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Robin Vos' "Pay-*to*-Play" RACC PAC Racket

Addressing the abuse of power, the abuse of authority, and the unethical conduct exhibited by Speaker of Wisconsin State Assembly, Robin Vos.

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Republican Assembly Campaign Committee (RACC)

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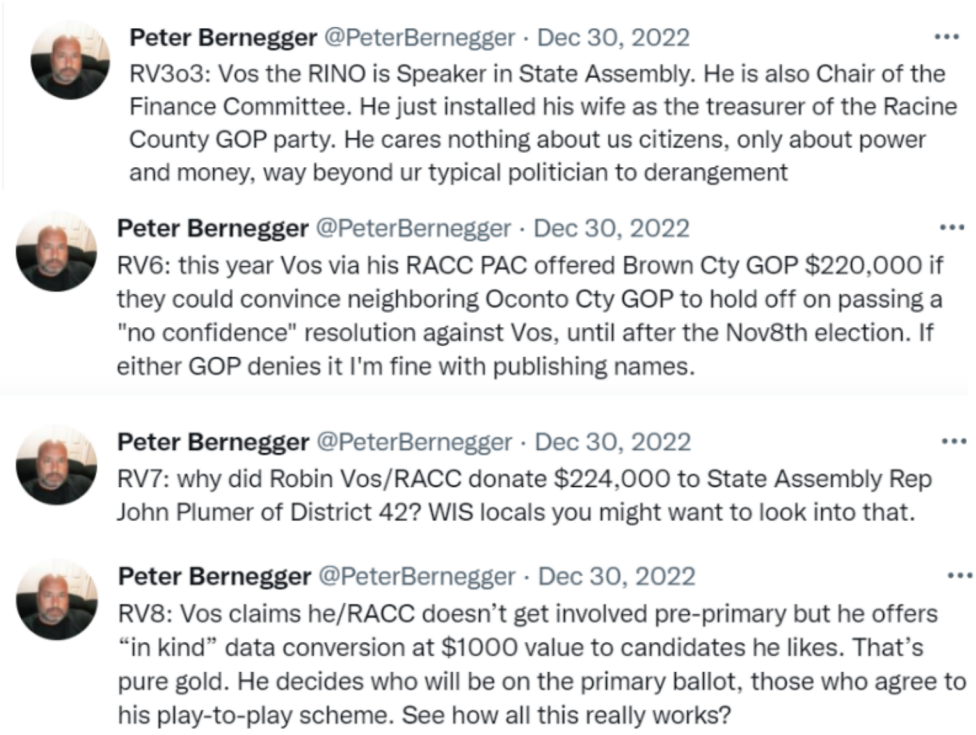
What is RACC (Republican Assembly Campaign Committee)?

RACC is a Political Action Committee (PAC) established and managed by Robin Vos. RACC was created to assist in the election efforts of Wisconsin state Republican Assembly candidates. Locating the "official" purpose of said PAC is not easily found. The RACC website does little (to nothing) to explain the organization, nor does it discuss how donated funds are allocated[1] *(interesting to note the most recent website "news" update is from 2012).*

In theory, the intention of RACC appears benevolent, however, there is more to the Vos controlled PAC than meets the eye. Although Robin Vos has stated that he does not use RACC funds to support (influence) a candidate prior to the primary election, this is not the case. In a video from May 2022 at a Racine Pints and Politics gathering, Robin Vos states, *"We (RACC) do not take sides in the primaries for open seats."* [2]

On December 30, 2022, Peter Bernegger of Election Watch,[3] a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting fair and secure elections through voter education, advocacy, and monitoring, exposes Robin Vos' use of RACC funds on Twitter (refer to screenshots below).[4]



Peter Bernegger @PeterBernegger · Dec 30, 2022

RV3o3: Vos the RINO is Speaker in State Assembly. He is also Chair of the Finance Committee. He just installed his wife as the treasurer of the Racine County GOP party. He cares nothing about us citizens, only about power and money, way beyond ur typical politician to derangement

Peter Bernegger @PeterBernegger · Dec 30, 2022

RV6: this year Vos via his RACC PAC offered Brown Cty GOP $220,000 if they could convince neighboring Oconto Cty GOP to hold off on passing a "no confidence" resolution against Vos, until after the Nov8th election. If either GOP denies it I'm fine with publishing names.

Peter Bernegger @PeterBernegger · Dec 30, 2022

RV7: why did Robin Vos/RACC donate $224,000 to State Assembly Rep John Plumer of District 42? WIS locals you might want to look into that.

Peter Bernegger @PeterBernegger · Dec 30, 2022

RV8: Vos claims he/RACC doesn't get involved pre-primary but he offers "in kind" data conversion at $1000 value to candidates he likes. That's pure gold. He decides who will be on the primary ballot, those who agree to his play-to-play scheme. See how all this really works?

1. https://wisracc.org/
2. https://rumble.com/embed/v12upcm/?pub=4 (48 min, 50 sec)
3. electionwatch.info
4. https://twitter.com/PeterBernegger

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The screenshots exhibited below are in reference to RACC donations made *prior* to the Wisconsin primary election on 8/9/22. These, along with many more, may be viewed on the Wisconsin Campaign Finance Information System website (*link below*).

- **cfis.wi.gov/Public/Registration.aspx?page=ExpenseList**

In-Kind							
05/22/2022		REPUBLICAN ASSEMBLY CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE	148 E JOHNSON ST, MADISON, WI 53705			Data Conversion	$1,000.00
						Sub Total	$1,000.00

SCHEDULE 1-B

RECEIPTS
Contributions from Committees
(Transfers-In)

Complete Committee Name: [redacted]

Date	Full Name	Address	Amount	YTD
Monetary				
02/13/2022	Friends of Jesse James	2511 Botsford Avenue, Altoona, WI 54720	$50.00	$50.00
		Sub Total	$50.00	
In-Kind				
06/06/2022	Rep Assembly Campaign Com RACC	148 East Johnson, Madison, WI 53703	$1,000.00	$1,000.00
		Sub Total	$1,000.00	
		Grand Total	$1,050.00	
		Non-Monetary (-):	$0.00	
		Total	$1,050.00	

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In-Kind				
05/06/2022	Rep Assembly Campaign Com RACC	148 East Johnson, Madison, WI 53703	$1,000.00	$1,000.00
	Comment(s): CFIS Expense Category: Data Conversion & Walk App			
		Sub Total	$1,000.00	
Monetary				
05/18/2022	Andrea for Appleton Schools	295 W 4th Street, Appleton, WI 54914	$52.05	$52.05
		Sub Total	$52.05	
		Grand Total	$1,052.05	
		Non-Monetary (-):	$0.00	
		Total	$1,052.05	

**Credit to Adrianne Melby for the screenshots above*

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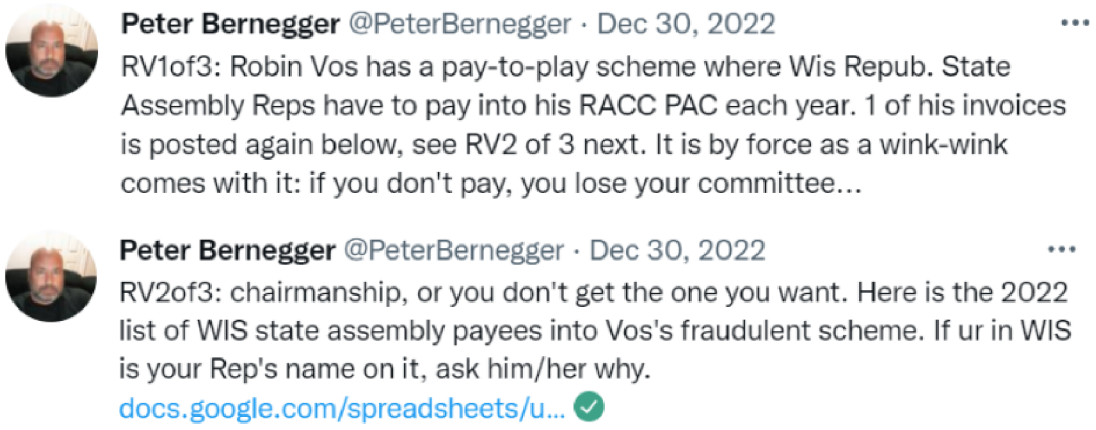
Also of great concern is Vos' use of coercion to fund RACC. Since 2016, Vos has *highly encouraged* all Republican Assembly Representatives to pay annual "dues" in the amount of $10,000 toward RACC. While not explicitly documented, it is well known that if an assembly member chooses not to contribute, it is highly unlikely that he/she will receive a committee assignment or the opportunity to chair a committee. As a reminder, the potential for statewide change occurs as a result of the decisions made within these established legislative committees. Oftentimes, when an assembly member *"plays nice"* according to Robin Vos' standards, he/she will receive a portion of their RACC "dues" back in the form of campaign contributions during their next election campaign season. When an assembly member chooses not to bow to the wishes of Robin Vos, he/she pays the price— think support staff removal as in the case of Timothy Ramthun[5] or the banning Janel Brandtjen from attending private GOP caucus meetings[6] as well as removing her as chair of the Assembly Committee on Campaigns and Elections.[7]

Refer to the Peter Bernegger's Twitter posts below in regards to Vos' RACC pay-to-play "*arrangement*" he has orchestrated within the Wisconsin Republican Assembly.[8] Link provided in footnotes to view the Google spreadsheet referenced in "*RV2of3*."[9] For a full list of donors, refer to footnote links 10 & 11.



5. https://www.wispolitics.com/2022/vos-strips-ramthun-of-lone-staffer-over-election-lies
6. https://www.wisn.com/article/rep-janel-brandtjen-recently-barred-by-assembly-gop-announces-state-senate-bid/42158752
7. https://madison.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/robin-vos-removes-janel-brandtjen-from-leading-assembly-elections-committee/article_1a16bdc2-f0bc-5258-b376-82bf19678a95.html
8. https://twitter.com/PeterBernegger
9. https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/u/0/d/1CS1ZCH1FlAXFqGf21p73vuo44P23Ip6JeijlQxcHLo/htmlview
10. https://www.transparencyusa.org/wi/pac/rep-assembly-campaign-com-racc-seg-fund-0400002-leg_committee/donors?page=1
11. https://www.wisdc.org/index.php?option=com_wdcfinancedatabase&view=paccontributions&cand_last_name=Republican%20Assembly%20Campaign%20Committee

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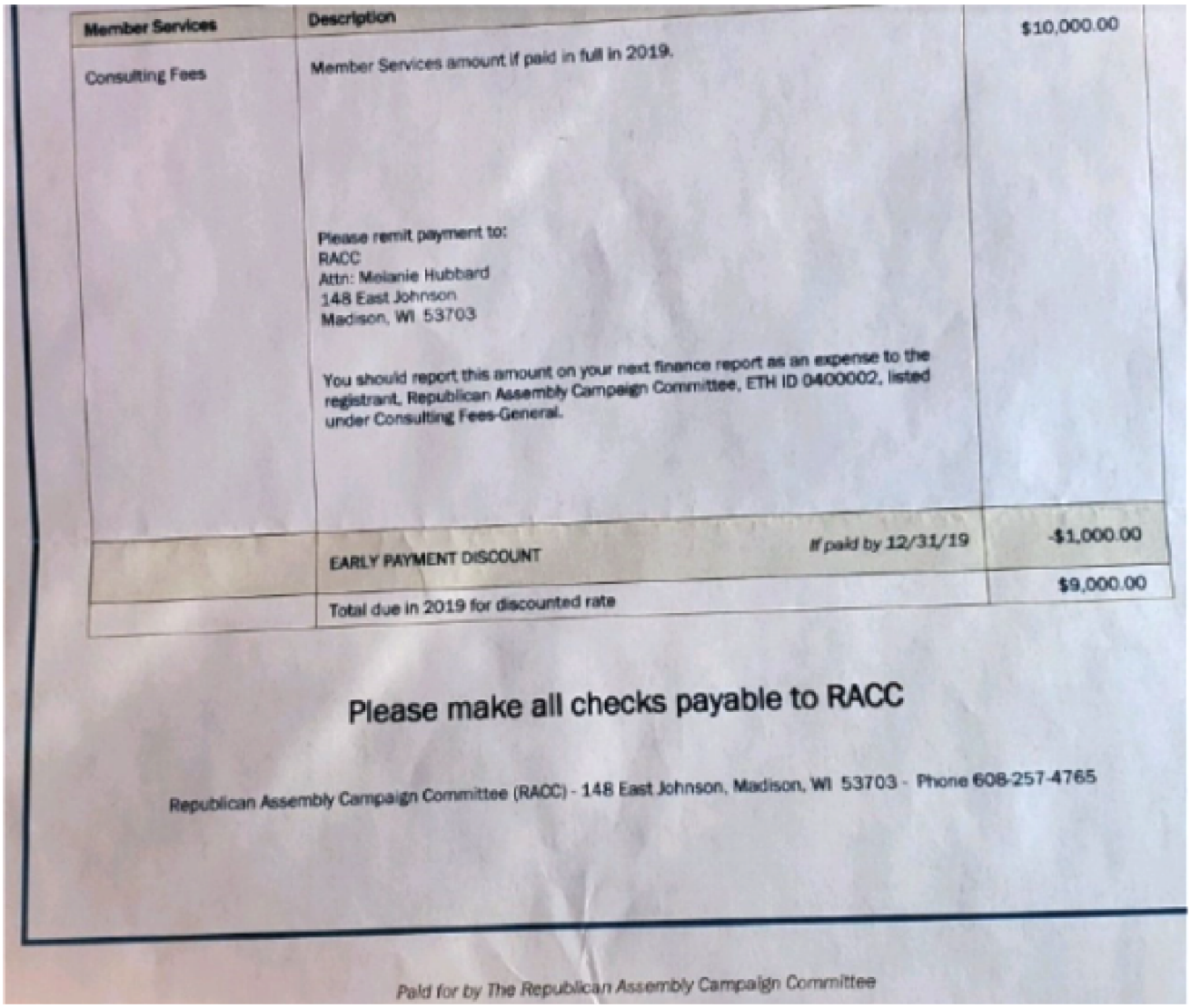
Invoice referred to in tweet labeled "*RV1of3*:"



Member Services	Description	
Consulting Fees	Member Services amount if paid in full in 2019.	$10,000.00
	Please remit payment to: RACC Attn: Melanie Hubbard 148 East Johnson Madison, WI 53703 You should report this amount on your next finance report as an expense to the registrant, Republican Assembly Campaign Committee, ETH ID 0400002, listed under Consulting Fees-General.	
	EARLY PAYMENT DISCOUNT *If paid by 12/31/19*	-$1,000.00
	Total due in 2019 for discounted rate	$9,000.00

Please make all checks payable to RACC

Republican Assembly Campaign Committee (RACC) - 148 East Johnson, Madison, WI 53703 - Phone 608-257-4765

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In Conclusion

Listed below are just *some* of the unethical and corrupt activities that we, the citizens of Wisconsin, have learned over the past two-years about 63rd Assembly District Representative and Speaker of Wisconsin State Assembly, Robin Vos.

> Robin Vos had his attorney write a letter approving illegal drop boxes for the 2020 election. Post election, he claims they were illegal **AFTER HE APPROVED THEM**. Why? Perhaps so they could be used to steal the election? [12]

> Robin Vos used his private email for government related business. He received a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for these emails/text messages and just like Hilary Clinton, he deleted them. [13]

> After a year of denying there was any 2020 election fraud, Robin Vos was presented with evidence proving fraud did indeed take place. He now admits the 2020 election was plagued with "widespread fraud." Yet still, Vos refuses to do anything about it. [14]

> Robin Vos lied to his constituents claiming the election machines were not connected to the internet. Yet Racine County purchased modems for all of their election machines in 2017. Invoices don't lie, Robin Vos does! [15, 16]

As a member of the Wisconsin State Assembly, there is no denying the vast amount of corruption that has either been facilitated by or orchestrated during Robin Vos' tenure. More and more citizens throughout Wisconsin are aware of Vos' aptitude for depravity and are looking to their Assembly Representatives to represent them *(THE PEOPLE)* rather than fold to the demands of the tyrannical Speaker. The question must then be raised: **Why are the vast majority of Republican Assembly Representatives beholden to Vos' demands, particularly his demand that they pay into RACC, a blatant pay-to-play scheme?** Is this not a conflict of interest? Will our Assembly Representatives continue to acquiesce to those interests of an authoritarian Speaker or will they be beholden to their oath of office and **THE PEOPLE** who have elected them to serve *us*? Despite past moral indiscretions or misdirected loyalties, it is time our elected representatives do the right thing by the people they are privileged to serve. **WE THE PEOPLE** are watching closely and we promise that our resolve to hold our elected officials accountable to their oath will <u>not</u> subside; in fact, it will only continue to strengthen.

12. https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/politics/elections/2022/01/28/wisconsin-election-officials-keep-ballot-drop-box-policies-place/9255681002/
13. https://madison.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/robin-vos-attorney-deleted-private-emails-and-text-messages-cannot-be-recovered/article_5aeca9ea-cd6c-5cf0-96f2-7ea43ef610b2.html
14. https://www.wispolitics.com/2022/vos-claims-widespread-fraud-in-2020-election-after-meeting-with-activists-but-says-no-path-to-decertify
15. https://rumble.com/v17at1o-vos-voting-machines-not-connected-to-the-internet.html
16. https://ibb.co/vktg2rP