



NAMES IN THE NEWS: CHEVRONTEXACO

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ChevronTexaco, the oil giant that will grow even bigger with its planned acquisition of Unocal, has made its presence felt in state-level politics over the years.

The company has given at least \$2.4 million to state-level political candidates and party committees since the 2000 election cycle, spreading its contributions across the country but focusing the bulk of its giving in its home state of California. Eighteen of the top 20 recipients of ChevronTexaco funds since 2000 are California candidates and party committees.

ChevronTexaco announced in early April that it would acquire Unocal, a California-based company that has operations in Asia, Europe, South America and the United States. Its \$16.4 billion purchase will expand its global holdings, including five oil refineries in the United States — two in California and one each in Mississippi, Hawaii and Utah. ChevronTexaco also produces oil and gas in California and the Gulf of Mexico and markets industrial chemicals under the name Chevron Phillips Chemical Co.¹

Over more than a decade, ChevronTexaco and its predecessor, Chevron, have given at least \$3.9 million to state-level politics, according to Institute on Money in State Politics databases. This report looks at the \$2.4 million in contributions it gave beginning in the 2000 election cycle, when the Institute began compiling contribution data from all 50 states.

During that time period, which begins with states holding elections in 1999 and continues through the 2004 elections, ChevronTexaco gave in 24 states, with some particularly generous giving in states where it has major operations. The table below shows where the company spent its campaign funds during this time period.

GIVING BY CHEVRONTEXACO, 1999-2004*

STATE	AMOUNT
California	\$1,601,322
Hawaii	\$133,150
Texas	\$96,870
Louisiana	\$83,350
Washington	\$82,036
Florida	\$60,700
Georgia	\$52,500
Oregon	\$49,690
Mississippi	\$44,600
New Mexico	\$38,900
Utah	\$30,550
Alabama	\$24,200
Nevada	\$22,500
Colorado	\$22,000
Wyoming	\$19,000
Idaho	\$13,200
New York	\$11,500
Kansas	\$4,000
South Carolina	\$1,400
Kentucky	\$1,000

¹ *ChevronTexaco in the United States & Canada*, Chevron Web site, www.chevron.com, April 8, 2005.

STATE	AMOUNT
Maryland	\$1,000
Oklahoma	\$500
Missouri	\$200
Delaware	\$100
TOTAL	\$2,401,768

* Contribution data for the 2004 election cycle is not yet complete and thus figures are preliminary.

WHERE THE MONEY WENT

Republican candidates and party committees benefited the most from ChevronTexaco's giving, receiving nearly twice the amount that Democratic candidates and committees received. Overall, Republicans received nearly \$1.57 million, while Democrats received about \$822,000. The bulk of the difference, however, came in the company's contributions to party committees.

Contributions to Candidates

When it came to supporting candidates, ChevronTexaco made little distinction between the parties. It gave Republican candidates \$749,014, while giving Democratic candidates \$740,764.

Instead, the company tended to back the candidates it thought could be most successful, and its record was impressive. Slightly more than \$1 million of its funds, or 69 percent, went to winning candidates. In addition, the company gave \$277,900 to candidates who weren't on the ballot but were raising money; of that amount, \$270,448 went to candidates who were already in office and were raising funds for future elections. Thus 88 percent of the money that ChevronTexaco gave to candidates went to people who would be in a position to act on legislation and regulatory issues affecting the company.

CONTRIBUTIONS BY CANDIDATE STATUS, 1999-2004*

CANDIDATE STATUS	AMOUNT
Winner	\$1,042,672
Did Not Run	\$277,897
General-Election Loser	\$123,861
Primary-Election Loser	\$43,848
TOTAL	\$1,488,278

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ChevronTexaco put about two-thirds of its candidate money into legislative races, giving House and Senate candidates slightly more than \$1 million during the six-year period. Sixty percent of its legislative contributions went to Republicans, while 40 percent went to Democratic candidates.

ChevronTexaco also favored candidates for governor and lieutenant governor, giving them at \$342,100. The company gave about three-fourths of these funds to Democratic candidates, primarily to then-Gov. Gray Davis and Lt. Gov Cruz Bustamante in California. But it gave the maximum allowable amount of \$21,200 to Republican Arnold Schwarzenegger during the special 2003 recall election that removed Davis from office and put Schwarzenegger into the governor's seat in California. It did not contribute to Bustamante at all in his 2003 special-election bid for the governor's office.

Other winning gubernatorial candidates who received financial backing from ChevronTexaco included: Republican Kenny Guin of Nevada, \$10,000; Democrat Bill Richardson of New Mexico, \$8,000; Republican Linda Lingle of Hawaii, \$5,300; and Republican Mike Foster of Louisiana and Democrat Ronnie Musgrove of Mississippi, who each received \$5,000.

Contributions to Political Party Committees

The company gave about \$905,500 to state-level political party committees. But here, it felt less compelled to share its largesse between the two parties. Its giving was heavily tilted to Republican committees, which received \$823,390 — or 91 percent of the funds. Democratic committees received just \$82,100, and most of that went to the California Democratic Party, which received at least \$65,000 from 1999 to 2004.

Two state Republican Party committees, in California and Hawaii, received 86 percent of ChevronTexaco's contributions to political party committees; the California Republican Party received \$731,000, while the Hawaii Republican Party received \$51,500.

TOP RECIPIENTS

Eighteen of the top 20 recipients of ChevronTexaco funds were from California, home to the company's Chevron Products Co. and two of its largest refineries, in Richmond and El Segundo. Seventeen of the top 20 recipients were candidates, and only two of these recipients lost their races.

TOP 20 RECIPIENTS OF CHEVRONTEXACO CONTRIBUTIONS, 1999-2004*

STATE	RECIPIENT	PARTY	OFFICE	STATUS	AMOUNT
California	California Republican Party	Republican	Party Committee		\$731,000
California	Davis, Gray	Democrat	Governor	Won	\$186,000
California	California Democratic Party	Democrat	Party Committee		\$65,000
California	Bustamante, Cruz M	Democrat	Lt. Governor	Won	\$55,000
Hawaii	Hawaii Republican Party	Republican	Party Committee		\$51,500
California	Brulte, James L	Republican	Senate	Won	\$33,000
California	Lockyer, Bill	Democrat	Attorney General	Won	\$25,500
California	Angelides, Phil	Democrat	Treasurer	Won	\$25,000
California	Schwarzenegger, Arnold	Republican	Governor	Won	\$21,200
California	Machado, Mike	Democrat	Senate	Won	\$12,000
California	Aghazarian, Greg	Republican	Assembly	Won	\$10,000
Nevada	Guinn, Kenny C	Republican	Governor	Won	\$10,000
			Insurance		
California	Mendoza, Gary	Republican	Commissioner	Lost	\$10,000
California	Olberg, Keith	Republican	Secretary of State	Lost	\$10,000
New Mexico	Richardson, Bill	Democrat	Governor	Won	\$8,000
California	Florez, Dean	Democrat	Senate	Won	\$7,500
California	Ackerman, Dick	Republican	Senate	Won	\$7,000
California	Garcia, Bonnie	Republican	Assembly	Won	\$7,000
California	Karnette, Betty	Democrat	Assembly	Won	\$7,000
California	Margett, Bob	Republican	Senate	Won	\$7,000
California	Migden, Carole	Democrat	Equalization Board	Won	\$7,000

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