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## **Siskiyou County 2016 Campaign Spending Revealed!**

**Weed, CA** – The Siskiyou Forward Movement has posted details of over \$100,000 in donations and campaign expenses for last year’s county political campaigns and ballot measures. The link is here:

<http://www.siskiyouforward.org/2017/05/17/siskiyou-county-2016-campaign-spending-revealed/>

“We’re very fortunate California has the strong protections of the Fair Political Practices Act, so we can see who’s financing our elections”, said SFM founder Andy Fusso. “Yet still, outside corporate and special interests can and will radically outspend local citizens. It’s so important to find out who’s really behind the slick mailers and ads, and not be deceived by false information. That’s why we’re making this data easily available online.”

### **Campaign Finance Violations**

The FPPC’s Enforcement Division recently fined three Siskiyou County campaigns (Yes on Measure G - \$250, Michael Kobseff - \$254 and Kirk Andrus - \$210) for failure to file reports on time. They also fined the Committee for Measures T & U \$3,500 for signage violations.

A complaint the SFM filed last February on Crystal Geyser’s Astroturf (fake grassroots) organization, the “Committee for a Strong Siskiyou Economy, No on Measure H” is currently under investigation by the FPPC. The committee’s treasurer, Kelly Lawler of Hilmar, CA, failed to accurately report potentially \$13,000 in sign production and placement services funded by Crystal Geyser.

*(The FPPC’s May 25, 2017 agenda includes a proposed fine of \$4,500 in another case involving Kelly Lawler, as treasurer of Daniel Schnur’s 2014 Secretary of State campaign. This case involves failure to report a \$125,000 contribution, and expenditures made outside the campaign bank account.)*

More information about the local complaint can be found at:

<http://www.siskiyouforward.org/2017/03/03/state-fppc-investigating-crystal-geyser-no-measure-h-group/>

## Local Campaign Finance

We aggregated information in an easily accessible format based on reports obtained from the County Clerk's office. Data comes from 39 filing statements by 13 different campaigns.

The No on Measure H November campaign spent the most money, reporting \$30,678 in expenses. \$23,403 remained unpaid at year end.

Supervisor Lisa Nixon's June campaign raised \$30,005, from which \$3,000 was then given to the Committee for Measures T & U (cannabis restrictions). That campaign raised \$19,353 including Nixon's donation. Siskiyou Alternative Medicine (opponents of T & U) raised \$4,771.

Sheriff Jon Lopey and jail architects Nacht & Lewis provided most of the \$9,000 funding for June's Measure S (sales tax for jail expansion). When this returned to the ballot as Measure G in November, the architects and Laborers Local 185 provided most of its \$11,570 funding.

The Siskiyou Forward Movement) spent \$6,717 during the year including \$5,340 qualifying and unsuccessfully supporting the Measure H campaign, and a total of \$1,130 defeating the two jail measures. Full details for all campaigns are posted on the website link above.

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