



## TEXAS CONGRESSIONAL MONEY LEADERS 2007-2008

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### Democrat Becomes Student of Past Mistake with Seven-Figure Fundraising for 2008 Bid

There are three kinds of people in this world. The new **Ciro Rodriguez**, the old **Ciro Rodriguez** and everyone else.

Energized by an improbable comeback victory after getting a lucky break in a redistricting lawsuit, the Democratic congressman from San Antonio appears to be using the bad luck that he had three years ago in an election that he lost as a wake up call for his bid for re-election in 2008. The new Rodriguez raised eight times more cash during the first half of 2007 than the old Rodriguez did during the first six months of the year before his excruciating primary defeat at the hands of U.S. Rep. **Henry Cuellar** in 2004. The new Rodriguez spent 13 times more during the past six months than the old Rodriguez did during the opening half of 2003 - and he ended last month with 12 times more in the campaign bank than he did at the same point a year before he lost to Cuellar.

While Rodriguez could get a free ride in the primary election next year in Congressional District 23, he will need the contributions he reported this month to the Federal Election Commission and more for a general election shootout with the winner of a GOP primary battle that could end up pitting San Antonio businessman **Quico Canseco** against Bexar County Commissioner **Lyle Larson**. Rodriguez has raised more so far in 2007 than he other Texas congressional incumbent or candidate with donations to his campaign topping \$1 million. But Canseco isn't that far behind - thanks to loans to his campaign from himself for about \$570,000 this year.

Larson is still weighing a possible bid for the seat that Republican **Henry Bonilla** held before Rodriguez ousted him in a December special election that a federal panel ordered after redrawing CD 23 in the wake of a U.S. Supreme Court ruling declaring that Hispanic voters had been disenfranchised under the old boundaries. Rodriguez has also spent more on his campaign for 2008 than any other congressional contender in Texas while Canseco ranks eighth in that department.

Democratic U.S. Rep. **Nick Lampson** of Houston ranks fourth in fundraising among Texas congressional incumbents and challengers in 2007 and fifth in the amount that he's spent on his re-election campaign for 2008. Lampson faces a tough re-election challenge in a GOP-leaning district after winning the CD 22 seat after former U.S. Majority Leader **Tom DeLay** gave it up after resigning from Congress under the cloud of a felony indictment.

Another Democrat - U.S. Rep. **Chet Edwards** of Waco - has raised the third most amount of money among congressional contenders in Texas as a perennial target of Republicans in a Central Texas district with a substantial GOP majority. The cash on hand category is also led by a Democrat - U.S. Rep. **Lloyd Doggett** of Austin - who has more than \$2 million in the bank for a

re-election campaign in a district that lost a significant number of Democratic voters when the federal judges were realigning boundaries to accommodate the court-ordered changes in CD 23 last year.

Texas' most powerful Republican congressional member - U.S. Rep. **Joe Barton** of Ennis - ranks second in both campaign spending and cash on hand at the midway point of 2007. Barton and Republican U.S. Rep. **Jeb Hensarling** of Dallas are the only other members of the Texas congressional delegation or candidates for the U.S. House in the state to report seven-figure cash surpluses at the end of June.

Here's how the state's incumbent congressional members and hopefuls for U.S. House seats stack up so far in the 2007-2008 election cycle:

	<b>FUNDRAISING</b> Donations & Loans 2007-2008		<b>SPENDING</b> 2007-2008		<b>CASH ON HAND</b> June 30, 2007
1	<b>Ciro Rodriguez</b> \$1,070,351	1	<b>Ciro Rodriguez</b> \$706,080	1	<b>Lloyd Doggett</b> \$2,049,754
2	<b>Chet Edwards</b> \$726,052	2	<b>Joe Barton</b> \$587,560	2	<b>Joe Barton</b> \$1,892,461
3	<b>*Quico Canseco</b> \$601,205	4	<b>Michael McCaul</b> \$444,978	4	<b>Jeb Hensarling</b> \$1,270,741
4	<b>Nick Lampson</b> \$546,396	3	<b>Kay Granger</b> \$435,941	3	<b>Pete Sessions</b> \$760,362
5	<b>Jeb Hensarling</b> \$493,277	5	<b>Nick Lampson</b> \$370,320	5	<b>Sam Johnson</b> \$707,645
6	<b>Kay Granger</b> \$450,727	6	<b>Pete Sessions</b> \$329,218	6	<b>Chet Edwards</b> \$683,961
7	<b>Pete Sessions</b> \$402,359	7	<b>Ralph Hall</b> \$308,602	7	<b>Ciro Rodriguez</b> \$549,371
8	<b>Joe Barton</b> \$390,084	8	<b>*Quico Canseco</b> \$285,085	8	<b>Lamar Smith</b> \$539,737
9	<b>Lamar Smith</b> \$366,269	9	<b>Lamar Smith</b> \$279,498	9	<b>Mike Conaway</b> \$468,789
10	<b>Mike Conaway</b> \$312,428	10	<b>Chet Edwards</b> \$241,970	10	<b>Gene Green</b> \$467,825

HD	CONGRESS FUNDRAISING JANUARY 1 - JUNE 30, 2007	NEW CASH & LOANS	ELECTION CYCLE	CAMPAIGN SPENDING	CASH ON HAND
1	<b>Louie Gohmert</b> R-Tyler	\$95,422	\$179,099	\$203,079	\$154,476
2	<b>Ted Poe</b>	\$75,212	\$104,797	\$108,892	\$240,014

	R-Houston				
3	<b>Sam Johnson</b> R-Plano	\$169,074	\$243,719	\$240,695	\$707,645
4	<b>Ralph Hall</b> R-Rockwall	\$120,650	\$129,325	\$308,602	\$74,532
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	<b>*Gene Christensen</b> R-Celina	\$22,300	\$22,300	\$15,282	\$7,017
	<b>*Kevin George</b> R-Celina	NA	NA	NA	NA
	<b>*Glenn Melancon</b> D-Sherman	\$11,960	\$17,930	\$15,257	\$5,994
	<b>*Kathy Seei</b> R-Frisco	\$21,130	\$21,130	\$13,995	\$7,135
5	<b>Jeb Hensarling</b> R-Dallas	\$282,452	\$493,277	\$139,625	\$1,270,741
6	<b>Joe Barton</b> R-Ennis	\$252,410	\$390,084	\$587,560	\$1,892,461
7	<b>John Culberson</b> R-Houston	\$108,400	\$237,475	\$157,168	\$112,801
8	<b>Kevin Brady</b> R-The Woodlands	\$64,100	\$115,714	\$181,344	\$143,459
9	<b>Al Green</b> D-Houston	\$24,500	\$126,595	\$28,872	\$115,542
10	<b>Michael McCaul</b> R-Austin	\$131,391	\$289,203	\$444,978	\$133,387
	<b>*Larry Joe Doherty</b> D-Brenham	\$175,110	\$175,110	\$5,429	\$169,680
	<b>*Dan Grant</b> D-Austin	\$72,765	\$72,765	\$5,523	\$67,241
11	<b>Mike Conaway</b> R-Midland	\$201,203	\$312,428	\$194,397	\$468,789
12	<b>Kay Granger</b> R-Fort Worth	\$176,755	\$450,727	\$435,941	\$145,688
13	<b>Mac Thornberry</b> R-Clarendon	\$68,475	\$76,234	\$91,748	\$358,962

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	<b>*Roger Waun</b> D-Wichita Falls	\$11	\$2,272	\$2,443	\$1
14	<b>Ron Paul</b> <i>Congress</i> R-Surfside Beach <i>Presidential</i>	\$4,212 \$2,369,453	\$9,345 \$3,009,997	\$221,849 \$655,142	\$93,686 \$2,354,855
	<b>*Eric Dondero</b> R-Angleton	NA	NA	NA	NA
	<b>*Andy Mann</b> D-League City	NA	NA	NA	NA
	<b>*Chris Peden</b> R-Friendswood	\$30,991	\$30,991	\$22,686	\$8,304
15	<b>Ruben Hinojosa</b> D-Mercedes	\$36,450	\$68,050	\$66,553	\$205,423
16	<b>Sylvestre Reyes</b> D-El Paso	\$172,714	\$297,867	\$143,573	\$144,193
17	<b>Chet Edwards</b> D-Waco	\$458,851	\$726,052	\$241,970	\$683,961
18	<b>Sheila Jackson Lee</b> D-Houston	\$22,750	\$175,685	\$44,842	\$122,194
19	<b>Randy Neugebauer</b> R-Lubbock	\$205,300	\$303,655	\$159,693	\$380,634
20	<b>Charlie Gonzalez</b> D-San Antonio	\$177,218	\$264,632	\$140,033	\$173,378
21	<b>Lamar Smith</b> R-San Antonio	\$194,315	\$366,269	\$279,498	\$539,737
22	<b>Nick Lampson</b> D-Houston	\$287,702	\$546,396	\$370,320	\$441,049
	<b>*Dean Hrbacek</b> R-Sugar Land	NA	NA	NA	NA
	<b>*Shelley Sekula-Gibbs</b> R-Clear Lake	\$147,813	\$198,322	\$95,567	\$206,782
23	<b>Ciro Rodriguez</b> D-San Antonio	\$248,458	\$1,070,351	\$706,080	\$549,371
	<b>*Quico Canseco</b> R-San Antonio	\$566,205	\$601,205	\$285,085	\$315,282
	<b>*Lyle Larson</b>	NA	NA	NA	NA

	R-San Antonio				
24	<b>Kenny Marchant</b> R-Coppell	\$101,059	\$114,759	\$46,847	\$347,045
25	<b>Lloyd Doggett</b> D-Austin	\$119,245	\$179,372	\$147,436	\$2,049,754
26	<b>Michael Burgess</b> R-Denton	\$206,095	\$292,021	\$167,942	\$192,666
27	<b>Solomon Ortiz</b> D-Corpus Christi	\$129,300	\$149,800	\$73,854	\$128,405
28	<b>Henry Cuellar</b> D-Laredo	\$127,825	\$235,780	\$118,231	\$155,673
29	<b>Gene Green</b> D-Houston	\$119,519	\$205,511	\$116,182	\$467,825
	<b>*Eric Story</b> R-Houston	\$1,100	\$27,366	\$25,815	\$1,217
30	<b>Eddie B. Johnson</b> D-Dallas	\$80,270	\$132,084	\$57,271	\$13,6941
31	<b>John Carter</b> R-Georgetown	\$146,172	\$297,808	\$226,921	\$182,383
32	<b>Pete Sessions</b> R-Dallas	\$300,222	\$402,359	\$329,218	\$760,362