

Listed below are campaign contributions that flowed to "Friends of Shawyn Patterson-Howard" from individuals/entities with an interest in the property located at 115 S. Macquesten Parkway, Mount Vernon, NY. There is a housing development proposed at 115 Macquesten, and the housing developers are requesting a 30 year tax abatement package from the MV IDA. Mayor Patterson-Howard Chairs the MV IDA.

According to the "Financial Assistance and Impact Analysis" completed by Storrs Associates (presented to the MV IDA on 10/31/2023), the value of the tax abatement package to the housing developers is estimated to be just shy of \$15.3 million (p. 3 of the report). On the other hand, the net financial benefit to the city is estimated to be only \$662 thousand (p.2 of the report). Given the number of assumptions in the report -e.g., the number of short-term construction jobs created, the percentage of income residents will allocate to rent, the number of new students added to the school district and the cost to educate them- and the period of time across which these assumptions are made (30 years), it is reasonable to question the likelihood that the city will realize any tangible economic benefit from this development at all. And considering that the MV IDA is tasked with fostering economic development in the city to the benefit of city residents, it seems reasonable to question why this project is even being considered.

The following contributions were downloaded from the NYS Board of Elections: <a href="https://publicreporting.elections.ny.gov/">https://publicreporting.elections.ny.gov/</a>				
Recipient	Amount	Contributor	Contributor Connection	Date
Friends Of Shawyn Patterson-Howard - ID# 7002	\$1,000	Anthony Paolercio	property owner/seller	10/16/2023
Friends Of Shawyn Patterson-Howard - ID# 7002	\$1,500	Partners of Harris Beach Political Action	Legal Work, MV IDA	10/13/2023
Friends Of Shawyn Patterson-Howard - ID# 7002	\$500	Steven Horton	Grandview Consulting-Housing Developer	10/3/2023
Friends Of Shawyn Patterson-Howard - ID# 7002	\$500	Jonathan Gertman	NRP Group- Housing Developer	6/16/2023
Friends Of Shawyn Patterson-Howard - ID# 7002	\$250	Steven Horton	Grandview Consulting-Housing Developer	5/24/2023
Friends Of Shawyn Patterson-Howard - ID# 7002	\$250	Steven Horton	Grandview Consulting-Housing Developer	5/11/2023
Friends Of Shawyn Patterson-Howard - ID# 7002	\$1,000	Michael Curti	Harris Beach- Legal Work for MV IDA	4/5/2023

Friends Of Shawyn Patterson-Howard - ID# 7002	\$500	Steven Horton	Grandview Consulting-Housing Developer	3/14/2023
Friends Of Shawyn Patterson-Howard - ID# 7002	\$375	Steven Horton	Grandview Consulting-Housing Developer	11/7/2022
Friends Of Shawyn Patterson-Howard - ID# 7002	\$150	Steven Horton	Grandview Consulting-Housing Developer	10/7/2022
Friends Of Shawyn Patterson-Howard - ID# 7002	\$150	Jonathan Gertman	NRP Group- Housing Developer	7/13/2022
Friends Of Shawyn Patterson-Howard - ID# 7002	\$600	Grandview Consulting Group, Inc.	Housing Development Team	7/13/2022
Friends Of Shawyn Patterson-Howard - ID# 7002	\$500	Michael Paolercio	property owner/seller	7/13/2022
Friends Of Shawyn Patterson-Howard - ID# 7002	\$1,000	Anthony Paolercio	property owner/seller	7/13/2022
Friends Of Shawyn Patterson-Howard - ID# 7002	\$1,000	Michael Anthony Holdings, Inc	property owner/seller	7/13/2022
Friends Of Shawyn Patterson-Howard - ID# 7002	\$1,000	Michael Paolercio	property owner/seller	11/29/2021
Friends Of Shawyn Patterson-Howard - ID# 7002	\$1,500	Partners of Harris Beach Political Action	Legal Work for IDA	11/20/2021
Friends Of Shawyn Patterson-Howard - ID# 7002	\$500	Anthony Paolercio	property owner/seller	7/13/2021
Friends Of Shawyn Patterson-Howard - ID# 7002	\$250	Michael Curti	Harris Beach, Legal Work for MV IDA	10/21/2019
Friends Of Shawyn Patterson-Howard - ID# 7002	\$1,000	Michael Anthony Holdings, Inc	property owner/seller	9/29/2019
Friends Of Shawyn Patterson-Howard - ID# 7002	\$99	Michael Curti	Harris Beach, Legal Work for MV IDA	9/26/2019
Friends Of Shawyn Patterson-Howard - ID# 7002	\$1,999	Michael Paolercio	property owner/seller	8/23/2019
Friends Of Shawyn Patterson-Howard - ID# 7002	\$1,999	Michelle Paolercio	property owner/seller	8/23/2019
Friends Of Shawyn Patterson-Howard - ID# 7002	\$800	Carmen Paolercio	property owner/seller	8/23/2019
Friends Of Shawyn Patterson-Howard - ID# 7002	\$300	Michael Anthony Holdings, Inc	property owner/seller	7/11/2019
Friends Of Shawyn Patterson-Howard - ID# 7002	\$1,400	Anthony Paolercio	property owner/seller	6/15/2019
Friends Of Shawyn Patterson-Howard - ID# 7002	\$1,476	Carmen Paolercio	property owner/seller	6/15/2019

Friends Of Shawyn Patterson-Howard - ID# 7002	\$1,476	Michael Anthony Holdings, Inc	property owner/seller	3/19/2019
Friends Of Shawyn Patterson-Howard - ID# 7002	\$1,476	50-55 South Mac Realty, Llc	property owner/seller	3/19/2019
Friends Of Shawyn Patterson-Howard - ID# 7002	\$500	Kenneth Plummer	Kensworth Consulting- Housing Developer	3/4/2019

Total: \$25,050

According to Section 74 of the Public Officers Law, "Code of Ethics":

3.f. An officer or employee of a state agency, ...should not by his or her conduct *give reasonable basis* for the impression that any person can improperly influence him or her or unduly enjoy his or her favor in the performance of his or her official duties, or that he or she is affected by the kinship, rank, position or influence of any party or person.

3.h. An officer or employee of a state agency, ... should *endeavor to pursue a course of conduct which will not raise suspicion among the public* that he or she is likely to be engaged in acts that are in violation of his or her trust.

Source: <https://legethics.ny.gov/public-officers-law-section-74-code-ethics>

According to the Mount Vernon IDA Code of Ethics and Conflict of Interest Policy, "General Principles and Policies" MV IDA officers must comply with certain principles including a. "Performing the duties of his or her office impartially and diligently and **disqualify him or herself** in any matter in which his or her impartiality might be **reasonably questioned** ." (emphasis added) Source: <https://www.cmvny.com/352/Policies>

Considering, 1) The campaign contributions listed above, 2) The fact that Mayor Patterson-Howard chairs the MV IDA, 3) Section 74 of the Public Officers Law, and 4) the MV IDA Code of Ethics and Conflict of Interest Policy:

*is it reasonable to question whether Mayor Patterson-Howard can impartially chair the MV IDA as it considers granting a tax abatement for the proposed housing development at 115 S. Macquesten Parkway? If the answer is "yes, it is reasonable to question", then Mayor Patterson-Howard must recuse herself.*