

SHANGRI-LA CONSTRUCTION BACKGROUNDER

Stephen Bing Founded Shangri-la Construction As A General Contracting Company In Delaware:

Bing Founded Shangri-la Construction In 2008, Incorporating It In Delaware. "Bing owns construction firm Shangri-la Construction L.P., corporate records show. It was incorporated in Delaware on Sept. 9, 2008." (Andrew McIntosh, Hollywood's Bing Gives Big To Brown's Schools, Sacramento Bee (California), 10/17/09)

Shangri-la Construction Is A For Profit General Contracting Company. "Shangri-La Construction (SLC) is a commercial general contractor committed to the highest quality work-product and superior client service delivered in a safe and cost-conscious manner. SLC offers a wide spectrum of capabilities ranging from tenant improvements to design-build construction." (Shangri-la Construction, www.shangrilaconstruction.com, Accessed 2/16/12)

CAP Does Not Deny Stephen Bing Is A Donor:

Center For American Progress's Senior Vice President For Communications Did Not Dispute That Peter B. Lewis of Progressive Insurance And Producer Steven Bing Are Donors. "Still, scattered news reports over the last five years have identified several Democratic-leaning donors who have provided millions of dollars to Mr. Podesta's project, and Ms. Palmieri did not dispute those names. They include the billionaire investor George Soros; Peter B. Lewis, chairman of Progressive Insurance; the Hollywood producer Steve Bing; and Herb and Marion Sandler, who made billions in the mortgage industry before selling their company in 2006 and who have given about \$20 million to the project." (Charlie Savag, "John Podesta, Shepherd Of A Government In Exile," *The New York Times*, 11/06/08)

Bing Has Donated To Environmental Causes And At Behest Of Jerry Brown:

Bing Broke California Campaign Contribution Record In Giving \$40 Million To Support A California Oil Tax Initiative. "Movie producer Stephen L. Bing set a new California campaign contribution record with Thursday's announcement that he has donated \$40 million to Proposition 87, the oil tax initiative on the Nov. 7 ballot." (Laura Mecoy Bee, "Prop.87 Has A \$40 Million Donor; Film Producer Who Backs Green Issues Bankrolls The Plan To Tax State Oil Output, Sacramento Bee (California), 9/22/06)

• **Proposition 87 Was Defeated 55% To 45%.** "With all of the votes tallied, the initiative trailed by about 10 percentage points, 55 percent to 45 percent. Prop.

87 aimed to reduce petroleum consumption in California by 25 percent by 2017. The initiative also would have created create a new state agency to administer the funds, which would have been dissolved when all the money had been spent.

Stephen Bing Contributed \$1 Million To Oakland Schools At Behest Of Then Attorney General Jerry Brown. "Brown, the state's top law enforcer and former governor, has raised \$9.8 million for two Oakland charter schools... More than 200 corporations, foundations and individuals have donated to the two schools at the urging or "behest" of Brown since 2006... That includes an eye-popping \$1 million from Steve Bing." (Andrew McIntosh, Hollywood's Bing Gives Big To Brown's Schools, Sacramento Bee (California), 10/17/09)

Stephen Bing Donated To Causes Favored By The Mayor Of L.A. "That company's founder is Stephen Bing, who contributed \$100,000 to the mayor's 2007 campaign committee to elect three school board members and gave \$50,000 to the mayor-backed solar initiative known as Measure B, which was defeated by voters earlier this month." (Maeve Reston, "Mayor Seeks A New Chance For Rail Car Maker; After MTA Decided Not To Exercise Its Options, The Italian Company Began Intense Lobbying," Los Angeles Times, 3/23/09.)

Shangri-la Construction Has Done Numerous 'Green' Construction Projects:

Shangri-la Led Construction Sustainably Remodeled A Glendale Office Building. "Shangri-La led the team that also included POLLACK architecture and SideMark. 'Shangri-La Construction has once again demonstrated that retrofitting can be a smart and viable option to upgrade and redevelop aging properties of all sizes,' notes Andy Meyers, CEO, Shangri-La Construction." ("Citadel Environmental Services, Inc. Proves Green Office Remodel Makes Good Business Sense & Completes Glendale's First LEED® Platinum Project with Shangri-La Construction; LEED® Award Ceremony and Grand Opening on June 8th to Include Political and Entertainment Notables," Business Wire, 5/11/11)

Shangri-La Construction Got A Gold Certification From The U.S. Green Building Council's LEED Rating System For Remodeled Office Building In Las Vega; Former President Clinton Attended Grand Opening. "Shangri-La Construction and Thompson National Properties announced today that their first joint development project, a retrofitted Class A office building in Las Vegas is the first in the state of Nevada to be awarded Gold certification under the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED® (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Rating System(TM). The 1960s office building, located at 302 East Carson Avenue in downtown Las Vegas, was the centerpiece at a grand opening event held today with special guests Former President Bill Clinton." ("Shangri-La Construction and Thompson National Properties Inaugurate Nevada's First LEED(R) Gold-Certified Class A Office Building Retrofit," PR Newswire, 5/19/10)

Bing 'Green' Construction Company Cooperated With Troubled Italian Firm to Ensure LA Rail Car Contract, Donated \$150,000 To Causes Backed By Mayor. "With little time before their options expire, AnsaldoBreda put further pressure on board members, including the mayor, by opening negotiations with the Community Redevelopment Authority about building an environmentally friendly manufacturing plant on a plot of more than 18 acres in an area that city officials hope to transform into a

[&]quot; (Matthew Yi, "Alternative Fuel Proposition Defeated," San Francisco Chronicle, 11/8/06)

green manufacturing corridor. The rail company, which would build the facility only if it gets the deal, has partnered with the green building company Shangri-La Construction. That company's founder is Stephen Bing, who contributed \$100,000 to the mayor's 2007 campaign committee to elect three school board members and gave \$50,000 to the mayor-backed solar initiative known as Measure B, which was defeated by voters earlier this month." (Maeve Reston, "Mayor Seeks A New Chance For Rail Car Maker; After MTA Decided Not To Exercise Its Options, The Italian Company Began Intense Lobbying," Los Angeles Times, 3/23/09.)

Three Months After Contributing To Schools At The Behest Of Then Attorney General Brown, Shangri-la Construction Became A Partner In A \$100 Million Green Investment Fund. "The construction firm three months later became a partner in a \$100 million green building investment fund, a news release shows." (Andrew McIntosh, Hollywood's Bing Gives Big To Brown's Schools, Sacramento Bee (California), 10/17/09)

Shangri-la Construction And Thompson National Properties Announced
Formation Of A \$100 Million Green Building Fund. "Shangri-La Industries, LLC
and Thompson National Properties, LLC, jointly announced today the formation
of a \$100 million fund, the TNP/SLI Green Building Fund. The objective of the
TNP/SLI Green Building Fund is to invest in value add commercial and industrial
assets that can be retrofitted, repositioned or redeveloped as energy efficient and
environmentally sustainable." ("Shangri-La Industries, LLC Teams With Thompson National Properties,
LLC to Form \$100 Million TNP/SLI Green Building Fund to Accelerate Sustainable Real Estate Development," PR
Newswire, 12/9/08)

In 2008, Shangri-La Construction Built 'Green' Aviation Hanger Touted As A Model For The Air Force. "But how about an airplane hanger that doubles as an electricity generator? Energy efficiency experts are urging the Air Force to take a look at Hangar 25, a civilian aircraft hangar at Bob Hope Airport in Burbank, Calif., that generates up to twice as much energy as it consumes. The owners then sell the surplus power to the local grid... Shangri-La Construction, which built the hangar in 2008." (William Matthews, "Civilian Hangar Gives Air Force Model For Energy Savings," Federal Times, 12/7/09)