

“The leadership of the RNC has taken advantage of millions of regular, everyday Conservatives by pretending to support what Patriots support, but in reality, are blowing untold troves of cash on extravagant nonsense, and supporting RINO candidates while ignoring America First contenders. They are nothing more than controlled opposition. The RNC ran ads in 2021 raising money under the phrase ‘Fight for Trump!’ while simultaneously telling Trump and his team to ‘stand down’ from questioning the election results, stating he was ‘ruining the party.’

“The RNC has betrayed its supporters, and I for one will never help them raise another red cent until the Judas elements of the organization have been purged.”

McDaniel did not reply to RedState's request for comment prior to publication.

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Perhaps because of these losses both RNC donors and committee members are intensely interested in the committee’s finances, particularly the spending. Late last week, RedState was provided a report dated October 7, 2022 that examined RNC’s 2021-22 spending. It calculated more than \$500,000 in private jet expenses, \$64,000 at clothing retailers, and \$321,000 in floral arrangements.

Category	Disbursements	Disbursement Amount	Average Disbursement Amount
Luxury Travel	50	\$1,364,211.46	\$27,284.23
Private Jets	14	\$505,909.43	\$36,136.39
Floral	279	\$321,671.46	\$1,152.94
Home Improvement & Decor	201	\$165,978.51	\$825.76
Entertainment	34	\$75,739.29	\$2,227.63
Food and Beverage Delivery	129	\$65,419.63	\$507.13
Clothing Retailers	42	\$64,141.13	\$1,527.17
Non-Clothing Retailers	182	\$55,489.21	\$304.89
Alcohol	124	\$36,567.92	\$294.90
Spa & Cosmetics	21	\$7,532.98	\$358.71
Vehicle & Other Mechanical Expenses	3	\$4,951.91	\$1,650.64
LGBTQ+ Filings	3	\$1,280.00	\$426.67
Totals	1082	\$2,668,892.93	\$2,466.63

RNC expenditures for private jets, floral arrangements, entertainment, and more during the 2021-22 election cycle.

To determine how that compared with the rest of Ronna McDaniel’s tenure, RedState examined RNC expenditures from 2017 through 2022. In addition to a review of Federal

Elections Commission (FEC) data, RedState spoke with current vendors, state party officials familiar with the workings, former staffers (some from McDaniel's tenure, and some who worked for prior chairs), and several current RNC members to verify numbers and dates. Most were only willing to discuss the matters on background, and all were promised anonymity to avoid potential retaliation.

It is difficult to accurately categorize all of the expenditures because a significant number of transactions seem to be misclassified. For example, nearly \$5,000 spent in 2022 at [Lululemon](#), a luxury athletic apparel brand, was classified as "office expense," as were two expenditures totaling \$9,300 at Madison Square Garden in 2017.

Our review found that the amounts spent during the 2021-22 election cycle seem to have been par for the course and possibly even lower than previous portions of McDaniel's tenure. According to [FEC filings](#), since 2017, the RNC has spent:

- \$3.1 million on private jet services
- \$1.3 million on limousine/chauffeur services
- \$17.1 million on donor mementos
- \$750,000 on floral arrangements
- \$80,000 in alcohol-related expenditures

Nearly \$400,000 has been spent on event tickets and other entertainment activities, including \$30,000 for a private box at a Las Vegas Raiders game, \$13,000 for Broadway shows, \$9,400 at Madison Square Garden, and \$43,000 at Top Golf locations in Texas, Nevada, Virginia, and Maryland.

According to a senior staffer, the private box Raiders game was part of a retreat for senior staff members. RNC funds were also used to fly the senior staffers and their plus-ones first-class to Las Vegas, and for their hotel rooms, food, and alcohol, the staffer says.

Senior staff retreats were also held at the [Salamander Resort & Spa in Virginia](#) in 2021 and 2022, according to another staffer. A national committee member says that at the 2021 retreat, held from March 19-21, 30 senior staffers and their families attended, and the RNC paid for Katie Walsh and Mike Shields to speak to the group. FEC reporting shows that the RNC paid \$260,000 to the resort in 2021 and 2022, classified as travel expenses and venue rental and catering.

The dates of the various entertainment expenditures were provided to former staffers and national committee members, who confirmed that there were no donor events or other official RNC events occurring at those times.

Under the current leadership, the RNC has spent more than \$150,000 on what could be considered non-essential office expenses, including \$25,000 on [Commonwealth Joe coffee](#), \$7,000 on cupcakes, nearly \$7,000 on candles and diffusers, and \$75,000 total at Pottery Barn, West Elm, Restoration Hardware, and Crate & Barrel. In addition, the committee's FEC reports show expenditures totaling \$381,000 classified as "Furniture Expense" during the same time frame.

More than \$100,000 was spent at high-end clothing stores such as [Rhoback](#), REI, Nordstrom, [Vineyard Vines](#), [Footjoy](#), Ralph Lauren, [Carhartt](#), and [Smathers & Branson](#). An RNC vendor tells RedState that the Vineyard Vines expense (\$12,000) was likely for embroidered jackets RNC staffers recently received... watch video for 'the rest of this sad story'...