Community Scholars in Affordable Housing Capstone:
Quantifying The Political Influence of Developers

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Residents and the development industry place often contradictory demands on our local political system.

The development industry uses campaign donations as a powerful support to the political system.

But how powerful?
Total to Candidate Campaigns: $1,323,705

Donations to Official Candidate Campaigns

Donations to 3 Mayoral PACs (Cava, Penelas, Suarez)

Total to Mayoral PACs: $1,810,693
Going Forward

- **2020 Elections**
  - Incorporate this research into our communications around our Young People’s Policy Priorities

- **Future Elections**
  - Institutionalize this research as part of the work we do every local election cycle, and include percentages of donations/top donors in our voter guides

- **Advocacy**
  - Use it to build momentum for and inform a campaign to reform campaign finance laws in collaboration with key partners
What Can You Do?

- Vote for elected officials who stand up to special interests, and make sure your friends and family do too. engagemiami.vote

- Advocate for affordable housing solutions at County & City meetings & support organizations

- Ask your local County Commissioners and candidates to sign on to the demands of the Young Peoples’ Policy Priorities! Pledge in support at engage.miami/YPPP