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(Sam Raskin and Jack Morphet, “Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney’s use of campaign funds for ex ‘body man’ raises ethics questions,” [New York Post](#), 7/31/22)

- “Ethics experts are questioning whether the head of congressional Democrats’ campaign arm, Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney, used his House and campaign cash for “personal services” with the hiring of an aide — who told The Post his role was to serve as the lawmaker’s ‘body man.’” (Sam Raskin and Jack Morphet, “Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney’s use of campaign funds for ex ‘body man’ raises ethics questions,” [New York Post](#), 7/31/22)

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Despite claiming that his work was purely for campaign or personal use, Harold Leath was paid by Sean Patrick Maloney’s Congressional office:

- When asked about his role, Harold Leath said “everything I got paid for was either for his campaign, in the beginning, or doing something for him.” (Sam Raskin and Jack Morphet, “Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney’s use of campaign funds for ex ‘body man’ raises ethics questions,” [New York Post](#), 7/31/22)
- Harold Leath was paid more than \$144,000 by Sean Patrick Maloney’s Congressional office for his role as a “part-time employee.”

Employee	Dates of Service	Dates of Service	Role	Amount
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Leath JR, Harold H	3/10/14	3/10/14	Executive Assistant	<u>\$1,312.50</u>
Leath JR, Harold H	4/1/14	6/30/14	Part-Time Employee	<u>\$5,625.00</u>
Leath JR, Harold H	7/1/14	9/30/14	Part-Time Employee	<u>\$5,625.00</u>
Leath JR, Harold H	10/1/14	12/31/14	Part-Time Employee	<u>\$5,625.00</u>
Leath JR, Harold H	1/3/15	3/31/15	Part-Time Employee	<u>\$5,500.00</u>
Leath JR, Harold H	1/1/15	1/2/15	Part-Time Employee	<u>\$125.00</u>
Leath JR, Harold H	4/1/15	6/30/15	Part-Time Employee	<u>\$5,625.00</u>
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Leath JR, Harold H	10/1/16	12/31/16	Part-Time Employee	<u>\$7,750.00</u>
Leath JR, Harold H	1/3/17	3/31/17	Part-Time Employee	<u>\$11,733.33</u>
Leath JR, Harold H	1/1/17	1/2/17	Part-Time Employee	<u>\$266.67</u>
Leath JR, Harold H	4/1/17	6/30/17	Part-Time Employee	<u>\$12,000.00</u>
Leath JR, Harold H	7/1/17	9/30/17	Part-Time Employee	<u>\$12,000.00</u>
Leath JR, Harold H	10/1/17	12/31/17	Part-Time Employee	<u>\$12,000.00</u>
Leath JR, Harold H	1/3/18	3/31/18	Part-Time Employee	<u>\$12,466.67</u>
Leath JR, Harold H	1/1/18	1/2/18	Part-Time Employee	<u>\$283.33</u>
Leath JR, Harold H	4/1/18	6/30/18	Part-Time Employee	<u>\$12,750.00</u>
Leath JR, Harold H	7/1/18	8/5/18	Part-Time Employee	<u>\$4,958.33</u>

Leath JR, Harold H	8/1/18	8/5/18	Part-Time Employee (Other Compensation)	<u>\$991.67</u>
			TOTAL:	\$144,762.50

Sean Patrick Maloney used campaign funds to pay for Leath’s move to New York:

- Sean Patrick Maloney hired Harold Leath in 2014 as his “executive assistant,” and used campaign funds to pay for Leath’s move to New York. “Maloney (D-NY) – who in 2020 became chair of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee – hired lifelong Floridian Harold Leath, for whom Maloney’s campaign forked over the money for the move north, in 2014, records show.” (Sam Raskin and Jack Morphet, “Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney’s use of campaign funds for ex ‘body man’ raises ethics questions,” [New York Post](#), 7/31/22)
- “Maloney’s rep confirmed Wednesday the expenses were for Leath’s relocation from Florida to the Empire State. The practice is legal but not common for aides in Leath’s position, according to several sources familiar with House spending practices.” (Sam Raskin and Jack Morphet, “Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney’s use of campaign funds for ex ‘body man’ raises ethics questions,” [New York Post](#), 7/31/22)

Harold Leath described his role as Maloney’s “body man,” noted that he did everything with the Congressman, and determined that his main responsibility was “to make sure the congressman and his family never needed anything:”

- “Leath recently explained his job as a ‘body man’ for the politician.” (Sam Raskin and Jack Morphet, “Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney’s use of campaign funds for ex ‘body man’ raises ethics questions,” [New York Post](#), 7/31/22)
- Leath determined that he did everything with the Congressman, including going for runs and driving “him everywhere he needed to go.” “I was pretty much with the congressman everywhere he went within the district – if he went to a meeting, if he went out running. I would drive him everywhere he needed to go,’ he told The Post from his Hell’s Kitchen apartment.” (Sam Raskin and Jack Morphet, “Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney’s use of campaign funds for ex ‘body man’ raises ethics questions,” [New York Post](#), 7/31/22)
- Harold Leath said that his main responsibility was “to make sure the congressman and his family never needed anything.” “‘When I first started, my main responsibility was to make sure the congressman and his family never needed anything,’ Leath recalled. ‘I was to be there.’” (Sam Raskin and Jack Morphet, “Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney’s use of campaign funds for ex ‘body man’ raises ethics questions,” [New York Post](#), 7/31/22)
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person is prohibited.” “Asked for comment, a rep for the FEC explained that ‘candidates have wide discretion over the use of their campaign funds, but conversion of campaign funds to personal use by any person is prohibited.’ The spokesperson, Myles Martin, said the agency’s press team ‘cannot speculate on the permissibility of specific situations.’” (Sam Raskin and Jack Morphet, “Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney’s use of campaign funds for ex ‘body man’ raises ethics questions,” [New York Post](#), 7/31/22)