



NAMES IN THE NEWS: DAVID PATERSON

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On March 12, 2008, New York Gov. Eliot Spitzer — a Democrat — resigned his post after being implicated in a prostitution ring the previous day.¹ Spitzer’s resignation pushed Lt. Gov. David Paterson into the spotlight, making him the state’s first African American governor.

Since 2000, Paterson has received more than \$2.5 million in campaign contributions: \$764,253 for his three state Senate campaigns and \$1.7 million to his 2006 and 2007 lieutenant governor committees.² Paterson was the New York Senate minority leader from 2002 to 2006, when he then ran for lieutenant governor on the ticket with Spitzer. In New York, candidates for lieutenant governor run separately in the primary but with gubernatorial candidates as a ticket in the general election. Separate campaign accounts are kept throughout the election cycle.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO DAVID PATERSON, 2000-2007

ELECTION	OFFICE	TOTAL
2000	State Senate	\$128,956
2002	State Senate	\$143,800
2004	State Senate	\$491,497
2006	Lt. Gov.	\$1,376,053
2008*	Lt .Gov.*	\$362,408
		\$2,502,714

* Only money raised in 2007 is available at time of print.

FRIENDS IN COMMON

Many donors that gave to Paterson also gave to Spitzer. Individuals, in particular, were generous to the Paterson/Spitzer ticket, many giving Paterson the limit for contributions for the primary election, which was \$16,200 in 2006.³

- Joseph Belluck, a partner at the mesothelioma and asbestos specialty law firm Belluck & Fox,⁴ contributed \$66,200 to the ticket, giving \$16,200 to Paterson and \$50,000 to Spitzer.
- Investor Daniel Nir contributed \$16,200 to Paterson and \$43,900 to Spitzer.
- Artist Friedrike Merck contributed \$12,500 to Paterson and \$42,100 to Spitzer.

¹ Michael M. Grynbaum, “Spitzer Resigns, Citing Personal Failings,” *New York Times*, Mar. 12, 2008, available from http://www.nytimes.com/2008/03/12/nyregion/12cnd-resign.html?_r=1&hp&oref=slogin, accessed Mar. 12, 2008.

² This report contains contributions given during 2007 to both Spitzer and Paterson to their respective committees. Though the report contains contributions to all of Paterson’s campaigns since 2000, it only analyzes contributions to Spitzer’s gubernatorial campaign and re-election accounts.

³ Brooke A. Masters, “One Fight Leads to Another,” *Washington Post*, Mar. 8, 2006, available from http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/03/07/AR2006030701770_pf.html, accessed Mar. 12, 2008.

⁴ “Who We Are,” *Belluck & Fox*, available from <http://www.belluckfox.com/whoweare.html>, accessed Mar. 12, 2008.

- Antiquities dealer Jill Braufman contributed \$16,200 to Paterson and \$43,900 to Spitzer.
- Investor James Chanos contributed \$16,200 to Paterson and \$43,900 to Spitzer.

Labor unions have contributed \$239,725 to Paterson's committees since 2000 — \$104,025 to his state Senate campaigns and \$135,700 to his lieutenant governor committees. Spitzer, by comparison, received \$2.4 million from labor unions.

Six unions have given Paterson more than \$10,000 since 2000:

- The New York State Service Employees Local 1199 contributed \$17,500 to Paterson's Senate accounts and \$16,200 to his lieutenant governor accounts. Spitzer received \$33,900 from Local 1199. Service Employees Local 32B-32J contributed \$1,000 to his Senate accounts and \$9,500 to his lieutenant governor accounts. Spitzer received \$50,947 from the union.
- The New York State Laborers contributed \$7,800 to Paterson's senatorial campaigns and \$16,200 to his lieutenant governor campaign. Spitzer received \$33,900 from the union.
- The New York State Correctional Officers contributed \$2,000 to Paterson's senatorial committees, \$16,000 to his lieutenant governor campaign committee in 2006, and another \$5,000 in 2007. Spitzer received \$44,100 from the union.
- The New York State United Teachers contributed \$10,500 to Paterson's senatorial committees and \$1,000 to his lieutenant governor committee in 2007. Spitzer received \$43,900 from the union.
- The Mason Tenders District Council of Greater New York contributed \$10,000 to Paterson's lieutenant governor campaign in 2006. Spitzer received \$45,100 from the union.

The New York State Trial Lawyers were also big donors across cycles, giving \$21,950 to Paterson's senatorial campaigns and \$11,000 to his lieutenant governor accounts. The trial lawyers also gave \$50,100 to Spitzer.

Two law firms gave large amounts to both Spitzer and Paterson:

- The law firm of Wolf Block Schorr & Solis-Cohen contributed \$11,250: \$10,000 going to Paterson's lieutenant governor accounts, and \$54,000 to Spitzer.
- The law firm of Wolf Haldenstein Adler Freeman & Herz contributed \$10,500 to Paterson's lieutenant governor accounts, and \$50,000 to Spitzer.

The United Parcel Service (UPS) gave to Paterson over several cycles — \$6,300 to Paterson’s Senate campaigns, \$10,000 in 2006, and \$5,000 in 2007. UPS gave Spitzer’s gubernatorial campaign \$10,000 in 2006.

The New York State Dental Association gave \$26,700 to Paterson. All but \$500 went to his lieutenant governor committees. The association gave \$43,000 to Spitzer.

CONTRIBUTORS GIVING \$10,000 OR MORE TO BOTH SPITZER AND PATERSON*

CONTRIBUTOR	PATERSON	SPITZER	TOTAL
Spitzer, Anne	\$16,000	\$125,000	\$141,000
Spitzer, Bernard A.	\$16,000	\$125,000	\$141,000
New York State Dental Association/Empire Dental	\$26,200	\$43,900	\$70,100
New York State Correctional Officers	\$21,000	\$44,100	\$65,100
Wolf Block Schorr & Solis-Cohen/Ninth Decade Fund	\$10,000	\$54,000	\$64,000
New York State Trial Lawyers/Law PAC of New York	\$11,000	\$50,100	\$61,100
Wolf Haldenstein Adler Freeman & Herz	\$10,500	\$50,000	\$60,500
Belluck, Joseph	\$16,200	\$43,900	\$60,100
Braufman, Jill	\$16,200	\$43,900	\$60,100
Chanos, James S.	\$16,200	\$43,900	\$60,100
Nir, Daniel	\$16,200	\$43,900	\$60,100
Finerman, Karen	\$10,000	\$50,100	\$60,100
Markel, Robinson	\$10,000	\$50,100	\$60,100
Solomon, Adam	\$10,000	\$50,100	\$60,100
Little Jr, William E.	\$15,000	\$41,000	\$56,000
Merck, Friedrike	\$12,500	\$42,100	\$54,600
New York State Laborers	\$16,200	\$33,900	\$50,100
New York State Service Employees Local 1199	\$16,200	\$33,900	\$50,100
Mason Tenders District Council of Greater New York	\$10,000	\$45,100	\$55,100
Durst, Douglas D.	\$10,000	\$40,100	\$50,100
Global Strategy Group	\$10,000	\$24,431	\$34,431
United Parcel Service	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$20,000

* Not including giving to Paterson’s Senate committees.

PATERSON FRIENDS

Paterson’s biggest single contributor was the Democrats for Education Reform, an organization that promotes education reform and champions charter schools. In 2007, the organization “persuaded the New York state legislature to lift its cap on the number of charters schools permitted,” a move that directed an additional \$400 million to the state’s charter schools.⁵ The organization gave Paterson \$49,000 in 2006 and nothing to Spitzer. Twenty minutes after Spitzer’s resignation, Democrats for Education Reform released a statement calling Paterson “an inspiring human being, one of the smartest individuals with whom we have ever worked, and a warrior on behalf of families who crave and need excellent public education options for their kids.”⁶

⁵ Josh Patashnik, “Reform School,” *The New Republic*, Mar. 26, 2008, available from <http://www.tnr.com/story.html?id=df590bb6-b976-4ea0-9df4-c82be67aa73e&p=3>, accessed Mar. 12, 2008.

⁶ “Spitzer Resigning/Paterson to be Sworn In,” *Democrats for Education Reform*, Mar. 12, 2008, available from http://www.dfer.org/2008/03/spitzer_resigni.php, accessed Mar. 12, 2008.

The Spitzer family gave generously to Paterson's lieutenant governor campaign. Eliot Spitzer and his wife, Silda Wall, each contributed \$16,000, as did Bernard and Anne Spitzer, his parents.

Real estate developer Daniel Rose gave Paterson \$2,000 for his Senate campaigns and \$11,500 in 2007 when Paterson was lieutenant governor. Rose gave only \$1,000 to Spitzer.

Investor Jams S. Rubin gave \$25,000 to Paterson's lieutenant governor campaign and nothing to Spitzer.

In 2005, Dr. Jon Cohen ran for lieutenant governor but dropped out when Spitzer selected Paterson as his running mate. Cohen endorsed the Spitzer/Paterson ticket and became a health-care advisor to Spitzer.⁷ Since that time, Cohen has given a considerable amount to Paterson. Cohen's campaign committee, Friends of Jon Cohen, contributed \$2,500 to Paterson in 2006 and \$10,000 in 2007. Cohen himself contributed another \$10,000 in 2007. Neither Cohen nor his campaign committee contributed to Spitzer.

⁷ Two Candidates Bow Out, Making Way For a Spitzer-Paterson Ticket," *New York Sun*, Jan. 31, 2006, available from http://www.nysun.com/article/26732?page_no=2, accessed Mar. 12, 2008.