for and received information, including documents, from several sources, including Representative Conyers. Committee staff also interviewed witnesses regarding the allegations.

In the course of providing information to the Committee, Representative Conyers acknowledged what he characterized as a "lack of clarity" in his communications with staff members regarding their official duties and responsibilities, and accepted responsibility for his actions. Representative Conyers also provided the Committee with documents indicating that he had begun taking steps to provide clearer guidance to staff regarding the requirement that campaign work and official work be separate.

After reviewing the information gathered during the inquiry, and in light of Representative Conyers' cooperation with the inquiry, we have concluded that this matter should be resolved through the issuance of this public statement and the agreement by Representative Conyers to take a number of additional, significant steps to ensure that his

office complies with all rules and standards regarding campaign and personal work by congressional staff.

Representative Conyers has agreed to the following conditions:

1. Prohibiting his personal congressional staff (other than his Chief of Staff) from performing any campaign-related work, including work done on a voluntary basis, during the 110th Congress, unless the staff member takes a paid position on his campaign while on leave without pay status and obtains prior written approval from the Committee.
2. Informing staff members in writing of the prohibition set forth above against the voluntary performance of campaign work.
3. Distributing a memorandum to each member of his personal congressional staff which clearly sets forth all House rules concerning (1) the performance of campaign and other non-official work by congressional staff members and (2) the prohibition against the performance of any campaign-related work being conducted in either his congressional or district offices. Additionally, this memorandum will explicitly state that the performance of campaign or other non-official work by staff members may not be required as a condition of their employment.
4. Directing that meetings of his personal congressional staff be held annually in which the House rules concerning staff participation in campaign activities are discussed and explained. In addition, a description of these rules will be made a part of the orientation for all new staff employees.
5. Continuing to maintain the detailed time-keeping system initiated by Rep. Conyers during the course of the Committee's inquiry.
6. Requiring that all members of his congressional staff attend a briefing conducted by Committee counsel on the application of, and compliance with, applicable House rules concerning the performance of campaign and other non-official work by congressional staff members.

Provided that the above requirements are complied with, this matter will remain closed, and the Committee will take no further action on it.

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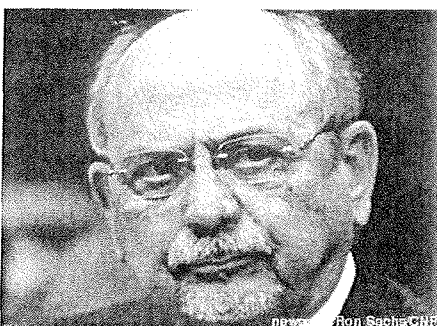
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year.

"The notion that the ethics committee, which is supposed to be the one committee that is nonpartisan, would allow one of its employees to split his time with another partisan committee? I'm stunned," said Meredith McGehee of the Campaign Legal Center.

"I think this is crossing a line that is wholly unacceptable," she added. "There's no way that an ethics committee should be serving on a partisan committee...you're setting the whole situation up to have reasonable claims of partisan motivation. The notion here that you can serve two masters is just wrong."

The ongoing tensions and partisan jabs were on public display last night when a private letter in which Bonner accuses his Democratic predecessor, Rep. Zoe Lofgren (CA), of breaking House rules by trying to fire the two attorneys who worked on the Waters case was leaked to the *Washington Post*.

In the letter, according to the *Post*, Bonner said that Lofgren's decision was unilateral and taken "without cause, in my view," and that the two staffers - counsels Morgan Kim and Stacey Sovereign - had "acted appropriately and consistent with the highest ethical standards."

The *Post* story was one of a series of leaks aimed at attacking Lofgren's decision to suspend the attorneys, and watchdogs say the leaks constitute a grave violation of the committee's confidentiality rules and professed non-partisan agenda but reveal just how dysfunctional the committee has become.

The Ethics Committee is the only panel in which most staffers are considered non-partisan. In fact, its rules regarding staff specifically call for "professional, nonpartisan staff," according to a copy of the latest committee rules.

"The staff as a whole and each individual member of the staff shall perform all official duties in a nonpartisan manner," the rules state.

The rules specifically allow the chair and ranking minority member to appoint one individual as a shared staff member "from the respective personal staff of the Chair or Ranking Minority Member to perform service for

Government watchdogs are condemning a decision to allow a Republican office to become a safe haven for supposedly nonpartisan Ethics Committee staff, saying it's one of the leading reasons why the panel is so dysfunctional.

The House Ethics Committee, led by Rep. Jo Bonner (R-AL), has virtually shut down amid partisan recriminations and staff sniping over last year's handling of the case against Rep. Maxine Waters (D-CA). Last week TPM reported that at least one of the panel's attorneys who had been suspended for allegedly mishandling the case had soft-landed on the GOP side of the House Natural Resources Committee, run by Rep. Doc Hastings (R-WA).

TPM also discovered that for the last several years, Hastings and the Natural Resources Committee has employed Todd Ungerecht as either a personal staffer for Hastings or a Natural Resources committee aide at the same time Ungerecht was serving as a ranking member's counsel to the Ethics Committee.

Even more troublingly, Ungerecht last year served as a senior GOP counsel on the Natural Resources panel while investigating the case against Rep. Charles Rangel (D-NY), who the House censured for a string of misdeeds late last

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the Committee," but the rules do not provide for shared staff with other panels.

Public Citizen's Craig Holman said the partisan staff on both sides of the aisle have created serious problems for the panel.

"The staff are extremely partisan, and it's causing serious problems on both sides of the aisle ... as a result the House Ethics Committee has basically shut down," he said.

Fortunately, Holman said, the Office of Congressional Ethics, a board made up of mainly former members of Congress, is still up and running and holding members of Congress accountable. The OCE can only conduct initial probes and make recommendations for further action to the full ethics panel, but because some of its actions eventually become public it has spurred the Ethics Committee to act on many cases since its creation in 2008.

"Fortunately, we still have an OCE up and running," Holman said. "If the Ethics Committee ends up doing nothing, the public will be watching. At least now we're going to know whether they are fulfilling their mandate. ..."

Waters is accused of intervening on behalf of a minority-owned bank in which her husband owns stock and on whose board he'd previously sat. She has mounted a vigorous, detailed defense, arguing she was acting on behalf of all minority-owned banks, as she has done for other minority interests for years, and raising hundreds of thousands of dollars to fight it through a legal defense fund.



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