

Atherton in hacked DNC emails

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It just so happens that the town of Atherton was the subject of some of the nearly 20,000 emails that were hacked from the Democratic National Committee's servers and published online by WikiLeaks.

DNC officials were unsure of how to

Dem officials debated town's bill for police to handle Obama's visit

respond when an Atherton resident sent them the bill following a visit by President Obama, with one official asking

if the resident was "actually expecting reimbursement," according to emails dumped online by WikiLeaks on Friday.

Following the president's fundraising visit in February, the town sent a bill to venture capitalist and former state controller Steve Westly, who hosted [See HACKED, page 34]

er forwarded Stowe's email to another colleague, saying, "Lordy be... I figured it was too good to be true, us hearing nothing from Atherton about charges, but here it is. If you recall, we had Steve Westly, the host, fill out the application form directly, so everything was under his name. This was a SF POTUS Hope Fund event earlier in the year."

Thrower continued, "Can we let him pay it, as a homeowner, and we pay him back? His standing in the community is important to him so there is no question that he will pay it if push comes to shove. Let me know what you think. Ugh."

Stowe responded to Westly on April 27, telling him that the DNC's chief financial officer and lawyers are working on the issue and he would get back to him that day.

"If all else fails and you want to take care of the bill to get them off your back, the DNC will most definitely reimburse you," Stowe wrote.

To which Westly responded the same day, writing, "Thanks. Let's wait a week or two and see what your lawyers come up with. We can figure out repayment later."

On April 29, Thrower followed up her April 26 email, asking another colleague for his thoughts on reimbursing Westly. In response to Thrower, her colleague wrote that he was "waiting for an OK."

'Just curious'

And on May 2, Thrower responded to Stowe, writing, "Hey! If (Westly) were to pay for this, do you think he's actually expecting reimbursement. I'm not saying that he shouldn't; I'm just curious."

Stowe forwarded Westly's email about waiting a week or two to Thrower, to which she responded, "Copy. He's just too fab :-). So calm."

This was the last email released in the thread.

But Atherton City Manager George Rodericks told the Post yesterday that the town received a check from Westly in the beginning of June. And Kathleen Moazed, Westly's director of communications, said he was reimbursed by the DNC.

When Obama visited the town in 2013, Atherton passed the bill of just over \$8,000 onto the Democratic National Committee, but it refused to pay.

Last year, City Council amended the town's ordinance and now residents who host the president are held to pay.

For those wishing to read these emails and other DNC emails, go to <https://wikileaks.org/dnc-emails/>.

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ed the event at his Atherton home. The \$5,909.79 bill included services for eight police officers, one police sergeant and a dispatcher, according to an attachment in an email sent from Westly to a DNC official.

A trail of emails

In the email sent April 26, Westly wrote, "We just received this bill from the town of Atherton and I wanted to ask how you would like us to handle this. I will do whatever you would like here including paying the bill. We are very loyal to you and the president."

The DNC official, Erik Stowe, forwarded the email to a colleague that same day, writing, "How should I handle?"

Later that day, DNC Events Director Ellen Throw-