

# The Unbelievably SHOCKING Story of How Tax-Hiking Assemblyman James Oscarson Earned the Nickname “The Big Selloutski”



James Oscarson

When he’s campaigning and talking to regular folks in the district, Assemblyman James Oscarson portrays himself as a “man of the people.” Indeed, here’s what we were told in the press release announcing his candidacy for District 36 in 2012...

“Oscarson’s devotion to southern Nevada will give rural residents a renewed voice in Carson City.”

And on his campaign website in 2012, he declared...

“I am the candidate to make your voice heard in Carson City.”

He further assured us that...

“My primary job is to listen to the constituents in District 36 and act as their advocate on their behalf.”

In his primary race that year, Oscarson raised \$24,344.41. Of that, seven donations of \$1,000 or more were made. Then he got to Carson City...

### And promptly sold us out!

After promising he would oppose tax hikes, Oscarson betrayed us by voting with Gov. Brian Sandoval and the Carson City special interest lobbyists for the \$600+ million “sunset” tax hike.

### And was rewarded quite handsomely...

For his 2014 re-election primary campaign – in which he ran unopposed – Oscarson nevertheless raised \$28,110.99. Of that, he received 12 contributions of \$1,000 or more – with the largest single donation being \$5,000 from Barrick Gold.

He was showered with lots of other donations of varying amounts from PACs, corporations, associations and lobbyists, as well.

Oscarson then raised another \$21,838.41 for the general election even though, once again, he didn’t have an opponent. The largest single donation this time was \$4,000 from MGM Grand - with almost every other donation again coming from PACs, corporations, associations and lobbyists in amounts of \$500 or more.

### It’s good to be a sellout!

As you know, in the 2014 general election the voters of District 36 voted overwhelmingly – more than 80 percent! – against the business tax proposal that was on the ballot. A new tax Oscarson “said” he opposed.

Then came the 2015 legislative session. Then came a new version of that business tax (sneakily renamed the “commerce tax”). Then came the arm-twisting and campaign promises from Gov. Sandoval. Then came the arm-twisting and campaign promises from all those special interests and lobbyists.

### And guess what?

Suddenly, Mr. Oscarson was no longer the voice for “rural residents.

Suddenly he was no longer making OUR voice heard.

Suddenly he was no longer listening to his constituents as he’d promised.

Suddenly he was no longer advocating on OUR behalf.

### Instead, he sold us out. Again!

Oscarson betrayed everyone who voted for him by voting for the largest tax hike in Nevada history, including the creation of the new “commerce tax.”

### Why did he do it?

Well, of course it’s obvious. But Oscarson himself actually admitted to it publicly...

“The bottom line,” he told the Las Vegas Review-Journal, “is a broad and diverse group of businesses came to me and said, ‘Please do this.’”

Yes, a “broad and diverse group” of special interest PACs, corporations, associations and lobbyists! Not a “broad and diverse group” of his constituents.

In a separate interview with the Moapa Valley Progress, Oscarson again admitted he did it because “the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce, homebuilders and even blue collar trade” associations and unions asked him to do it.

Now that one is TRULY astounding. Not the Pahrump Valley Chamber of Commerce. The LAS VEGAS Chamber of Commerce!

So much for being the voice of rural residents. So much for making OUR voice heard. So much for listening to his constituents and advocating on our behalf.

Instead, Oscarson sold us out to a bunch of deep-pocketed PACs, corporations, associations and lobbyists, thus earning the nickname, “The Big Selloutski.” How big? HUGE!

### For just his GOP primary race this year, Oscarson raised a whopping \$159,484.66!!!

Included in that haul was a \$5,000 check - the maximum contribution allowed by law – from...guess who?

The Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce!

Indeed, during his brief career in politics representing a rural district of average, down-to-earth folks, FollowTheMoney.org reports that Oscarson has raised almost a HALF-MILLION DOLLARS. And that doesn’t even include what he’s pocketing right now for the 2016 general election!

**Give Oscarson credit...**  
He may have sold his soul and sold his vote, but he’s no two-bit street hooker. He’s a high-priced political prostitute!

Here’s a partial list of Oscarson’s “clients” – those who have given him \$1,000 or more for his “services” during his short political career – *courtesy of Follow The Money:*

Evenstad, Mark Bradford.....	\$10,000
Spring Mtn. Advanced Driving School.....	\$10,000
Sunrise Healthcare System.....	\$9,500
Keystone Corp.....	\$9,000
Boyd Gaming.....	\$8,000
Southwest Gas.....	\$8,000
MGM Grand.....	\$7,500
South Point Hotel & Casino.....	\$7,500
Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce.....	\$7,500
Nevada Association of Realtors.....	\$7,000
Nevada Home Builders Association.....	\$6,500
MGM Mirage.....	\$6,000
Nevada Subcontractors Association.....	\$6,000
Nevada Mining Association.....	\$5,300
Nevada Hospital Association.....	\$5,250
Wulfenstein Construction.....	\$5,100
TitleMax.....	\$5,000
Solar City.....	\$5,000
MGM Resorts.....	\$5,000
R & R Advertising.....	\$5,000
Valley Electric Association.....	\$5,000
Barrick Gold.....	\$5,000
Orleans Hotel & Casino.....	\$5,000
AT&T.....	\$4,500
Centurylink.....	\$4,000
NV Energy.....	\$4,000
United Healthcare.....	\$3,500
Wynn Resorts.....	\$3,500
Summerlin Hospital.....	\$3,500
Amerigroup Corp.....	\$3,000
R & R Partners.....	\$3,000
Station Casinos.....	\$3,000
Barrick Gold Corp.....	\$3,000
COX Communications.....	\$3,000
Walgreen Co.....	\$2,500
Nevada Auto Dealers Association.....	\$2,500
Southern Nevada Home Builders.....	\$2,500
Boulder Station Hotel & Casino.....	\$2,500
Red Rock Resort Spa & Casino.....	\$2,500
New Nevada PAC.....	\$2,500
Switch.....	\$2,500
Santa Fe Station Hotel & Casino.....	\$2,500
Pahrump Valley Winery.....	\$2,500
Caesars Enterprise Services.....	\$2,500
Caesars Entertainment.....	\$2,000
Desert Springs Hospital.....	\$2,000
Nevada Realtor PAC.....	\$2,000
Boulder Station Hotel & Casino.....	\$2,000
Pfizer.....	\$1,500
Altria.....	\$1,500
Peppermill Casinos.....	\$1,500
Anheuser-Busch.....	\$1,000
Corrections Corp of America.....	\$1,000
Farmers Underwriters Association.....	\$1,000

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And now you know why he stopped listening to YOUR voice.  
Now you know why he stopped advocating on YOUR behalf.  
Now you know why he sold YOU out.  
**Your pockets just aren’t deep enough!**

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