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Undecided or Choosing Both? Individuals and Entities Making Major Contributions to Both Jerry Brown and Meg Whitman

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When a company, individual, or advocacy group donates to a candidate, one might assume it is because they want that candidate to win. Some, however, seem to play it safe and contribute to *both* candidates opposing each other in a race, effectively assuring that they end up picking a winner.

According to an analysis conducted by MAPLight.org on the final data from California's 2010 gubernatorial race, many companies, groups, and even a few individuals chose to hedge their bets by contributing to both Jerry Brown and Meg Whitman. MAPLight counted 118 individuals or entities that gave to both candidates.

Between the primary and general election, individuals and organizations may contribute a maximum of \$ 51,800 to each candidate. Three companies gave this amount to both Meg Whitman and Jerry Brown: [AECOM](#), AT&T, and HP. AT&T California Employee PAC, a separate contributing entity from AT&T, also gave the maximum amount to both candidates. Google, [The GEO Group](#), and [Prime Healthcare Services, Inc.](#) gave \$ 25,900 to each candidate, choosing not to tip the scales towards one candidate or another.

Below is the list of entities that contributed to both Brown and Whitman, contributing at least \$ 51,800 combined between both candidates. Contributions from married couples are totaled together. Contributions are sorted by total contributions for Governor.

Includes campaign contributions from donors as disclosed on [campaign finance filing reports](#) published by the California Secretary of State.

Contributor	To Brown	To Whitman	Difference	Favors	Total
ROBERT & KELLY DAY	\$ 103,600	\$ 98,287	\$ 5,313	Brown	\$ 201,887
JOHN & PATRICIA QUINN	\$ 10,000	\$ 103,600	\$ 93,600	Whitman	\$ 113,600
FRANK & KATHRINE BAXTER	\$ 5,000	\$ 103,600	\$ 98,600	Whitman	\$ 108,600
AECOM	\$ 51,800	\$ 51,800	-	Neither	\$ 103,600
AT&T CALIFORNIA EMPLOYEE PAC	\$ 51,800	\$ 51,800	-	Neither	\$ 103,600
AT&T INC. AND ITS AFFILIATES	\$ 51,800	\$ 51,800	-	Neither	\$ 103,600
DIANE WILSEY	\$ 51,800	\$ 51,800	-	Neither	\$ 103,600
HEWLETT PACKARD	\$ 51,800	\$ 51,800	-	Neither	\$ 103,600
PASKENTA BAND OF NOMLAKI INDIANS	\$ 51,800	\$ 50,900	\$ 900	Brown	\$ 102,700
SYCUAN BAND OF THE KUMEYAAY NATION	\$ 51,800	\$ 48,900	\$ 2,900	Brown	\$ 100,700
BARONA BAND OF MISSION INDIANS	\$ 51,800	\$ 35,900	\$ 15,900	Brown	\$ 87,700
SAN MANUEL BAND OF MISSION INDIANS	\$ 50,900	\$ 35,900	\$ 15,000	Brown	\$ 86,800
SEMPRA ENERGY	\$ 32,400	\$ 51,800	\$ 19,400	Whitman	\$ 84,200
COMCAST	\$ 51,800	\$ 26,900	\$ 24,900	Brown	\$ 78,700
ELON MUSK	\$ 25,900	\$ 51,800	\$ 25,900	Whitman	\$ 77,700
E & J GALLO WINERY	\$ 51,800	\$ 25,900	\$ 25,900	Brown	\$ 77,700
HAIM SABAN	\$ 51,800	\$ 25,900	\$ 25,900	Brown	\$ 77,700
ALLERGAN	\$ 51,800	\$ 25,000	\$ 26,800	Brown	\$ 76,800
AGUA CALIENTE BAND OF CAHUILLA INDIANS	\$ 51,800	\$ 20,000	\$ 31,800	Brown	\$ 71,800
MORONGO BAND OF MISSION INDIANS	\$ 46,578	\$ 25,000	\$ 21,578	Brown	\$ 71,578
ABRAXIS BIOSCIENCE, INC.	\$ 30,000	\$ 35,900	\$ 5,900	Whitman	\$ 65,900
CALIFORNIA APARTMENT ASSOCIATION	\$ 37,900	\$ 25,900	\$ 12,000	Brown	\$ 63,800
WASTE MANAGEMENT	\$ 46,728	\$ 12,750	\$ 33,978	Brown	\$ 59,478
PALA BAND OF MISSION INDIANS	\$ 32,400	\$ 25,900	\$ 6,500	Brown	\$ 58,300
OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM	\$ 51,800	\$ 5,000	\$ 46,800	Brown	\$ 56,800
THE IRVINE COMPANY	\$ 6,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 44,000	Whitman	\$ 56,000
DONAGHY SALES LLC	\$ 31,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 6,000	Brown	\$ 56,000
DISNEY WORLDWIDE SERVICES INC.	\$ 30,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 5,000	Brown	\$ 55,000
EDISON INTERNATIONAL	\$ 30,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 5,000	Brown	\$ 55,000
BLUE SHIELD OF CALIFORNIA	\$ 28,400	\$ 25,900	\$ 2,500	Brown	\$ 54,300
TIME WARNER CABLE	\$ 28,400	\$ 25,900	\$ 2,500	Brown	\$ 54,300
GOOGLE	\$ 25,900	\$ 25,900	-	Neither	\$ 51,800
PRIME HEALTHCARE SERVICES, INC.	\$ 25,900	\$ 25,900	-	Neither	\$ 51,800
THE GEO GROUP, INC.	\$ 25,900	\$ 25,900	-	Neither	\$ 51,800

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committees of elected legislators. For example, contribution totals exclude contributions to party committees such as the RNC or the DNC and exclude contributions made to individuals that did not win their election.

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