A Closer Look: SB County GOP (San Bernardino County Republican Party) Money Under Chairman Phil Cothran Sr.

San Bernardino County Republican Party, January 2021 to October 2026

Why look closer: the SB County GOP (San Bernardino County Republican Party) accepted money from Industrial Integrity Solutions, James L. Previti's marijuana (cannabis) company, and gave money to Rancho Cucamonga officials. This summary looks at money in and out while Chairman Phil Cothran Sr. has led the party. Figures are as reported in public campaign filings, January 22, 2021 to October 28, 2026.

$3,885,408 itemized money in [S-242, S-241]	**$183,000** from Industrial Integrity Solutions, Previti's marijuana (cannabis) company, in 2026 [S-242]	**$2,709,195** money out to candidates and committees [S-240, S-241, S-314]	**$173,996** to Rancho Cucamonga officials [S-240, S-241]

Leadership

The party website lists **Chairman Phil Cothran Sr.** and **Treasurer Robert Rego** [S-312]. According to the SB County Sentinel, committee members made Phil Cothran (Sr.) chairman in January 2021 [S-313]; no official filing we found states the title or start date. Robert Rego is listed as treasurer on the party's campaign reports [S-244]. Phil Cothran Sr. is a different person from Fontana Councilman Phil Cothran Jr.; the party reported gifts and mailers to Phil Cothran Jr.'s campaign totaling $12,796 [S-240, S-241].

Previti company money in

Industrial Integrity Solutions (Previti's marijuana (cannabis) company)	Previti's marijuana (cannabis) company. $83,000 on 5/8/2026 and $100,000 on 9/8/2026: **marijuana (cannabis) money: $183,000**. [S-242, S-282, S-283]
FH II Homebuilders (Previti's homebuilding company)	Previti's homebuilding company. $235,000 from 5/18/2021 to 8/14/2024, plus $10,000 on 10/19/2020, before Chairman Cothran Sr.'s reported start. [S-242]

Notable money out

Rancho Cucamonga officials: Ryan Hutchison $111,447 (mostly for his 2026 county Auditor-Controller race); Lynne Kennedy $52,171; Kristine Scott $9,870; Dennis Michael and Ashley Stickler $169 each (2022 slate mailer). Also: $70,000 on 10/1/2026 to Leticia Castillo's Assembly campaign, whose treasurer is Robert Rego [S-240, S-315]; $12,983 in 2026 mailers and gifts for Daniel Alcala, running against Joe Brady for Victor Valley College trustee (matched by name and race, because the candidate ID number on the filing does not match) [S-240, S-241].

Questions for the Party's Leadership

For the Chairman, Phil Cothran Sr.

1. Under your leadership, the party reported accepting $183,000 in 2026 from Industrial Integrity Solutions (Previti's marijuana (cannabis) company). Were the party's board and members told about this money

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before or after it was accepted, and did they vote on it? [S-242, S-282, S-283, S-312, S-313]

2. Since January 2021, the party reported $418,000 from Previti companies: $183,000 from Industrial Integrity Solutions (Previti's marijuana (cannabis) company) and $235,000 from FH II Homebuilders (Previti's homebuilding company). What process does the party use to review large donations like these? [S-242, S-313]

3. Ten days after the first money from Industrial Integrity Solutions (Previti's marijuana (cannabis) company) arrived on 5/8/2026, the party reported giving $35,000 to Rancho Cucamonga Councilman Ryan Hutchison's county campaign (it had also reported $50,000 to that campaign on 5/1/2026, before that money arrived), and later gave to Lynne Kennedy and Kristine Scott. The filings show timing only. How does the party decide which candidates receive its pooled money? [S-242, S-240, S-241]

4. The SB County Sentinel describes Fontana Councilman Phil Cothran Jr. as your son. The party reported $12,796.05 in gifts and mailers for his campaign. How does the party handle decisions involving a leader's family member? [S-313, S-240, S-241]

For the Treasurer, Robert Rego

5. You are listed as treasurer on the party's campaign reports that disclosed the $183,000 from Industrial Integrity Solutions (Previti's marijuana (cannabis) company). What do party members receive from the treasurer about who is funding the party? [S-244, S-242]

6. You are also listed as treasurer of Leticia Castillo's 2026 Assembly campaign (her campaign committee), which received $70,000 from the party on 10/1/2026. How do you handle being treasurer for both the giver and the receiver of that money? [S-315, S-244, S-240]

Committee funds are pooled; filings do not show which dollars were passed on. **The exact amount of marijuana (cannabis) money reaching each candidate can't be determined.** Compiled from public records; best efforts used to verify. See the full disclaimer at rcwatchdog.pages.dev/disclaimer. Each giver to a committee is not tied to Previti just by being listed.

Worth thinking about: Under Chairman Phil Cothran Sr., the SB County GOP (San Bernardino County Republican Party) reported $3,885,408.12 in itemized money in and $2,709,195.09 in money out to candidates and committees [S-242, S-241, S-240]. A county party moves money into many races at once. How many voters know who funds it?

Worth thinking about: In 2026 the party reported $183,000 from Industrial Integrity Solutions (Previti's marijuana (cannabis) company), on top of $235,000 from FH II Homebuilders (Previti's homebuilding company) since 2021 [S-242, S-282, S-283]. Party money is pooled, so no filing shows which donor's dollars paid for which gift. Would a voter holding a party mailer know who helped pay for it?

Worth thinking about: The party reported $173,996.50 to the campaigns of five Rancho Cucamonga officials under Chairman Phil Cothran Sr. [S-240, S-241]. The party's treasurer, Robert Rego, is also listed as treasurer of Leticia Castillo's Assembly campaign committees, and the party reported giving $70,000 to Leticia Castillo's Assembly campaign on 10/1/2026 [S-315, S-240]. When the same person is listed on both sides of a payment, who reviews it?

Worth thinking about: Of the $2,709,195.09 the party reported giving to candidates and committees since January 2021, $2,404,289.73 was reported in 2026 alone, the same year the money from Industrial Integrity Solutions (Previti's marijuana (cannabis) company) arrived [S-240, S-241, S-242]. The filings show timing only. What changed in 2026?

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