

“Republicans in the Capitol have essentially stopped trying to pretend they aren’t involved in the Montford race.” — Capitol Annex



“Second-place finisher Mindy Montford is not-so-secretly backed by Republicans and corporate lobbyists.” — Austin Political Report

Q: WHO IS BEHIND MINDY MONTFORD'S CAMPAIGN?

“The big business GOP is clearly stepping up in this race.” — Burnt Orange Report

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"[Montford's] father, John Montford, is a ... current AT&T vice president who has mined his connections for his daughter's benefit. More than two-thirds of the \$364,716 Mindy Montford reported raising through Feb. 23, the most recent required reporting date, has come from outside of Travis County. The cash has allowed her to run a steady stream of television and Internet advertisements ..." — Austin American-Statesman

**A. FOLLOW
THE MONEY...**

"AT&T chief John Montford ... is preparing to make sure some serious money finds its way to a local law enforcement PAC for direct mail pieces on his daughter's behalf." — Capitol Annex

**... SO WHAT DOES
MINDY MONTFORD SAY?...**

Montford would like to build a closer relationship with state politicians than Earle. "We've got to educate the Legislature and the lobby that, 'Look you've got nothing to be afraid of if you're following the law.' We're not on a witch hunt here," she said. "I think you have to be visible and have constant meetings with people who could be before you as a witness or a suspect, and let them know how the unit operates. Then they will trust what you do, and they won't care what political party you are. It's going to the Capitol and meeting. You've got to be able to be welcomed down there."

— Texas Observer

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