

# Breaking Down the Recall Financing: Who's Funding It and Where the Money Went

The recall effort against Montebello Council Member Angie Jimenez has raised significant funds from various sources. Below is a breakdown of the key figures behind the recall and how the money has been spent.

## Who Is Behind the Recall?

- Residents Supporting the Recall of Council Member Angie Jimenez
- Principal: Amanda Samaniego (District 3), a close associate of former Council Member David Torres.
- Point of Contact: Julian Cepeda Castro, identified by the City of Montebello as the person running the recall.
- Funds Raised: \$118,152

## Major Contributions to “Residents Supporting the Recall of Council Member Angie Jimenez”

Donor	Amount Contributed	Connection to Montebello
Brad Perrin & subsidiaries	\$60,000+	Owns the food & beverage license at the Golf Course; recently awarded a 30-year no-bid contract.
B. Nassirzadeh	\$12,500	Owns businesses in the Brownfield Overlay (District 5).
Bluff Road LP	\$20,000	Owns businesses
Jorge Morales (Morales & Morales)	\$10,000	Former South Gate Mayor, associate of Montebello City Manager Raul Alvarez.
Building Bridges PAC	\$10,000	Principal officer: Jorge Morales; receives contributions from MR. C's.
Hank Attina	\$10,000	Associate of attorney Arnold Glasman; received Montebello land for \$1.

Important formation worth noting.

On February 14, 2024, the council APPROVED a 30 year NO-BID contract to BRAD PERRIN in exchange for the food and beverage license. Councilmember Angie Jimenez (D5) was the only dissenting voice, alleging corruption and demanding transparency.

One month later Brad Perrin starts donating tens of thousands of dollars into the recall.

The “Recall” Committee that Julian Cepeda was running raised \$118,152 and Donated \$13,205.57 to "Neighbors for Better Leadership" PAC.

# Who Is “Neighbors for Better Leadership PAC”?

- Principal: Ryan Quevedo (Whittier), an associate of Julian Cepeda Castro.
- Political Ties: Cepeda has worked as a consultant for political figures such as Tamayo, Peralta, and Torres.
- Funds Raised: Over \$64,000

## Major Contributions to “Neighbors for Better Leadership PAC”

Donor	Amount Contributed	Connection
Brad Perrin & subsidiaries	\$12,000	Same donor as recall effort.
Bowman Construction	\$5,750	Recently awarded a multi-million-dollar infrastructure contract in Montebello.
Scarlet Peralta 2022 Committee	\$6,144.92	Funds from a prior political campaign.
Luna Caregivers, Inc.	\$3,000	Holds a cannabis business license in Montebello, expiring in June 2025.
Residents Supporting the Recall	\$13,205.57	Transfer Donation from recall funds.

## How Was the Money Spent?

- \$20,000 paid to Julian Cepeda Castro as a consultant while simultaneously running the recall.
- \$14,488.01 spent in support of David Torres’ campaign (D4).
- \$9,438 spent in support of Scarlet Peralta’s 2024 campaign (D5).
- \$1,212.50 paid to Danielle Romero, a campaign worker who was later appointed to District 4.

## Political Ties & Potential Conflict of Interest:

- Julian Cepeda Castro was paid \$20,000 as a consultant for “Neighbors for Better Leadership PAC,” despite the PAC being classified as an Independent Expenditure (IE) committee.
- Simultaneously, Cepeda worked as a paid consultant for Georgina Tamayo, Scarlet Peralta, and David Torres—a connection that raises legal and ethical concerns, as IE committees are legally required to operate independently from the candidates they support.
- Additionally, Cepeda was the point of contact for the recall campaign, which funneled funds into “Neighbors for Better Leadership PAC,” further blurring the lines between independent expenditures and coordinated campaign activities.