

## Walker's Involvement In Real Estate Scandal Raise Troubling Questions About Rush To Sell State Property

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MADISON - Senate Democrats are alarmed at new revelations about Governor Scott Walker's role in providing insider information to a personal friend and campaign donor in a Milwaukee County real estate scandal. Democrats said the **new allegations of "bid-rigging" and "pay-to-play" politics raise troubling questions about Gov. Walker's rush to sell state property.**

"Giving inside information to close friends and campaign operatives to help them circumvent the public bidding process not only cheats the other businesses bidding on projects but the taxpayers and our open form of government," said **Sen. Dave Hansen (D-Green Bay)**. "No matter how you look at it, it's wrong and raises serious questions about whether Scott Walker has taken other similar liberties as Governor."



"As Republicans rush to sell state property, we need to ensure that similar backroom deals for special interests aren't cheating our taxpayers," said Sen. Jennifer Shilling (D-La Crosse). "Gov. Walker's administration has already failed to disclose the fair market value of property they are looking to sell as required by state law. The rush to sell state property to the highest bidder without having adequate safeguards in place puts taxpayers at risk and has been troubling since day one."

Gov. Walker has recently come under fire for several high-profile scandals including a \$700,000 campaign contribution from GTAC – an out-of-state mining corporation – which successfully lobbied to change state open-pit mining laws. An investigation also revealed that Gov. Walker's Economic Development Corporation has funneled millions of taxpayer dollars to businesses and special interests with close personal ties to Gov. Walker.

“Despite Scott Walker’s denials, all of these actions have taken place since he became governor and they give the public every reason to question his ethics and what else he’s been doing that we don’t know about,” added Sen. Hansen. “Wisconsin citizens deserve answers and it’s is time for the Governor to come clean about his actions.”

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