Follow the Charter Campaign Money

**Kids Not Profits** is an issue advocacy campaign and growing coalition of education, parent, civil rights and community organizations calling for greater accountability and transparency for California’s charter schools. Charter schools are privately-managed, taxpayer-funded schools exempted from some rules applicable to traditional public schools. Kids Not Profits is also exposing the agenda of a group of billionaires with no experience in our classrooms, who support these privately-managed charter schools and who are trying to push their education agenda on the rest of us. Their agenda is simple:

* Divert money out of California’s neighborhood public schools to fund privately-run charter schools, without accountability or transparency to parents and taxpayers.
* Cherry-pick the students who get to attend charter schools – weeding out and turning down students with special needs.
* Spend millions trying to influence local legislative and school board elections across California.

In the current 2016 election cycle, this group of billionaires has spent more than $11 million to influence legislative, school board and county office of education elections in California. Using a network that mirrors the dark money networks used by the billionaire Koch Brothers, this sophisticated funding network is working to influence elections across the state. They are focused on legislative elections and local boards of education, where many key decisions about approving charters are made.

# Where the Money Has Gone

The money has moved into three political action and independent expenditure committees. In the primary election, the [EdVoice Independent Expenditure Committee](http://goo.gl/T5jztm) received more than $8 million, with the vast majority of funds coming from just 10 wealthy donors.

The [California Charter Schools Association (CCSA) Advocates Independent Expenditure Committee](http://goo.gl/MggNWX) has received more than $9 million in 2015-2016, again with the majority coming from just 10 wealthy donors.

The CCSA PAC also moved more than half of its money into a separate PAC, deceptively called the [Parent Teacher Alliance](http://goo.gl/hGFAIb). Despite the “PTA” initials, this PAC has nothing to do with the local or California State PTA—the Parent Teachers Association. It’s just another entity controlled by the California Charter Schools Association dedicated to promoting their agenda.

These three committees alone spent more than $11 million on California elections through the June 2016 primary. They have promised to spend even more on races around the state this fall.

# State and Local Campaigns Impacted

The following pages show how and where their PACs spent the billionaires’ money in the 2016 June primary election.

### EdVoice Independent Expenditure Committee (ID 1261580)

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| **Race** | **Independent Expenditures  & Contributions in Primary** |  | **Totals** |
| **AD 4:** | Supporting Cecilia Aguiar-Curry: |  | $1,070,801.32 |
|  | Opposing Dan Wolk: |  | $152,215.69 |
|  |  |  | **$1,223,017.01** |
| **AD 14:** | Supporting Tim Grayson: |  | $1,170,322.96 |
|  | Opposing Mae Torlakson: |  | $ 315,572.33 |
|  |  |  | **$1,485,895.29** |
| **AD 24:** | Supporting Marc Berman: |  | **$857,755.95** |
| **AD 38:** | Supporting Dante Acosta: |  | **$5,000.00** |
| **SD 3:** | Supporting Bill Dodd: |  | **$1,664,437.62** |
| **SD 7:** | Supporting Steve Glazer: |  | **$298,293.50** |
|  | **Grand Total to Date:** |  | **$5,534,399.37** |

### California Charter Schools Association Advocates IE Committee (ID 1339522)

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| **Race** | **Independent Expenditures & Contributions in Primary** | **Totals** |
| **AD 39:** | Supporting Raul Bocanegra: | **$82,832.78** |
| **AD 47:** | Supporting Cheryl Brown: | $166,812.16 |
|  | Opposing Eloise Gomez Reyes: | $13,440.55 |
|  |  | **$180,252.71** |
| **Orange County BOE Trustee Area 4:** | Supporting Jack Bedell: | **$18,613.95** |
| **Riverside County BOE Trustee Area 7:** | Supporting Barbara Hale: | **$10,546.51** |
| **San Diego County BOE District 1:** | Supporting Mark Powell: | **$190,364.71** |
| **San Diego County BOE District 2:** | Supporting Jerry Rindone: | **$117,126.81** |
| **San Diego County BOE District 4:** | Supporting Paulette Donnellon: | **$197,701.95** |
| **San Diego County BOE District 5:** | Supporting Mark Wyland: | $210,183.35 |
| Opposing Rick Shea: | $12,825.17 |
|  |  | **$223,008.52** |
|  | **Grand Total to Date:** | **$5,534,399.37** |

### Parent Teacher Alliance Sponsored by the CA Charter Schools Assn IE Committee (ID 1367043)

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| **Race** | **Independent Expenditures**  **& Contributions in Primary** | **Totals** |
| **AD 27:** | Supporting Madison Nguyen: | $1,519,341.31 |
|  | Opposing Ash Kalra: | $34,775.31 |
|  |  | **$1,554,116.62** |
| **AD 30:** | Supporting Anna Caballero: | $921,749.64 |
|  | Opposing Karina Alejo: | $19,650.41 |
|  |  | **$941,400.05** |
| **AD 43:** | Supporting Laura Friedman: | $1,077,248.57 |
|  | Opposing Ardy Kassakhian: | $355,263.92 |
|  |  | **$1,432,512.49** |
| **AD 45:** | Supporting Matt Dababneh: | **$108,448.86** |
| **Alameda County BOE Distict 2:** | Supporting Amber Childress: | **$25,723.87** |
| **Alameda County BOE Distict 3:** | Supporting Ken Berrick: | **$17,500.00** |
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| **Sacramento County BOE Trustee Area 4:** | Supporting Joanne Ahola: | $101,592.76 |
| Opposing Michael Alcalay: | $5,000.00 |
|  |  | **$106,592.76** |
| **Sacramento County BOE Trustee Area 6:** | Supporting Heather Davis: | **$156,355.40** |
| **Sacramento County BOE Trustee Area 7:** | Supporting Roy Grimes: | **$220,154.79** |
| **San Diego USD Board District E:** | Supporting Lashae Collins: | **$145,161.13** |
|  | **Grand Total to Date:** | **$4,707,965.97** |