

# Miscellaneous Abuses

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## Accidents Involving California Legislators

Numerous legislators have been involved in accidents while driving your vehicles. In many instances they were at fault and were cited by the investigating police department. In each instance, the legislator would have us believe that they were engaged in official state business, which ***unwittingly*** caused the state liability insurer to pick up the tab.

However, if they were in fact involved in (a) commuting or (b) personal business, then they were required to submit the claim to their own personal liability insurer. The evidence below, all of which was obtained from the California Department of General Services clearly proves that numerous legislators perpetrated what appears to be a fraud by submitting sham insurance claims to the State of California.

In fact, the Senate has adopted the following rules; however, as you'll see various senators are likely involved in an insurance scam wherein they submitted sham accidents claims even though it is obvious they were engage in personal business at the time.

### SENATE MEMBER VEHICLE INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

The "Senate's Policy on Accident Claims" states it will not pay for accidents that are clearly personal and/or having nothing to do with official state business. Below are eight (8) examples of accidents that were clearly personal in nature and had absolutely nothing to do with "***official state business.***"

The first examples set forth below deal with accidents taking place on Saturdays, Sundays and on Labor Day, all of which appear to have taken place at the legislator's resident venue. Clearly, it would be frivolous to the nth degree for any of these so-called public servants to argue that they were engaged in official state business on a weekend and/or on Labor Day.

The second set of examples deals with accidents wherein the legislator's spouse and/or child were actually driving your vehicle. I cannot imagine how any of these buffoons could argue that their spouses and/or children were engaged in official state business when these accidents took place.

The third set of examples deals with accidents wherein the legislator was at fault. Again, these fools would have us believe that each and everyone one of these accidents took place while they were engaged in official state business.

The fourth and last set of examples deals with accidents involving legislative staff members. Now, onward and forward!

### **Weekend – Labor Day Accidents**

#### **Simitian, Joe – 11<sup>th</sup> Senate – Santa Cruz**

- 09/04/06 – kicked up debris (driving drunk in the berm?) – **Labor Day**
- \$762.94 = property damage

#### **Alquist, Elaine – 24<sup>th</sup> Assembly – Santa Clara**

- 07/30/06 – making unsafe turn – **Sunday**
- \$1,664.66 = property damage

#### **Alquist, Elaine – 13<sup>th</sup> Senate – Santa Clara**

- 03/01/09 – hit fixed object – **Sunday**
- \$469.36 = property damage

#### **Dean, Florez – 16<sup>th</sup> Senate – Bakersfield – Saturday – Wants to be Lt. Governor**

- 03/08/08 – state vehicle sideswiped
- \$14,642.45 = property damage

#### **De La Torre, Hector – 50<sup>th</sup> Assembly – South Gate**

- 08/31/08 – member's window broken out - **Sunday**
- \$466.86 = property damage

#### **Escutia, Martha – 30<sup>th</sup> Senate – Los Angeles**

- 02/25/06 – sideswiped claimant - **Saturday**
- \$5,015.50 = property damage

#### **Kehoe, Christine – 39<sup>th</sup> Senate – San Diego**

- 12/16/07 – state vehicle rear ended – **Sunday**
- \$6,861.15 = property damage + bodily injury

#### **Salas, Mary – 24<sup>th</sup> Assembly – Chula Vista**

- 08/17/08 – ran red light - **Sunday**
- \$17,073.96 = property damage for Mary Salas as claimant
- \$6,048.16 = property damage for claimant Nils Moberg

### **Ruskin, Ira – 21st Assembly – Los Altos - Saturday**

- 07/14/07 – operator rear ended Ruskin
- \$64.79 = property damage

### **Family Members Involved in Accidents**

#### **Bermudez, Javier – Son of 80<sup>th</sup> Assembly Bonnie Garcia - Riverside**

- 12/04/06 – failure to yield right of way
- \$5,775.25 = property damage
- \$5,775.25 = property damage + \$1,495.72 bodily injury

#### **Robles, Maria – wife of Assemblyman Fabian Nunez – Los Angeles**

- 10/05/06 – rear ended claimants (2)
- \$2,115.69 = property damage
- \$3,921.84 = property damage + \$6,600.00 bodily injury

#### **Yee, Maxine – Wife of Leland Yee – 8<sup>th</sup> Senate – San Francisco**

- 09/05/08 – struck disabled vehicle in middle of freeway while driving Senator to airport
- \$24,371.13 = property damage + bodily injury for Maxine Yee and State vehicle
- \$8,306.15 = property damage to claimant Elizar Tica's vehicle

### **Irrefutable Evidence of Sham Accident Claims**

#### **Ruskin, Ira – 21st Assembly – Los Altos**

- 01/11/07 – struck security gate of apartment complex
- \$1,391.94 = property damage (car or gate?)
- \$2,048.13 = property damage (gate or car?)

#### **Walters, Mimi – 33rd Senate – San Clemente**

- 10/30/07 – sideswiped personal vehicle while backing out of the garage of her personal residence in Laguna Niguel
- \$1,475.40 = property damage

### **Miscellaneous Legislators Involved in Accidents**

#### **Adams, Anthony – 59<sup>th</sup> Assembly – Claremont**

- 12/13/07 – hit cement wall (**Was he drunk?**)
- \$3,363.75 = property damage (**And how fast was the wall moving?**)

#### **Bermudez, Rudy – 56<sup>th</sup> Assembly – Los Angeles**

- 11/14/06 – rear ended claimants (2)
- \$1,414.83 = property damage
- \$1,993.53 = property damage

#### **Cedillo, Gilbert – 22<sup>nd</sup> Senate – Los Angeles**

- 03/10/08 – backed into stationary object
- \$1,140.32 = property damage

**Cohn, Rebecca – 24<sup>th</sup> Assembly - Vallejo**

- 06/16/06 – making unsafe turn - Friday
- \$1,788.00 = property damage

**Corbett, Ellen – 10<sup>th</sup> Senate - Pleasanton**

- 10/30/07 – unsafe backing
- \$1,200.62 = property damage

**De La Torre, Hector – 50th Assembly – Los Angeles**

- 05/01/08 – rear ended claimants (2)
- \$9,755.85 = property damage
- \$10,000 = bodily injury 1<sup>st</sup> claimant
- \$16,000 = bodily injury 2<sup>nd</sup> claimant

**DeSaulnier, Mark – 11<sup>th</sup> Assembly - Pleasanton**

- 11/23/07 – backed into claimant's vehicle
- \$2,252.75 = property damage

**Emmerson, Bill– 63rd Assembly – Claremont**

- 05/26/06 – rear ended claimant
- \$8,642.92 = property damage

**Hanes, Ray – 36<sup>th</sup> Senate – Riverside**

- 02/14/06 – unsafe backing
- \$1,071.78 = property damage

**Hanes, Ray – 36<sup>th</sup> Senate – Riverside**

- 04/19/06 – sideswiped claimant
- \$816.80 = property damage

**Harman, Tom – 35<sup>th</sup> Senate – Costa Mesa**

- 12/05/07 – backed into tree
- \$1,218.21 = property damage

**Horton, Jerome – 51<sup>st</sup> Assembly – Los Angeles**

- 01/30/06 – failure to yield right of way
- \$11,807.89 = property damage

**Jorgenson, Dana– 35<sup>th</sup> Senate – Costa Mesa**

- 12/05/07 – backed into tree
- \$1,218.21 = property damage

**Keene, Rick – 3<sup>rd</sup> Assembly – Chico**

- 02/13/07 – rear ended claimants (2)
- \$2,686.32 = property damage
- \$5,588.80 = property damage + \$10,605.00 bodily injury

**La Malfa, Doug – 2<sup>nd</sup> Assembly – Redding**

- 12/07/07 – hit a raccoon – (How big was this alleged raccoon?)

- \$1,379.12 = property damage

**La Malfa, Doug – 2<sup>nd</sup> Assembly – Redding**

- 02/06/08 – struck stationary vehicle (Was he drunk?)
- \$15,663.32 = property damage

**Lieber, Sally – 22<sup>nd</sup> Assembly – Santa Clara**

- 09/04/07 – struck concrete guards
- \$16,818.99 = property damage

**Lieu, Ted – 53<sup>rd</sup> Assembly – El Segundo**

- 03/29/06 – struck stationary pole
- \$2,140.33 = property damage

**McCleod-Negrete, Gloria – 32<sup>nd</sup> Senate - Pomona**

- 04/26/07 – struck cement parking barrier
- \$855.43 = property damage

**Migdon, Carole – 3<sup>rd</sup> Senate – San Francisco**

- 06/08/06 – sideswiped claimant
- \$5,027.82 = property damage

**Migdon, Carole – 3<sup>rd</sup> Senate – San Francisco**

- 05/18/07 – rear ended claimant - **Friday**
- \$16,953.50 = property damage to claimant Ellen Butawan
- \$9,526.80 = property damage to Migdon's

**Nakanishi, Alan – 10<sup>th</sup> Assembly - Lodi**

- 10/03/07 – unsafe turn
- \$9,461.01 = property damage

**Salas, Mary – 24<sup>th</sup> Assembly – Chula Vista**

- 09/04/07 – struck concrete guards
- \$2,811.03 = property damage

**Smyth, Cameron – 38<sup>th</sup> Assembly – Santa Clara**

- 10/17/07 – sideswiped claimant
- \$1,687.15 = property damage

**Wiggins, Patricia – 2<sup>nd</sup> Senate – Eureka**

- 11/17/08 – rear ended claimant vehicle
- \$2,769.76 = property damage

**Wolk, Lois – 8<sup>th</sup> Assembly – Vacaville**

- 07/25/08 – hit parked car - Friday
- \$965.53 = property damage

## Accidents Involving Legislative Staff

### Chavoz, Arruro – Unknown as of Now -

- 03/11/07 – failure to yield right away – **Sunday**
- \$19,746.21 = property damage + bodily injury

### Chick, Dan – Aide to 38<sup>th</sup> Senator Bill Morrow – San Clemente

- 02/06/07 – hit post while backing up
- \$1,1183.91 = property damage

### Flores, Jeff– Aide to 18<sup>th</sup> Senator Roy Ashburn - Bakersfield

- 07/19/06 – rear ended claimants (2)
- \$2,377.79 = property damage for 1<sup>st</sup> claimant
- \$3,929.19 – property damage for 2<sup>nd</sup> claimant

### Hernandez, Leia – Aide to 29<sup>th</sup> Senator Bob Huff – Glendora

- 12/10/08 – hit fixed object
- \$6,450.25 = property damage

### Waldie, Jon – Assembly Rules Committee – Chief Administrator

- 10/23//06 – hit a deer (in downtown Sacramento?)
- \$1,830.36 = property damage

## On the road again

One could reasonably conclude from a cursory review of the facts below that, Willie Nelson was inspired to write that ol' ditty "On the road again" as a result of the conduct of California's legislators. In fact, it wouldn't surprise me if Ol' Willy actually teamed up with his namesake Rikki Nelson ("I'm a travelin Man"). Is it possible that Willy's original (unpublished) lyrics went something like this?

The following information sets forth the names of assembly members who gave it all while slavishly working in the public interest. As you'll see, these dedicated public servants give a new meaning to the term "workaholic."

Public records (Assembly Journals) were extensively reviewed to determine how many miles in-district miles an assembly person drove in a year (Text Box 1) or a combination of years (Text Box 2). It really tugs at your heart to know that Los Angeles Mayor Anthony Villaraigosa was willing to work 27.7 hours a day in his district in 2000. And what are your personal thoughts about Bill Jones of Bakersfield putting in 33.4 hours a day? Wow, I'm impressed, aren't you?

### Dawg's DNA Request for Cloning Purposes

At the end of this article are copies of my letters to Mayor Villaraigosa and Bill Jones. With the never-ending budget deficits that Californians face year in and year out, I'm hopeful that Tony and/or Billy would voluntarily provide me with a DNA sample. With such a sample or samples, it may well be possible to clone Tony and/or Bill.

If the cloning process bore fruit, it would likely guarantee that California would never again face a budget deficit. The same would be true for the Federal Government and all State and Local governments throughout the country. With Tony and/or Bill's DNA, all government employees

could be expected to work at least thirty (30) hours a day; day in and day out. This would allow for the State of California to permanently eliminate about 70% of its workforce.

One can only imagine how the big Three (GM, Ford and Chrysler) would be effected financially if this cloning were to succeed. And how would it impact on the bottom line of Intel, IBM, Proctor & Gamble and the Steel Industry? If it does succeed, my only demand would be that I be provided with 10% (annually of course) of any and all savings realized by any governmental agency and/or private industry.

**Text Box 1**

Name	Dist.	Venue	Year	Total Miles	Daily Miles	Hours Daily
Jones, Bill	32 <sup>nd</sup>	Bakersfield	1986	193,608	1,335	33.4
Seastrand, E	29 <sup>th</sup>	Fresno	1989	161,280	1,112	27.8
Villaraigosa, A	45 <sup>th</sup>	Los Angeles	2000	120,626	832	27.7
Seastrand, E	29 <sup>th</sup>	Fresno	1988	103,482	714	17.8
Grandlund, B	65 <sup>th</sup>	Yucaipa	2000	102,388	706	17.6
Briggs, Mike	29 <sup>th</sup>	Fresno	2002	90,068	621	15.5
Florez, Dean	30 <sup>th</sup>	Bakersfield	2001	88,286	609	15.2
Tucker, C Jr.	51 <sup>st</sup>	Inglewood	2001	65,720	453	15.1
Richter, B	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Grass Valley	1998	87,940	606	15.1
Cardenas, T	39 <sup>th</sup>	Arleta	1999	64,878	447	14.9
Briggs, Mike	29 <sup>th</sup>	Fresno	2001	85,246	589	14.7
Briggs, Mike	29 <sup>th</sup>	Fresno	2000	83,270	574	14.3
Thomson, H	8 <sup>th</sup>	Santa Rosa	2000	82,808	572	14.3
Thompson, B	66 <sup>th</sup>	Murrieta	2000	82,808	571	14.3

**Text Box 2**

Name	Dist.	Venue	Year	Total Miles	Daily Miles	Hrs. Per Day
Briggs, Mike	29 <sup>th</sup>	Fresno	86-89	384,318	663	16.6
Grandlund, B	65 <sup>th</sup>	Yucaipa	95-00	480,688	552	13.8
Jones, Bill	32 <sup>nd</sup>	Bakersfield	86-89	311,922	538	13.4
Chacon, Peter	79 <sup>th</sup>	Chula Vista	76-78	218,016	501	12.5
Richter, B	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Grass Valley	93-98	374,020	430	10.7

## **Outrageous Maintenance Claims**

### **One Year Maintenance Claims**

#### **Statham, Stan – 1<sup>st</sup> Assembly – Eureka**

- **\$17,247.05** – Maintenance costs for 1986
- **\$6,511.57** = Maintenance costs for 1985
- **\$6,253.96** – Maintenance costs for 1988

The following facts prove just how absurd Stan’s maintenance costs are:

- **\$9,255** = average cost of a new car in 1986
- **\$22,400** = average income in 1986 –

### **Torlakson, Tom – 7<sup>th</sup> Senate - Antioch**

- \$10,776.28 = maintenance – on car worth about \$6,500 in 2008

### **LaMalfa, Doug –**

- \$10,505.05 = maintenance on Mustang Mach 1 for 2006
- \$7,636.54 = maintenance on Mustang Mach 1 for 2005
- \$5,753.39 = maintenance on Mustang Mach 1 for 2007

### **Burton, John – 3<sup>rd</sup> Senate – San Francisco**

- \$10,122.73 = Maintenance 2004 – termed out in 2004

### **Richter, Bernie – 3<sup>rd</sup> Assembly – Chico**

- \$7,670.84 – Maintenance costs in 1998

### **Cardoza, Dennis – 26<sup>th</sup> District**

- \$7,276.54 = Maintenance for 2001

### **Walters, Mimi – 73<sup>rd</sup> Assembly – Oceanside**

- \$7,051.24 = Maintenance for 2007 On 2003 Prius

### **Chan, Wilma – 16<sup>th</sup> Assembly - Oakland**

- \$6,200.12 = Maintenance costs in 2005

### **Yee, Leland – 12<sup>th</sup> Assembly – San Francisco**

- \$5,770.44 = 2005 – 2003 Buick Le Sabre

## **Overall Maintenance Claims**

### **Statham, Stan – 1<sup>st</sup> Assembly – Eureka**

- \$30,012.58 – Maintenance 1985/1986 +1988 = \$10,004 yearly average

### **LaMalfa, Doug –**

- \$23,895.18 = maintenance on Mustang Mach 1 – 2005 to 2007

### **Richter, Bernie – 3<sup>rd</sup> Assembly – Chico**

- \$17,631.85 = \$2,939 yearly average (1993-1998)

### **Chappie, Eugene – 3<sup>rd</sup> Assembly – Chico**

- \$16,848.44 = \$2,808 yearly average (1975-1980)

### **Kelley, David – 37<sup>th</sup> Senate – Orange County**

- \$16,545.43 = \$2,068 yearly average (1993-2000)

### **Hannigan, Thomas – 8<sup>th</sup> Assembly – Santa Rosa**

- \$15,708.70 = \$3,937 yearly average (1993-1996)

### **Burton, John – 3<sup>rd</sup> Senate – San Francisco**

- \$14,164.67 = Maintenance 2003/2004

### **Aanestad, Sam – 4<sup>th</sup> Senate – Grass Valley**

- \$11,987.31 = Maintenance 2005/2006 = \$5,994 per year



### **Wesson, Herb –**

- \$11,390.86 = maintenance – 1999 to 2000

### **Cardoza, Dennis – 26<sup>th</sup> District**

- \$10,515.78 = Maintenance for 2001-2002

### **Yee, Leland – 12<sup>th</sup> Assembly – San Francisco**

- \$9,793.04 = (2005-2006) – 2003 Buick Le Sabre

### **Robbins, Alan – 20<sup>th</sup> Senate – San Diego**

- \$9,397.14 = Maintenance 1986-1988

### **Marks, Milton – 3<sup>rd</sup> Senate – San Francisco**

- \$8,954.46 = Maintenance for 1992/1994 = \$4,477 per year

### **Brulte, James – 31<sup>st</sup> Senate – Rancho Cucamonga**

- \$8,556.29 = Maintenance 2003/2004 – 2001 Suburban

### **Walters, Mimi – 73<sup>rd</sup> Assembly – Oceanside**

- \$8,243.97 = \$2,748 yearly average – 2005-2007

### **Mountjoy, Dick – 29<sup>th</sup> Senate – Glendora**

- \$8,086.17 = Maintenance 1997/1998

## **Questionable Repair Bills**

### **Corbett, Ellen – 10<sup>th</sup> Senate – San Leandro**

- \$244 = new tire on 4/27/07 – 10,094 miles on 2007 Prius

### **Simitian, Joe – 11<sup>th</sup> Senate – Santa Cruz**

- 06/20/05 - \$280 program 2 blank keys
- 07/08/05 - \$234 for 2 new rear tires at 11,409 miles

### **Runner, George – 17<sup>th</sup> Senate – Los Angeles**

- 04/12/06 - \$322 for 2 tires at 21,953 miles – 2005 Chrysler 300M
- 07/19/06 - \$342 for 2 tires at 26,382 miles
- 04/13/07 - \$146 to replace left front tire (separated) at 37,384 miles
- 12/27/07 – 1 tire at 47,484 miles
- 01/16/08 - \$960 for a tune up – **this is after he received new 2008 Highlander**

### **Romero, Gloria – 24<sup>th</sup> Senate – Los Angeles**

- 11/08/06 - flush cooling system at 21,740 miles
- 07/24/07 - flush cooling system at 30,508 miles
- 06/09/05 - \$549 to install running boards per Gloria's instructions
- ◆ Flush cooling system "again" after 8,768 miles?

## **Legislators vs. Contra Costa County**

The text boxes below denote the money spent by you to provide vehicles to Assembly/Senate members compared to what Santa Clara County (San Jose) spent for the same vehicles. Apparently, car dealers in Santa Clara County are either more honest when dealing with the County or the buyer for the County is doing a bang-up job on behalf of the County taxpayers.

The cost differentials clearly indicate that our legislators are ordering expensive options. Prices differences exceeding \$17,000 on the same vehicle raise serious questions as to what options were ordered. Is it possible that some of these vehicles came with “hydraulic blow-up dolls” or something analogous thereto?

### Assembly Car Costs v. Contra Costa County

Name	Dist.	Vehicle	Cost	County	Excess
Vargas,	79 <sup>th</sup>	'01 Expedition	\$39,728	\$29,114 – '01	\$10,614
Bermudez	46 <sup>th</sup>	'04 Expedition	\$37,069	\$27,406 – '04	\$ 9,663
Spitzer	71 <sup>st</sup>	'04 Expedition	\$36,689	\$27,046 – '04	\$ 9,643
Correa	34 <sup>th</sup>	'97 Expedition	\$37,124	\$29,114 – '01	\$ 8,010
Chavez	57 <sup>th</sup>	'01 Expedition	\$36,863	\$29,114 – '01	\$ 7,749
Mountjoy	59 <sup>th</sup>	'01 Expedition	\$34,362	\$29,114 – '01	\$ 5,248
Emmerson	63 <sup>rd</sup>	'05 Escape	\$31,974	\$20,973 – '05	\$11,001
Gilmore	30 <sup>th</sup>	'09 Escape	\$38,664	\$28,260 – '07	\$10,604
De La Torre	50 <sup>th</sup>	'05 Escape	\$29,981	\$20,973 – '05	\$ 9,008
Strickland	37 <sup>th</sup>	'05 Escape	\$28,844	\$20,973 – '05	\$ 7,871
Fong	22 <sup>nd</sup>	'08 Escape	\$34,376	\$28,260 – '07	\$ 6,116
Swanson	16 <sup>th</sup>	'07 Escape	\$33,633	\$28,023 – '07	\$ 5,610
Diaz	57 <sup>th</sup>	'01 Cherokee	\$38,093	\$20,800 – '01	\$17,293
Maldonado	33 <sup>rd</sup>	'00 Cherokee	\$35,410	\$22,353 – '00	\$13,057
Nakanishi	10 <sup>th</sup>	'03 Trailblazer	\$33,760	\$24,000 – '07	\$ 9,760
Maze	34 <sup>th</sup>	'03 Trailblazer	\$33,693	\$24,000 – '07	\$ 9,693
Bogh	65 <sup>th</sup>	'01 Suburban	\$36,527	\$30,874 – '02	\$ 5,653
Beall	24 <sup>th</sup>	'07 Impala	\$31,729	\$17,885 – '06	\$13,844

### Senate Car Costa v. Contra Costa County

Name	Dist.	Vehicle	Cost	County	Excess
Aanestad	4 <sup>th</sup>	'03 Expedition	\$45,394	\$27,406 – '04	\$17,988
Denham	12 <sup>th</sup>	'03 Expedition	\$45,066	\$27,406 – '04	\$17,660
Hollingsworth	36 <sup>th</sup>	'03 Expedition	\$45,066	\$27,406 – '04	\$17,660
Hollingsworth	36 <sup>th</sup>	'07 Expedition	\$44,549	\$28,260 – '06	\$16,289
Battin	37 <sup>th</sup>	'01 Expedition	\$36,166	\$29,114 – '01	\$ 7,052
Machado	5 <sup>th</sup>	'05 Escape	\$35,068	\$20,973 – '05	\$14,095
Lowenthal	27 <sup>th</sup>	'05 Escape	\$34,366	\$20,973 – '05	\$13,393
Machado	5 <sup>th</sup>	'01 Cherokee	\$37,878	\$20,800 – '01	\$17,078
McPherson	15 <sup>th</sup>	'01 Cherokee	\$34,415	\$20,800 – '01	\$13,615
Ashburn	18 <sup>th</sup>	'03 Suburban	\$42,925	\$30,874 – '02	\$12,051
Brulte	31 <sup>st</sup>	'01 Suburban	\$39,534	\$30,874 – '02	\$ 8,660
Chesbro	2 <sup>nd</sup>	'05 Escape	\$34,366	\$20,973 – '05	\$13,393
Denham	12 <sup>th</sup>	'05 Escape	\$34,366	\$20,973 – '05	\$13,993
Corbett	10 <sup>th</sup>	'07 Prius	\$37,029	\$25,714 – '06	\$11,315

# **California Legislators Engaged In Tax Avoidance andlor Fraud**

IRS Publication 15-B ([www.irs.gov/publications/p15b/ar02.html](http://www.irs.gov/publications/p15b/ar02.html)) treats employer provided vehicles (governmental or otherwise) as a fringe benefit (aka, "perk"). As a result, the IRS mandates that the following records be maintained by the employer and/or that income derived from the personal use of an employer-provided vehicle be reported.

- ▶ Commuting/personal use are considered taxable income
- ▶ Lease Value Rule to be used if government employee is elected official
- ▶ Logs differentiating personal vs. official use must be kept
- ▶ Income earned from personal use of vehicle to be reported on annual W-2

## **Lease Value Rule/Method**

The Fair Market Value (FMV) is determined by the amount an employee (legislator) would have to pay to a third party in an arms-length transaction to buy or lease the benefit. The arms-length lease values as determined by the IRS as to tax liability requires that the annual cost of fuel be added to the lease value of the vehicle.

Below in an example of the potential tax liability for ex-assemblyman Antonio Villaraigosa , which would include the miles he drove and fuel he consumed for commuting and/or for personal use.

### **Text Box 1**

#### **Antonio Villaraigosa – 45<sup>th</sup> Assembly – Los Angeles**

Without knowing the cost of Tony's car or cars from 1995 to 2000, I'm going to use the figure of \$36,000; therefore based on said cost Tony's tax liability would be as follows:

- ▶ \$9,750 = lease yearly lease value – total of \$58,500
- ▶ \$13,057.64 = fuel purchases – 1995 to 2000
- ▶ \$71,557.64 = total lease costs + fuel

## **Tom McClintock Facts**

The following sets forth the idiocy and egregious waste of public funds (nearly \$60,000) in providing McClintock with a car while he served in the State Senate from 1002 to 2008 rather than reimburse for mileage driven. Of course this assumes (a specious assumption at best) that each and every one of the 32,070 miles Tom drove specifically related to official state business. An assumption that is clearly laughable at best!

- ▶ \$16,748.31 = cost to purchase used 1998 Grand Marquis on 12/05/00
- ▶ \$34,464 = lease costs paid on \$16,700 used Marquis
- ▶ \$3,429.59 = maintenance costs for Marquis
- ▶ \$3,600.00 = insurance costs for Marquis
- ▶ \$14,248.00 = loss to public when Marquis sold for \$2500 in 2008
- ◆ \$72,490 = total public cost for Tom's Marquis

## Public's per-mile cost for Tom's Marquis

- 2,138 = total gallons of fuel purchased by Tom
- 32,070 = miles driven by Tom (15 mpg city for Marquis)
- \$2.26 = total per mile cost to public for Tommy's ride
- \$14,271 = public cost if Tom paid mileage at \$0.44 per mile
- ◆ \$58,219 = egregious waste for providing Marquis to Tom v mileage payments

### McClintock, Tom – 2000

**1998 Grand Marquis – 12/05/00 = \$16,748.31 (used)**

Year	Fuel	Gals.	Miles	Year	Fuel	Gals.
2001	\$739.95	517	15 mpg	2002	\$684.29	510
2003	\$698.79	448		2004	\$276.46	149
2005	\$357.51	140		2006	\$390.74	135
2007	\$390.74	135		2008	\$373.65	104
			<b>32,070</b>			<b>2,138</b>

- \$34,464.00 = Lease costs (check 2008)
- \$3,429.59 = Maintenance costs = \$429 yearly average
- 4,009 = average yearly mileage

## **Disposal of Legislative Cars**

The following facts, many of which are hard to believe, deal with the disposal of publicly-funded vehicles provided to Assembly and Senate Members from 2005 through 2008. Copies of "bills of sale" I obtained from the Assembly Rules Committee proves beyond all doubt that after a legislator chooses a vehicle befitting his/her status in life, the Assembly and/or Senate Rules Committee pays the total cost of such vehicle to the dealer providing it.

I was keenly interested in how these vehicles were disposed of once a legislator's term-of-office expired. The text boxes below will set forth the following facts:

### **No information available re: Disposal of Vehicles**

In regards to twenty-one (21) vehicles, the Assembly Rules Committee had the chutzpah to claim that they had no records of who purchased said vehicles. This laughable claim even though they provided (a) name of legislator vehicle assigned to, (b) year vehicle disposed of, and (c) amount it was sold for.

The columns in Text Boxes below, denotes (1) legislators name, (2) vehicle description, (3) purchase price, (4) amount and date sold, and (5) retail price as of May 2009 per research on the Internet. In some instances, the unknown (anonymous) buyer pays more for the vehicle than it is worth.

### **Text Box 1**

## Disposal Information Not Available

Name	Vehicle	Bought	Amt. + Date	Retail
Romero, G	'01 Wrangler	\$25,856	\$11,200 – 2005	\$ 9,785
Machado, M	'01 Cherokee	\$37,878	\$ 6,357 – 2005	\$ 6,982
Brulte, J	'01 Suburban	Unknown	\$ 5,200 – 2005	\$ 8,637
Ortiz, D	'00 Lincoln LS	\$36,364	\$10,857 – 2005	\$10,225
Chesbro, W	'03 Escape	\$29,685.	\$12,457 – 2005	\$ 6,500
Scott, J	'01 Olds Intrigue	\$27,904	\$ 4,607 – 2005	\$ 6,500
Hollingsworth	'03 GMC Yukon	\$42,527.	\$19,357 – 2005	\$16,000
Perata, D	'01 Seville STS	\$51,508	\$11,857 – 2005	\$ 8,150
Karnette, B	'01 LeSabre	\$27,563	\$ 7,500 – 2005	\$ 7,550
Ackerman,	'01 Expedition	\$29,802	\$ 6,100 – 2005	\$ 8,651
Battin, J	'01 Expedition	\$36,166	\$10,100 – 2005	\$ 9,700
Margett, B	'01 Explorer Sport	\$30,001	\$ 8,100 – 2005	\$ 9,862
Oller, T	'00 Lincoln LS	\$36,594	\$ 9,200 – 2005	\$10,225
Vincent, Ed	'00 Town Car	\$47,278	\$ 7,000 – 2005	\$11,800
McPherson	'01 Cherokee LTD	\$34,415	\$ 8,575 – 2005	\$10,300
Burton, J	'99 LeSabre	\$29,560	\$22,000 – 2005	\$ 4,484
Sher, B	'01 Chrysler 300M	\$34,182	\$ 6,300 – 2005	\$ 6,114
Vasconcellos	'02 Sebring Conv.	Unknown	\$11,000 - 2005	\$14,395
Alpert, D	'02 Explorer	\$34,832	\$13,500 – 2005	\$ 8,780
Johnson, R	'04 Prius	\$28,003	\$21,400 – 2005	\$15,800
Torlakson, T	'00 Camero Z28	\$15,900	\$ 4,646 – 2006	\$ 7,107
Campbell, J	Unknown <sup>1</sup>	Unknown	Unknown - 2006	

<sup>1</sup> Assembly Rules Committee records state as to John Campbell “No vehicle since elected,” therefore how is it possible for them to dispose of a vehicle they never purchased on his behalf?

## Text Box 2

### Vehicles sold to Dealerships

Name	Vehicle	Bought	Sold + Date	Retail 04/09
Ackerman,	'01 Explorer	\$29,802	\$ 7,000 – 12/04	\$ 8,000
Battin, J	'05 Navigator	\$47,526	\$11,000	\$21,250
Bowen, D	'97 Mazda MX6	\$17,882	\$ 2,500 – 12/06	\$ 4,850
Chesbro, W	'05 Escape Hybrid	\$34,366	\$14,300 – 10/04	\$15,575
Ducheny, D	'03 LeSabre	\$29,560	\$ 8,300 – 12/06	\$ 7,400
Figueroa, L	'03 Thunderbird	\$37,946	\$15,700 – 12/06	\$20,900
Florez, D	'03 Yukon Denali	\$47,733	\$10,525 – 02/06	\$16,575
Machado, A	'05 Escape Hybrid	\$35,069	\$15,600 – 12/06	\$15,575
McClintock, T	'98 Gran Marquis	\$16,784	\$ 2,500 – 12/07	\$ 3,978
Morrow, B	'04 Silverado pickup	\$37,860	\$14,500 – 12/06	\$13,250
Ortiz, D	'04 Lincoln LS	\$39,567	\$16,810 – 12/06	\$11,227
Scott, J	'05 Accord Hybrid	\$35,073	\$15,500 – 12/08	\$15,625
Vincent, Ed	'05 Town Car	\$47,895	\$11,500 – 12/08	\$17,012

**Text Box 3**  
**Cars sold at Auction**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Vehicle</b>	<b>Bought</b>	<b>Sold + Date</b>	<b>Retail 04/09</b>
Aanestad, S	'03 Expedition	\$45,393	\$11,596 – 2007	\$13,150
Ashburn, R	'03 Suburban	\$42,929	\$11,846 – 2007	\$15,619
Cedillo, G	'04 Cherokee	\$33,726	\$19,476 – 2007	\$15,625
Chesbro, W	'05 Escape	\$34,366	\$ 5,546 – 2007	\$15,575
Florez, D	'03 Yukon Denali	\$47,732	\$10,525 – 2007	\$16,575
Hollingsworth	'03 Expedition	\$45,066	\$ 9,096 - 2007	\$13,150
Machado, M	'06 Lexus 400H	\$37,000	\$15,600	\$34,500
Migden, C	'05 Caddy STS	\$53,481	\$22,486 – 2007	\$18,019
Perata, D	'06 Charger RT	\$38,615	\$17,453 – 2008	\$17,000
Poochigian, C	'01 Marquis	\$26,199	\$ 2,746 – 2007	\$ 8,000
Speier, Jackie	'01 Town Car	\$36,850	\$ 5,846 – 2007	\$12,788
Yee, Leland	'03 Le Sabre	\$29,988	\$ 4,346 – 2007	\$6,162

**Cars sold to Assembly or Gov't Agency**

Unbelievably, our moronic Legislators (my sincerest apologies to morons) were actually engaged in purchasing new vehicles at public expense and then reselling the vehicles to themselves and/or to some undisclosed California government agency. You heard me right, folks! These certified buffoons actually used your tax money to purchase new vehicles and then resell them to themselves.

This kind of idiocy is akin to you or me paying cash for a car with family funds (that'd be a wife and husband's money) and then having the wife and/or husband resell the car to themselves and/or or a child for a profit. Sound a little suspicious to you? It sure as hell does to me! The facts set forth below as to ex-Senator Nell Soto and Assembly member Mark Ridley-Thomas, both of Los Angeles suggest something is awry in regards to the expenditure of public funds.

I'm sure you overburdened taxpayer's would like to know what really happened to the money (\$44,898) spent by some undisclosed government agency and the State Assembly Rules Committee when they sold Soto's Dodge Magnum and Ridley-Thomas' Chrysler 300. Is it possible that this \$44,498 ended up in some legislative "slush-fund" that is used for the personal benefit of our overworked, underpaid and under-achieving (can't pass a budget on time) assembly/senate members? Pray tell, could it be that our legislators are involved in ripping you off? Hmmm, I'm sure inquiring minds would surely like to know if ya know what I mean!

<b>Name</b>	<b>Vehicle</b>	<b>Bought</b>	<b>Sold + Date</b>	<b>Retail 05/09</b>
Ridley-Thomas	'06 Chrysler 300	\$32,373	\$21,445 – 2009	\$ 8,988
Soto, Nell	'05 Dodge Magnum	\$32,939	\$23,453 – 2007	\$16,974

**Public's Cost for Ridley-Thomas's 2006 Chrysler 300**

The Assembly sold Mark Ridley-Thomas' (48<sup>th</sup> District in Los Angeles) 2006 Chrysler Signature Series that cost \$32,273 new in Jan. 2006 to some undisclosed California Government Agency for \$21,445 in 2009 even though the average retail price in May 2009 was around \$9,000.

The following undisputed facts, all of which were obtained from public records paint a rather curious picture.

- ◆ Assembly Rules committee (that'd be you) pays \$32,373 for 2006 Chrysler
- ◆ Gov't Agency (that'd be you again) pays \$21,445 to repurchase the Chrysler – meaning total costs to you is now \$53,818
- ◆ Taxpayers pay \$4,056 for lease payments in 2006 on Chrysler
- ◆ Taxpayers pay \$136.66 for maintenance in 2006 on Chrysler
- ◆ Taxpayers pay \$2,508.92 for fuel in 2006 for Chrysler
- ◆ Taxpayers pay \$450 for liability insurance in 2006 for Chrysler
- ◆ \$60,969.58 = total taxpayer cost to provide Chrysler in 2006

### **Public's Cost for Nell Soto's 2005 Dodge Magnum**

- ◆ Senate Rules committee (that'd be you) pays \$32,939 for 2005 Magnum
- ◆ Assembly Rules Committee pays Senate Rules Committee (that'd be you again) \$23,453 to repurchase the Magnum – meaning total costs to you is now \$53,692
- ◆ Taxpayers pay \$8,316 for lease payments in 2005/2006 on Magnum
- ◆ Taxpayers pay \$1,654.97 for maintenance in 2005/2006 on Magnum
- ◆ Taxpayers pay \$6,494.75 for fuel in 2006 for Magnum
- ◆ Taxpayers pay \$900 for liability insurance in 2005/2006 for Magnum
- ◆ \$64,562.97 = total taxpayer cost to provide Magnum for 2005/2006

## ***Award Winning Legislative Drivers***



I've determined that the following assembly members are well-deserving of being given special recognition for their willingness to go the extra-mile so to speak in serving the interests of their constituents. And the "checkered flag" goes to:

### **Le Mans Endurance Award**

- ◆ Bill Jones – 32<sup>nd</sup> Assembly District in Bakersfield
- ◆ 193,608 = miles driven over 145 days in 1986
- ◆ 33.4 = average hours driven per day by Billy in 1986

### **Formula One Award**

- ◆ Eric Seastrand – 29<sup>th</sup> Assembly District in Fresno
- ◆ 161,280 = miles driven over 145 days in 1989
- ◆ 27.8 = average hours driven per day by Eric in 1989

### **Richard Petty Endurance Award**

- ◆ Anthony Villaraigosa – 45<sup>th</sup> Assembly District in Los Angeles
- ◆ 120,626 = miles driven over 145 days in 2000
- ◆ 27.7 = average hours driven per day by Eric in 2000

### **Text Box 1**

### Assembly One Year

Name	Dist.	Venue	Year	Total Miles	Daily Miles	Daily Hrs.
Jones, Bill	32 <sup>nd</sup>	Bakersfield	1986	193,608	1,335	33.4
Seastrand, E	29 <sup>th</sup>	Fresno	1989	161,280	1,112	27.8
Villaraigosa, A	45 <sup>th</sup>	Los Angeles	2000	120,626	832	27.7
Seastrand, E	29 <sup>th</sup>	Fresno	1988	103,482	714	17.8
Grandlund, B	65 <sup>th</sup>	Yucaipa	2000	102,388	706	17.6
Briggs, Mike	29 <sup>th</sup>	Fresno	2002	90,068	621	15.5
Florez, Dean	30 <sup>th</sup>	Bakersfield	2001	88,286	609	15.2
Tucker, C Jr.	51 <sup>st</sup>	Inglewood	2001	65,720	453	15.1
Richter, B	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Grass Valley	1998	87,940	606	15.1
Cardenas, T	39 <sup>th</sup>	Arleta	1999	64,878	447	14.9
Briggs, Mike	29 <sup>th</sup>	Fresno	2001	85,246	589	14.7
Briggs, Mike	29 <sup>th</sup>	Fresno	2000	83,270	574	14.3
Thomson, H	8 <sup>th</sup>	Santa Rosa	2000	82,808	572	14.3
Thompson, B	66 <sup>th</sup>	Murrieta	2000	82,808	571	14.3

### Text Box 2

#### Assembly Multiple Years

Name	Dist.	Venue	Year	Total Miles	Daily Miles	Daily Hrs.
Briggs, Mike	29 <sup>th</sup>	Fresno	86-89	384,318	663	16.6
Grandlund, B	65 <sup>th</sup>	Yucaipa	95-00	480,688	552	13.8
Jones, Bill	32 <sup>nd</sup>	Bakersfield	86-89	311,922	538	13.4
Chacon, Peter	79 <sup>th</sup>	Chula Vista	76-78	218,016	501	12.5
Richter, B	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Grass Valley	93-98	374,020	430	10.7

### Text Box 3

#### Senate Members

Name	Dist.	Venue	Year	Total Miles	Daily Miles	Daily Hrs.
Richardson, B	25 <sup>th</sup>	Los Angeles		64,044	442	14.7
Thompson, M	2 <sup>nd</sup>	San Jose	1998	80,340	554	13.8
Greene, W	27 <sup>th</sup>	Los Angeles		65,592	452	13.6
McPherson, B	15 <sup>th</sup>	Santa Maria	1999	78,820	544	13.6
McCorquodale	12 <sup>th</sup>	Frisco	1989	66,024	455	11.4
Bulte, J	31 <sup>st</sup>	Cucamonga		48,680	336	11.2



## Tom Hayden – The Ultimate Hypocrite



A reliable source who provided me with the venues of each legislator while discussing their misdeeds, told me that Hayden disavowed acceptance of a state vehicle while campaign for the Assembly in 1982. Put simply, this guy knew his shit so to speak.

From 1983 when he took office as an LA assemblyman through 1989, Tommy kept to his word to disavow acceptance of a state vehicle.

A Google search proves that in 1990 that Jane Fonda gave Tommy Baby the proverbial boot – filed for divorce. Beginning in 1990 and after Jane gave him the boot, and while in search of some “alternative green,” and continuing through 2000 Tommy (aka, The Ultimate Hypocrite) accepted the following largess from the taxpayers of California.

- ➡ \$33,267 in lease costs on his multiple state-paid-for rides
- ➡ \$3,873 for maintenance on his multiple rides
- ➡ \$799 for fuel
- ➡ \$37,939 = public funds Tommy accepted after getting the boot from Jane

### Assembly 44th Los Angeles

Year	Lease	Repair	Fuel		Year	Lease	Repair	Fuel
1983	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$0.00		1984	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$0.00
1985	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$0.00		1986	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
1987	\$ 0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		1988	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
1989	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$0.00		1990	\$4,276.44	\$160.69	\$ 0.00
1991	\$3,358.71	\$637.71	\$0.00		1992	<b>\$3,052.80</b>	<b>\$146.77</b>	<b>\$19.00</b>
						<b>\$10,867.95</b>	<b>\$944.97</b>	<b>\$19.00</b>

### Senate 22<sup>nd</sup> Los Angeles

Year	Fuel	Gals.	Miles	Year	Fuel	Gals.
1995	\$348.28			1996	\$263.03	
1997	\$109.78			1998	\$ 16.55	
1999	\$ 11.76			2000	\$ 10.00	

- ➡ \$22,399.00 = Lease costs
- ➡ \$2,928.00 = Maintenance costs = \$488 yearly average

### Total Costs for Legislative Cars

<b>Amount</b>	<b>Estimated Costs for Legislative Cars – 1960 to 2008</b>
\$34.0 million	1900 new cars (\$18,000 average cost per vehicle)
\$17.5 million	Lease costs on 1900 legislative vehicles
\$ 8.9 million	Fuel costs for legislative vehicles
\$ 4.8 million	Maintenance and repair costs for legislative vehicles
\$ 1.2 million	Liability insurance costs for legislative vehicles
\$ 6.7 million	35 cars for Southern CA assembly for Sacramento use (420 total)
\$ 1.5 million	Maintenance, insurance, fuel costs for Sacramento based vehicles
\$ 2.4 million	Wages + benefits for 2 staff to oversee programs
\$ 0.5 million	Cars for Assembly/senate leaders (24 cars at \$17,000 each)
\$ 2.4 million	Wages + benefits 2 employees to chauffeur leaders
<b>\$79.9 million</b>	<b>Total costs to taxpayers for this unwarranted largess</b>

### Legislator Ordered Options

<b>Name</b>	<b>Vehicle</b>	<b>Options Ordered + costs</b>
Sen. Bob Huff	Cadillac CTS	Wheels + Bluetooth = \$4,226
Sen. Ron Calderon	Cadillac CTS	18' wheels + tires = \$2,400
Sen. Alex Padilla	Camry Hybrid	18' chrome wheels = \$5,650
Sen. Kevin Murray	Lexus 400H	DVD player = \$1,900
Sen. Eddy Vincent	Lincoln Towncar	Tires + CD player = \$1,455
Assy. Mary Salas	Ford Escape	Sunroof = \$1,495
Assy. Cathy Galgiani	Crown Victoria	Navigation System = \$1,600
Assy. Curren Price	Chrysler 300	Navigation + Bentley Grille = \$2,478

### Family Shopping at Auto-Mall

<b>Family</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Years</b>	<b>Car Costs</b>	<b>Cars</b>
Calderons – LA	Charles	Assy. 1983-1990	\$108,000	2
	Charles	Assy. 2005-2008	\$ 65,000	2
	Ronald	Sen. 2006-2008	\$ 75,000	1
	Thomas	Assy. 1999-2004	\$123,000	2
			<b>\$371,000</b>	<b>7</b>
Runners - LA	George	Sen. 2005-2008	\$115,000	1
	George	Assy. 1996-2002	\$108,000	2
	Sharon	Assy. 2002-2008	\$127,000	2
			<b>\$350,000</b>	<b>5</b>
Alquist - LA	Alfred	Assy. 1962-1966	\$ 22,000	1
	Alfred	Sen. 1967-1996	\$317,000	10
	Elaine	Assy. 1997-2002	\$109,000	2
	Elaine	Sen. 2004-2009	\$ 50,000	1
			<b>\$498,000</b>	<b>14</b>
Tuckers - LA	Curtis, Sr.	Assy. 1974-1988	\$152,000	5
	Curtis, Jr.	Assy. 1989-1996	\$ 55,000	1
			<b>\$202,000</b>	<b>6</b>

# Shopping/Purchasing Cars Before Taking Office

## California Senate Members

Name	Dist.	Venue	Vehicle	Cost	Deal Date
Wolk, Lois	5 <sup>th</sup>	Vacaville	2009 Camry	\$31,981	11/11/08
DeSaulnier, M	7 <sup>th</sup>	Antioch	2009 Altima	\$32,545	11/13/08
Walters, Mimi	33 <sup>rd</sup>	Laguna Hills	2009 Malibu	\$24,442	11/14/08
Leno, Mark	3 <sup>rd</sup>	San Francisco	2009 Camry	\$31,974	11/17/08
Benoit, John	37 <sup>th</sup>	Palm Desert	2009 Highlander	\$45,841	11/22/08
Pavley, Fran	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Los Angeles	2009 Camry	\$31,785	11/24/08
Hancock, Loni	9 <sup>th</sup>	Berkeley	2007 Camry	\$24,413	11/25/08
Huff, Bob	29 <sup>th</sup>	Claremont	2008 Caddy CTS	\$41,300	11/26/08
Alquist, Elaine	13 <sup>th</sup>	San Diego	2005 Prius	\$28,786	11/29/04

<sup>1</sup> Cadillac STS V8 Luxury Sports Sedan

## California Senate Members

Name	Dist.	Venue	Vehicle	Cost	Deal Date
Negrete, Gloria	32 <sup>nd</sup>	Chino	2007 Prius	\$29,286	11/27/06
Calderon, Ron <sup>1</sup>	30 <sup>th</sup>	Los Angeles	2006 Caddy STS	\$54,831	11/27/06
Cogdill, Dave	14 <sup>th</sup>	San Diego	2006 Highlander	\$37,029	11/16/06
Yee, Leland	8 <sup>th</sup>	San Mateo	2003 Le Sabre	\$17,292	11/16/06
Thomas, Mark	26 <sup>th</sup>	Los Angeles	2006 Chrysler 300	\$35,692	11/28/06
Steinberg, D	6 <sup>th</sup>	Sacramento	2007 Prius	\$27,411	11/28/06
Wiggins, Pat	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Vallejo	Civic Hybrid	\$25,884	12/01/06

## California Assembly Members

Name	Dist.	Venue	Vehicle	Cost	Deal Date
Hill, Jerry	19 <sup>th</sup>	San Mateo	2009 Camry	\$32,439	11/24/08
Fong, Paul	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Mountain View	Escape 4WD	\$35,376	11/28/08
Perez, John	46 <sup>th</sup>	Los Angeles	2008 Acadia 4WD	\$32,500	11/26/08
Chesbro,	1 <sup>st</sup>	Eureka	Prius	\$31,495	12/01/08
Lowenthal, B	54 <sup>th</sup>	Long Beach	2009 Escape	\$34,983	12/01/08
Miller, Jeff	71 <sup>st</sup>	Orange County	2008 GMC	\$47,802	12/01/08
Soto, Nell <sup>1</sup>	61 <sup>st</sup>	Ontario	2005 Magnum	\$23,453	11/15/06
Jeffries, Kevin	66 <sup>th</sup>	Murrieta	2007 Dodge Nitro	\$28,944	11/29/06
Alarcon, Dick	39 <sup>th</sup>	Arleta	2007 Highlander	\$44,000	11/30/06
Mendoza, Tony	56 <sup>th</sup>	Norwalk	2007 Highlander	\$44,000	12/04/06

<sup>1</sup> Invoice for Soto states in bold letters: “**RUSH**”



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 Department of Justice

Deputy Administrative Officer  
 Assembly Rules Committee

Re: Abuses/Fraud Involving Legislator Vehicles

Dear Mr. Brown:

First and foremost, I believe it would be instructive to introduce myself to you. I am presently and have since the mid-nineties acted as a freelance investigate reporter whose primary goal was and is to expose corruption involving public officials. Towards that end, I have uncovered a plethora of corruption involving justices of the Ohio Surpeme Court regarding the use (actually abuse) of state-paid-for luxury vehicles. I also spent thousands of hours investigating the retired visiting judge operation in Ohio. Sorry to drone on Mr. Brown; however, I have spent nearly 1200 hours investigating the conduct of State Assembly/Senate members in regards to their use of state-funded vehicles. That investigation has led to the following egregious misconduct.

- Pilfering of gas via use of state-paid for charge card
- Unlawful use of state vehicle via personal purchases of fuel for use of car by family members and/or others
- Use of state car/fuel for partisan re-election and/or election purposes
- Bilking the public by submitting accident insurance claims to the California Department of General Services under the guise the legislator was engaged in official state business
- Use of state gas-charge-card to illegally purchase sundry items

One of the worst abusers regarding the unlawful use of a state car/fuel for partisan campaigning purposes involves Los Angeles Mayor Anthony Villaraigosa. While reviewing Assembly Journals I discovered the following irrefutable facts as set forth in the text box below.

Year	Fuel	Gals.	Miles	Year	Fuel	Gals.
1995	\$ 631.40	568	22 mpg	1996	\$1,411.89	1,177
1997	\$1,273.66	1,062		1998	\$1,189.83	1,155
1999	\$ 381.10	334		2000	\$8,169.76	5,483
			<b>215,138</b>		<b>\$13,057.64</b>	<b>9,779</b>

As you can readily see, I became very curious when I noted that from 1995 to 1999 that Tony purchased \$4,887.88 in fuel for a total of 4,296 gallons. Compare this to his expenditure of \$8,169.76 for fuel for 5,483 gallons in 2000, which is almost a doubling of the prior 5-years.

I then did some research on the Internet and discovered that Tony was running for Mayor of LA in 2000. In other words, Tony had the chutzpah to hose all Californians for his effort at being elected Mayor of LA. To suggest that taxpayers from Sacramento, San Jose, San Francisco, Eureka, Anaheim and/or elsewhere should be forced to contribute financially to Tony's unsuccessful run for LA Mayor is of course preposterous. And what about the LA voters that voted for his successful opponent? They were also unwittingly made to support Tony's losing bid!

To be fair to Tony, he is not the only legislator that finds it acceptable to bill "all" Californians for partisan elections even though said taxpayer's are not eligible to vote in said elections. A cursory review of the variance in fuel purchases during off-year elections is quite revealing.

Based on the above and what I hope to discover once the Senate and Assembly are hopefully ordered by the Court to provide records they now refuse to provide, I believe I will uncover even more egregious abuses and/or fraud involving our esteemed legislators.

I am hereby respectfully suggesting that you should conduct a forensic audit of this conduct. Clearly, such conduct is deplorable at any time; however, when the State is reeling from a budget deficit in excess of \$40 billion with no end in sight, this type of fleecing of the public cannot be allowed to continue. I trust that you equally appalled at the conduct of these legislators, Mr. Brown.

If you need any assistance in moving forward on a full-blown investigation, I stand at the ready to provide you with it, especially as it relates to my investigative ability to easily determine "who's been naughty and who's been nice."

Thanks for your time and consideration regarding this serious matter, and I eagerly await your respond.