

Witness Biographies: State Affairs Hearing on HB 241-Iran Divestiture

About David Gottstein

David R. Gottstein is the founder and chief architect of Dynamic Capital Management and Efficient Tax. He has a B.S. in economics and finance from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School. After completing postgraduate work in Food Marketing Management at the University of Southern California, Mr. Gottstein became active in Carr-Gottstein Co., Inc., a family owned grocery operation headquartered in Anchorage, Alaska. For the next ten years, he worked in various management capacities for the company. Positions held include Sales Manager, Senior Grocery Buyer, and Director of Distribution for a 250,000 square foot distribution center with 150 employees. Mr. Gottstein left the company twice during his tenure to gain additional professional experience. For six months in 1981 Mr. Gottstein was a legislative aide to the Alaska State Senate President. In late 1984, he arranged two internships at leading financial firms, including Furman Selz of New York, New York, and the Frank Russell Company of Tacoma, Washington. Mr. Gottstein has spent the last twenty years developing, refining, and utilizing proprietary advanced portfolio management tools that act as a foundation in the execution of portfolio management at Dynamic Capital Management. In 1998 he invented Efficient Tax, and in 2000 achieved the issuance of a patent on it by the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office. He is currently the Alaska Chair of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee.

What is AIPAC?

For more than half a century, the American Israel Public Affairs Committee has worked to help make Israel more secure by ensuring that American support remains strong. From a small pro-Israel public affairs boutique in the 1950s, AIPAC has grown into a 100,000-member national grassroots movement described by *The New York Times* as "the most important organization affecting America's relationship with Israel."

Political advocacy is one of the most effective ways in which AIPAC works to accomplish its mission. Each year, AIPAC is involved in more than 100 legislative and policy initiatives involving Middle East policy or aimed at broadening and deepening the U.S.-Israel bond.

AIPAC works to secure vital U.S. foreign aid for Israel to help ensure Israel remains strong and secure. AIPAC is working to promote strategic cooperation between the two nations, to develop sound U.S. anti-terrorist policies, to share homeland security techniques and technologies, and to stop rogue nations such as Iran from acquiring weapons of mass destruction.

These efforts are critical to Israel's security and to American interests in the Middle East and around the world. In addition to working closely with Congress, AIPAC also actively educates and works with candidates for federal office, White House, Pentagon and State Department officials, and other policymakers whose decisions affect Israel's future and America's policies in the Middle East. AIPAC keeps political leaders and citizen activists apprised of critical developments affecting the U.S.-Israel relationship through publications such as the Near East Report and continually updated news and issues analysis.

While building support in Washington is essential, AIPAC is found wherever the future of the U.S.-Israel relationship could be affected. AIPAC has a network of 10 regional offices and nine satellite offices that help pro-Israel activists from Missoula to Miami learn how they can affect Israel's future and security by promoting strong ties with the United States.

Throughout the year and around the country, AIPAC sponsors exciting events and educational programs featuring leading members of Congress, policymakers and top analysts. AIPAC also works on hundreds of college campuses, teaching student activists how to answer Israel's detractors and how to use political involvement to build support for Israel.

The core of AIPAC's mission is building a base of citizen advocates who team with our expert staff to educate America's elected officials, policy makers and opinion leaders. But we also engage in many important initiatives to ensure that whatever the future holds, AIPAC will be positioned to effectively promote the U.S.-Israel relationship.

Among our most recent efforts is the Synagogue Initiative, which makes AIPAC information and staff available to congregations across America. AIPAC also reaches out to Christian, Hispanic, African American and other key community leaders to help ensure that Americans remain committed to a strong and vital U.S.-Israel relationship.

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