

# LONE STAR PROJECT

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## **Goodman Hires "Dirty Trick" Specialists**

*Toby Goodman Consultants Have History of Campaign Ethics Violations*

After weeks of complaining that factual criticisms of his public record amount to "dirty campaigning", Toby Goodman's financial records reveal that Goodman himself has paid at least \$12,000 to The United States Campaign Corp, a political organization whose managers have a long and sordid record of campaign dirty tricks and ethics violations. Much of the group's past work has involved working on both sides of liquor sales campaigns. The group's bizarre and unscrupulous behavior has included assuming false identities and sending out bogus letters.

### **What is the United States Campaign Corp (USCC)?**

USCC is a campaign consulting company whose director is Albert Ross and is closely associated with Dick Malec. Ross and Malec have become well known as political "hired guns", who have been paid by liquor distributors to oppose legalizing beer and wine sales in small communities that might compete with major liquor distributors in urban areas. (Source: [Texas Comptroller Corporation Search](#), Dallas Morning News, 6/2/2004) The Dallas Morning News reported that Ross has been convicted of violating Texas Election law during a campaign in 2003. (Source: Dallas Morning News, 6/2/2004)

### **Bizarre and Illegal Activity**

- **Bogus mailer created and distributed**

While working on a contentious liquor sales election, Dick Malec designed and mailed a phony letter from a fabricated Saudi Prince seeking to spread "cheap liquor to your neighborhood". The campaign mailer violated Texas election law by misrepresenting who wrote it and failing to disclose who paid for it. (Source: Dallas Morning News, 6/2/2004)

- **Operating Under a False Identity**

In another bizarre episode, Dick Malec worked on a highly contentious liquor sales campaign in Rockwall, Texas. Rather than disclose his true identity, Malec presented himself as "Steve Williams of Garland." Malec has refused to disclose why he operated under a false identity. (Source: Knight Ridder Tribune Business

News, 11/11/2002)

- **Reporting and Contribution Violations**

During another contentious liquor sales campaign in Duncanville, Albert Ross failed to report both contributions and expenditures for his political committee. Ross was prosecuted, cited and forced to pay a fine and court expenses.

(Source: Dallas Morning News, 6/2/2004)

- **Questionable Cartoon Distributed**

Malec distributed an insulting comic caricature, "portraying [Prosecutor Mollie Westfall] in a 'Girlz Gone Wild' T-shirt and saying 'I've been a very bad girl.'"

during a Texas District Court Judgeship Race in 2005. (Source: Fort Worth Star Telegram 8/4/2006)

### **New Goodman Consultants Hired, Negative Mail Goes Out**

Shortly after making payments to USCC, the Goodman Campaign mailed thousands of intensely negative mailers to House District 93 voters. In fact, the same week that Toby Goodman complained to the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, "Everything she has done is a personal attack, piece after negative piece," his new campaign sent out a mailer with "Liar, Liar" printed in oversized bold type." (Source: Fort Worth Star Telegram, 11/2/2006)

### **HD93 Dirty Tricks Voter Alert**

Toby Goodman is likely preparing to use a surrogate organization to deliver malicious mailings and/or phone calls to voters.

- The Political Action Committee (PAC) known as Citizens for Honesty in Taxation PAC is headed by Bill Eastland. (Source: Texas Ethics Commission) an individual with a long history of working with USCC and Dick Malec.
- On October 16, 2006, the very same day that Albert Ross and the United States Campaign Corp was paid by Toby Goodman, Citizens for Honesty in Taxation filed as a "Related PAC for Toby Goodman."
- Together, Eastland and Malec produced the controversial "Girls Gone Wild" cartoon flyer and Eastland admitted his role saying, "I probably over stepped my bounds, but I felt like it ought to get out." (Source: Star-Telegram, August 5, 2005)

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