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8 Supervisor Candidates List $117,000 in Spending

Almost $117,000 was spent by the eight candidates for three seats on the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors in their June election bids, but one of the winners and one of the losers spent more than the other six combined.

The final financial statement deadline under the Political Reform Act of 1974 was midnight Thursday. The statements filed at the county voter registration office reveal that Board Chairman Dan McCorquodale, incumbent Third District supervisor, was the biggest election spender.

But not by much. He spent $29,809.04, while Jess Delgado, a losing challenger in the Second District race, spent $29,454.54.

Their combined total was $59,263.58, compared to the $57,450.59 spent by the other six candidates, including two other incumbents. Even so, the total is considered "small potatoes" for one of the highest-population counties in the state.

Many candidates in other metropolitan counties spend considerably more than the combined total of $116,714.17 spent here.

Dominic Cortese, incumbent Second District supervisor, won his third term spending $25,172.23.

Appointed Fifth District Supervisor Gerraldine Steinberg, running in her first election, spent $19,870.85.

One of the five unsuccessful candidates, Bob Gross of Alviso, running against McCorquodale's successful second term attempt, spent $8,262.93.

John Strickland of Los Altos, spent $2,178.16 trying to unseat Mrs. Steinberg.

Frank Neves Jr. of San Jose spent $1,744.60 in the three-way race for Cortese's seat.

George P. Soto of Mountain View, the third candidate in the Fifth District, spent only $321.82.

The biggest separate contributions also went to McCorquodale. His top contributor was Peter Szego, an Ampex Corp. engineer, who donated $1,690.

Other big donors were Santa Clara County Probation Officers Union Local 1587, $1,600; and United Auto Workers Political Action Committee (UAW-PAC), $1,090. McCorquodale received numerous smaller contributions from unions and agencies representing either county employes or firms having contracts with the county.

Delgado's biggest contributors were UAW-PAC, $750; his campaign manager, V. M. Arranaga Jr., $623.50; and Nancy J. Schmitz, a San Jose housewife, $525.25.

Cortese's big campaign contributors were a brother, Vince Cortese, $1,500; Builders and Contractors Committee, $1,500; and Bernard Food Industries Inc. of San Jose, which made a nonmonetary contribution of food valued at $1,166.

Mrs. Steinberg received no contributions of $500 or more, except from her campaign committee. No other candidate received more than $500 from any single source.

Receipts by the candidates totaled $122,307.39, less than $6,000 more than expenditures. Only two candidates, Delgado and Neves, spent more than they received.

The amounts received by each candidate were $31,078.06, McCorquodale; $29,337.08. Delgado; $29,479.11, Cortese; $20,343.05, Steinberg; $8,412.93, Gross; $2,178.16, Strickland; $1,141, Neves; and $338, Soto.

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