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**House Office Expenditures**

**Rep. Luján House Office Expenditures By Category, Q2 2009-2014:**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Equipment	\$116,959.71
Franked Mail	\$232,363.95
Other Services	\$265,633.45
Personnel	\$5,631,072.22
Printing	\$253,545.59
Rent, Etc.	\$459,349.24
Supplies	\$131,298.66
Travel	\$556,996.89
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,647,219.71</b>

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**Sonny Otero & District Office Rental**

**Luján’s Office Paid More Than \$75K In Rent To Sonny Otero For District Office:**

<b>Quarter</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount</b>
2009Q3	Rent, Communication, Utilities	Sonny Otero	7/1/09	7/31/09	District Office Rent - Private	\$3,295
2009Q3	Rent, Communication, Utilities	Sonny Otero	8/1/09	8/31/09	District Office Rent - Private	\$3,295
2009Q3	Rent, Communication, Utilities	Sonny Otero	9/1/09	9/30/09	District Office Rent - Private	\$3,295
2009Q4	Rent, Communication, Utilities	Sonny Otero	10/1/09	10/31/09	District Office Rent - Private	\$3,295
2009Q4	Rent, Communication, Utilities	Sonny Otero	11/1/09	11/30/09	District Office Rent - Private	\$3,295

2009Q4	Rent, Communication, Utilities	Sonny Otero	12/1/09	12/31/09	District Office Rent - Private	\$3,295
2010Q1	Rent, Communication, Utilities	Sonny Otero	1/1/10	1/31/10	District Office Rent - Private	\$3,295
2010Q1	Rent, Communication, Utilities	Sonny Otero	2/1/10	2/28/10	District Office Rent - Private	\$3,295
2010Q1	Rent, Communication, Utilities	Sonny Otero	3/1/10	3/31/10	District Office Rent - Private	\$3,295
2010Q2	Rent, Communication, Utilities	Sonny Otero	4/1/10	4/30/10	District Office Rent - Private	\$3,295
2010Q2	Rent, Communication, Utilities	Sonny Otero	5/1/10	5/31/10	District Office Rent - Private	\$3,295
2010Q2	Rent, Communication, Utilities	Sonny Otero	6/1/10	6/30/10	District Office Rent - Private	\$3,295
2010Q3	Rent, Communication, Utilities	Sonny Otero	7/1/10	7/31/10	District Office Rent - Private	\$3,295
2010Q3	Rent, Communication, Utilities	Sonny Otero	8/1/10	8/31/10	District Office Rent - Private	\$3,295
2010Q3	Rent, Communication, Utilities	Sonny Otero	9/1/10	9/30/10	District Office Rent - Private	\$3,295
2010Q4	Rent, Communication, Utilities	Sonny Otero	10/1/10	10/31/10	District Office Rent (Private)	\$3,295
2010Q4	Rent, Communication, Utilities	Sonny Otero	11/1/10	11/30/10	District Office Rent (Private)	\$3,295
2010Q4	Rent, Communication, Utilities	Sonny Otero	12/1/10	12/31/10	District Office Rent (Private)	\$3,295
2011Q1	Rent, Communication, Utilities	Sonny Otero	1/3/11	2/2/11	District Office Rent (Private)	\$3,295
2011Q1	Rent, Communication, Utilities	Sonny Otero	2/3/11	3/2/11	District Office Rent (Private)	\$3,295
2011Q1	Rent, Communication, Utilities	Sonny Otero	3/3/11	4/2/11	District Office Rent (Private)	\$3,295
2011Q2	Rent, Communication, Utilities	Sonny Otero	4/3/11	5/2/11	District Office Rent (Private)	\$3,295
2011Q2	Rent, Communication, Utilities	Sonny Otero	5/3/11	6/2/11	District Office Rent (Private)	\$3,295
<b>TOTAL</b>						<b>\$75,785</b>

[House Office Expenditures – Ben Ray Luján, [2009-2014](#)]

**Luján Spokeswoman: District Office Space Rented From Otero Previously Used By Rep. Tom Udall – Kept “For Both Continuity And Convenience.”** “One name in Luján's expense records caught my eye. Santa Fe contractor Sonny Otero is paid \$3,295 a month for rent of Luján's Santa Fe district office on St. Michael's Drive. . . . The space was previously used by former Rep. Tom Udall, who moved into former Sen. Pete Domenici's old office downtown after being elected to the Senate. When Udall first began renting the St. Michael's Drive office about 10 years ago, it was owned by the Molnar family, a spokeswoman said. Otero bought it later. A spokesman for Udall said Wednesday that Luján set up shop in several of Udall's old district offices "for both continuity and convenience for his constituents" and to save time and money.” [[Santa Fe New Mexican](#), 12/3/09]

**Oteros Contributed \$5,850 To Luján's 2008 Campaign.** "He's also contributed some money to Luján. Otero and his wife gave Luján's 2008 campaign a total of \$5,850." [[Santa Fe New Mexican](#), 12/3/09]

**Gov. Richardson Scrutinized After Signing Bill To Allow State To Purchase Land From Major Donor, Sonny Otero.** "Before the sale could go through, the Legislature had to amend a land-acquisition bill to enable the purchase of the Otero parcel, and Mr. Richardson signed the bill. Two months after the sale, Mr. Otero made a \$50,000 donation to Mr. Richardson's re-election campaign, part of the \$86,000 he has given the governor since 2002." [[New York Times](#), [1/11/09](#)]

**Otero Made \$3.2 Million From Sale Of Land To State.** "Another big Richardson supporter, Sonny Otero, a contractor, made a hefty profit in 2006 when the state bought 12 acres of vacant land from him in Santa Fe, paying \$3.2 million more than his family's business paid for it two years earlier." [[New York Times](#), [1/11/09](#)]

**New Mexico Finance Authority Rented Office Space From Otero For \$26K/Month.** "Since March 2005, Sonny Otero and his wife, Lorraine Otero, have leased the three-story building at 207 Shelby St., between Alameda and Water streets, to NMFA. The lease started out at \$18,750 a month for about 12,500 square feet of office space. That figure included utilities and downtown parking spaces for the agency's 36 or so employees. A few months later, NMFA exercised its right of first refusal and leased an additional 2,500 square feet in the building, bringing the monthly rent up to \$22,500. That figure also included utilities and parking. The rent went up again last year. In May 2008, the monthly rent increased to \$26,000. The extra money, according to an amendment to the lease contract, was 'to cover extraordinary utility costs, insurance, taxes and parking fees.'" [[Santa Fe New Mexican](#), 6/4/09]

**NMFA Implicated In Investigation On State Investment Contract With Firm That Was Major Richardson Donor.** "Now The Santa Fe New Mexican is reporting on another deal Otero has with a state agency. He's currently making \$26,000 a month as landlord for the New Mexico Finance Authority, an agency that is tied up in the investigation into allegations that CDR Financial Products received a state investment contract that paid almost \$1.5 million in exchange for \$110,000 in contributions to two Richardson political committees and his 2006 gubernatorial re-election campaign." [[NMPolitics.net](#), [6/4/09](#)]

## House Office Travel Records

### Rep. Luján House Office Expenditures On Travel, Q2 2009-2014:

Purpose	Amount
Car Rental	\$102,251.36
Commercial Transportation	\$36,355.87
Gasoline	\$13,960.47
Lodging	\$40,976.67
Meals	\$20,895.35
Private Auto Mileage	\$98,724.17
Taxi Parking Tolls	\$2,540.01
Travel Reimbursement	\$50,653.01
Travel Subsistence	\$190,639.98
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$556,996.89</b>

[House Office Expenditures – Ben Ray Luján, [2009-2014](#)]

## Franked Mail

### Luján Spent \$361K On Mass Mailings & Communications From July 2009-December 2014.

*NOTE: Prior to the second quarter of 2011, mass communications and mailings were aggregated into one spending category.*

Year	Mailings	Communications	Total
2009		\$98,181.00	\$98,181.00
2010		\$122,566.34	\$122,566.34
2011		\$100,510.40	\$100,510.40
2012	\$29,746.60	\$5,649.88	\$35,396.48
2013	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2014	\$0.00	\$4,690.54	\$4,690.54
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$361,344.76</b>

[House Office Expenditures – Ben Ray Luján, [2009-2014](#)]

**2010: House Members Spent Average Of \$104,000 On Mass Mailings.** “In 2010, House members spent an average of just under \$104,000 on mass mailings, but there was a broad range spent, which correlates with a member's election outcome.” [U.S. News & World Report, [4/8/11](#)]

**2014, Q3: 285 Lawmakers Sent No Franked Mail, 197 Sent No Mass Communications.** “Not every member of the House uses the frank: 285 lawmakers sent no franked mail in the third quarter of 2014, according to official reports; a separate 197 didn’t send any mass communications of any kind.” [New York Times, [1/28/15](#)]

## Staff Salaries & Bonuses

**July 2009-December 2014: Luján Office Spent \$5.6 Million On Staff Compensation.** Since July 2009, the Luján office has spent \$5,631,072 on staff compensation. [House Office Expenditures – Ben Ray Luján, [2009-2014](#)]

### Luján Paid Hundreds Of Thousands Of Dollars In Taxpayer-Funded Bonuses To Staff:

Name	Title	Year	Amount
Jeffery Bustamante	Dist Scheduler/Constit Liaison	2013	\$1,000
Jeffery Bustamante	Dist Scheduler/Constit Liaison	2014	\$2,667
Jennifer Conn-Catechis	District Director-New Mexico	2009	\$4,480
Jennifer Conn-Catechis	District Director-New Mexico	2010	\$5,500
Jennifer Conn-Catechis	District Director-New Mexico	2011	\$4,500
Jennifer Conn-Catechis	District Director-New Mexico	2012	\$3,552
Patrick Duran	Field Representative	2009	\$2,100
Patrick Duran	Field Representative	2010	\$6,000
Patrick Duran	Field Representative	2011	\$4,000
Patrick Duran	Field Representative	2012	\$6,320
Pamela Garcia	Las Vegas NM Field Rep	2009	\$1,800
Pamela Garcia	Las Vegas NM Field Rep	2010	\$7,000
Pamela Garcia	Constituent Liaison Manager	2012	\$10,800

Paul Garcia	Scheduler/Exec Asst	2009	\$2,750
Paul Garcia	Scheduler/Exec Asst	2010	\$5,750
Paul Garcia	Scheduler/Exec Asst	2011	\$4,500
Paul Garcia	Scheduler/Exec Asst	2012	\$8,250
Jennifer Herrera	Field Representative	2010	\$7,007
Jennifer Herrera	Field Representative	2011	\$4,500
Jennifer Herrera	Field Representative	2012	\$6,820
Andrew Jones	Legislative Director	2009	\$4,200
Andrew Jones	Legislative Director	2010	\$5,500
Andrew Jones	Legislative Director	2011	\$3,000
Brian Lee	Constituent Liaison	2012	\$6,300
Christopher Neubauer	New Mexico State Deputy Director	2010	\$7,000
Angela Ramirez	Chief of Staff	2010	\$5,500
Angela Ramirez	Chief of Staff	2011	\$2,667
Angela Ramirez	Chief of Staff	2012	\$1,700
Matthew Ruybal	Constituent Liaison/IT Admin	2011	\$4,500
Matthew Ruybal	Constituent Liaison/IT Admin	2012	\$10,450
Scott Stockwell	Legislative Correspondent	2011	\$6,000
Scott Stockwell	Legislative Aide/Legis Corresp	2012	\$7,900
Andrew Stoddard	Communications Director	2011	\$5,000
Shiloh Taylor	Part-Time Employee	2010	\$5,500
Shiloh Taylor	Part-Time Employee	2011	\$4,100
Shiloh Taylor	Part-Time Employee	2012	\$5,500
Peter Valencia Jr.	Field Rep./Farmington Ofc., NM	2009	\$2,100
Peter Valencia Jr.	Field Rep./Farmington Ofc., NM	2010	\$6,000
Peter Valencia Jr.	Field Rep./Farmington Ofc., NM	2011	\$5,000
Peter Valencia Jr.	Field Rep./Farmington Ofc., NM	2012	\$5,620
Ronald Wilmot	Tucumcari Field Rep.	2009	\$2,220
Ronald Wilmot	Tucumcari Field Rep.	2010	\$5,500
Ronald Wilmot	Tucumcari Field Rep.	2011	\$4,500
Ronald Wilmot	Tucumcari Field Rep.	2012	\$5,500

*Methodology:* This is not a comprehensive list of bonuses (or potential bonuses). We compared Q4 compensation to Q1 of the subsequent year to arrive at the bonus total. Some of these include “other compensation” attributed to Q4 as well. Bonuses were not included if there was an accompanying title change or for individuals employed for less than a year.

## Staff – Gender Gap

**Overall Salaries By Pay Period In Luján Office: \$9,097.** According to disbursements data from the House of Representatives, Luján’s office spent a total of \$5,631,072.22 on payroll expenses from July 1, 2009 to December 31, 2014. When divided by pay period, this averages to \$9,097.05 per pay period. [Sunlight Foundation, accessed [4/13/15](#)]

**Women Earned Average Of \$9,475 Per Pay Period Compared To Men’s Average Of \$8,818.** According to disbursements data from the House of Representatives, women in Luján’s office earned an average of \$9,474.84 per pay period as compared to their male counterparts, who earned an average of \$8,817.95 per pay period. [Sunlight Foundation, accessed [4/13/15](#)]

**Luján Hired Women For Senior Staff Positions, Including Chief Of Staff & District Director.** Luján hired women for senior staff positions in his official office, including chief of staff Angela Ramirez and district director Jennifer Conn-Catechis. Both Ramirez and Conn-Catechis have held these positions since at least July 2009. [Sunlight Foundation, accessed [4/13/15](#)]

## Travel

### Foreign Travel

**Luján Reported One Official Foreign Trip To Turkey, Afghanistan, Qatar, Kuwait, Iraq & Germany.** Luján spent a total of \$1,404 in per diem (meals and lodging) on the trip. Transportation was on military aircraft:

Arrival	Departure	Country	Per Diem	Transportation
8/4/2009	8/5/2009	Turkey	\$300.00	military air transportation
8/5/2009	8/6/2009	Afghanistan	\$26.00	military air transportation
8/6/2009	8/7/2009	Qatar	\$341.00	military air transportation
8/7/2009	8/8/2009	Kuwait	\$416.00	military air transportation
8/8/2009	8/9/2009	Iraq	\$11.00	military air transportation
8/9/2009	8/10/2009	Germany	\$310.00	military air transportation
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$1,404.00</b>	

[U.S. House of Representatives – Expenditure Reports Concerning Official Foreign Travel, filed [7/1/11](#)]

**Luján Met With New Mexicans Serving While In Iraq & Afghanistan.** “Rep. Ben Ray Luján has recently returned from a bipartisan Congressional Delegation visit to Iraq and Afghanistan. Rep. Luján met with members of the New Mexico National Guard and officials in the regions to discuss the situation on the ground. ‘New Mexicans are serving bravely and honorably in Iraq and Afghanistan. It was my privilege to meet with them and thank them for their service and sacrifice,’ said Rep. Luján. . . . The eight day bipartisan Congressional Delegation visit allowed Rep. Luján to visit with top United States, Iraqi and Afghan officials. Rep. Luján participated in the bipartisan Congressional Delegation visit through the House Armed Service Committee.” [Luján press release, [8/14/09](#)]

### Privately Funded Staff Travel

Name	Destination	Dates	Sponsor	Cost
Angela Ramirez	Tel Aviv, Israel	2/19/2011 - 2/27/2011	American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)	\$6,504.47
Scott Stockwell	El Carmen, Guatemala	2/15/2015 - 2/22/2015	International Committee of the Red Cross	\$3,450.70
Scott Stockwell	Mexico City, Mexico	2/15/2015 - 2/22/2015	International Committee of the Red Cross	same trip
Scott Stockwell	Nogales, Mexico	2/15/2015 - 2/22/2015	International Committee of the Red Cross	same trip
Scott Stockwell	Tapachula, Mexico	2/15/2015 - 2/22/2015	International Committee of the Red Cross	same trip
Angela Ramirez	San Francisco, CA	6/3/2014 - 6/5/2014	The Internet Association	\$916.28
Andrew	Las Vegas, NV	1/7/2014 -	Consumer Electronics Association	\$1,822.36

Jones		1/9/2014	
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[U.S. House of Representatives – Office of the Clerk – Gift and Travel Filings, accessed [3/23/15](#)]

**Luján Chief Of Staff Angela Ramirez Stayed At Five-Star Luxury Hotel In Jerusalem.** “Idyllically set overlooking Jerusalem’s Liberty Bell Park and the Old City, the Inbal Jerusalem Hotel is one of the finest and most luxurious Jerusalem hotels. Combining a sophisticated elegance with warmth and comfort, the Inbal offers a range of suites to match every kind of visit – from family vacations to large conferences and weddings.” [Inbal Hotel, accessed [3/23/15](#); U.S. House of Representatives – Gift and Travel Filings, filed [3/11/11](#)]

**Inbal Hotel Charged \$300/Night.** According to the ethics disclosure, the Inbal Hotel charged \$300/night. [U.S. House of Representatives – Gift and Travel Filings, filed [3/11/11](#)]

NOTE: Rep. Kevin McCarthy’s chief of staff was invited, as well as other members’ senior staffers.

**Luján Legislative Director Andrew Jones Stayed At Luxury Las Vegas Resort.** “The Four-Star Encore at Wynn Las Vegas delivers the same exceptional service and class as its flagship property, Wynn Las Vegas, but with a boutique vibe. The casual elegance of the décor is both playful and intimate, from the vibrant red chandeliers in the casino to the alluring golden buddha in the spa to the signature butterfly motif fluttering throughout the property (said to portend good luck). Guest suites are awash in neutrals, reds and blacks, and have floor-to-ceiling windows with views of the Strip, swiveling flat-screen TVs and limestone and marble baths. With five restaurants onsite, your taste buds will want for nothing. An evening at Sinatra will have you crooning between bites of house-made pasta, while Botero is sure to have you seeing food as a higher art form. The spa gets top billing in Las Vegas with 37 treatment rooms in which to enjoy a transformation ritual or fusion massage. And if the tables have been good to you, leaving you money to burn, book a VIP table at XS, one of Vegas’ hottest nightclubs, where a wading pool and a ten-foot rotating chandelier over the dance floor are just part of the experience.” [Forbes Travel Guide, accessed [3/23/15](#); U.S. House of Representatives – Gift and Travel Filings, filed [1/17/14](#)]

**Encore At Wynn Las Vegas Charged \$335/Night.** According to the ethics disclosure, the Encore at the Wynn Las Vegas charged \$299/night plus 12% tax. [U.S. House of Representatives – Gift and Travel Filings, filed [1/17/14](#)]

NOTE: Numerous Republican staffers invited, including from House Majority Leader’s and Whip’s office.

## Campaign Finance

### Loan Repayments

#### Luján Reported \$199,997 In Campaign Loan Repayments:

Loan Source Name	Description	Payment Date	Amount
Lujan, Ben Ray Mr.	Loan Pay Off	5/20/2008	\$49,993.00
Lujan, Ben Ray Mr.	Loan Repayment	4/8/2009	\$2,962.00
Lujan, Ben Ray Mr.	Loan Repayment	5/8/2009	\$10,000.00
Lujan, Ben Ray Mr.	Loan Forgiveness	6/30/2009	\$6.00
Lujan, Ben Ray Mr.	Loan Repayment	8/14/2009	\$10,000.00



Lujan, Ben Ray Mr.	Loan Repayment	6/21/2010	\$11,760.00
Lujan, Ben Ray Mr.	Loan Repayment	12/29/2010	\$11,400.00
Lujan, Ben Ray Mr.	Loan Repayment	3/2/2011	\$10,200.00
Lujan, Ben Ray Mr.	Loan Repayment	1/25/2011	\$10,500.00
Lujan, Ben Ray Mr.	Loan Repayment	6/2/2011	\$10,000.00
Lujan, Ben Ray Mr.	Loan Repayment	1/12/2012	\$10,000.00
Lujan, Ben Ray Mr.	Loan Repayment	4/3/2012	\$10,000.00
Lujan, Ben Ray Mr.	Loan Repayment	5/29/2012	\$11,000.00
Lujan, Ben Ray Mr.	Loan Repayment	6/22/2012	\$17,834.00
Lujan, Ben Ray Mr.	Loan Paid In Full	6/30/2012	\$24,342.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$199,997.00</b>

[FEC, accessed [3/23/15](#)]

**Luján Reported \$53,084 In Campaign Reimbursements & Payments To Himself, Including \$31,420 In Loan Interest:**

Payee Name	Purpose	Date	Amount
Lujan, Ben Ray Mr.	Reimbursement For Campaign Expenses	6/2/2008	\$1,399.00
Lujan, Ben Ray Mr.	Reimbursement For Campaign Expenses	6/2/2008	\$1,270.00
Lujan, Ben Ray Mr.	Reimbursement For Campaign Loan Interest	6/4/2008	\$423.00
Lujan, Ben Ray Mr.	Office Supplies	2/12/2008	\$292.00
Lujan, Ben Ray Mr.	Reimbursement For Campaign Loan Interest	3/31/2009	\$2,500.00
Lujan, Ben Ray Mr.	Reimbursement For Expenses	1/2/2009	\$924.00
Lujan, Ben Ray Mr.	Reimbursement For Expenses	1/2/2009	\$364.00
Lujan, Ben Ray Mr.	Reimbursement For Expenses	1/2/2009	\$919.00
Lujan, Ben Ray Mr.	Reimbursement For Campaign Loan Interest	4/8/2009	\$7,037.00
Lujan, Ben Ray Mr.	Reimbursement For Campaign Loan Interest	7/1/2009	\$2,269.00
Lujan, Ben Ray Mr.	Reimbursement For Campaign Loan Interest	6/21/2010	\$8,239.00
Lujan, Ben Ray Mr.	Reimbursement For Campaign Loan Interest	7/18/2011	\$6,787.00
Lujan, Ben Ray Mr.	Campaign Event Expense	8/29/2012	\$1,240.00
Lujan, Ben Ray Mr.	Campaign Event Expense	8/29/2012	\$1,062.00
Lujan, Ben Ray Mr.	Reimbursement For Campaign Loan Interest	6/22/2012	\$4,165.00
Lujan, Ben Ray Mr.	Campaign Event Expense	11/5/2012	\$875.00
Lujan, Ben Ray Mr.	Campaign Event Expense	11/5/2012	\$1,166.00
Lujan, Ben Ray Mr.	Travel And Food	12/16/2014	\$1,341.00
Lujan, Ben Ray Mr.	Campaign Event Expense	12/30/2013	\$1,862.00
Lujan, Ben Ray Mr.	Campaign Event Expense	12/31/2013	\$1,544.00
Lujan, Ben Ray Mr.	Travel - Meals	10/10/2014	\$626.00
Lujan, Ben Ray Mr.	Reimbursement For Gas And Parking Expenses	8/15/2014	\$268.00
Lujan, Ben Ray Mr.	Campaign Events Expense	8/15/2014	\$5,112.00
Lujan, Ben Ray Mr.	Campaign Events And Meals	11/12/2014	\$754.00
Lujan, Ben Ray Mr.	Campaign Supplies	11/12/2014	\$416.00



Lujan, Ben Ray Mr.	Lodging	11/12/2014	\$230.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$53,084.00</b>

[FEC, accessed [3/23/15](#)]

**Campaign Loan Interest Rate: 15.7%.** Luján took in \$31,240 in interest on \$200,000 in loans to his campaign for an interest rate of 15.71%. [FEC, accessed [3/23/15](#)]

**Campaign Loans & Interest Not Listed On Personal Financial Disclosures.** Luján’s personal financial disclosures filed with the U.S. House of Representatives do not include the loan to his campaign committee or any interest received from repayment of the loan. His 2011 and 2012 disclosures list as a liability a \$50,001-\$100,000 mortgage on his house through Valley National Bank of Espanola, NM with the notation “mortgage on El Rancho home – loan to the campaign.” [House Financial Disclosures – Ben Ray Luján, 2008-2013]

## Tax Penalties

### Luján Campaign Paid \$13,627 In Tax Penalties & Interest For 2008 Campaign:

Payee Name	Purpose	Date	Amount
United States Treasury	Tax Penalties & Interest-2008	3/24/2009	\$13,627.00

[FEC, accessed [3/23/15](#)]

**2008 Luján Campaign Underpaid Payroll Taxes – Owed Government More Than \$54,000.** “During this tax season, U.S. Rep. Ben Ray Luján knows what it's like to feel the pinch of the Internal Revenue Service. Luján last month discovered that his campaign had underpaid payroll taxes for his campaign staff last year and owed the government more than \$54,000 -- including \$13,627 in penalties and interest. . . . ‘At the end of the year, the campaign initiated an internal review of the activities over the past year,’ the Luján campaign said Thursday in a written statement. ‘During the review, the campaign found underpayments. Once these errors were discovered, the campaign, on its own moved forward to address the oversight. A full review of all records was conducted and it showed underpayments to the Internal Revenue Service and errors in past documents. Upon discovery of these errors, the campaign paid all amounts due and corrected all reports. It was very disappointing that these errors occurred.’” [Santa Fe New Mexican, 4/17/09]

**Headline: Santa Fe New Mexican: “Luján Settles \$54,000 Debt With IRS.”** [Santa Fe New Mexican, 4/17/09]

## Campaign Contributions

### Luján Campaign Contributed \$2000 To Menendez For Senate In 2011:

Payee Name	Purpose	City	State	Date	Amount
Menendez For Senate	Contribution	Newark	NJ	6/16/2011	\$2,000.00

[FEC, accessed [3/23/15](#)]