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## Opponents to Measure 49 File Measure 37 Claims Valued at Nearly Half a Billion Dollars

Contributors providing about half the funding for an effort to defeat Measure 49, which would re-write Measure 37, have filed claims under Measure 37 valued at more than \$475 million. (See Chart 2.)

Democracy Reform Oregon reviewed the 66 contributors who gave \$1000 or more to political committees seeking to block passage of Measure 49. This set of contributors, about 1 percent of the total number of donors, gave \$1,248,467, or 85 percent of the \$1,472,625 total the “no” committees raised through October 9, 2007. (See Chart 1.)

The remaining contributions, \$224,158 or 15 percent of the “no” side’s total, came from an estimated 3523 donors, or 99 percent of the total number of contributors. (This estimate assumes that the aggregated contributors responsible for the \$164,753 raised from miscellaneous contributors giving \$100 or less gave an average of \$50 each.)

**Chart 1: Contributions to Measure 49 Opposition Political Committees, by Contribution Size**

Contribution Size	Category Total	Percentage of Fundraising	Number of Contributors	Percentage of Contributors
\$1000 or more	\$1,248,467	85%	66	1%
<\$1000	\$224,158	15%	3523*	99%
Total	\$1,472,625	100%	3589	100%

\*Estimate assumes that the aggregated contributors responsible for the \$164,753 raised from miscellaneous contributors giving \$100 or less gave an average of \$50 each.

Measure 37, which passed in 2004, requires local and state governments to compensate landowners for any loss in value caused by land-use regulations, or to waive those regulations. In 2007, the legislature passed on a party-line vote a referral that asks voters to approve a land-use law to address concerns about Measure 37.

The Measure 49 referral, according to its supporters, restores fairness to the land-use system by allowing landowners to build a limited number of houses on their land while stopping unfettered commercial development. Detractors say that the referral guts Measure 37, taking away important property rights granted by the measure and ignoring the will of the voters.

“Many Measure 49 detractors, not surprisingly, have a financial stake in the outcome of the campaign because they have filed claims under Measure 37. Drawing the line between contributor and claimant gives voters more information about what is at stake this November,” said Sarah Wetherson, research and outreach associate for Democracy Reform Oregon.

**Chart 2: Contributions to the No on 49 Political Committees, Related Measure 37 Claims and Potential Percentage Gain on Investment**

Contributor Name(s)	Contribution to Measure 49 Campaign	Percentage of Measure 49 Campaign total	Value of Measure 37 Claim(s)	Claimant(s) and Relationship(s)	Potential Percentage Gain on Investment	Status of Claim(s)
Seneca Jones Timber Co.	\$100,00	7%	\$6,750,000	Aaron U Jones, Founder	6650%	Unknown
Alan Goudy	\$1,500	<1%	\$4,400,000	Alan C. Goudy, Trustee	293233%	Unknown
Hire Calling, Inc.	\$100,000	7%	\$200,000	Jerol E. Andres, President, Jeld-Wen Development; associated through the Wendt family.	100%	Approved
Oregonians in Action	\$27,845	2%	\$5,000,000	Frank Nims, Oregonians in Action President/Nims Family LTD Partnership (Ross Day, contact for both clamis, is director of legal affairs for OIA).	17851%	\$2.5M Approved; \$2.5M Denied
Rosboro Lumber Co.	\$50,000	3%	\$9,705,170	Rosboro Lumber Company	19310%	Unknown
Stimson Lumber Co.	\$200,000	14.0%	\$239,686,463	Stimson Lumber Company	119743%	\$7.85M Approved; remainder Unknown
South Coast Lumber Co.	\$25,000	2%	\$45,300,000	South Coast Lumber Co. Airport; South Coast Lumber Co. Golf course; South Coast Lumber Co.	181100%	Unknown
Murphy Plywood	\$25,000	2%	\$3,668,000	Murphy Company; Murphy Logging Company	14572%	Unknown
Portage Properties Limited Partnership; Popo Properties Limited Partnership; Grant Schrum Limited Partnership; Suislaw Forest Properties, Inc.	\$50,000	3%	\$59,502,218	Davidson Industries, Inc., associated company	118904%	\$7.65M Approved; remainder Unknown
Indian Hill, LLC	\$10,000	1%	\$7,100,000	Indian Hill, LLC	70900%	Unknown
Bradleyfleck Properties	\$1000	<1%	\$1,969,284	Mary C. Bradley, Trustee and David G. Bradley, Owners	196828%	Unknown
CK Benton Orchards	\$1000	<1%	\$12,751,760	Charles K. Benton, III	1275076%	Approved
David Lowry	\$1000	<1%	\$3,634,400	Knollcrest, LLC, associated business	363340%	Unknown
The Corey Parnters	\$1000	<1%	\$5,000,000	Robert E. Corey and The Corey Partners	499900%	Unknown
Sky Ranch	\$1000	<1%	\$1,500,000	Fred and Judy Hall, Owners	149900%	\$750K Approved; \$750K Denied
Earlene Hansen	\$2000	<1%	\$1,330,000	George and Earlene Hansen	66400%	Approved
Florence Erickson	\$1,000	<1%	\$3,000,000	Florence Erickson	299900%	Unknown

Glendale Farms, Inc.	\$3000	<1%	\$17,699,070	Glendale Farms, Inc.	589869%	Unknown
Gary Aspmo	\$1000	<1%	\$848,184	Edsell G. Aspmo Trust	84718%	Approved
George Advertising	\$40,956	3%	\$1,500,000	George Living Trust; owner of George Advertising, State Senator Larry George, is son of George Living Trust trustees, State Senator Gary George and Yamhill County Commissioner Kathy George	3562%	Unknown
Germond Living Trust	\$1000	<1%	\$4,540,000	Germond Living Trust	453900%	Unknown
Halton Company	\$2000	<1%	\$18,988,000	Halton Co.	949300%	Unknown
Landmark Pacific	\$1000	<1%	\$544,250	David Almendinger, owner	54325%	Approved
Mt. Hood Meadows LTD	\$2000	<1%	\$4,456,415	Mt. Hood Meadows Oreg Ltd., associated business	222721%	Unknown
Patrick Gisler	\$1000	<1%	\$400,000	Patrick M. Gisler	39900%	Approved
Paul Reeder	\$1500	<1%	\$6,423,875	Paul H. Reeder	428158%	Unknown
Robert Bruechert	\$3,000	<1%	\$9,282,421	Robert Bruechert	309314%	Approved
Claimant Subtotal	\$653,810	44%	\$475,179,510	Median Percentage Change	149900%	
Other Contributor Subtotal	\$818,815	56%	N/A			
Total Contributions	\$1,472,625	100%				

DRO analysis of campaign finance reports from the Fix Measure 49, Oregonians in Action PAC and Stop Taking Our Property political committees filed with the Secretary of State through October 9, 2007 and Measure 37 claims compiled in the Department of Administrative Services claims registry dated October 5, 2007.

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Two Measure 37-related reports are also available online at [www.democracyreform.org](http://www.democracyreform.org).

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