

## **Jason Plummer (IL-12) Research Book**

The following report contains research on Jason Plummer, the Republican candidate from Illinois' 12<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. Research for this research book was conducted by the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee's Research Department between January and February 2012.

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## Key Moments on Video

**Throughout this book, numerous citations will refer to footage of Plummer recorded between 2010 and 2012. The following clips are a sample that covers the most important moments on video at the time of writing.**

### Blanked During an Interview on WTTW

During an interview on WTTW's "Chicago Tonight," Plummer was asked what he would cut to balance the budget. Plummer said:

Well, I think you have to look at several things. I think you have to look at merging certain programs, I think you have to look at the Medicaid program, I think you have to look at the way that that's structured. I think you have to look at, what I like to call, really the – a lot of people say when it comes to Medicaid that 10 to 12 to 15 percent of it is fraudulent. Why aren't we investigating that? There's savings there. Why aren't we looking at programs like ...

Plummer pauses and remains silent for roughly 10 seconds, after which interviewer Phil Ponce suggests "education programs." Plummer said, "No" and continued in silence before Ponce said, "You're blanking," and changed the subject. [*WTTW's "Chicago Tonight," 2/25/10, via youtube.com, accessed [1/31/12](#)*]

### "Anything That's Illegal Should be Banned"

In an October 2010 debate with Democrat Sheila Simon, Plummer was asked about banning assault weapons. "Anything that's illegal should be banned," said Plummer. [*Illinois Lt. Governor debate, via youtube.com, accessed [1/10/12](#)*]

### Held Creationist Views

In an October 2010 debate with Democrat Sheila Simon, Plummer was asked about his views of creationism.

**Ponce:** Do you believe in Creationism? Yes or no.

**Plummer:** Uh ... yes, I do.

**Ponce:** You believe that the world was created in six days and is 10,000 years old?

**Plummer:** My philosophical beliefs and my life is based on my faith and my faith is rooted in my Christian faith. [*Illinois Lt. Governor debate, via youtube.com, accessed [1/10/12](#)*]

## Biography

This section provides background information on Plummer's personal life, including education, personal finances, property holdings, and other areas. Searches were conducted in Illinois and via media outlets including the *Chicago Tribune*, the *State Journal-Register*, and the *Belleville News-Democrat*, as well as a number of other online resources, including Lexis-Nexis.

### Birth Date

Plummer was born June 3, 1982. His birth name is Robert Jason Plummer, but he goes by Jason Plummer. According to a candidate profile in [Chicagoland](#) in December 2009, Plummer was born in Edwardsville, Illinois. [[Chicagoland](#), 12/16/09]

### Residence

Plummer resides in Fairview Heights, Illinois. [St. Clair County Registrar, accessed 1/23/12]

### Education

Plummer is a graduate of the University of Illinois with a Bachelor's of Science in Finance. [[Edwardsville Intelligencer](#), 10/31/11]

### Family

Plummer is single. [[Chicago Tribune](#), 10/09/10]

### Religion

Plummer attends the First Baptist Church of Maryville. [[Chicago Daily Herald](#), 9/20/10]

### Military Service

Plummer is an intelligence officer in the U.S. Navy Reserves, a commission he received only three days after announcing his run for office in 2009. At the time of his commission he had not yet undergone any training for his intelligence post. [[Chicago Tribune](#), 2/14/10]

According to the Department of the Navy, he received his rank of Ensign on September 11, 2009, and his current rank as a Lieutenant Junior Grade (LTJG) on September 11, 2011. [Department of the Navy records, sent 2/09/11]

### Property Ownership

The following section provides an overview of Plummer's property ownership from 2007 to 2011:

## Personal Home

### 2007: Purchased Home for \$250,000

In October 2007, Plummer purchased a home in Edwardsville, from Carrington Custom Homes Inc. for \$250,000. [[Belleville News-Democrat](#), 12/16/07; Madison County Treasurer, parcel 14-2-15-24-01-102-030, accessed 1/31/12]

### Still Owns Home, Changed Voter Registration

As of January 2012, electronic records from Madison County indicate that Plummer still owns the home, although he is no longer registered to vote there. [Madison County Treasurer, parcel 14-2-15-24-01-102-030, accessed 1/31/12; Madison County Clerk Office, accessed 1/12/12]

### Signed Lease on Duplex in O'Fallon

In October 2011, Plummer signed a one-year lease on a duplex in O'Fallon. He said he planned on continuing to live within the 12<sup>th</sup> District regardless of the results of the election. [[Belleville News-Democrat](#), 10/25/11]

### Registered at Home in O'Fallon

On October 20, 2011, Plummer registered to vote in St. Clair County at the Fairview Heights, Illinois, address which is within the city limits of O'Fallon. [St. Clair County Clerk Office, accessed 1/24/12]

### Home Described as "Villa at Lake St. Ellen"

The property where Plummer now claims to reside at is part of a development listed as a "luxury villa" next to the Lake St. Ellen. [Osborne Properties, accessed [1/31/12](#)]

## Business & Rentals

Plummer has a majority interest (50 percent or more) ownership in three business entities with residential or business properties in Illinois and Missouri.

### Bluestone Group LLC

Plummer owns 100 percent of Bluestone Group LLC, which owns two homes in Madison County, Illinois, and a business building in Logan County, Illinois. [2011 Plummer Personal Financial Disclosure, filed 12/23/11]

The Bluestone Group LLC purchased a home at 7024 Augusta Dr, Glen Carbon, Illinois 62034 on January 4, 2010 for \$170,000 from Patriot Homes Inc. [Madison County Treasurer, parcel 14-2-15-25-15-403-002, accessed 2/22/12]

The Bluestone Group LLC purchased a home at 125 Westmoreland Dr, Moro, Illinois 62034 on January 4, 2010 from Patriot Homes Inc. [Madison County Treasurer, parcel 15-2-09-06-15-401-014, accessed 2/22/12]

The Bluestone Group LLC purchased the business building in Logan County at 422 Keokuk, Lincoln, Illinois 62656 on September 12, 2011 for \$135,000 from Dale and Molly Schaffenacker. [Logan County Treasurer, parcel 08-230-096-00, accessed 2/22/12]

### **Plummer Capital, Inc**

Plummer owns 100 percent of Plummer Capital, Inc, which owns two homes in Madison County, Illinois. [2011 Plummer Personal Financial Disclosure, filed 12/23/11]

No records of property owned by Plummer Capital, Inc, were found during searches of the records of the Madison County Treasurer. The mailing address for Plummer's Bluestone Group is the same as his former home in Madison County, but no other entities in the records use that mailing address. [Madison County Treasurer, accessed 2/22/12]

### **Midwest Asset Group, LLC**

Plummer owns 55 percent of Midwest Asset Group LLC, which owns a shopping center in St. Peters, Missouri, and another shopping center in Godfrey, Illinois. [2011 Plummer Personal Financial Disclosure, filed 12/23/11]

Midwest Asset Group LLC purchased the shopping center at 6626 Mexico Road, St. Peters, Missouri 63376 on January 27, 2011 for \$2,437,600 from Eldorado Plaza Investments. [St. Charles County Treasurer, account # 265211A001, accessed 2/22/12; St. Charles County Recorder, document #20110127000069910, accessed 2/22/12]

Midwest Asset Group LLC purchased the shopping center at 5757 Godfrey Road, Godfrey, Illinois 62035 on September 12, 2011 for \$2,600,000 from Tolles Realty Co. [Madison County Treasurer, parcel 24-1-01-26-01-107-009, accessed 2/22/12]

## **Criminal Records**

A nationwide database search yielded no criminal records for Plummer. [Nexis Combined Criminal Records, accessed 1/31/12; PACER Case Locator, accessed 1/31/12]

## **Driving Record**

In September 2009, Plummer was cited for driving 11 to 14 miles per hour over the speed limit in Madison County, Illinois. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to supervision and a fine on September 21, 2009. [Madison County Circuit Clerk, case 2009TR026554, accessed 1/31/12]

Plummer was also involved in two separate traffic crashes in 2002, one on March 21, 2002, and the other on August 8, 2002. Under Illinois State Statute, traffic crash reports may be destroyed after seven years. In

the first crash, the other driver was issued a “Failure to Yield Right of Way” citation. No citations were issued in the second crash. [Edwardsville Police Department letter, sent 2/15/12]

A nationwide database search yielded no additional traffic records for Plummer. [Nexis Combined Criminal Records, accessed 1/31/12; PACER Case Locator, accessed 1/31/12]

### **Judgments, Liens, Bankruptcy**

A nationwide database search yielded no bankruptcy filings, judgments, or liens for Plummer. [Nexis Judgments and Liens, accessed 1/31/12; PACER Case Locator, accessed 1/31/12]

### **Voting History**

Plummer registered to vote on May 11, 2000, at 6930 Goshen Rd., Edwardsville, Illinois. He re-registered in October 5, 2007 at 101 Knights Bridge, Edwardsville, Illinois. The county removed him from the voting rolls on October 19, 2011.

The following table illustrates Plummer’s voting history since 2000:

<b>Election Type</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Voted/ Not Voted</b>
Consolidated General	04/05/2011	Voted
General	11/02/2010	Voted
Republican Primary	02/02/2010	Voted
Consolidated Election	04/07/2009	Voted
General	11/04/2008	Voted
Republican Primary	02/05/2008	Voted
Consolidated Election	04/17/2007	Voted
General	11/07/2006	Voted
Republican Primary	03/21/2006	Voted
Consolidated Election	04/05/2005	Voted
General	11/02/2004	Voted
Republican Primary	03/15/2004	Voted
General	11/05/2002	Voted
Republican Primary	03/19/2002	Voted
Consolidated Election	04/03/2001	Voted
General	11/07/2000	Not Voted

[Madison County Clerk Office, accessed 1/12/12]

Plummer appears to have not voted in the 2000 general election, although he would have been eligible.

On October 20, 2011, Plummer registered to vote in St. Clair County at 5816 Arrow Ridge Rd., Fairview Hts, Illinois. There have not been any elections since that registration. [St. Clair County Clerk Office, accessed 1/24/12]

## Personal Finance

**A review of Plummer's Personal Financial Disclosure forms, his Illinois Statement of Economic Interests, court records and other information was conducted in order to examine Plummer's personal finances, investments and any potential financial problems that may have taken place in his past.**

### Plummer Dependent on Family Businesses

In October 2010, the Chicago Tribune reported that other than his internships, Plummer had never worked anywhere but the family business, RP Lumber. [Chicago Tribune, 10/10/10]

### 2011 Personal Financial Disclosure

As of December 23, 2011, Plummer owned portions of multiple real estate development firms with extensive real estate properties across Missouri and southern and central Illinois. Plummer lists the full value and income of several properties that he only has a partial share of through these various real estate development firms.

Based on his financial disclosure, Plummer's assets range from \$4,571,765.24 to \$15,015,025.00 in value, with unearned income ranging from \$315,325.90 to \$3,374,700.00 for 2011, in addition to his earned income from R. P. Lumber. In 2010, his unearned income ranged from \$297,552.20 to \$2,270,001.00. [2011 Plummer Personal Financial Disclosure, filed 12/23/11]

### Newspaper Estimated Higher Income

In January 2012, the Belleville News Democrat calculated that Plummer's total income was between \$926,000 and \$5.1 million. [Belleville News-Democrat, [12/30/12](#)]

The tables below outline Plummer's financial holdings:

### Earned Income

Source	Type	Current Year to Filing (2011)	Preceding Year (2010)
R. P. Lumber Co, Inc	Salary	\$52,902	\$51,981

[2011 Plummer Personal Financial Disclosure, filed 12/23/11]

### Assets and Unearned Income

Asset or Income Source	Value of Asset	Type of Income	Amount of Income - Current Year (2011)	Amount of Income - Preceding Year (2010)
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RBC Correspondent Services (see below)				
• TRMXX – Prime Money Market Fund	\$1,001 - \$15,000	Dividends	\$1 - \$200	\$1 - \$200
• KADR – Arcadia Resources, Inc.	\$1,001 - \$15,000	None	-	-
• ABKFQ – Ambac Financial Group, Inc.	\$1 - \$1,000	None	-	-
• TRUE – Centru Financial Corporation	\$15,001 - \$50,000	None	-	-
• FSNN – Fusion Telecommunications	\$1,001 - \$15,000	None	-	-
• ZHNE – Zhong Technologies, Inc.	\$1 - \$1,000	None	-	-
The Bank of Edwardsville, 10 shares	\$1,001 - \$15,000	Dividends	\$1 - \$200	\$1 - \$200
The Bank of Edwardsville, Checking	\$1,001 - \$15,000	None	-	-
ROTH IRA – Fairholm Fund (FAIX)	\$1,001 - \$15,000	None	-	-
RP Lumber Profit Sharing Trust – 401k (see below)				
• All. Ber. Sm. Md. Cap. Val. A Fund	\$15,001 - \$50,000	None		
• Jn. Hnck. Hi. Yld. A Fund	\$1,001 - \$15,000	None		
• Pionr. Hi. Yld. A Fund	\$1,001 - \$15,000	None		
• Rydex SGISP Sm Cap 600 Pure Val H FD	\$15,001 - \$50,000	None		
• WR Ivy Asst. Strat. Y Fund	\$1,001 - \$15,000	None		
RBC Correspondent Services (see below)				
• USG – USG Corp New*	None		\$2,501 - \$5,000	None
• OCWSB – Warrants of Owns Corning*	None	Capital Gains	\$5,001 - \$15,000	\$1,001 - \$2,500
• SIRI – Sirius XM Radio, Inc. *	None	Capital Gains	\$50,001 - \$100,000	\$100,001 - \$1,000,000
Royal Alliance Acct (closed before 11/30/11)	None	Interest	None	\$1 – 250
Royal Alliance Acct (closed before 11/30/11)	None	Dividends	None	\$1,001 - \$2,500

Royal Alliance Account – Cap Gains (see below)				
• NHYAX – Nuveen High Yield*	None	Capital Gains	None	\$1,001 - \$25,000
• RYTHX – Rydex Tech*	None	Capital Gains	None	\$201 - \$1,000
• FHAIX – Franklin High Income*	None	Capital Gains	None	\$5,001 - \$15,000
• PCVAX – Allianz NFJ Small Cap*	None	Capital Gains	None	\$5,001 - \$15,000
• SGGDX – First Eagle*	None	Capital Gains	None	\$201 - \$1,000
• NHMAX – Nuveen High Yield*	None	Capital Gains	None	\$1 - \$201
• NWGAX – Nuveen Tradewinds*	None	Capital Gains	None	\$2,501 - \$5,000
• RVSX – Rydex S&P Small Cap*	None	Capital Gains	None	\$201 - \$1,000
*all sold prior to 11/30/11				
Plummer Johnson Group, Inc. (10%) Real Estate Management, Fairview Heights, IL	\$15,001 - \$50,000	S Corp Income	\$5,001 - \$15,000	\$5,001 - \$15,000
US Truss Company (15%) Manufacturers Trusses, Springfield, IL	None	S Corp Income	None	None
Celerity, Inc (20%) formerly provide WIFI, Greenville, IL	None	S Corp Income	None	None
The Oaks of Edwardsville (10%) Dissolved in 2010, Real Est. Dev. Edwardsville, IL	None	S Corp Income	None	\$5,001 - \$15,000
Plummer Media, LLC (20%), Edwardsville, IL (see below)				
• 48% Ownership of Giddy Gander LLC, Children’s TV Show, Ridgewood, NJ	None	LLC Income	None	None
Plummer Properties, LLC (25%) Edwardsville, IL (see below)				
• 37.96% Ownership of Stage 2 Networks, LLC, Telecommunications, New York, NY	\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	LLC Income	None	None
Stage 2 Networks LLC (4.05%) Telecommunications, New York, NY	\$250,001 - \$500,000	LLC Income	None	None
ROI Realty Partners, Inc. (100%)	\$50,001 -	S Corp	\$15,001 -	None

Real Estate Sales, Edwardsville, IL	\$100,000	Income	\$50,000	
RP Self Storage (20%), mini storage units, Jacksonville, IL	\$1,001 - \$15,000	LLC Income	None	None
Charleston Development, Inc., (10%), Real Estate held for development (see below)				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>70 acres of land in Madison County, IL, Farm Rent</li> </ul>	\$100,001 - \$250,000	Rent	\$1,001 - \$2,500	\$1,001 to \$2,500
Mt. Zion Properties, Inc., (10%), Real Estate Development, Mt. Zion, IL (see below)				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>17 Residential Lots held for sale, Hunters Pointe Subdivision, Mt. Zion, IL</li> </ul>	\$15,001 - \$50,000	S Corp Income	None	None
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>111 Acres of land being farmed, Farm Rent, Mt. Zion, IL</li> </ul>	\$50,001 - \$100,000	Rent	\$2,501 - \$5,000	\$2,501 - \$5,000
Prairie Crossing, Inc. (10%) Real Estate Development, El Paso, IL (see below)				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>31 Residential Lots held for sale, Prairie Crossing Subdivision, El Paso, IL</li> </ul>	\$50,001 - \$100,000	S Corp Income	None	None
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>16 acres of land being farmed, Farm Rent, El Paso, IL</li> </ul>	\$15,001 - \$50,000	Rent	\$201 - \$1,000	\$201 - \$1,000
Woodland Properties, Inc. (20%) Real Estate Dev. Glen Carbon, IL (see below)				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 residential lots held for sale, Timberwolfe Subdivision, Glen Carbon, IL</li> </ul>	\$1,001 - \$15,000	S Corp Income	\$5,001 - \$15,000	\$5,001 - \$15,000
Savannah Crossing Dev., Inc. (10%) Real Estate Dev., Glen Carbon, IL (see below)				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>35 residential lots held for sale, Savannah Crossing Subdivision, Glen Carbon, IL</li> </ul>	\$100,001 - \$250,000	S Corp Income	None	\$15,001 - \$50,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>65 acres of land being farmed, Farm Rent, Glen Carbon, IL</li> </ul>	\$100,001 - \$250,000	Rent	\$201 - \$1,000	\$201 - \$1,000
Hearthstone Development, Inc (10%) Real Estate Development, Edwardsville, IL (see below)				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>68 Residential lots held for</li> </ul>	\$250,001 -	S Corp	\$2,501 -	None

sale, Hearthstone Subdivision, Edwardsville, IL	\$500,000	Income	\$5,000	
Vicksburg Development, Inc. (10%), Real Estate Development, Madison City, IL (see below)				
• Interest Income	\$1,001 - \$15,000	Interest	\$201 - \$1,000	\$201 - \$1,000
• 60 Residential lots held for sale, Ebbets Field Subdivision, Edwardsville, IL	\$250,001 - \$500,000	S Corp Income	\$50,001 - \$100,000	\$50,001 - \$100,000
• 143 Residential lots held for sale, Homes of Liberty Place Subdivision, Troy, IL	\$250,001 - \$500,000	S Corp Income	\$2,501 - \$5,000	\$5,001 - \$15,000
• 62 acres of land, farm rent, Troy, IL	\$100,001 - \$250,000	Rent	\$1,001 - \$2,500	\$201 - \$1,000
Bluestone Group, LLC (100%), Real Estate Investments, IL (see below)				
• House held for sale, being rented, Glen Carbon, IL	\$100,001 - \$250,000	Rent	\$5,001 - \$15,000	\$5,001 - \$15,000
• House held for sale, being rented, Bethalto, IL	\$100,001 - \$250,000	Rent	\$15,001 - \$50,000	\$5,001 - \$15,000
• Building (Jimmy Johns Restaurant), Lincoln, IL, Building held for rent or sale	\$100,001 - \$250,000	Rent	\$5,001 - \$15,000	None
Plummer General LLC (20%), Real Estate Investment, Southern and Central IL				
• Shopping Center, Carlinville, IL	\$250,001 - \$500,000	Rent	\$15,001 - \$50,000	\$15,001 - \$50,000
• Office Building, Corporate Center, Fairview Heights, IL	\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	Rent	\$100,001 - \$1,000,000	\$100,001 - \$1,000,000
• Office Building – FEP 1, Fairview Heights, IL	\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	Rent	\$100,001 - \$1,000,000	\$100,001 - \$1,000,000
• Office Building – FEP 2, Fairview Heights, IL	\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	Rent	\$50,001 - \$100,000	\$50,001 - \$100,000
• Office Building – FEP 3, Fairview Height, IL	\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	Rent	\$50,001 - \$100,000	\$50,001 - \$100,000
• Office Building – Mark Twin 1, Edwardsville, IL	\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	Rent	\$50,001 - \$100,000	\$100,001 - \$1,000,000
• Office Building – Mark Twain 2, Edwardsville, IL	\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	Rent	\$15,001 - \$50,000	\$100,001 - \$1,000,000
• Office Building – Mark Twain 3, Edwardsville, IL	\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	Rent	\$100,001 - \$1,000,000	\$100,001 - \$1,000,000
Plummer Investments, LLC (30%),				

Real Estate Investment in Illinois & Missouri				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commercial Subdivision, Troy, IL, 33 Lots Plummer Business Park</li> </ul>	\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	LLC Income	None	None
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>22 Acres of Land, Plummer Business Park, Farm Rent</li> </ul>	\$100,001 - \$250,000	Rent	\$2,501 - \$5,000	\$2,501 - \$5,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interest Income</li> </ul>	\$250,001 - \$500,000	Interest	\$2,501 - \$5,000	\$2,501 - \$5,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vacant Lot, Chatham, IL</li> </ul>	\$1,001 - \$15,000	LLC Income	None	None
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Glen Centre 36 Unit Apartment Complex, Glen Carbon, IL</li> </ul>	\$50,001 - \$1,000,000	Rent	\$15,001 - \$50,000	\$15,001 - \$50,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commercial Building – Decatur, IL</li> </ul>	\$250,001 - \$500,000	Rent	\$15,001 - \$50,000	\$15,001 - \$50,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commercial Building, Champaign, IL</li> </ul>	\$250,001 - \$500,000	Rent	\$15,001 - \$50,000	\$15,001 - \$50,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commercial Building, Alton, IL</li> </ul>	\$250,001 - \$500,000	Rent	\$15,001 - \$50,000	\$15,001 - \$50,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commercial Building, Springfield, IL</li> </ul>	\$250,001 - \$500,000	Rent	\$15,001 - \$50,000	\$15,001 - \$50,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Storage Units, Osage Beach, MO</li> </ul>	\$50,001 - \$100,000	Rent	\$5,001 - \$15,000	\$5,001 - \$15,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shopping Center, Plummer Business Park, Troy, IL</li> </ul>	\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	Rent	\$15,001 - \$50,000	\$15,001 - \$50,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Office Building, Maryville, IL</li> </ul>	\$100,001 - \$250,000	Rent	\$15,001 - \$50,000	\$15,001 - \$50,000
Plummer Capital, Inc (100%) Real Estate Investments, Madison Cty, IL (see below)				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investment in New House held for sale, Hearthstone Sub, Edwardsville, IL</li> </ul>	\$250,001 - \$500,000	S Corp Income	None	None
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investment in New House held for sale, Savannah Crossing Sub, Glen Carbon, IL</li> </ul>	\$100,001 - \$250,000	S Corp Income	None	None
Midwest Asset Group, LLC (55%), Real Estate Investment Illinois & Missouri (see below)				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shopping Center, St. Peters, MO</li> </ul>	\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	Rent	\$100,001 – \$1,000,000	None
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shopping Center, Godfrey, IL</li> </ul>	\$1,000,001 -	Rent	\$50,001 -	None

	\$5,000,000		\$100,000	
Plummer Centers, LLC (10%), Real Estate Investment in Sikeston, MO				
• Sikeston Outlet Mall Shopping Center	\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	Rent	None	None
Receivable from Plummer for Illinois Nonfederal Campaign Committee	\$250,001 - \$500,000	None	None	None
Advances made to US Truss Company	\$50,001 - \$100,000	None	None	None
Advances made to Prairie Crossing, Inc	\$1,001 - \$15,000	None	None	None
Advances made to Charleston Development, Inc	\$50,001 - \$10,000	None	None	None
Advances Made to Mt. Zion Properties, Inc.	\$15,001 - \$100,000	None	None	None
Advances made to Savannah Crossing Development, Inc.	\$101,001 - \$250,000	None	None	None
Advances Made to Hearthstone Development, Inc	\$50,001 - \$10,000	None	None	None
Advances made to Plummer Investments, LLC	\$15,001 - \$100,000	None	None	None
Advances made to ROI Realty Partners, Inc.	\$50,001 - \$10,000	None	None	None
Advances made to Bluestone Group, LLC	\$15,001 - \$100,000	None	None	None
Advances made to Plummer Capital, LLC	\$1,001 - \$15,000	None	None	None
Advances made to Midwest Asset Group, LLC	\$101,001 - \$250,000	None	None	None

[2011 Plummer Personal Financial Disclosure, filed 12/23/11]

## Liabilities

Creditor	Type of Liability	Amount
Enterprise Bank, St. Louis, MO	Line of Credit, Unsecured	\$100,001 - \$250,000
The Bank of Edwardsville, Edwardsville, IL	Line of Credit, Unsecured	\$100,001 - \$250,000
The Bank of Edwardsville, Edwardsville, IL	Guarantor for Plummer Capital, Inc., Mortgage of House in Edwardsville, IL	\$100,001 - \$250,000
First National Bank Staunton, Staunton, IL	Guarantor for Bluestone Group, LLC, Mortgage of House in Glen Carbon, IL	\$100,001 - \$250,000
First National Bank Staunton, Staunton, IL	Guarantor for Bluestone Group, LLC, Mortgage of House in	\$100,001 - \$250,000

	Bethalto, IL	
First National Bank Staunton, Staunton, IL	Guarantor for Plummer Capital, Inc., Mortgage of House in Glen Cardon, IL	\$100,001 - \$250,000
First National Bank Staunton, Staunton, IL	Guarantor for Midwest Asset Group, Inc., Mortgage of Shopping Center in St. Peters, MO	\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000
First National Bank Staunton, Staunton, IL	Guarantor for Midwest Asset Group, Inc., Mortgage of Shopping Center in Godfrey, IL	\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000

[2011 Plummer Personal Financial Disclosure, filed 12/23/11]

## Positions

Position	Name of Organization
Secretary / Director	ROI Realty Partners, Inc.
President / Director	Plummer Capital, Inc.
Managing Member	Midwest Asset Group, LLC
Managing Member	Bluestone Group, LLC
Vice-President	Savannah Crossing Development, Inc.
Director	Illinois Lumber and Building Materials Association

[2011 Plummer Personal Financial Disclosure, filed 12/23/11]

## 2009 Statement of Economic Interest

In October 2009, Plummer filed a statement of economic interest with the state of Illinois as part of his campaign for Lt. Governor of Illinois. He listed the following entities in which he had an interest in excess of \$5,000 or from which dividends in excess of \$1,200 were derived in the preceding calendar year:

Business Entity	Instrument of Ownership
Woodland Properties, Inc	Stock Certificates
Vicksburg Development, Inc.	Stock Certificates
Plummer Investments, LLC	Membership Agreement
Plummer General, LLC	Membership Agreement
The Oaks of Edwardsville, Inc.	Stock Certificates
Mt. Zion Properties, Inc.	Stock Certificates
Savannah Crossing Development, Inc.	Stock Certificates
Plummer Properties, LLC	Membership Agreement
Stage 2 Networks, LLC	Membership Agreement
Arcadia Resources, Inc.	Stock Certificates
USG Corporation	Stock Certificates
Ambac Financial Group	Stock Certificates
Prospect Capital Corporation	Stock Certificates
Sirius XM Radio, Inc.	Stock Certificates

E Trade Financial Corporation	Stock Certificates
The Blackstone Group	Stock Certificates
General Electric	Stock Certificates

[Plummer Statement of Economic Interest, 10/23/09]

Plummer listed the following entities doing business in Illinois in which he had received income in excess of \$1,200:

<b>Business Entity</b>	<b>Position Held</b>
Woodland Properties, Inc.	Stock Certificates
Vicksburg Development, Inc.	Stock Certificates
Plummer Investments, LLC	Member
Plummer General, LLC	Member
The Oaks of Edwardsville, Inc.	Stock Certificates
Mt. Zion Properties, Inc.	Stock Certificates
Savannah Crossing Development, Inc.	Stock Certificates

[Plummer Statement of Economic Interest, 10/23/09]

Plummer listed no membership in any professional organization from which income in excess of \$1,200 was derived, nor or any professional services provided for which income exceeded \$5,000. [Plummer Statement of Economic Interest, 10/23/09]

### **Lobbying Ties**

Plummer listed two lobbyists, Barry Johnson and Mary Murphy, whom he maintained “a close economic association” with, both lobbyists for the Illinois Lumber and Material Dealers Association (ILMDA). [Plummer Statement of Economic Interest, 10/23/09]



## Career

The following provides a brief overview of Plummer's professional career.

### Plummer Dependent on Family Businesses

In October 2010, the Chicago Tribune reported that other than his internships, Plummer had never worked anywhere but the family business, RP Lumber. [Chicago Tribune, 10/10/10]

### Vice President at RP Lumber

Plummer is the vice president of RP Lumber. [The Telegraph, [9/27/11](#)]

### Father Founded Lumber Company

Plummer's father, Robert Plummer, founded RP Lumber in Edwardsville in 1977. The company had grown to 44 locations by September 2009, and business holdings including RLP Development in Edwardsville and Prudential Realty One real estate. [Belleville News-Democrat, 9/08/09]

### Lumber Company Employed 390 in 2000

According to the St. Louis Business Journal in 2000, RP Lumber employed 390 people at its 22 lumberyards in Illinois and Missouri. [St. Louis Business Journal, 3/27/00]

### Top 150 Privately Held Companies

In 2002, RP Lumber was listed as one of the top 150 largest privately held companies in the United States by St. Louis Business Journal. The company's employment had grown to 425, one-third of whom were located in Missouri. [St. Louis Business Journal, 3/29/00]

### RP Lumber Named in Personal Injury Lawsuit

In May 2011, William Harrelson filed a personal injury lawsuit against Louisville Ladder and RP Lumber after he fractured his ankles in a fall from a ladder. RP Lumber sold the ladder, which Harrelson claimed had a damaged side rail and missing bolts and screws. Harrelson was seeking a judgment of more than \$400,000. [Madison County Record, 5/04/11]

As of January 2012, the case is still open. [Madison County Circuit Clerk, case 2011L000367, accessed 1/31/12]

### Ex-Worked Claims RP Lumber Wrongfully Terminated Him

In December 2009, Jeffery Harbison filed a lawsuit against RP Lumber for firing him after he filed a workers' compensation claim from an on the job injury. [Madison Record, [12/16/09](#)]

The case was dismissed on January 1, 2011. [Madison County Circuit Clerk, case 2009L001346, accessed 1/31/12]

## **Father's Business Included Shopping Center Streets Named after Plummer**

In June 2010, the [State Journal-Register](#) reported that RLP Development, whose principal owner was Plummer's father, had designed the Foxx Creek Plaza shopping center in Chatham, Illinois. The shopping center included roads Jason Place and Plummer Boulevard. Plummer said he had been 11 or 12 when the plaza was designed. [[State-Journal Register](#), 6/06/10]

### **Development Founded in 1988**

RLP Development was founded in 1988 as a developer of residential homes and later expanded into commercial offices, professional and industrial parks. [[State-Journal Register](#), 6/06/10]

### **Residents Praised Decision that Denied Zoning for the Independence Place Development**

The Glen Carbon Planning and Zoning Board denied the proposal for the 316-unit multifamily Independence Place development off of Old Troy Road and Bouse Roads. RLP partnered with TWM Inc. to create Independence JV LLC, the development company that proposed the plan which included two-family villas, a clubhouse and a pool. Fairfield subdivision residents said that they felt the area was being overdeveloped, and "applauded" the zoning board decision. [[Belleville News-Democrat](#), 8/8/07; [St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#), 4/12/07]

### **RLP Was Denied Permission to Purchase a Church and Turn It into Office Space**

In 2006, the city of Edwardsville and RLP were unable to reach an agreement on parking for a proposed office building in at 201 St. Louis St. in Edwardsville. RLP hoped to buy the site, which housed the St. John's United Methodist Church, and turn it into office space. [[Belleville News-Democrat](#), 5/28/06]

### **RLP Purchased 79 Acres from Bethalto for \$1.6 Million in 2005**

The company gave the town another \$100,000 to be used for park development as part of the agreement. The company planned to build "upscale" houses on the land upon which the city had also considered building a municipal golf course. RLP was the only bidder on the land. [[St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#), 9/16/04]

### **Town of Hamel Said that RLP Developments Should Pay School Impact Fees**

In 2004, the mayor of Hamel said that developments like RLP's Saddle Wood in Hamel should pay school district impact fees. Robert Plummer opposed the fees, saying the development should not be blamed for the school district's problems. Districts wanted to charge as much as \$3,000 per new home. [[Belleville News-Democrat](#), 5/2/04]

## **Managing Partner at Midwest Asset Group LLC**

Plummer is the managing partner for Midwest Asset Group LLC of Edwardsville. [[The Telegraph](#), 9/27/11]

## **Purchased Shopping Center**

In September 2011, Midwest Asset Group purchased the Monticello Plaza Shopping Center in Godfrey, Illinois. [[The Telegraph](#), 9/27/11]

## **Father is Chairman of Local Bank**

Plummer's father, Robert L. Plummer, is chairman of the Bank of Edwardsville, a small town outside of St. Louis. Plummer does not list any ties to the Bank on his financial disclosure forms. [[Chicago Tribune](#), 10/10/10; Plummer Statement of Economic Interest, 10/23/09; 2011 Plummer Personal Financial Disclosure, filed 12/23/11]

## **Stressed Business Experience in Run**

In September 2009, Plummer stressed his business experience in his run for public office. "I've got a lot of experience that is necessary. I've run a business, I've worked in the private sector, I have the experience to run an organization successfully," said Plummer. [[Belleville News-Democrat](#), 9/15/09]

## **Claimed to Found Wireless Internet Company**

In February 2010, Plummer told the [State Journal-Register](#) that he started a wireless Internet company, Celerity, before graduating from college. It had customers in five or six counties and has since been sold to another firm. [[State Journal-Register](#), 2/11/10]

## **Headline: "Nominee for GOP seat touts experience, but comes up short"**

In February 2010, the [Chicago Tribune](#) investigated Plummer's background. The paper noted that while he claimed to found a wireless Internet provider while in college, public records show it was his father's and Plummer was never listed as an officer. [[Chicago Tribune](#), 2/14/10]

## **Defended Ties to Company**

"I assure you I owned a big portion of that company," Plummer said. "It was my idea. I was very actively involved in that." Plummer also claimed he was a vice president of the firm, but corporate records filed with the state show a different person serving as a vice-president of Celerity. [[Chicago Tribune](#), 2/14/10]

## **Plummer Said His Father "Had Nothing to Do with Day-to-Day Management."**

When asked how involved he was in the forming of Celerity, Plummer said he was "very involved." He said, "I was not the only owner. My father was an owner, but I was also an owner." Plummer also said, "I was the one that started the company. I operated it, you know, and I stayed involved with the company." He said that while his father was "listed as president," he "had nothing to do with day-to-day management of" the company. [[WTTW's "Chicago Tonight"](#), 2/25/10]

## **Confusing Timeline on When Company Was Sold**

In late January, Plummer claimed he still ran the wireless Internet company, but he later told the Chicago Tribune in February 2010 that he sold it last August or September. State records recorded no sale, according to the Chicago Tribune. [Chicago Tribune, 2/14/10]

### **Interned for Senator Fitzgerald, Heritage Foundation**

During college, Plummer interned for Senator Peter Fitzgerald of Illinois and the conservative Heritage Foundation. [Chicagoland, 12/16/09]

### **May Have Interned in District Office**

According to the Belleville News-Democrat, Plummer “for two years performed outreach office in Fitzgerald’s office for Southern Illinois.” [Belleville News-Democrat, 1/25/10]

### **Was Not Paid by Fitzgerald**

According to public records from Legistorm, Plummer was never paid by Senator Fitzgerald’s office. [Legistorm, accessed [1/04/12](#)]

### **Was Paid by Heritage**

According to the State Journal-Register, Plummer was a full-time, paid intern at the Heritage Foundation. [State Journal-Register, 2/11/10]

### **Defended Biography in Campaign Lit**

In February 2010, the State Journal-Register reported that Plummer was being questioned for a campaign biography that claimed he worked for Senator Peter Fitzgerald of Illinois and the conservative Heritage Foundation without mentioning that he was an intern in both jobs. “There's been a whole lot of things that I've done in my life that aren't on the biography,” Plummer responded. “I think that my biography is probably understated, to be honest with you.” [State Journal-Register, 2/11/10]

### **Heritage Internship was “Making Copies”**

According to Brian Darling, a Heritage Foundation official, interns like Plummer spend a lot of their time “dragging around food for meetings and making copies.” [State Journal-Register, 2/11/10]

### **Was Intelligence Officer in Navy Reserve**


During his run for Lt. Governor in 2010, Plummer listed being an intelligence officer in the U.S. Navy Reserves as one of his current jobs, in addition to being Vice President for Corporate Development of his family’s company, RP Lumber. [Chicagoland, 12/16/09]

### **Commission was Three Year Process**

In an October 2010 debate with Democrat Sheila Simon, Plummer was asked about his background. Plummer said he was an intelligence officer in the U.S. Navy Reserves. When questioned about how recent that position had started, Plummer defended himself by saying that it was a three year process to get the commission. [Illinois Lt. Governor debate, accessed [1/10/12](#)]

### **Commissioned as an Ensign in September**

In February 2010, the Chicago Tribune reported that Plummer's commission as an ensign came only three days after announcing plans to run for office. Navy records showed he had not undergone any training for the intelligence post at the time. [Chicago Tribune, 2/14/10]



## Political Career

This section provides an overview of Plummer's political career, from 2006 to 2012.

### Served in Illinois Student Senate

While attending the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Plummer served on the Illinois Student Senate, the "Official Voice of the Student Body." For some time he served as Vice-President Internal. [Illinois Student Senate, accessed [2/01/12](#); Illini for the Troops, accessed [2/01/12](#)]

### Ran for Madison County GOP Chairman in 2006

In March 2006, the Chairman of the Madison County Republicans announced he would step down in April at the end of a two-year term. The [Belleville News-Democrat](#) reported that Jason Plummer, then an executive with JP Lumber Co. in Edwardsville, expressed interest in the job. [[Belleville News-Democrat](#), 3/28/06]

### Opened New Campaign Office in Edwardsville

In September 2006, the Madison County Republican Party opened a new headquarters in Edwardsville in the University Pointe II Shopping Center, 1013 Century Drive. Congressman John Shimkus also had an office in the new headquarters. [[Belleville News-Democrat](#), 9/29/06]

### Profited from GOP Chairmanship through Family Business

In February 2010, the [Chicago Tribune](#) revealed that as Madison County Republican chairman he oversaw the opening of a GOP office in a strip mall owned by one of his family's businesses, which received more than \$13,000 in rent. [[Chicago Tribune](#), 2/14/10]

### Also Paid for Phone Services Linked to Plummer

The Madison County Republican party also paid almost \$500 for phone services to a firm in which Plummer was an investor. The party closed the headquarters after he left his job as chairman. [[Chicago Tribune](#), 2/14/10]

### Claimed He Recused Himself from Process

Plummer claimed he had recused himself from the site selection process and notified the committee of his family's interest in the property. He also said he let party officials know of his ties to the phone service company. [[Chicago Tribune](#), 2/14/10]

### Delegate for Romney in 2007

In October 2007, Romney announced his slate of delegates for the Illinois primary on February 5, 2008. Plummer was a delegate for Romney in the 19<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. [[Romney Press Release](#), 10/04/07]

## Announced Run for Lt. Governor in 2009

In September 2009, Plummer announced that he would run for the position of Illinois Lt. Governor in 2010. [[Belleville News-Democrat](#), 9/08/09]

## Campaign Ads Emphasized Conservative Credentials

During the Republican primary for Lt. Governor, Plummer released at least four ads emphasizing his conservative credentials. The ads called “Plummer a conservative Republican businessman, experienced at creating meaningful jobs.” Another promised that he would “end the monkey business.” [Plummer TV ads, via youtube.com, accessed [1/09/12](#)]

## Won Republican Primary

Plummer won the Republican primary held on February 2, 2010.

2010 Republican Primary		
Illinois Lt. Governor		
Candidate	Votes	Percent
Jason Plummer	238,169	33.98%
Matt Murphy	233,572	33.33%
Don Tracy	80,116	11.43%
Brad Cole	61,317	8.75%
Dennis Cook	55,339	7.90%
Randy A. White	32,343	4.62%

[Illinois State Board of Elections, accessed [1/31/12](#)]

## Editorial: Criticized for Buzz Words, No Specifics

In a [Chicago Sun-Times](#) editorial by political editor Carol Marin, Plummer was criticized for offering just “buzz words” instead of specific policy proposals. Marin also said that Plummer needed more candor in explaining his resume, which she called “a bit inflated.” [[Chicago Sun-Times](#), Carol Marin editorial, 4/28/11]

## Looked Forward to Being “Next Massachusetts”

In March 2010, Plummer said that his campaign would build on Republican victories in 2009.

“The people are speaking across this nation. They spoke in New Jersey, then Virginia and then in Massachusetts. I’m looking forward to being the next Massachusetts and getting all our Republicans elected,” said Plummer. [[Illinois Republican Party press release](#), 3/15/10]

## Chicago Sun Times: Plummer “Unqualified”

A [Chicago Sun-Times](#) editorial in October 2010 heavily criticized Plummer’s lack of experience:

The Democratic candidate, Sheila Simon, is well-qualified. The Republican candidate, Jason Plummer, is unqualified. It is ludicrous that he is on the ballot. This might not matter if lieutenant governors always remained lieutenant governors, doing a job that has almost no responsibilities. In ordinary times, the lieutenant governor is free to sleep late every morning and play golf every afternoon, and no one will notice . . .

Contrast this substantial record of achievement to the hiccup of a resume offered by Plummer.

He is 28, a graduate of the University of Illinois, and has served 15 months as an officer in the U.S. Naval Reserve.

Other than that, best we can tell, Plummer works for his dad.

He is vice president of the family lumber company, RP Lumber.

Even less impressive than Plummer's record of achievement is a certain unearned cockiness he projects, something we picked up on earlier this month when he met with the Chicago Sun-Times editorial board. We were reminded of the old joke -- he was born on third base and thought he hit a triple. [[Chicago Sun-Times](#), editorial, 10/26/10]

### **Skipped Debates with Opponent**

By October 2010, Plummer missed three appearances with his opponent, Democrat Sheila Simon, including a debate in October 2010 at WMAQ-TV studios in Chicago. The other missed appearances were a health care policy forum in October and a forum with the Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence in March. [[Associated Press](#), 10/21/10]

#### **Plummer Claimed Simon Also Skipped Events**

Plummer countered that he had attended events where he thought Simon was going to attend also but she didn't show up. He didn't specify which events. [[Associated Press](#), 10/21/10]

### **“Proud Conservative, Strongly Pro-Life, Pro-Gun and Anti-Tax”**

According to Human Events, Plummer is “a proud conservative, strongly pro-life, pro-gun and anti-tax.” [[Human Events](#), 10/27/11]

### **Blanked During an Interview on WTTW**

During an interview on WTTW's “Chicago Tonight,” Plummer was asked what he would cut to balance the budget. Plummer said:

Well, I think you have to look at several things. I think you have to look at merging certain programs, I think you have to look at the Medicaid program, I think you have to



look at the way that that's structured. I think you have to look at, what I like to call, really the – a lot of people say when it comes to Medicaid that 10 to 12 to 15 percent of it is fraudulent. Why aren't we investigating that? There's savings there. Why aren't we looking at programs like...

Plummer pauses and remains silent for roughly 10 seconds, after which interviewer Phil Ponce suggests "education programs." Plummer said, "No" and continued in silence before Ponce said, "You're blanking," and changed the subject. [WTTW's "Chicago Tonight," 2/25/10, via youtube.com, accessed [1/31/12](#)]

### **Columnist Zorn Criticized Plummer for Saying He Would "Look" at the Issues.**

In his column following Plummer's interview on WTTW, Eric Zorn wrote:

In a way it's the perfect verb for a prospective lite gov, who will probably spend four years looking at but not touching the legislative process in Springfield, where he will be a highly paid cipher. What possible difference could it make, after all, which 'certain programs' he might want to examine for their merger potential? Still, those running for a real office ought to look at forswearing 'look at' statements during the upcoming campaign. Most of them have it backward. Look at the issues, then tell us what you're going to do." [Chicago Tribune, Eric Zorn op-ed, 2/28/10]

### **Defeated in 2010**

The Republican ticket for Governor and Lt. Governor was defeated in the 2010 general election

<b>2010 General Election</b>		
<b>Illinois Governor – Lt. Governor Ticket</b>		
<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Pat Quinn - Sheila Simon (D)	1,745,219	46.89%
Bill Brady - Jason Plummer (R)	1,713,385	45.94%
Scott Cohen - Baxter Swiley (I)	135,705	3.64%
Rich Whitney - Don Crawford (G)	100,756	2.70%
Lex Green - Ed Rutledge (L)	34,681	0.93%

[Illinois State Board of Elections, accessed [1/31/12](#)]

### **Weighed Primary Challenge to Neighboring Republican**

In October 2011, Alex Isenstadt of Politico reported that Plummer was weighing a primary challenge to Rep. Tim Johnson. A source told Isenstadt that Plummer was conducting polling in both the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> districts before making a decision. [Politico, [10/06/11](#)]

### **Planned to Move To Run**

In October 2011, Plummer announced that he would move into the Illinois 12<sup>th</sup> District in order to run for Congress. At the time he lived in the new 13<sup>th</sup> District. [State Journal-Register, 10/15/11]

## **Signed Lease on Duplex in O’Fallon**

In October 2011, Plummer signed a one-year lease on a duplex in O’Fallon. He said he planned on continuing to live within the 12<sup>th</sup> District regardless of the results of the election. [[Belleville News-Democrat](#), 10/25/11]

## **Home Described as “Villa at Lake St. Ellen”**

The property where Plummer now claims to reside at is part of a development listed as a “luxury villa” next to the Lake St. Ellen. [Osborne Properties, accessed [1/31/12](#)]

## **Running for Congress Because “Chicago-Style Corruption Has Been Exported to Washington”**

In October 2011, Plummer said, “I ran for lieutenant governor last year with the goal of tackling Chicago-style corruption in Springfield. Now I want to take that goal to a higher level because Chicago-style corruption has been exported to Washington. So running for Congress is the perfect opportunity to help clean up the mess.” [[Human Events](#), [10/27/11](#)]

## **Put “On the Radar” by National Republicans**

In February 2012, Plummer was declared an “On the Radar” candidate by the National Republican Congressional Campaign Committee. The designation is the second step in the NRCC’s “Young Guns” program. [[Belleville News-Democrat](#), 2/09/12]

## **Promised \$1 Million in Support from DC Special Interests**

In December 2011, the [Chicago Daily Observer](#) reported that Plummer was promised \$1 million in support from the NRCC. [[Chicago Daily Observer](#), [12/27/11](#)]

## **Denied Using Negative Campaign Tactics against Primary Opponent**

In March 2012 following the Illinois primary, Plummer denied his campaign used negative tactics to defeat Roger Cook, his primary opponent. According to the [Belleville News-Democrat](#), the Plummer campaign “blitzed district mailboxes with fliers accusing [his primary opponent], while still Belleville mayor in the 1990s, of giving sweetheart deals to a Belleville bank in return for a job after leaving office.” Plummer’s opponent denied the allegations.

On the morning after the primary, Plummer denied that his campaign had gone negative. “I think there is a difference between negative and factual,” said Plummer. “At the end of the day, if you look at everything we did on radio, TV, the newspapers and at the mailbox, we ran an extraordinarily positive campaign. We only responded once it became negative elsewhere.” [[Belleville News-Democrat](#), [3/25/12](#)]

## **Planned to Run a Positive Campaign**

In March 2012, Plummer said “he would run a positive campaign, but added that Democrats’ bad public policy has killed the metro-east and Harriman is not going to bring jobs back to the area.” [[Belleville News-Democrat, 3/21/12](#)]

### Received Senator Mark Kirk Endorsement

In January 2012, Senator Kirk announced his endorsement of Jason Plummer in IL-12. [[Belleville News Democrat, 1/17/12](#)]

### Endorsed and Called “the Future” by Rep. Shimkus

In February 2012, Rep. Shimkus endorsed Plummer as the GOP candidate for IL-12. Shimkus said he endorsed Plummer because of his business success and capacity for cutting the national debt and the federal deficit, as well as his opposition to the Affordable Care Act. “What we want to do is bring more people to Washington to continue to fight that fight,” Shimkus said. “I think Jason is the future.” Plummer called the endorsement “massively important.” [[Belleville News Democrat, 02/14/12](#)]

### Past Campaign Contributions

Plummer has made the following federal and state campaign contributions:

#### Federal Donations

Recipient	Date	Amount
Shimkus, John M.	9/19/06	\$200

[Federal Election Commission, accessed 1/31/12]

#### State Donations

Recipient	Date	Amount
Plummer For Illinois	1/26/10	\$25,000
Plummer For Illinois	1/19/10	\$125,000
Plummer For Illinois	1/06/10	\$150,000
Plummer For Illinois	9/23/09	\$50,000
Americans For Allen Adomite	10/01/06	\$151.01
Americans For Allen Adomite	10/01/06	\$0.99
JustPAC	9/20/06	\$200

[Illinois State Board of Elections, accessed 1/31/12]

## Ethical Issues

### Significant Findings

- ✓ *Used GOP Chairmanship to Profit Family Business*
- ✓ *Refused to Release Tax Returns in both 2010 and 2012*

**In his short career, Plummer has had several ethical lapses. As the Madison County Republican Chairman, he oversaw the opening of a local county GOP office in a strip mall owned by one of his family's business. Both the rent and the phone services profited businesses linked to Plummer. In 2010, Plummer was the only major statewide candidate to refuse to release his tax returns. In 2012, Plummer again refused to release his tax returns.**

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#### **Claimed He Recused Himself from Process**

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### **Other Candidates Released Tax Forms**

In April 2010, the Republican candidate for Governor Bill Brady agreed to release his tax returns, following earlier releases by his Democratic opponent Pat Quinn and his running mate, Sheila Simon. At the time, Plummer was on active duty and a spokesperson said a decision to release his returns would be made a month later. [[Chicago Sun-Times](#), 4/21/10]

#### **Plummer Refused**

In May 2010, Plummer announced that he had decided he would not release his tax returns, calling the questions about tax information a distraction from real issues. [[Chicago Daily Herald](#), 5/19/10]

### **Chicago Sun-Times Editorial Criticized Stance**

The [Chicago Sun-Times](#) criticized Plummer's refusal to release his tax information. The paper noted that the Republican candidate for Governor revealed that he did not owe federal taxes for two years, despite being wealthy, because of businesses losses. "Plummer, who also is wealthy, might well wish to keep the details of his family's extensive businesses private," wrote the editorial. [[Chicago-Sun Times](#), editorial, 5/20/10]

### **State-Journal Register Concerned**

A [State-Journal Register](#) editorial expressed concern over Plummer's refusal to release his tax returns:

Plummer is a complete unknown. He is 27 years old and does not have an extensive record on which the public can judge him. He has said he will not draw a salary if elected. That's a nice gesture, but it also invites the inevitable question of what he will live on without a state salary. Let's not forget that some of the testimony in the George Ryan trial focused on Ryan always having money but not having bank records showing where it came from. [[State-Journal Register](#), 5/26/10]

### **Did Not Believe Financial Status was Relevant**

Plummer defended his decision to withhold his income tax returns from Illinois voters. "I don't think a person's economic status, their financial status, should be a standard for whether or not they can run for office," said Plummer. "I've never voted for anyone because they're rich or poor, white collar or blue collar. I vote on the person and the policies." [[Associated Press](#), 5/21/10]

### **Republican Mark Kirk Criticized Plummer**

In July 2010, Republican Senate candidate Rep. Mark Kirk criticized Plummer for not making his tax returns available to the public. "All statewide officeholders should release their returns ... and candidates," said Kirk. [[Chicagoland](#), 7/07/10]

### **Editorial: Plummer's Refusal Demonstrated Lack of Leadership**

In October 2010, political editor Carol Marin of the [Chicago Sun-Times](#) wrote an editorial adding to the complaints over Plummer's refusal to release his tax returns. Marin claimed he didn't need to because he was coming from the private sector, not the public sector, and he already complied with the minimum disclosures required by the law. She criticized this defense, saying, "leadership means doing more than the minimum required." [[Chicago Sun-Times](#), Carol Marin editorial, 10/06/10]

## **2012: Republican Opponent Called for Disclosure**

In February 2012, Republican Rodger Cook, a candidate for the GOP nomination in the Illinois 12<sup>th</sup> district, called for all candidates running for state and federal office to release their tax returns to ensure transparency. [[Belleville News-Democrat](#), 2/21/12]

### **Other Republican Released Returns**

Theresa Kormos, another Republican running in the primary, had previously allowed the media to examine her and her husband's joint federal tax returns. [[Belleville News-Democrat](#), 2/21/12]

### **Plummer Again Refuses**

Plummer released a press statement in response to Cook, saying he agreed that voters “want to know where you get your money, where your money is invested, and what kind of financial relationships you have. They should want to know these things, it is tremendously important information.” But Plummer refused to release his tax return, saying that the personal financial disclosure he filled out contained sufficient information. [[Belleville News-Democrat](#), 2/22/12]

### **Pledged to Disclose Campaign Contributions**

During December 2009 a debate in the Republican primary for Lt. Governor, Plummer pledged to post his campaign contributions on his campaign website by the end of the year, weeks in advance of the state-mandated reporting before the February 2<sup>nd</sup> primary. The contributions were posted on his website in January before the primary. [[Chicago Daily Herald](#), 12/18/09; [Edwardsville Intelligencer](#), 1/06/10]

### **Republican Primary Opponent Called for a Release of Tax Returns**

In February 2012, Rodger Cook, one of the three Republicans running for the nomination in IL-12, called upon all candidates to release their tax returns. “What we’re talking about today is open government, transparency, accessibly,” said Cook. [[Belleville News-Democrat](#), [2/22/12](#)]

### **Again, Plummer Refused to Release His Tax Returns**

Plummer's campaign issued a statement that he could stand by his policy against releasing his tax returns, becoming the only candidate in the five person field running for Illinois' 12<sup>th</sup> Congressional district to refuse. [[St. Louis Post Dispatch](#), [2/23/12](#)]

### **And Again, Plummer Refused to Release His Tax Returns**

In March 2012, Plummer's campaign again refused to release his tax returns, issuing a statement calling the issue “a distraction.” [[St. Louis Post Dispatch](#), [3/09/12](#)]

### **Plummer Claims “Most Transparent Campaign While Refusing to Release Tax Returns**

In February 2012, Plummer told the St. Louis Post Dispatch that his is “the most transparent campaign in the race” because it has released a personal financial disclosure form that lists assets and holdings, and has disclosed the names of his campaign donors. [St. Louis Post Dispatch, 2/23/12]

### **Editorial: Belleville News-Democrat Wondered if Plummer Has Something to Hide**

In a February 2012 editorial, the Belleville News-Democrat urged Plummer to release his taxes. “The more Plummer refuses, the more it makes you wonder if he has something to hide ... Plummer needs to release his tax returns.” [Belleville News-Democrat, 2/25/12]

### **Claimed Voters “Not Concerned” with Tax Return**

In March 2012, the Plummer campaign claimed that voters were “not concerned” by the fact Plummer refused to release his tax returns.

The campaign statement said “The issue of releasing individual tax returns is far too often used as a distraction by those who do not have real solutions to the problems the voters care about. The voters in Southern Illinois are not concerned with how much Mr. Plummer paid in taxes as an individual last year.” [StLToday, 3/09/12]

### **Poll Shows Illinois Voters Want More Information on Candidates Taxes**

More than half of Illinois voters want more information on politicians’ finances, according to a poll by the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute at SIU Carbondale. The survey, conducted in late February, revealed 65 percent of voters were not satisfied with the information they had on elected officials’ finances. [The Southern, 3/16/12]

### **Raised Over \$400,000, Mostly From Family**

In January 2010, the State Journal-Register reported that Plummer had raised about \$430,000, with about \$375,000 coming from himself and others in his family. The total included a \$50,000 loan to himself in September, at least \$100,000 loaned from his family’s business, RP Lumber, and a \$200,000 loan from his father, Robert Plummer. [State Journal-Register, 1/07/10]

### **Claimed Self-Fundraising Would Mean Independence**

Plummer’s spokesperson John Pastuovic said the self-fundraising would mean Plummer would be independent. “We made a decision early on that we were going to pretty much follow [former Senator] Peter Fitzgerald’s road map for fundraising and self-fund,” said Pastuovic. “We can assure our independence moving forward.” [State Journal-Register, 1/07/10]

### **Won Primary with \$1.31 Million Self-Funded**

In February 2010, Chicagoland reported the Plummer raised \$1.45 million in his successful Republican primary contest, with about \$1.31 million coming from himself, his family, and their lumber business. [Chicagoland, 2/04/10]

## **Accused of Political Opportunism by Primary Opponent**

At a GOP candidate forum in May 2012, Roger Cook accused Plummer of political opportunism. Cook, Plummer's primary opponent said, "I asked [Plummer] 'are you looking to get back in, since Gerry Costello retired? [Plummer] said [he]'d do polling!"

Plummer responded to the charge and said "I make the decision based on numbers and reality and the opportunities for the Republican Party." [YouTube, [3/09/12](#)]

### **...Then Accused Opponent of Taking Money from Democrats**

At a GOP candidate forum in May 2012, Plummer accused primary opponent Rodger Cook of taking money from the "Democrat Central Committee." [YouTube, [3/09/12](#)]

## **Background with Conservative Groups Including the Heritage Foundation**

According to "Ourcampaigns.com" Plummer has previously interned with Senator Peter Fitzgerald as well as with the Heritage Foundation in Washington, DC. Plummer has since returned to Illinois and served as Vice President for Corporate Development at his families' lumber business, RP Lumber.

At his family business, Plummer has concentrated on property acquisition, commercial property management, light industrial expansion, warehousing and residential subdivision development. He said his most recent projects included the development of a hotel, revitalization of a retail shopping center and a new RP Lumber in Lincoln, IL. [Ourcampaigns.com, Accessed [11/16/11](#)]



## Abortion and Family Planning Issues

### Significant Findings

✓ *Pro-Life, With Exceptions*

**Plummer is opposed to abortion, but with some exceptions if the life of the mother is at risk.**

### **Opposed Abortion, But With Exceptions**

During the campaign, Plummer said he opposed abortion but would support an exception if the life of the mother was at risk. [[Chicago Daily Herald](#), 9/20/10]

### **Defended Pro-Life Position, But Claimed He Wouldn't Tell People How to Live**

In March 2012, Plummer defended his pro-life position at a Republican forum by noting he was the only one of the three candidates to be endorsed by pro-life groups. But Plummer then claimed that at “the end of the day I’m not going to tell people how to live each and every part of their life.” [[Belleville News-Democrat](#), 3/10/12]

Plummer said “I will always vote pro-life ... but there’s personal situations that people have, and I find it very frightening with other people try to make decisions for them without standing in their shoes.” [YouTube, [3/09/12](#)]

### **Fought Republican Opponent Over Pro-Life Endorsement**

In March 2012, Plummer attacked the Family Political Action Committee, which endorsed his Republican opponent Rodger Cook, by alleging that the organization demanded payment for its political endorsement. Cook refuted the charge, saying “Rodger Cook didn’t pay anything to Family PAC.” [[Belleville News-Democrat](#), 3/10/12]

### **Pro-Life Group Demanded Apology**

In 2012, the pro-life group FamilyPAC demanded an apology from Plummer after he accused them of trading endorsements for cash. FamilyPAC executive director, Paul Caprio, had implied he would sue unless Plummer offered the apology. Caprio called the accusation “defamatory.”

Plummer claimed the group’s executive director, Paul Caprio, based his group’s endorsement on contributions from candidates. Plummer said that a FamilyPAC endorsement “is not an endorsement you earn. That is an endorsement you buy.” Caprio emphatically denied the claim. [[St. Louis Post Dispatch](#), [3/13/12](#)]

## **Accused of Threatening Revenge against FamilyPAC**

Caprio accused Plummer of threatening revenge against FamilyPAC. In 2009, Plummer unsuccessfully sought the group's endorsement in his run for Lieutenant Governor. Caprio claimed that, upon learning of his failure to secure the group's support, Plummer called Caprio to express dissatisfaction. According to Caprio "He was very irate. He was threatening, 'I'm never going to forget this, I'm going to get back at you.'" [[St. Louis Post Dispatch, 3/13/12](#)]

## **Primary Opponent Joined Call for Apology**

Rodger Cook joined Caprio's call for an apology from Plummer. [[Belleville News Democrat, 3/14/12](#)]

## **Plummer Refused to Apologize**

Plummer did not accede to Cook's demand for an apology, referring to the controversy as "the politics as usual Mr. Cook is putting forth." [[Belleville News Democrat, 3/14/12](#)]

## **Described Contraception Debate as "Silly"**

In March 2012, Plummer said the contraception debate was "silly." "I think it's a perfect example of why Congress is not well liked by the American public ... the contraceptives issue is not a contraceptives issue, it's a constitutional question," said Plummer. [[WSIU Interview, 3/09/12](#)]

## Budget Issues

### Significant Findings

- ✓ *Supports Republican Balanced Budget Amendment*

**Plummer has taken few stances on national fiscal issues. He supported the proposed Republican Balanced Budget Amendment. In 2012 he was unable to provide a specific answer to a question regarding how he would work to maintain the solvency of the Social Security program.**

### Supported Balanced Budget Amendment

On his campaign website, Plummer said he supported a balanced budget amendment as part of his plan for deficit reduction. [Plummer for Congress website, accessed [1/12/12](#)]

#### Would Have Voted for Republican Plan

In November 2011, Plummer tweeted his support for a proposed balanced budget amendment before the House of Representatives. “This week the national debt eclipsed \$15T. Today the House failed to pass a balanced budget amendment. I'd be one more YES vote for a BBA!,” said Plummer’s Twitter account. [Twitter.com, accessed [1/13/12](#)]

### Gave No Specific Answer to Potential Social Security Insolvency

In March 2012, when asked by the Bellville News-Democrat how he could maintain the solvency of the Social Security program, Plummer gave no specific answer. Instead, Plummer said lowering the unemployment rate would fix the program.

“One of the best ways to make sure the program is solvent is to grow the economy,” Plummer wrote. [Belleville News-Democrat, [3/11/2](#)]

#### Referenced Allowing Younger Workers to Opt Out

In the same interview, Plummer referenced allowing younger workers to opt out of the system as a way to save the program. “We also need to give younger workers an option to invest in their own retirement,” Plummer said. [Belleville News-Democrat, [3/11/2](#)]

### Called it “Intellectually Dishonest” to Suggest Deficit Can Be Closed Without Entitlement Reform

At a GOP candidate forum in March 2012, Plummer said it was “intellectually dishonest” to suggest that the federal deficit can be closed without entitlement reform. “Anyone who tells you, you can fix the federal deficit without touching entitlements it being intellectually dishonest,” said Plummer. [Republican candidates forum, via Youtube, [3/09/12](#)]

### **Opposed Stopgap Spending Measure**

In March 2011, Plummer tweeted his opposition to a stopgap spending measure before the House of Representatives. “All Republicans should be voting against the stopgap spending bills. Leaders make tough decisions,” said Plummer’s Twitter account. [Twitter.com, accessed [1/13/12](#)]

### **Opposed Cutting Military Spending**

In March 2012, Plummer said he was against cutting military spending. Plummer said “The only reason we talk about this is a bunch of politicians in Washington couldn’t make tough decisions ... As your Congressman I will make tough decisions, and the men and women in uniform won’t be number one on the chopping block.” [WSIU, [3/09/12](#)]

### **Would Eliminate Salary**

In running for Lt. Governor, Plummer said during a January 2010 Republican primary debate that he would cut his own salary to zero and would take no pay until the state’s unemployment rate drops below 10 percent. [[State Journal-Register](#), 1/08/10]

### **Criticized Proposal to Eliminate Lt. Governor’s Office**

In February 2010, Plummer criticized a proposal by Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan to abolish the Lt. Governor’s Office. “The lieutenant governor would just be another job lost under Mike Madigan and the Democratic leadership,” said Plummer. [[Chicago Sun Times](#), 2/11/10]

### **Contrasted Tea Party and Occupy Wall Street**

In November 2011, Plummer contrasted the differences he saw between the Tea Party and Occupy Wall Street. “2012 could be seen as an intellectual movement on one side and a misguided anarchy group on the other,” said Palmer. The [Telegraph](#) characterized Plummer’s statements as viewing the Tea Party as pursuing a calm, deliberate discussion of issues, while the Occupy movement had no legitimate policy push in his mind. He said their protests have developed into chaos at points. [[Telegraph](#), 11/13/11]

### **Claimed U.S. is Paying for the Expansion of the Chinese Army**

At a Tea Party debate in January 2012, Plummer said he believes that by paying off our debt to China, the U.S. is funding the expansion of the Chinese Army. [[Williamson County Daily Republican](#), [1/23/12](#)]

### **Quoted Herbert Hoover on National Debt**

At the Right Nation 2010 convention in September 2010, Plummer defended his age and quoted President Herbert Hoover. “President Herbert Hoover said it best. He once said, ‘Blessed are the young, for they shall inherit the national debt,’” said Plummer. [Jason Plummer at Right Nation, via youtube.com, accessed [1/10/12](#)]

### **Defended Role of Federal Government in Disaster Relief**

At a GOP candidate forum in March 2012, Plummer defended the role of state and federal government in disaster relief at a primary debate. He listed disaster relief along with transportation and national defense as “core roles” of government. [WSIU Interview, [3/09/12](#)]

### **Said “Not All Earmarks Are Bad Earmarks”**

At a GOP candidate forum in March 2012, Plummer said “not all earmarks are bad earmarks” in a primary debate. Earlier in the debate he listed local projects for which he would seek funding. [WSIU Interview, [3/09/12](#)]

## Economic and Financial Issues

### Significant Findings

- ✓ *Campaigned on Business Experience*

**Plummer campaigned on his business background, but criticized Senator Durbin in 2007 for focusing more on jobs than on the situation in Iraq.**

### Highlighted Business Experience

In January 2010, Plummer promoted his business experience as a qualification for public office. “We need a guy that knows what it’s like to make a payroll every two weeks,” Plummer said. “We need a guy that knows what it’s like to sign the front end of a check and not just endorse it on the back.” [[Belleville News-Democrat](#), 1/25/10]

### Criticized Senator Durbin for Speaking Locally About Jobs

Plummer criticized Senator Richard Durbin during Durbin’s stop at a fuel mixing and storage complex, where he discussed additional AT & T jobs and the increased use of Illinois soybeans. Plummer suggested there were more pressing issues the Senate majority whip could be addressing. He said, “It’s good to see Sen. Durbin visiting the area and everything, but I think right now the vast majority of the country would like to see him focusing on the situation in Iraq.” [[St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#), 6/16/07]

### Turned Down Government Incentives to Create Jobs

In June 2010, Plummer questioned the effectiveness of proposed government bonds to fund local development. He said that his lumber business was once offered \$200,000 for a project in a community, but he declined the offer. “That’s not the true American way,” he said. [[Marion Daily Republican](#), 7/01/10]

### Said Congress Needs a Business Background Like His

In November 2011, Plummer said, “If you look at the economic disaster that’s occurring right now, I think we need people that have a little bit of background in business.” [WSIL TV, [11/29/11](#)]

## Education Issues

### Significant Findings

- ✓ *Opposes Federal Efforts to Save Teachers*

**Plummer has taken few public stances on education. He opposed proposals to spend federal money to assist Illinois in retaining teachers.**

### **Called Federal Funding for Teachers “Magical Fairy Dust”**

In August 2010, Plummer criticized proposals in Congress to spend money assisting Illinois and other states in retaining teachers, health care providers, and other service providers. He called the money “magical fairy dust” that would not solve any long-term problems. [[Chicago Daily Herald](#), 8/13/10]

## Environmental & Energy Issues

### Significant Findings

✓ *Supported Keystone Pipeline*

**Plummer supported the Keystone Pipeline proposal.**

### **Supported Keystone Pipeline**

In January 2012, Plummer tweeted in support of the Keystone Pipeline project. “Three reasons we need KeystoneXL: 1) More jobs. 2) Lower gas prices. 3) Less dependency [sic] on unstable regions,” said Plummer’s Twitter account. [Twitter.com, accessed [1/12/12](#)]

### **Criticized Obama for Delaying Keystone Pipeline**

In March 2012, Plummer criticized President Obama for delaying the approval of the Keystone Pipeline. “The president’s recent decision on Keystone just shows how out of touch he is with the folks in the 12th District,” said Plummer. “Passing Keystone and drilling in Southern Illinois would not only help create jobs, but help Americans with the skyrocketing gasoline prices.” [The Telegraph, [3/15/12](#)]

### **Campaigned on Developing Energy Resources**

In March 2012, Plummer campaign in West Frankfort highlighting his support for developing Southern Illinois’ natural resources, including oil, gas, and coal reserves. He blamed too much federal regulation for addiction to foreign oil. [The Southern, [3/15/12](#)]

### **Supported Drilling in ANWAR**

At a Tea Party debate in January 2012, Plummer said he believes the U.S. should have opened up the ANWAR fields in Alaska for oil and gas drilling 10 years ago. He claimed that a new pipeline would mean the U.S. would no longer be dependent on foreign supplies of oil. [Williamson County Daily Republican, [1/23/12](#)]

**...and Called for a Limited EPA**

At a Tea Party debate in January 2012, Plummer advocated for limiting the role of the Environmental Protection Agency. “We need to drill for natural gas,” Plummer said. “Let’s get the EPA out of the way.” [Williamson County Daily Republican, [01/23/12](#)]

### **Supported Expanded Coal Mining in Illinois**



In March 2012, Plummer told the Belleville News-Democrat that he wanted to help expand coal production in his district. He said “My focus will be to expand the resources that Southern Illinois is blessed with, including coal.” [Belleville News-Democrat, [3/11/12](#)]

### **Accused the EPA of Trying to Limit the Amount of Dust from Combines**

In January 2012, Plummer attended a Shawnee Tea Party Patriots forum, where according to the Williamson County Daily Republican, “he said it is ridiculous that the EPA is trying to limit the amount of dust that farmers raise with their combines harvesting their crops.” [Williamson County Daily Republican, [01/23/12](#)]

In a January 2012 interview with Lee Presser on the Lee Presser show, Plummer criticized the EPA saying “they want to regulation the amount of farm dust that a combine kicks up as a farmer’s plowing his field. Absolutely absurd stuff.” [Lee Presser Show, [1/31/12](#)]

### **Blamed EPA for Standing in the Way of Energy Independence**

In March 2012, Plummer criticized the EPA for blocking access to Illinois’s energy resources.

“Instead of embracing the wealth of energy resources Illinois has, bureaucrats from the Environmental Protection Agency and Washington, D.C., have attacked our energy supply with regulations and decimated the workforce in the 12th Congressional District and kept the U.S. economy’s addiction to foreign oil,” said Plummer. [The Telegraph, [3/14/12](#)]

## Foreign Policy Issues

### Significant Findings

✓ *Supported Iraq War*

**Plummer was a supporter of the Iraq War during college. He criticized Obama in Libya, saying he was “bloviating,” and later applauded votes in Congress against the President’s policies.**

### Staunch Supporter of Iraq War

During college, Plummer was a support of the Iraq war and had planned on enlisting for active duty after graduation. He was stopped by an ankle injury during an ROTC basketball game. “With a broken ankle and a broken back, the infantry doesn't really want you,” said Plummer. “My intentions were just to go into the National Guard or the Reserves. I felt an obligation to serve in the military and an obligation to work in the family business.” [[Chicago Tribune](#), 10/10/10]

### President of Illini for the Troops

Plummer was president of Illini for the Troops, a student organized formed by the Illinois Student Senate to “boost the morale of American Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines and to thank them for their efforts on our behalf.” [Illini for the Troops, accessed [2/01/12](#)]

### Waited Four Years to Join Navy Reserve

Plummer graduated in 2005 and moved back to Edwardsville after a four-month internship with the Heritage Foundation in Washington, D.C. He did not join the Navy Reserves until four years later, just as he was launching his bid for Lt. Governor. [[Chicago Tribune](#), 10/10/10]

### Participated in Navy Reserve

Plummer drilled one weekend a month while campaigning for Lt. Governor in 2010, and in April he performed a two-week stint with an intelligence unit at the Newport Naval Station in Rhode Island. [[Chicago Tribune](#), 10/10/10]

### Attacked Obama’s “Bloviating” on Libya

In February 2011, Plummer posted to his Facebook page a comment criticizing the lack of action from President Obama and the United States in response to actions in Libya:

France, even the Arab League, takes action re: Libya, while we bloviate. We are losing credibility faster than Pat Quinn in a Finance 101 course. Witness the performance of a "community-organizer" who has never managed a thing. Fear not, there is blood in the streets and we continue to "consult," "coordinate," and "monitor." I wonder who we will consult to coordinate the monitoring once the entire mideast is burning? [Facebook.com, accessed [1/13/12](#)]

### **Then Hailed Congress Putting Obama “On Notice” Regarding Libya**

In June 2011, Plummer posted to his Facebook page a link to an article outlining recent votes in the House of Representatives opposing President Obama’s actions in Libya. “The President is put on notice by Congress re: Libya: <http://ow.ly/59J4Q>. Interesting, for a "Senior Lecturer - Constitutional Law," and all,” wrote Plummer. [Facebook.com, accessed [1/13/12](#)]

### **Criticized Diminished Size of Military**

In January 2012, Plummer was interviewed by local reporter Lee Presser. During the interview, Plummer criticized cuts to military spending:

And what we’re looking at if the President and his Democrat [sic] allies, if their plans go forward, we’ll have the smallest standing army we’ve ever fielded since World War II, we’ll have the smallest navy we’ve ever fielded since World War I, we’ll have the smallest strike fighter force we’ve ever had, simply because they can’t come to a logic common sense solution in Washington, D.C. [A Conversation with Jason Plummer, via youtube.com, accessed [2/23/12](#)]

### **Put Place on Armed Services as First Priority**

In February 2012, Plummer said that his first priority if elected would be to secure a spot on the House Armed Services Committee. He said Congress needed to protect Scott Air Force Base to protect the local economy. [[Belleville News-Democrat](#), 2/26/12]

### **Plummer: Uninformed Advocates Are the “Most Dangerous Thing” to American Foreign Policy**

In March 2012, Plummer said the “most dangerous thing we have are a bunch of people who don’t know as much as the commanders, who don’t know as much as the President, trying to tell people what we need to be doing.” [[WSIU Interview](#), [3/09/12](#)]

#### **... But Went on to Make Foreign Policy Suggestions**

After making the statement that “people ... who don’t know as much as the President” are the most dangerous thing to American foreign policy, Plummer went on to make several foreign policy suggestions regarding the Middle East. [[WSIU Interview](#), [3/09/12](#)]

#### **Plummer: U.S. “Threw [Mubarak] Under the Bus”**

Plummer complained that the U.S. abandoned Egyptian dictator Hosni Mubarak. “Say what you want about Mubarak but he was a friend and ally and did good things for the United States and Israel for a long time. We kind of threw him under the bus,” said Plummer. [WSIU Interview, [3/09/12](#)]

### **Complained of Lack of U.S. Response to Syrian Crisis**

Plummer also complained that the U.S. was not doing more to resolve the violence in Syria. “Now we have Assad in Syria, who is by no means a friend of America, who’s probably responsible for the deaths of many Americans, as we’re not doing anything about that!” said Plummer. [WSIU Interview, [3/09/12](#)]

### **Called Stopping Iran’s Nuclear Ambitions the Duty of “Western Civilization”**

In February 2012, Plummer voiced his concerns over potential nuclear ambitions of Iran. “There’s no way western civilization can allow Iran to have a nuclear weapon,” said Plummer. According to the [Belleville News-Democrat](#), Plummer “said other options, such as tighter sanctions, must be explored before military action should be considered against Iran.” [Belleville News-Democrat, [2/26/12](#)]

### **Opposed Cutting Military Spending**

In March 2012, Plummer said he was against cutting military spending. “The only reason we talk about this is a bunch of politicians in Washington couldn’t make tough decisions ... As your Congressman I will make tough decisions, and the men and women in uniform won’t be number one on the chopping block,” said Plummer. [WSIU Interview, [3/09/12](#)]

## Gun Issues

### Significant Findings

- ✓ *Pro-gun rights*
- ✓ *Supported Banning Illegal Guns*

**Plummer was endorsed by the National Rifle Association in the 2010 general election. During a 2010 debate, Plummer hesitated in discussing assault weapons and said “Anything that’s illegal should be banned.”**

### **Plummer Was Endorsed by the NRA**

Plummer was endorsed by the National Rifle Association. [[Associated Press](#), 2/12/10]

### **Anything That’s Illegal Should be Banned**

In an October 2010 debate with Democrat Sheila Simon, Plummer was asked about banning assault weapons. “Anything that’s illegal should be banned,” said Plummer. [Illinois Lt. Governor debate, via youtube.com. accessed [1/10/12](#)]

### **Member of Oldest Gun Club in the United States**

On his campaign website, Plummer claims to be a member of the oldest continuously operating gun club in the United States. The Edwardsville Gun Club in Illinois claims to be the oldest continuously operating gun club on its website. [Plummer for Congress website, accessed [1/12/12](#); Edwardsville Gun Club, accessed [1/12/12](#)]

### **Member of Other Gun Organizations**

According to his campaign website, Plummer is also a member of the National Rifle Association, Illinois State Rifle Association, and Gun Owners of America. [Plummer for Congress website, accessed [1/12/12](#)]

## Health Care Issues

### Significant Findings

- ✓ *Opposed Health Care Reform*
- ✓ *Supported Cutting Medicaid*

**Plummer criticized health care reform and claimed it would expand federal control of the economy. During the 2010 election, Plummer said he would target Medicaid to balance the Illinois budget.**

### **Criticized “ObamaCare”**

On his campaign website, Plummer criticized “ObamaCare” and claimed it would put parts of the economy under federal control:

America needs healthcare reform – it does not need ObamaCare. ObamaCare puts 1/6 of the national economy under the control of the federal government and un-elected bureaucrats now make decisions that individuals, families, and doctors should be making. We must repeal ObamaCare and find reforms that keep the decision-making power with families and doctors, while reinvesting in research and development so that we can continue to improve the quality of care we receive. [Plummer for Congress website, accessed [1/12/12](#)]

### **Called the Affordable Care Act a “Train Wreck”**

In February 2012, Plummer said “[a]nyone who wants to pretend we can kind of nip and tuck on Obamacare -- you just can’t do it. Once you repeal Obamacare, and you get rid of that train wreck of a program, then, as I’ve always said, we can bring forth a bunch of opportunities and a bunch of different options for improving access for people and bringing down the costs.” [Belleville News Democrat, [02/19/12](#)]

**...and Suggested Tort Reform and Shopping Across State Lines for Health Insurances as Alternatives**

At a GOP candidate forum in March 2012, Plummer said tort reform and the ability to shop for insurance across state lines would “improve access to healthcare, improve the quality of care, and bring down costs.” He offered these suggestions in lieu of Obamacare. [YouTube, [3/09/12](#)]

### **Plummer Vowed to Cut Medicaid to Eliminate Spending**

Plummer said that in order to cut spending, his first targets would be programs that spend the most money, such as Medicaid. He said, “The first thing we got to do is plug the holes. ... We really need to get people in there to look at programs with a fine tooth comb.” [[Belleville News-Democrat](#), 1/25/10]

### **Supported Negotiating Medicare Prescription Drugs**

In February 2012, Plummer said he supported allowing Medicare Part D to negotiate for lower prescription drug prices. “We want there to be more market-oriented dynamics in the health care system” Plummer said. “And when you can do that, whether it’s negotiating costs on pharmaceuticals or whether it’s negotiating your overall health insurance tab, when you have that competition you’re going to, a) bring down prices, and b) bring up service.” [[Belleville News-Democrat](#), 2/19/12]

### **Wanted to Fix Medicare by Lowering Overhead**

In March 2012, Plummer told the [Belleville News-Democrat](#) that he wanted to make “practical changes” to Medicare to preserve the program. He clarified by saying, “Elected officials need to reduce the administrative costs and overhead that bog the program down.” [[Belleville News-Democrat](#), 3/11/12]

### **Wanted to Repeal Health Care Reform**

In November 2011, Plummer said he would like to repeal President Obama’s healthcare plan. [WSIL TV, [11/29/11](#)]

## Homeland Security Issues

### **Significant Findings**

- ✓ *Supported Getting Best of Guantanamo Detainees*

**During the 2010 election, Plummer said he wanted to get the “true worth” of Guantanamo detainees moved to Illinois.**

### **Supported Getting “True Worth” Of Gitmo Detainees**

During a discussion with the Daily Herald editorial board, Plummer said it appeared President Barack Obama would get his way in moving about 100 detainees from Guantanamo Bay to the nearly vacant, maximum-security Thomson Correction Center. He said, “If it already is a done deal, then we have to make sure we get its true worth.” Plummer added that the move would bring security questions and said, “I think they are tiptoeing on very thin ice.” [Chicago Daily Herald, 12/18/09]



## Immigration and Border Control

### **Significant Findings**

- ✓ *Supported Using Drones to Defend Mexican Border*

### **Called for Drones to Defend Mexican Border**

At a GOP candidate forum in Mary 2012, Plummer called for the use of drones to stop illegal border crossings from Mexico. Plummer said “How do you plug the holes? We do it by border security, drones, and by boots on the ground.” [YouTube, [3/09/12](#)]

### **Supported Withholding Funding from States that Harbor Undocumented Workers**

In 2012, Plummer suggested withholding funding from “any state and any city that is a harbinger of illegal immigrants.” [WSIU, [3/0912](#)]

## Labor and Working Family Issues

### **Significant Findings**

✓ *Disputed Opponent's Attack as Being Non-Union*

**During the 2010 election, Plummer's Democratic opponent described his family's business as the second largest non-union homebuilding company in the state. Plummer disputed the charge, saying they did not build homes.**

### **Disputed Accusation of Business's Homebuilding Work**

In an October 2010 debate with Democrat Sheila Simon, Plummer disputed a recent online video from the Simon campaign calling his family's business the second largest non-union homebuilding company in the state. "We don't even build homes," said Plummer. [Illinois Lt. Governor debate, via youtube.com. accessed [1/10/12](#)]

### **Does Not Believe the Government Should be Involved in Job Creation**

At a Tea Party debate in January 2012, Plummer said he believed the government should not be involved in job creation. [[Williamson County Daily Republican](#), [1/23/12](#)]

## LGBT Issues

### Significant Findings

✓ *Opposed Gay Marriage*

### Opposed Gay Marriage

At a GOP candidate forum in March 2012, Plummer said he supported marriage between a man and a woman exclusively. He said “Man and a woman are the ones that should be getting married.” [YouTube, [3/09/12](#)]

## Other Social Issues

### Significant Findings

- ✓ *Held Creationist Views*
- ✓ *Embraced Christian Values*

**During both the 2010 and 2012 elections, Plummer embraced Christian values, including believing marriage should be between a man and a woman. He also said he believed in creationism during an October 2010 debate.**

### Held Creationist Views

In an October 2010 debate with Democrat Sheila Simon, Plummer was asked about his views of creationism.

**Ponce:** Do you believe in creationism? Yes or no.

**Plummer:** Uh ... yes, I do.

**Ponce:** You believe that the world was created in six days and is 10,000 years old?

**Plummer:** My philosophical beliefs and my life is based on my faith and my faith is rooted in my Christian faith. [Illinois Lt. Governor debate, via youtube.com. accessed [1/10/12](#)]

### Embraced Christian Values

On his campaign website, Plummer expressed concerned over the decline in what he called traditional values:

As a Christian, I am disturbed by the way elected officials and courts often try to circumvent the majority and neglect the traditional values of our great nation. I am pro-life. I believe we should work to protect the most vulnerable in our society. I believe marriage should be between a man and a woman. I believe that our courts should not dictate public policy or pervert laws and legislation. I believe we need leaders of strong moral fiber to keep America the greatest nation on earth. I am proud to have been endorsed by Illinois Federation for Right to Life, Eagle Forum, and numerous other pro-family and traditional values

organizations in 2010. My family and I attend the First Baptist Church of Maryville. [Plummer for Congress website, accessed [1/12/12](#)]

### **Opposed Underage Drinking**

In October 2000, as a high school student Plummer was part of a student led effort to encourage parents to stop underage drinking. [[St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#), 10/02/00]

### **Led Student Opposition to Funding of Bill Ayers Speech**

According to the [State Journal-Register](#), Plummer's biography said he led the student opposition to the public funding of a speech by former Weather Underground member Bill Ayers. At the time, Plummer was vice president of the student body. "I don't mind different people coming, but Bill Ayers really had crossed the line, in my opinion. . . . He never really expressed any remorse." [[State Journal-Register](#), 2/11/10]

### **Supported Tort Reform**

In January 2010, Plummer was interviewed as a Quincy County Tea Party event. He stressed the need for tort reform in Illinois:

It's not just a business thing, it's a health care thing, it's a cost of living thing, it's a quality of life thing. We need tort reform. It's killing our job situation here. It's killing our health care situation here. Madison County was, as you said, the bane of the world in terms of the lawsuit capitol of the world. We've seen a little bit of progress, we need a lot more progress. If we get tort reform in Madison County, get tort reform in Cook County, in Clerk County, in the rest of the state, I think we'll reap the benefits that I talked about in my speech about Texas. You know, Texas tackled that issue, it was one of the major issues that they tackled, and it's torn the restrains off its economy and it's booming. [Jason Plummer at Quincy Tea Party, via youtube.com, accessed [1/12/12](#)]

### **Plummer Opposed Free Rides for Seniors**

During an interview on "Chicago Tonight," Plummer said he disagreed with the program to give seniors free rides on the CTA. He said, "A lot of these things sound great, but when you don't have the money to pay for them, you don't have the money to pay for them." When asked if he was "leaning against" the program, Plummer said, "Yes." [[WTTW's "Chicago Tonight"](#), 2/25/10]

### **Plummer Opposed the Removal of Chief Illiniwek as the University of Illinois Mascot**

In 2002 as a student, Plummer spoke to the [Daily Illini](#) about his opposition to the University of Illinois Student Government's decision to pass a resolution calling for Chief Illiniwek's retirement. The paper reported that Plummer, then a freshman in the College of Fine and Applied Arts, said the anti-Chief movement was a ruckus caused by a small number of activists. He referred to a poll that said 81 percent of American Indians support using native cultural mascots. [[Daily Illini](#), 5/02/02]

### **Plummer Said Retiring Illiniwek Was "Appeasing an Angry Minority"**

Plummer was quoted in the *Indianapolis Star* about the retirement of the University of Illinois mascot, Chief Illiniwek. He said, “It’s typical of a university, appeasing an angry minority. ... I expected the school to have more back-bone.” [[Indianapolis Star, 2/22/07](#)]

### **Favored Term Limits for House Members**

In March 2012, Plummer he was in favor of term limits for House Members. He suggested “five to six terms” as a “rational” limit. [WSIU, [3/09/12](#)]

## Tax Issues

### Significant Findings

- ✓ *Claimed He Paid “A Lot” of Taxes*
- ✓ *Criticized “Crony Capitalism” of GE Paying No Taxes*
- ✓ *Called for a “Flatter” and “Fairer” Tax Code*

**Plummer pays “a lot” of taxes in his own words, even though he refused to provide his tax returns to verify the claim. In 2011, Plummer criticized “crony capitalism” for allowing GE to pay zero taxes.**

### **Criticized “Crony Capitalism” that Allowed GE to Pay Zero Taxes**

In November 2011, Plummer posted to his Facebook page a comment criticizing what he called the “crony capitalism” that allowed GE to pay zero taxes. “Did your employer pay more than \$0 in taxes? If so, that's more than GE paid for it's \$14B in profits. Big government and big corporations practicing crony capitalism = bad for America,” wrote Plummer. [Facebook.com, accessed [1/13/12](#)]

### **Plummer Claimed He Paid “A Lot” of Taxes**

During an October 2010 debate, Plummer admitted to a host that he did pay taxes. “Yes. A lot of taxes,” said Plummer. [[Associated Press](#), 10/26/10]

### **Claimed Cutting Taxes Increased Government Revenue**

In January 2012, Plummer was interviewed by local reporter Lee Presser. During the interview, Plummer explained his view of how cutting taxes would increase government revenue:

I don't care who you are, if you're a Republican, or if you're a Democrat, if you're a liberal, if you're a conservative, history is history. And history shows that when you lower taxes on businesses, when you lower taxes on hardworking people, you actually increase revenue to Washington, D.C. [A Conversation with Jason Plummer, via youtube.com, accessed [2/23/12](#)]

Plummer continued and said, “And Washington DC needs as much money as it can possibly get.” [A Conversation with Jason Plummer, via youtube.com, accessed [2/23/12](#)]

### **Supported Eliminating Tax Deductions**

On his campaign website, Plummer outlined his support for tax reform:

The last thing the U.S. economy can afford is an increase in tax rates to further limit economic growth, which in effect will further cripple our ability to create new jobs. We need comprehensive tax reform that eliminates deductions for special interests and big corporations while small businesses and working people carry the burden. Our tax code should be simple, transparent, and most of all – fair. [Plummer for Congress website, accessed [1/12/12](#)]

### **Opposed Tax-Subsidized Sports Facilities**

During his “Field of Dreams” baseball park tour in July, 2010, Plummer was asked about his view of tax-subsidized sports facilities, like the stadium he was at. “I’m not a big fan of seeing tax dollars go into a lot of private sector things. Especially right now in the state of Illinois with the fiscal crisis we’re in, we’ve got a lot of problems,” said Plummer. [Plummer fields questions, via youtube.com, accessed [1/12/12](#)]

### **Called for “Flatter,” “Fairer” Tax Code**

In March 2012, Plummer said he was in favor of a “flatter” and “fairer” tax code that will tax more people. “We need a flatter tax code, we need a fairer tax code, we need a more transparent tax code,” Plummer said. “When we have a fairer tax code ... you’re going to increase revenue to Washington D.C., because more people will be paying into it.” [The Southern, [3/10/12](#)]

### **Favored Lowering Taxes and Shrinking the Size of Government**

According to The Belleville News-Democrat, Plummer supports cutting taxes and limiting the size of the federal government. In a February 2012 interview, Plummer said “I’m in favor of everybody having lower taxes and a more transparent tax code... I just think you need to shrink the size and scope of government.” [The Belleville News-Democrat, [02/12/12](#)]



## Appendix I – Paid Media Summary

### Significant Findings

✓ *2010: Ran as Conservative Candidate in Primary*

**Plummer has not yet ran ads in his 2012 election, but he ran several ads on television during the Republican Primary in 2010.**

### 2010 Republican Primary

#### “Getting Illinois Working Again”

**Narrator:** In the race for Lieutenant Governor, one candidate is a conservative Republican businessman, experienced at creating meaningful jobs, Jason Plummer. One candidate will use the office as a bully pulpit to get Illinois working, Jason Plummer. One Republican candidate for Lieutenant Governor will take no pay until unemployment declines, Jason Plummer.

**Plummer:** I am Jason Plummer and I am the one candidate for Lieutenant Governor who really gets it.

Link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YvFS9WABB-k>

#### “End The Monkey Business”

**Narrator:** In the Republican race for Lieutenant Governor, one candidate will work to end the monkey business in Illinois, Jason Plummer. One candidate will push for real campaign reform, requiring complete government transparency, Jason Plummer. One Republican candidate is the true political outsider with the backbone to end job killing corruption in Springfield, Jason Plummer.

**Plummer:** I am Jason Plummer and I am the one candidate for Lieutenant Governor who really gets it.

Link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Binhw71DQ5o>

#### “Illinois State Rifle Association”

**Narrator:** Among the Republicans for Lieutenant Governor, one candidate deserves your vote, Jason Plummer. Senator Peter Fitzgerald calls Jason an intelligent and dynamic leader. Republican Leader Frank Watson says Jason Plummer represents a new brand of leadership in Springfield; and Jason is the only Republican candidate preferred by the Illinois State Rifle Association. For Lieutenant Governor, there is only one Republican making the mark, Jason Plummer.

**Plummer:** I am Jason Plummer, and I am the one candidate for Lieutenant Governor who really gets it.

Link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aXZmbbQHxGU>

### **“Senator Peter Fitzgerald”**

**Narrator:** Among the Republicans for Lieutenant Governor, one candidate deserves your vote, Jason Plummer. Senator Peter Fitzgerald calls Jason an intelligent and dynamic leader. Republican Leader Frank Watson says Jason Plummer represents a new brand of leadership in Springfield; and Taxpayer Accountability endorses Jason for his exceptional desire to fight taxes. For Lieutenant Governor, there is only Republican making the mark, Jason Plummer.

**Plummer:** I am Jason Plummer, and I am the one candidate for Lieutenant Governor who really gets it.

Link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dbd9huoFgQ4>

## Appendix II – Campaign Finance

### Items of Interest

- ✓ *Gave Campaign Over \$25,000 from Personal Funds*
- ✓ *Majority of Funds in 2010 Came from Self, Family*

**Plummer has given his campaign over \$25,000 in support from personal funds, including a \$10,000 loan. He has also received \$22,500 in contributions from family members and relatives. In his 2010 campaign for Lt. Governor, Plummer depended heavily on contributions from himself and his family.**

### **Ended First Quarter of 2012 with \$137,000 in Campaign Debt**

In April 2012 Plummer's first quarter FEC filings revealed that his campaign has more than \$130,000 in debt and \$55,861 cash on hand.

About \$44,000 of that debt is owed to Plummer himself, for personal expenditures on behalf of the campaign and a \$10,000 loan. [St. Louis Today, [4/15/12](#)]

He had raised \$250,001 for the entire cycle and spent \$194,140. [fec.gov, accessed [4/30/12](#)]

### **Gave Campaign over \$25,000 from Personal Funds**

According to his campaign financial disclosure, Plummer loaned his campaign \$10,000 out of personal funds on November 4, 2011. The campaign also had a debt of \$15,174.98 owed to Plummer for travel, postage, and polling. [fec.gov, accessed 2/23/12]

### **Received \$22,500 from Relatives**

In addition to Plummer's contributions, his campaign received \$22,500 from other family members and relatives.

<b>Contributor</b>	<b>Contribution</b>
Jennifer Plummer Fleming	\$5,000
Julie Plummer Lading	\$5,000
Philip Lading	\$2,500
Donna Sue Plummer	\$5,000
Robert Lee Plummer	\$5,000

<b>TOTAL</b>	\$22,500
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[fec.gov, accessed 2/23/12]

## 2010: Majority of Funds from Self, Family

Through the first fundraising quarter of 2012, Plummer received the majority of campaign funds from personal contributions, family members, and companies owned by family members in his run for Lt. Governor.

<b>Contributor</b>	<b>Contribution</b>	<b>% of Total</b>
RP Lumber	\$560,000	34.12%
Jason Plummer	\$350,000	21.32%
Robert Plummer	\$200,261	12.20%
Plummer General LLC	\$200,000	12.19%
Bluestone Group	\$25,000	1.52%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,345,261</b>	<b>81.35%</b>

[followthemoney.org, accessed 4/30/12]

## 32 Percent of Contributions from PACs

According to the Center for Responsive Politics, Plummer has received 32 percent of his campaign contributions through the first quarter of 2012 from PACs. [opensecrets.org, accessed 2/23/12]

### Plummer Campaign Contributions

<b>Source of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Individual Contributions	\$154,061	62%
PAC Contributions	\$80,715	32%
Candidate self-financing	\$10,000	4%
Other	\$5,225	2%

[opensecrets.org, accessed 4/30/12]

## Industry Analysis

According to the Center for Responsive Politics, forestry and forest products, which would include contributions from employees of RP Lumber, contributed the most to Plummer through the first quarter of 2012, followed by construction services. The table below summarizes the industries which supported Plummer:

<b>Industry</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Building Materials & Equipment	\$21,250
Forestry & Forest Products	\$16,500
Leadership PACs	\$13,000
Construction Services	\$10,000
Real Estate	\$7,000

Home Builders	\$6,500
Commercial Banks	\$5,250
Automotive	\$4,750
Misc Manufacturing & Distributing	\$3,500
Candidate Committees	\$3,499
Special Trade Contractors	\$3,300
Food Processing & Sales	\$3,250
Insurance	\$2,750
Lawyers/Law Firms	\$1,300
Food & Beverage	\$1,000
Chemical & Related Manufacturing	\$1,000
Retired	\$1,000
Misc Health	\$1,000
Education	\$1,000
Civil Servants/Public Officials	\$500

[opensecrets.org, accessed [4/30/12](#)]

## PAC Analysis

According to the Center for Responsive Politics, ideological PACs, including leadership PACs, were Plummer's largest PAC contributors through the first quarter of 2012. The table below summarizes PAC contributions to Plummer:

PAC Sector	Amount
Ideological	\$16,499
Business	\$12,000

[opensecrets.org, accessed [4/30/12](#)]

## Donor Analysis

According to the Center for Responsive Politics, individuals who worked at RP Lumber were the largest contributor to Plummer through December 2011. The table below summarizes the employers (and PAC contributions) of Plummer's donors:

Donor	Amount
Rp Lumber	\$16,500
Warrior Building Products	\$15,000
Otto Engineering	\$10,000
John S Fund	\$5,000
Owens Corning	\$5,000
People for Enterprise/Trade/Econ Growth	\$5,000

Prudential One Realty	\$5,000
Thermo-Door & Windows Co	\$5,000
ASAP Contracting Roofing	\$2,800
American Bankers Assn	\$2,500
Carrington Homes	\$2,500
Centric Group	\$2,500
Cores Consulting LLC	\$2,500
Crawford Group	\$2,500
Harbour Group Industries	\$2,500
Highland Supply	\$2,500
Lantz Homes	\$2,500
Mayfield Brothers	\$2,500
Mullins Salvage	\$2,500
National Railway	\$2,500
Sanberg, Phoenix, Von Goutard	\$2,500

[opensecrets.org, accessed [4/30/12](#)]

## Geographic Analysis

According to Plummer's campaign finance report through the first fundraising quarter of 2012, \$40,250 of Plummer's contributions came from outside of the state of Illinois, including \$36,250 from neighboring Missouri. The remaining \$93,000 came from Illinois.

### 2011-2012 Top 10 Donor States (6 records found)

No.	State	Amount	#
1.	<a href="#">IL</a>	\$93,000	85
2.	<a href="#">MO</a>	\$36,250	27
3.	<a href="#">MN</a>	\$2,500	3
4.	<a href="#">DC</a>	\$750	2
5.	<a href="#">FL</a>	\$500	1
6.	<a href="#">VA</a>	\$250	1
Page Total:		\$133,250	

[CQmoneyline.com, 4/30/12]