

Hall Has Taken More Than \$150,000 From The Oil & Gas Industry—More Than Almost Any Other State Senator—And Voted To Let Them Hide Information About Chemicals They Put In The Ground

Hall Has Accepted More Than \$150,000 From The Oil & Gas Industry. According Hall's campaign finance reports from the California Secretary of State and Federal Election Commission, Hall has accepted more than \$150,000 from oil and gas interests including Chevron, BP, Venoco, Exxon Mobil, Sempra and CIPAC. [California Secretary of State, Cal-Access, accessed 1/21/16; Federal Election Commission, accessed 1/21/16]

- **Hall Was The Second Highest Recipient Of Oil And Gas Money In The State Senate.** [Capital Watchdog, [8/17/15](#)]

Hall Voted In Favor Of SB 4 To “Allow Fracking Fluid Makers To Deny Public Access To Information About Chemical Quantities.” According to the Sierra Club California's 2013 Legislative Report Card, Hall voted in favor of SB 4, which “Would allow fracking fluid makers to deny public access to information about chemical quantities, which is essential to do independent assessment of environmental and public health impacts of fracking sites. Additionally, it would delay regulation of fracking until 2015 and may give fracking sites freedom from CEQA review, including by local agencies, until at least 2015.” The Sierra Club California opposed the bill, which was signed into law. [Sierra Club California, 2013 Legislative Report Card, accessed [1/15/16](#)]

Hall Protected Abusive Payday Lenders, Who've Given His Campaigns \$35,000

Hall Has Accepted More Than \$35,000 From Payday Loan Companies & Their CEOs. According Hall's campaign finance reports from the California Secretary of State and Federal Election Commission, Hall has accepted more than \$25,000 from payday loan companies and their executives, including Check into Cash of California, ACE Cash Express, Advance America, and Dennis Bassford, the CEO of Money Tree. [California Secretary of State, accessed 2/1/16; Federal Election Commission, accessed 1/26/16]

L.A. Times Editorial: AB 377 “Would Enable [Debt-Laden Consumers] To Dig Themselves A Bigger Hole From Raising the Maximum Amount Of A Pay Day Loan From \$300 To \$500.” According to a Los Angeles Times editorial, “State lawmakers are considering a bill to tighten the rules on payday loans, a costly form of short-term borrowing best suited for temporary cash-flow problems. But rather than trying to keep debt-laden consumers from compounding their woes, the measure (AB 377) would enable them to dig themselves a bigger hole by raising the maximum amount of a payday loan from \$300 to \$500.” [Los Angeles Times, Editorial, 6/24/09]

- **May 2009: Hall Voted In Favor Of AB 377.** According to California Legislative Information, Hall voted in favor of AB 377, which passed 53-8. [California Legislative Information, Vote on AB 377, [5/11/09](#)]

L.A. Times Editorial: “The Combination Of Weak Safeguards And Higher Loan Limit Poses An Unacceptable Risk.” According to an editorial from the Los Angeles Times, “The combination of weak safeguards and higher loan limits poses an unacceptable risk, and lawmakers should either fix the measure or abandon it.” [Los Angeles Times, Editorial, 6/24/09]

Hall Has Taken \$77,000 From The Tobacco Industry While Using His Position In Sacramento To Protect The Industry

Hall Took More Than \$77,000 From The Tobacco & Cigar Industries. According Hall's campaign finance reports from the California Secretary of State and Federal Election Commission, Hall has accepted more than \$77,000 from tobacco and cigar interests including Altria, Lorillard, Philip Morris, RJ Reynolds, RAI Services,

CIGAR-PAC and that Cigar Association of America, Inc. [California Secretary of State, Cal-Access, accessed 1/21/16; Federal Election Commission, accessed 1/21/16]

After Receiving \$7,800 In Campaign Contributions From Tobacco Companies, Hall Shelved A Bill That Would Have Prohibited Smoking At Most Workplaces After The Bill Author Refused A Tobacco-Backed Exception For Employer-Owned Businesses. The Eureka Times Standard reported, “When Assemblyman Isadore Hall shelved a bill last week that would have required most workplaces to be smoke-free in California, it was just a small example of the tobacco industry's long reach into the California Legislature. Hall, chairman of the Government Operations committee, killed the bill, SB 575, when the author, Sen. Mark DeSaulnier, D-Concord, objected to an amendment that tobacco companies sought: an exemption for employer-owned businesses. Hall, a Los Angeles Democrat, has received \$7,800 in campaign contributions from tobacco companies. Though the amount in campaign contributions from tobacco companies to Hall was a relative pittance, his relationship with lobbyists was probably the more important factor, said Tracy Westen, CEO and founder of the Center for Governmental Studies.” [Mercury News, [7/19/11](#)]