

# Reid, Berkley give up Whittemore campaign donations

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After agents with the Federal Bureau of Investigation served subpoenas to former and current employees and associates of Nevada power broker Harvey Whittemore in an investigation into his campaign contribution activities, at least one member of Congress moved to distance himself from the controversy.

Kristen Orthman, a spokeswoman for Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., said Reid has given up Whittemore contributions.

“Sen. Reid has already donated the contributions made by Mr. Whittemore and his spouse to charity,” Orthman said. “His office will continue to review other contributions associated with Mr. Whittemore, and treat them appropriately.”

Orthman didn't respond to requests for clarification on when Reid donated the money.

Whittemore did not immediately respond to requests for comment, but his Las Vegas lawyer's firm released a statement about the FBI subpoenas.

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