



Data & Accountability Reporting In Washington

Political donations, lobbying, government officials' personal finances and more

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Political Investigations 101

- **Campaign finance disclosure**
 - FEC: <https://www.fec.gov/data>
 - ProPublica's FEC Itemizer: <https://projects.propublica.org/itemizer>
 - OpenSecrets: <https://www.opensecrets.org>
 - State/local: <https://www.followthemoney.org>
- **Lobbying disclosure**
 - Senate website: <https://lda.senate.gov/filings/public/filing/search>
 - OpenSecrets: <https://www.opensecrets.org/federal-lobbying>
- **Foreign lobbying disclosure**
 - FARA: <https://efile.fara.gov/ords/fara/f?p=1235:10>
 - OpenSecrets: <https://www.opensecrets.org/fara>
- **Personal financial disclosure**
 - [Executive Branch](#) and [White House](#)
 - [House](#) and [Senate](#)



Political Investigations 101

WHAT TO KNOW AND WHAT TO LOOK FOR

What they report (receipts, expenditures, descriptions, dates, income, values)

Filing deadlines (monthly, quarterly, bi-annually)

Subjects of interest (RNC, Save America PAC, Biden campaign, Ricchetti Inc, Ballard Partners)

Talk to sources (donors, lobbyists, staffers, watchdog groups, experts)

DATA TYPE



Edit filters



Individual contributions

Export

Clear all filters

Processed

RECIPIENT NAME OR ID

This data has been processed by the FEC. The FEC's mission is to ensure transparency in the political process (for electronic filing).

Limit 10 recipient names or IDs



CONTRIBUTOR DETAILS

Edit filters

Name

Limit 10 contributor names or IDs

SPENDER NAME

Limit 10 spender names

 "sheldon adelson" SAVE AMOUNT

ZIP code

RECIPIENT NAME

Limit 10 ZIP codes

Limit 10 recipient names

City

REPORT TIME

Limit 10 cities

 2021-20

More

Occupation

Use the employer field to search by occupation in reports filed before 2003. Limit 10 occupations

DISBURSEMENT DATE

Beginning

Employer

Viewing 366 filtered results for:

Reset filters

Amount

Contributor name	Recipient	State	Employer	Receipt date	Amount		Amount	
							\$17,250.45	
ADELSON, SHELDON	CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP FUND	NV	LAS VEGAS SANDS INC.	05/03/2018	\$15,000,000.00		\$57.15	
ADELSON, SHELDON G.	SENATE LEADERSHIP FUND	NV	LAS VEGAS SANDS CORPORATION	08/25/2020	\$12,500,000.00		\$306,957.23	
ADELSON, SHELDON	PRESERVE AMERICA PAC	NV	THE VENETIAN	09/25/2020	\$12,500,000.00		\$497.05	
ADELSON, SHELDON	PRESERVE AMERICA PAC	NV	THE VENETIAN	09/16/2020	\$12,500,000.00		\$781.16	
ADELSON, SHELDON	PRESERVE AMERICA PAC	NV	THE VENETIAN	08/25/2020	\$12,500,000.00		\$3,710.47	
ADELSON, SHELDON G.	SENATE LEADERSHIP FUND	NV	LAS VEGAS SANDS CORPORATION	09/12/2018	\$12,500,000.00		\$6,240.98	
ADELSON, SHELDON G.	SENATE LEADERSHIP FUND	NV	LAS VEGAS SANDS CORPORATION	07/26/2018	\$12,500,000.00		\$10,000.00	
ADELSON, SHELDON G.	SENATE LEADERSHIP FUND	NV	LAS VEGAS SANDS CORPORATION	08/25/2020	\$12,500,000.00			

Feedback

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LOBBYING ACTIVITY. Select as many codes as necessary to reflect the general issue areas in which the registrant engaged in lobbying on behalf of the client during the reporting period. Using a separate page for each code, provide information as requested. Add additional page(s) as needed.

Search LD-1 & LD-

▼ Registrant

Name or ID
Ricchetti

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▼ Client

Name or ID

[More Search Options](#)

▼ Lobbyist

Name

[More Search Options](#)

15. General issue area code ENG

16. Specific lobbying issues

Legislative issues affecting the safe and efficient transportation of natural gas and liquids energy, renewable electricity policy, and alternative fuel sources like renewable natural gas and hydrogen

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies Check if None

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, U.S. SENATE

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area

First Name	Last Name	Suffix	Covered Official Position (if applicable)	New
Jeff	Ricchetti			<input type="checkbox"/>

19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above Check if None

Information Update Page - Complete ONLY where registration information has changed.

20. Client new address

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Country _____

21. Client new principal place of business (if different than line 20)

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Country _____

22. New General description of client's business or activities

LOBBYIST UPDATE

23. Name of each previously reported individual who is no longer expected to act as a lobbyist for the client

1	First Name	Last Name	Suffix	2	First Name	Last Name	Suffix
1				3			
2				4			

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Examples:

Fresh from 2020 election, big donors are already jumping back in to support pro-Trump and pro-Biden PACs

Super PACs have already taken in tens of millions of dollars so far this year.

Lobbying firms connected to Biden White House are flourishing under new administration

Overall lobbying revenues, however, are up only slightly over last year.

2. Filer's Employment Assets & Income and Retirement Accounts

#	DESCRIPTION	EIF	VALUE	INCOME T	#	DESCRIPTION	EIF	VALUE	INCOME TYPE	INCOME AMOUNT
1	SERICE LLC	See Endnote	No		1.36	HBO/AFTRA for Real Time with Bill Maher	N/A		Residual	\$296
					1.37	Force Residuals	N/A		Residual	\$4,778
					1.38	Steward Speakers Series - March 2, 2020	See Endnote	N/A	Travel buyout	\$708
					1.39	University of Iowa - February 5, 2020	See Endnote	N/A	Travel buyout	\$1,285
					2	Netflix Corporation, stock options (value not readily ascertainable): 4546 vested stock options with a 7-10 day window period for exercising with strike prices of \$310 to \$557.	See Endnote	N/A	Income from exercise of stock options.	\$305,275
					3	SEP-IRA		No		
					3.1	UBS BANK DEPOSIT ACCOUNT	N/A	\$50,001 - \$100,000		None (or less than \$201)
					3.2	UBS SELECT GOVT INVESTOR FUND	Yes	\$50,001 - \$100,000		None (or less than \$201)
					4	BENEFICIARY IRA		No		
					4.1	iShares Core S&P Small-Cap ETF (JR)	Yes	\$1,001 - \$15,000		None (or less than \$201)
1.1	New York Times Company	See Endnote	N/A	Payments : eds submit the New Y Times	4.2	iShares MSCI EAFE ETF (EFA)	Yes	\$15,001 - \$50,000		None (or less than \$201)
1.2	Tiger 21 LLC - January 31, 2020	N/A		Speaker's	4.3	iShares Core MSCI EAFE ETF (SCZ)	Yes	\$50,001 - \$100,000		None (or less than \$201)
1.3	NIKE, Inc. (NKE) - January 30, 2021	N/A		Speaker's	4.4	ISHARES CORE MSCI EMERGIN MARKETS ETF (IEFA)	Yes	\$15,001 - \$50,000		None (or less than \$201)
1.4	Colorado State University - February 11, 2020	N/A		Speaker's	4.5	Vanguard Value Index Fund ETF Shares (VTV)	Yes	\$15,001 - \$50,000		None (or less than \$201)
1.5	Vanderbilt University - February 19, 2020	N/A		Speaker's	4.6	VANGUARD MID-CAP ETF	Yes	\$15,001 - \$50,000		None (or less than \$201)
1.6	CoStar Group, Inc. (CSGP) - February 26, 2020	N/A		Speaker's	4.7	Vanguard Growth Index Fund ETF Class Shares (VUG)	Yes	\$15,001 - \$50,000		None (or less than \$201)
1.7	A&E TV Networks/History Talks - February 29, 2020	N/A		Speaker's						
1.8	Wellesley College - February 28, 2020	N/A		Speaker's						
1.9	Princeton University - April 28, 2020	N/A		Speaker's						
1.10	The Asia Group - May 1, 2020	N/A		Speaker's						
1.11	Pivotal Ventures - May 5, 2020	N/A		Speaker's						
1.12	World 50 - May 5, 2020	N/A		Speaker's						
1.13	salesforce.com, inc./Knotch/LiveNation - June 25, 2020			Speaker's	#	DESCRIPTION	EIF	VALUE	INCOME TYPE	INCOME AMOUNT
1.14	Latham and Watkins - August 13, 2020	N/A		Speaker's	4.8	Vanguard Total World Stock Index Fund ETF Class Shares (VT)	Yes	\$1,001 - \$15,000		None (or less than \$201)
1.15	Duke University - August 27, 2020	N/A		Speaker's	4.9	ISHARES IBOXX \$ INVT GRADE CORP BOND ETF (LQD)	Yes	\$1,001 - \$15,000		None (or less than \$201)
1.16	Swiss Economic Forum - September 3, 2020	N/A		Speaker's	4.10	iShares 20+ Year Treasury Bond ETF (TLT)	Yes	\$1,001 - \$15,000		None (or less than \$201)
1.17	National Mortgage News - September 16, 2020	N/A		Speaker's						
1.18	Johns Hopkins University - September 29, 2020	N/A		Speaker's fee		\$27,000				



Building your own data: financial disclosures

Obama-era officials return to White House worth millions

White House financial disclosures show several officials gained massive wealth.

By [Soo Rin Kim](#) and [Libby Cathey](#)

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As several Obama-era officials return to the White House under President [Joe Biden](#), their reunion comes with fuller pockets and deeper ties to [corporate interests](#), new financial disclosure reports show.

Which Cities Have The Biggest Racial Gaps In COVID-19 Testing Access?

By [Soo Rin Kim](#), [Matthew Vann](#), [Laura Bronner](#) and [Grace Manthey](#)

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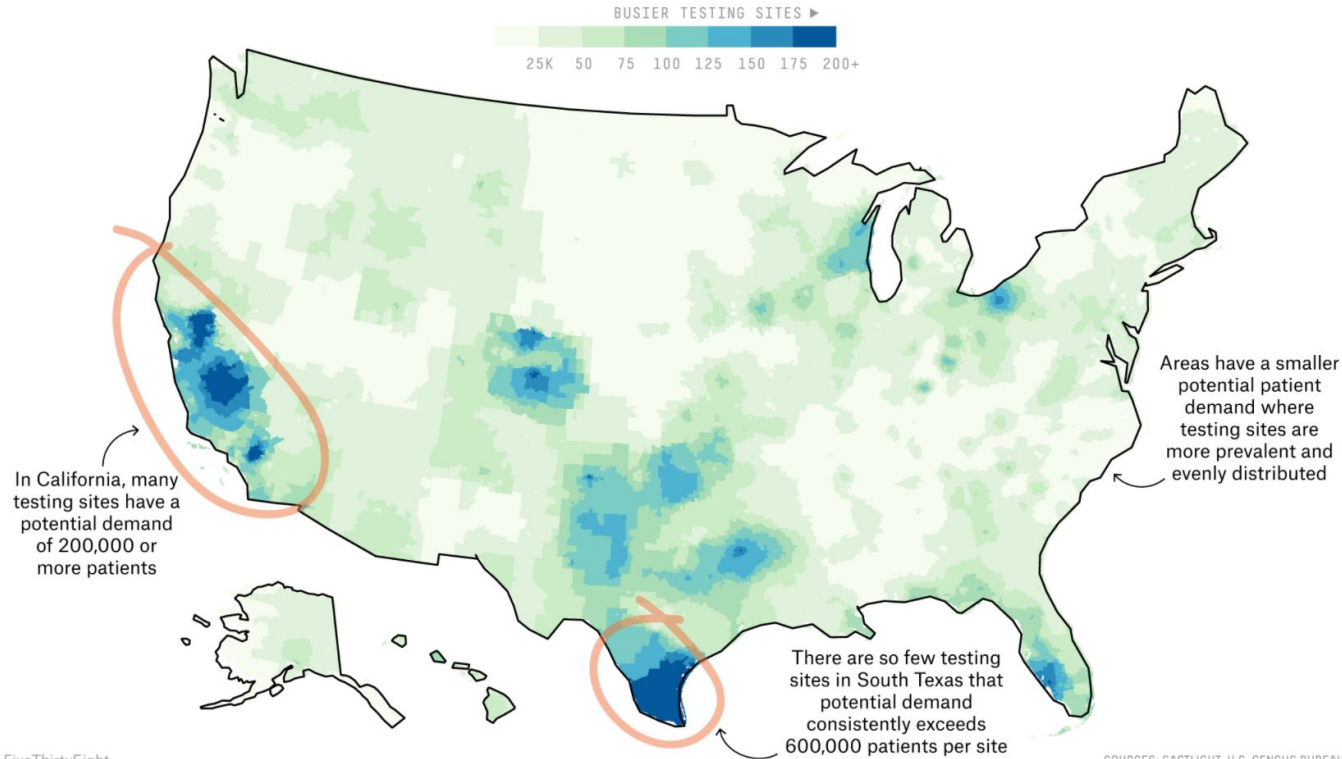


Beyond



Demand at COVID-19 testing sites depends on the community you live in

Census block group by average potential patient demand at nearby testing sites

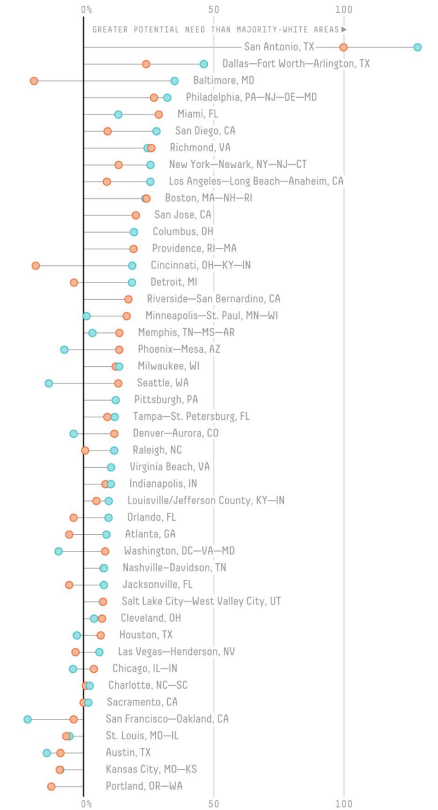


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Testing sites in many nonwhite areas face greater demand

Percentage difference in people estimated to need each COVID-19 test site in majority Black and majority Hispanic census block groups, compared to majority-white census block groups, by urbanized area



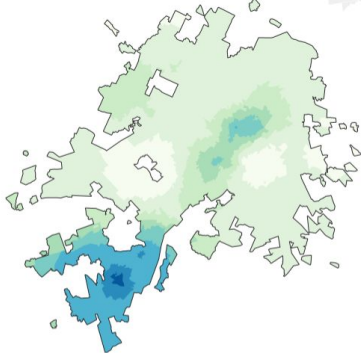
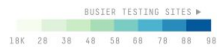
Census block groups in which at least 50 percent of their area overlaps with a census-defined urbanized area are included. Urban areas with a population over 1 million are included.

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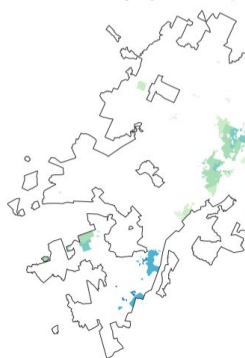
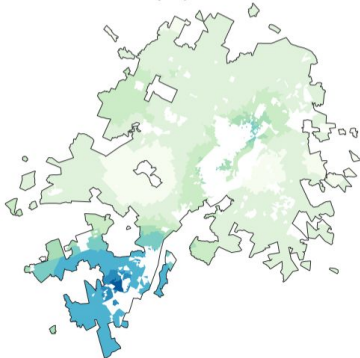
Philadelphia urbanized area

Census block group by average potential patient demand at nearby testing sites



Majority white

Majority Black or Hispa



Census block groups in which at least 50 percent of their area falls within the Philadelphia urbanized area are included.
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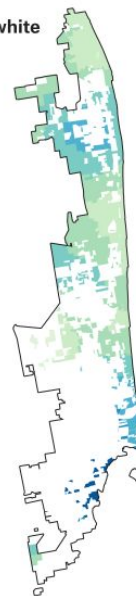
Miami urbanized area

Census block group by average potential patient demand at nearby testing sites



Majority white

Majority Black or Hispanic



Census block groups in which at least 50 percent of their area falls within the Miami urbanized area are included.

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