

Ray Washburne

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QUESTIONS FOR RAY WASHBURNE

Political Vulnerabilities

Business Relationships

Background: Washburne is the CEO of Charter Holdings, an investment company involved in real estate, restaurants, and diversified financial investments. In addition to serving as a director at a U.S. regional bank, Washburne is a stake holder in the private equity firm, Galatyn Private Equity. Washburne’s company Entrust Inc. sells cybersecurity software to foreign governments and foreign entities.

- **Do you have any current business relationships that would create an immediate conflict of interest should you join the administration?**

- **Are you involved with any active projects or investments at Galatyn Private Equity that would create an immediate conflict of interest should you join the administration?**
- **Will you agree to disclose to the President-elect's team any business relationships you have with foreign governments?**
- **Will you agree to temporarily cease any or all business ties during your time in the administration should the President-elect's team find it necessary?**

Restaurant Employees

Background: Washburne's restaurant company, MCrowd Restaurant, was sued by a group of employees in 2014 who alleged the restaurant group mistreated employees. Accusations of wrong doing included not compensating properly for overtime hours worked, charging employees for broken items, and portions of tips going to management.

- **Is there anything related to the 2014 lawsuit against MCrowd Restaurant Group the President-elect's team should know about?**
 - **Do you full refute any accusations of mistreatment of employees at MCrowd Restaurants?**
- **Is there anything that has gone unreported related to the lawsuit against MCrowd that could surface should you join the administration?**

Initial Hesitation to Support The President-elect

Background: Washburne indicated he was initially "shocked and dismayed" when Governor Christie dropped out of the presidential race and endorsed the President-elect. Washburne initially displayed hesitancy and uncertainty towards supporting the President-elect before eventually joining the 'Trump Victory Committee.'

- **Given the tumultuous nature of this campaign season, would you commit to standing by the President and express full public support during turbulent periods should you serve in the administration?**
- **Do you have any specific reservations to putting full support behind the President-elect's issues agenda and policy platform?**

Policy Questions

General Department of the Interior Policy

- **What is your general philosophy when it comes to the use of federal lands for energy production?**
- **How would you view the opportunity to either create or reduce the number of national parks and federal monuments, and would you advise the President in either direction?**
- **What new initiatives would you hope to pursue, and would you change or dismantle any of the ones put in place by the Obama administration?**
- **A significant priority of the Department of the Interior is working with Native American communities across the country to ensure their needs are met. How would you further deepen these ties and ensure that these communities are taken care of?**
- **The Obama administration started a 'New Energy For America' project, which provides sites for renewable energy construction on public lands. Would you advise the President-**

elect to continue this program, and if so what new regulations and areas for growth do you believe are possible for this program?

- **Currently, California and other major western states are experiencing significant water shortages and drought problems. What policies would you implement to address these issues and ensure that moving forward these states do not face the same challenges they do now?**

BACKGROUND

Personal Information

Ray Washburne

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Education

Southern Methodist University

Dallas, TX 75205 ([Bloomberg Business Bio](#), Accessed 11/18/16)

Work Experience

1990 - Present: Charter Holdings CEO (Executive Bio, [Bloomberg](#) Accessed 12/1/16)

Undefined - Present: HP Village Partners Ltd. Managing Partner, Managing Director (Executive Bio, [Bloomberg](#) Accessed 12/1/16)

1991-Present: M Crowd Restaurant Co-Founder, Member Of The Board Of Directors (Executive Bio, [Bloomberg](#) Accessed 12/1/16)

2013-2015: Republican National Committee National Finance Chairman (Executive Bio, [Bloomberg](#) Accessed 12/1/16)

2009- Undefined: Veritex Holdings, Inc. Independent Director (Executive Bio, [Bloomberg](#), Accessed 12/1/16)

2006 - Undefined: Entrust Inc. Director (Executive Bio, [Bloomberg](#), Accessed 12/1/16)

Undefined: Baylor Health Care System Foundation Director (Executive Bio, [Bloomberg](#), Accessed 12/1/16)

Undefined: Veritex Community Bank Director (Executive Bio, [Bloomberg](#) Accessed 12/1/16)

Political Affiliation

According To GOP Data Center, Ray Washburne Is Listed As A Registered Unaffiliated Voter In Dallas County, TX. According To Nexis, Ray Washburne Is Listed As A Registered Republican Voter In Dallas County, TX. (GOP Data Center and Nexis, Accessed 12/1/16)

Political Contributions

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WASHBURNE, RAY	CHARTER HOLDINGS	3/3/08	\$2,300	Casey, Ashley Heyer (I)
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Lobbying

No Records Found. ([Center For Responsive Politics](#) Accessed 12/2/16)

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Revolving Door

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COMMENTS ON TRUMP-PENCE

Trump

Washburne Said He Was "Shocked And Dismayed" When Christie Endorsed Trump

When Asked If Christie Was Risking His Reputation By Supporting Trump, Washburne Said "That's Sure What A Lot Of People Think. I'm Still Shocked And Dismayed." "Ray Washburne, Mr. Christie's finance chairman, was just as confounded. Asked if Mr. Christie was risking his reputation for being an inclusive-minded Republican by supporting Mr. Trump, Mr. Washburne said: "That's sure what a lot of people think. I'm still shocked and dismayed.'" (Jonathan Martin And Alexander Burns, "Christie Splits With His Past In Backing Trump," [The New York Times](#) 2/28/16)

Washburne Was Uncertain About Whether He Would Support Trump After Christie Dropped Out

Washburne "Indicated He Was Uncertain About Whether He Would Support Mr. Trump." "But then he quickly added, 'I'm loyal to Chris,' and said he was mostly surprised that the endorsement had come so soon. Still, Mr. Washburne said it had prompted emails and text messages from fellow donors, with some asking him how they could get on board with Mr. Trump and others asking in distress, 'What is going on with Chris?' Mr. Washburne, a Dallas-area entrepreneur, indicated he was uncertain about whether he would support Mr. Trump. But he gave voice to the calculation many believe Mr. Christie has made: 'If Trump wins, Chris will have been the first guy who jumped on the boat with him.'" (Jonathan Martin And Alexander Burns, "Christie Splits With His Past In Backing Trump," [The New York Times](#), 2/28/16)

When He Joined Trump's Victory Committee, Washburne Indicated Reluctance Saying "There's Only One Team To Be On At This Point"

Upon Joining The Trump Victory Committee After Leading Christie's Finance Team, Washburne Said "There's Only One Team To Be On At This Point." "Washburne, a Dallas investor and newly-appointed vice chairman of The Trump Victory Committee fundraising partnership between the RNC and the Trump campaign, is running Trump's finance committee. The former RNC finance chairman, who stepped down last year to lead New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie's finance team, recently laid out an ambitious fundraising goal. 'It'll be \$1 billion plus,' Washburne said in an interview with the Dallas Morning News, adding, 'there's only one team to be on at this point.'" (Paola Chavez And Veronica Stracqualursi, "Six Key People Helping Donald Trump Raise Campaign Cash," [ABC News](#) 6/9/16)

Washburne Said "Not All Of The Views And Opinions Expressed By Candidates Are Reflective Of My Personal Beliefs" When Discussing Trump's Visit To Dallas

Washburne Said "I Am A Private Citizen And Longtime Supporter Of The Republican Party, Not All Of The Views And Opinions Expressed By Candidates Are Reflective Of My Personal Beliefs." "In a statement, Washburne said, 'I am a private citizen and longtime supporter of the Republican Party, not all of the views and opinions expressed by candidates are reflective of my personal beliefs.'" (Jack Fink, "Protests Planned For Donald Trump During Dallas Visit," [CBS DFW](#) 6/11/16)

Washburne Lead Christie's Finance Team

Washburne Stepped Down From The RNC To Lead Christie's Finance Team. "Dallas investor Ray Washburne who stepped down last year as the national party's chief fundraiser to lead New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie's finance team will serve as vice chairman of the Trump Victory Committee." (Todd J. Gillman, "Dallas Financier Ray Washburne Helps Lead Trump Donor Effort 'Only One Team To Be On At This Point,'" [Dallas Morning News](#), 5/24/16)

Pence

No Known Comments.

COMMENTS ON RNC AND PRIEBUS

RNC

No Known Statements

Priebus

No Known Statements

GENERAL CONTROVERSY

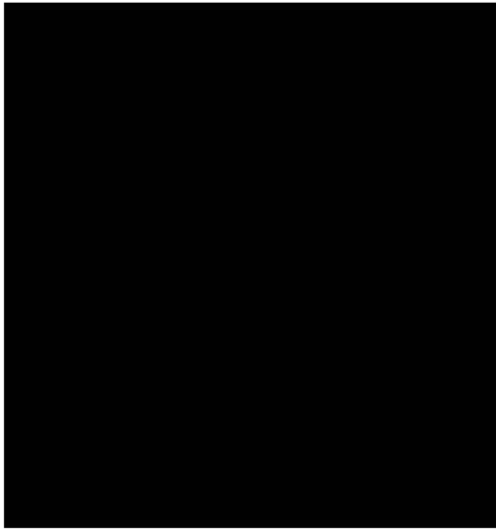
Washburne Was Criticized For Supporting Trump Despite Hiring Hispanic Workers

Washburne Was Criticized By Trump Protestors For Supporting Trump When He "Has Made A Fortune Hiring Hispanic Workers." "One group of protesters last week began protesting the popular Mi Cocina and Taco Diner restaurants because one of the company's owners, Ray Washburne, is among those helping to raise money for Trump. 'This is to highlight the hypocrisy of Ray Washburne,' Quintanilla said. 'Donald Trump has attacked our community. He's running a political campaign based on hate against immigrants. And his chief fundraiser has made a fortune hiring Hispanic workers.'" (Anna M. Tinisley, "Donald Trump's Return To North Texas Is Set After Trouble Finding Venue," [Star Telegram](#) 6/15/16)

Washburne's Businesses, Specifically Taco Diner And Mi Cocina Restaurants, Were Boycotted Over His Support For Trump. "His leadership role with Trump's campaign earlier this year prompted some North Texans to boycott Washburne businesses particularly the popular Taco Diner and Mi Cocina restaurants when Trump came to town." (Alex Daugherty, "Dallas Investor Considered For Secretary Of The Interior Under President Elect Trump," [Miami Herald](#) 11/21/16)

Washburne's Influence Was The Reason The Mayor Of Dallas Was Able To Meet With Priebus To Discuss The Republican National Convention Being Hosted In The City

Washburne's Influence Prompted A Meeting Between Priebus And The Dallas Mayor In 2014 To Discuss The Possibility Of The Republican National Convention Being In Dallas. "Through Washburne, the Dallas organizers gained access to the highest levels of the GOP. Though he kept his distance from the selection process, the financier's views had to be considered by GOP decision-makers. He knows deep-pocket Republican donors not just in Dallas but across the country. Rawlings has yet to commit to running for another term as mayor, much less staying around to guide a bid for a 2020 convention. Though Washburne's pull in the GOP isn't likely to fade, his term as national finance chairman won't last forever. And it's unlikely that their successors could pull off a trick like arranging a meeting between the mayor and the Republican national chairman." (Tom Benning, "Was 16 Dallas Best Convention Chance?" *The Dallas Morning News*, 7/10/14)



POLICY STANCES/STATEMENTS

No Known Statements.

BUSINESSES/ASSOCIATIONS

Charter Holdings

NOTE: Charter Holdings Has Received \$0 In Government Contracts. (USASpending.gov Accessed 12/1/16)

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M Crowd Restaurant

Employees Sued M Crowd Restaurant Alleging That They Were Not Paid For All Hours Worked And Not Paid Properly For Overtime Work. "Painter is defending the Irving-based M Crowd Restaurant Group, which operates the Mi Cocina, Taco Diner and The Mercury restaurants, in a collective

FLSA case against it. While Painter declined to discuss the case, court records show that the restaurants' waiters, bartenders and busboys sued in August alleging they were not paid for all hours worked, were not paid the proper overtime rate, were forced to work through breaks and were not properly compensated for after-shift work. The lawsuit also alleges the company penalized workers when customers left without paying, when dishes were broken and when the cash register came up short at the end of the night. The workers also claim that the company improperly gave portions of tips from customers to management." (Kerry Curry and Mark Curriden, "Overtime Lawsuits Increase Sharply In Texas Plaintiffs Often Have Upper Hand On Fair Labor Standards Act," *The Houston Chronicle*, 12/28/14)

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Entrust "Sells Software And Technology To Such Marquee Customers As Citibank, Interpol And The Governments Of The U.S., Canada, Britain And The Middle East In Their Battle Against Cybercrime, Identity Theft And Terrorism." "The 52-year-old president and chief executive of Dallas-based Entrust Inc. sells software and technology to such marquee customers as Citibank, Interpol and the governments of the U.S., Canada, Britain and the Middle East in their battle against cybercrime, identity theft and terrorism." (Cheryl Hall, "Proof Of Identity," *The Dallas Morning News*, 11/6/11)

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RECIPIENT PROFILE: ENTRUST, INC.

Address [REDACTED]
DUNS Number [REDACTED]

Fiscal Year 2017

Total Funds Awarded - FY 2017 \$56,294	Total Number of <u>Transactions</u> - FY 2017 3
Total Funds Awarded as Prime - FY 2017 \$56,294	Total <u>Transactions</u> as Prime - FY 2017 3
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Associations

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Bankruptcy

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