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Donald Trump Ally Paul Chabot Accused of Major Ethics Violations

In complaint, Tea-Party Republican charged with hiding financial information from Inland Empire voters

Perennial Tea-Party Republican candidate Paul Chabot is in hot water now that a major ethics complaint has been filed against him. Daniel Rodriguez, a Redlands resident, filed the complaint with the House Committee on Ethics. It highlights potential major violations by Chabot, which were outlined in an article in the *Press-Enterprise* last week. They include a mysterious \$50,000 campaign loan, undisclosed business interests, assets and income blocked from public scrutiny and an unexplained one-year delay submitting his financial disclosures.

"After reading the article about how Paul Chabot hasn't been honest with voters, it offended me," said Daniel Rodriguez. "I hope taking this step will get Mr. Chabot to come clean with voters like myself who want our candidates to be straightforward with us."

"This complaint should come as no surprise to Paul Chabot," said Chris Robles, Chair of the San Bernardino County Democratic Party. "It's another sleazy chapter in Chabot's never-ending campaign saga, which is based on lies and deception. His history of dodging serious questions suggests he won't be honest with Inland Empire voters this time either. We look forward to seeing Mr. Chabot answer any forthcoming questions from the House Ethics Committee."

Thus far, Chabot has refused to answer any of the questions posed in the *Press-Enterprise* article. After losing to Democrat Pete Aguilar in 2014, Chabot is again challenging Aguilar in California's 31st Congressional District.