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## **Carl DeMaio Raises \$1,101,127 Online**

*June 30 Report Shows Over 25,000 Individuals With Average Contribution of \$37  
Power DeMaio's Gas Tax Repeal PAC*

San Diego – Former San Diego City Councilman Carl DeMaio has built a powerful online grassroots donor network as he leads his Reform California Super PAC backing the California Gas Tax Repeal. As of the June 30 fundraising period cutoff for state committees, DeMaio's PAC posted \$1,101,127 all from over 25,000 grassroots donors solicited through online channels. Reform California, a political action committee that DeMaio has led since 2003, is now one of the largest government reform groups in California with over 380,000 subscribers.

"I'm thrilled that grassroots donors in California are powering the repeal of the costly gas tax imposed by state politicians and their special interest cronies," DeMaio said in releasing the fundraising report. "With the support of thousands of small donors we can make our voice heard in a political system too often dominated by big money from a handful of powerful special interests," DeMaio noted.

"Hands down Carl DeMaio has built the biggest grassroots donor database of any Republican official in California," said Dave McCulloch of Capitol Media Partners – the firm DeMaio retained to assist with his digital fundraising.

Reform California has also activated an army of over 20,000 volunteers who helped collect nearly 1 million signatures to qualify the Gas Tax Repeal Initiative. The Initiative will be known as Proposition 6 on the November ballot.

Political analysts say the Gas Tax Repeal Initiative will boost turnout and potentially impact the outcome of several closely-watched Congressional seats this November.

In the June Primary, California Democrats lost their Super-Majority when the DeMaio-backed Recall of State Senator Josh Newman was a success – handing the seat back to the Republicans with the election of State Senator Ling Ling Chang.

Facts about this massive hike:

-On Nov 1, 2017, Californians became subject to an additional tax of 12.5 cents more per gallon (20 cents more for diesel)

-Estimates suggest it will cost \$700 or more per family, per year

-The tax also hits business owners who rely on transporting goods, raising the cost of everything from apples to Zinfandel

-Auto registration fees will increase as much as \$175 a year - striking the wallets of hard-working families across the state

-The tax revenue goes into the state's General Fund, meaning there's zero guarantee the money will be used to actually fund the transportation "fixes" they claim will happen

-Nearly 1 million signatures were collected to qualify the measure on the November ballot; just over 550,000 were required

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