

Mike Ingram, the Founder And Chairman Of El Dorado Holdings, Met with Interior Department Officials Including Bernhardt, and Has Donated to Trump, Zinke, and Both AZ Senators. A Retired Fish and Wildlife Official Claims He Was Pressured to Approve One of El Dorado's Development Projects

A Retired Fish and Wildlife Official Claims He Was Pressured to Approve an AZ Housing Development Project Owned by El Dorado Holdings, Inc.

Retired Fish And Wildlife Official Claims He "Got Rolled" By Interior Department Regarding Home Development Near San Pedro River. "A now-retired federal official said he bowed to political pressure from a higher-up in the Trump administration when he reversed a key decision he had made on a 28,000-home Benson development near the San Pedro River. 'I got rolled,' said Steve Spangle, who was a top U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service official in Phoenix. A 'high-level politico'" at the Interior Department pressured him through an attorney in its Solicitor's Office, Spangle told the Arizona Daily Star in a recent interview." [[Arizona Daily Star](#), 04/28/19]

- **Spangle's Reversal Allowed Project To Receive Clean Water Act Permit.** "Spangle's resulting reversal on the Villages at Vigneto development, in a letter to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in October 2017, smoothed the project's path to get its federal Clean Water Act permit....His earlier 2016 decision would have required a detailed biological analysis of the proposed development's impacts on endangered species. Rescinding it allowed the Corps to issue the permit without the lengthy analysis." [[Arizona Daily Star](#), 04/28/19]
- **The Project's Developer Is El Dorado Holdings.** "The project's Phoenix-based developer, El Dorado Holdings Inc., has said Vigneto is inspired by the Tuscany hill country of Italy in its "impressive array of cultural, social and recreational amenities and natural landscape.'...El Dorado has promoted Vigneto as a self-sufficient development, with schools, a large trail network, bars, restaurants, shops, banks, day care centers and the like, as well as homes." [[Arizona Daily Star](#), 04/28/19]

Mike Ingram is the Founder And Chairman Of El Dorado Holdings. "The founder of Phoenix-based El Dorado Holdings Inc., which hopes to build a 28,000 home project in Benson, has other sights on his radar....Among them is the proposed Interstate 11 that would link Las Vegas to Phoenix by a limited access highway and also connect to Interstate 10 west of Phoenix. El Dorado founder and chairman Mike Ingram has pushed for the new interstate, which would cut through land his company owns in the Buckeye area and boost its value. In return, Ingram

and another big Phoenix-area landowner, Jerry Colangelo, have promised to donate land to the state to build the section of road through his property, the Arizona Business Journal reported back in 2014." [[Arizona Daily Star](#), 07/19/19]

El Dorado's Founder Has Met With Interior Department Officials And Others Close to the Trump Administration

Ingram Is A Current Member of Interior's International Wildlife Conservation Council. [[International Wildlife Conservation Council](#), accessed 04/28/19]

- **The Council Was Created By Former Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke.** "The International Wildlife Conservation Council was created by Zinke, who charged it with engaging the public 'on the benefits of international hunting' while promoting hunting overseas as 'an effective tool to combat illegal trafficking and poaching.'" [[The Washington Post](#), 12/6/18]

On April 4th, 2018, Ingram Met With Then-Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt From 2:30 PM To 3:30 PM. Senior Deputy Director for the Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs Benjamin Cassidy was also listed as attending. [[David Bernhardt April 2018 Calendar](#), accessed 04/28/19, [Benjamin Cassidy](#), accessed 04/28/19]

On May 2nd, 2017, Ingram Was Listed As An Attendee To An "Arizona Stakeholder Meeting" With Interior Employees Including Daniel Jorjani And Scott Hommel. The meeting's description included water rights, water storage, federal and Indian land rights and allocation from the Colorado River. [[Daniel Jorjani May 2017 Calendar](#), accessed 04/28/19]

Ingram Was Listed As A Co-Chair To The "Opening Day" Fundraiser That Offered The Opportunity To Go Hunting And/Or Fishing With Donald Trump Jr. And Eric Trump. "Our sources say 'Opening Day' is being thrown to thank the hunting, shooting and fishing communities for their support. It's something mainstream media didn't cover, but Donald Trump Jr. and others spent a lot of time in Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Iowa ... all states with a huge population of hunters, fishermen and gun enthusiasts....Our Trump sources believe these people came out in force and made the difference in the election....Proceeds will be distributed to conservation charities." [[TMZ](#), 12/16/16]

Ingram Part Of Group That Met With Then EPA Head Scott Pruitt To Discussing Moving Agency's Headquarters. "Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt discussed moving the agency's regional headquarters from San Francisco to Phoenix during a meeting with metro Phoenix officials in May. ...GPEC President and CEO Chris Camacho said the Phoenix-area team pitched the idea." [[The Republic](#), 11/3/17]

- **Ingram Part Of Group That Met With Pruitt Plus Then-Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke.** “On Pruitt's schedule posted on the EPA website, the meeting appears as being with ‘El Dorado Holdings,’ an Arizona-based real estate development company led by Mike Ingram, who has donated more than \$25,000 to President Donald Trump....The biennial GPEC trip to D.C. often involves meetings with federal officials. The group also met with Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke and Department of Transportation officials. Camacho added that the meeting with Pruitt included discussion about environmental regulations that affect Phoenix, such as air quality.” [[The Republic](#), 11/3/17]

El Dorado’s Founder Has Made Political Contributions to Trump, Zinke, and Both Arizona Senators

Donald Trump

Ingram Gave Two Separate Contributions Of \$2,700 For A Total Of \$5,400 To Donald J. Trump For President, Inc. On October 6th, 2017. Both transactions were refunded the same day. [Federal Elections Commission, accessed 04/28/19]

Ingram Gave One Contribution of \$10,000 To Trump Victory On October 6th, 2017. [Federal Elections Commission, accessed 04/28/19]

Ingram Gave One Contribution of \$3,705 On December 7th, 2016 And One Contribution of \$11,795 On December 7th, 2016 For A Total Of \$15,500 To Trump Make American Great Again Committee. [Federal Elections Commission, accessed 04/28/19]

Ingram Gave One Contribution of \$10,000 To Trump Victory On September 14th, 2016. [Federal Elections Commission, accessed 04/28/19]

Republican Party Committees

Ingram Gave One Contribution of \$2,500 To NRSC On May 10th, 2018. [Federal Elections Commission, accessed 04/28/19]

Ingram Gave One Contribution of \$2,500 To RNC On March 7th, 2017. [Federal Elections Commission, accessed 04/28/19]

Ingram Gave One Contribution of \$2,500 To NRSC On October 23rd, 2012. [Federal Elections Commission, accessed 04/28/19]

Ingram Gave One Contribution of \$10,000 To RNC On July 19th, 2017 And One Contribution of \$5,000 On July 4th, 2017 For A Total of \$15,000 To RNC. [Federal Elections Commission, accessed 04/28/19]

Ingram Gave One Contribution of \$7,300 On September 14th, 2016, One Contribution of \$2,359 On December 7th, 2016, One Contribution of \$741 On December 7th, 2016 For A Total Of \$10,400 To RNC. [Federal Elections Commission, accessed 04/28/19]

Ryan Zinke

Ingram Gave One Contribution of \$500 To Zinke for Congress On September 30th, 2014. [Federal Elections Commission, accessed 04/28/19]

Kyrsten Sinema

Ingram Gave One Contribution of \$500 To Sinema For Arizona On March 28th, 2017. [Federal Elections Commission, accessed 04/28/19]

Ingram Gave One Contribution Of \$500 To Kyrsten Sinema For Congress On March 31st, 2016. [Federal Elections Commission, accessed 04/28/19]

Ingram Gave One Contribution Of \$500 To Kyrsten Sinema For Congress On March 28th, 2014. [Federal Elections Commission, accessed 04/28/19]

Martha McSally

Ingram Gave One Contribution Of \$2,800 To McSally for Senate On February 25th, 2019. [Federal Elections Commission, accessed 04/28/19]

Ingram Gave One Contribution Of \$2,700, One Contribution of \$3,289.29 And One Contribution of \$1,610.71 To McSally for Senate On August 23th, 2018 For A Total of \$4,900. The \$2,700 contribution was refunded the same day. [Federal Elections Commission, accessed 04/28/19]