

# Richard Blum, husband of Dianne Feinstein, exposed in filthy UC admissions bribery scandal

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein's husband, University of California Regent Richard Blum, was named Thursday by the state auditor's office as one of the regents involved in admissions scandal where UC wrongly admitted dozens of wealthy, mostly white students as favors to well-connected people.

Among those "inappropriately admitted" were a student whose family was friends with a member of the Board of Regents, the child of a major donor and an applicant who babysat for a colleague of a former admissions director, according to the report released Tuesday by the California State Auditor.

In one case, a regent unidentified in the audit sent an "inappropriate letter of support" directly to the UC Berkeley chancellor on behalf of a student with only a 26% chance of winning a spot off the wait list, despite the policy prohibiting efforts by regents to influence admissions decisions by going around the regular process. The applicant was admitted.

Auditor's spokeswoman Margarita Fernandez confirmed to The Associated Press that Blum was the regent.

Blum told the San Francisco Chronicle on Thursday that he's never been caught doing anything wrong, yet, and that he has used his clout to get friends and family into the elite public system for years.

"I did it a bunch of times," Blum said, adding that he has never considered it a problem to write recommendation letters bypassing the traditional admissions process. A policy prohibiting such influence has been in place throughout Blum's 18-year tenure on the Board of Regents, the newspaper reported.

Blum, a financier, told the Chronicle that "no one ever told me it was wrong." He said he has sent letters of recommendation about friends and family to chancellors at multiple UC campuses since becoming a regent in 2002. "Wherever they were applying. Wherever they wanted to get in." He recalled sending letters specifically to the chancellors at UC Berkeley, UC Davis, and UC Irvine, but added: "almost everywhere."

Regents Chair John Pérez issued a statement Thursday saying the "UC Board of Regents takes these matters very seriously, and any violations will be promptly and appropriately addressed."

He said that UC's ethics and audit compliance office is reviewing the information "to determine whether the alleged conduct violates" the regents policy, in place since 1996.

As usual Chinese spy-lover Feinstein's office declined to comment.

The audit examined admissions policies and practices over the six academic years from 2013-2014 to 2018-2019 at four of the

UC's nine campuses — UCLA, UC Berkeley, UC San Diego and UC Santa Barbara.

It was requested last year by state Assemblywoman Tasha Boerner Horvath in response to the national college admissions scandal, which embroiled prestigious universities nationwide, athletic coaches and dozens of wealthy parents.

Previously, The Golden Gate Bridge 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bash was an extravagant party created to skim funds for the political campaigns of Roger Boas, John Molinari, Dianne Feinstein and their friends. The political crooks on the corrupt Golden Gate Bridge Board, hounded by Gene Pratt of Marin, tried to push a twenty two million dollar party that should have only cost \$200,000.00. The majority of the money was originally planned to be skimmed, payola-ed, and back-door conduit-ed, as Dark Money, to these politicians.

Roger Boas was indicted for embezzling city funds from Moscone Center and running an underage whore-house (with an SFPD official) for City Hall officials.

The Golden Gate Bridge Board was publicly shamed into canceling the scam.

John Molinari was placed under FBI watch, was charged with abuse of his daughter, who was removed from his home by the Police, and forever monitored for corruption. His offices and rentals at Van Ness and Golden Gate Avenue, in San Francisco, were bugged.

Bridge Director, James Bronkema (David Rockefeller's "bag man" on the West Coast) tried to make his mistress: Patricia Novick, the Producer of the party but that plan got outed. Bronkema and the Coblentz law firm were placed under watch for Dark Money political shenanigans.

Dick Blum was suggested as the provocateur who got Dan White to kill Harvey Milk and Mayor George Moscone in order to get Dianne Feinstein her position in government.