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**From:** Ken Levit  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 07, 2010 7:55 PM  
**To:** 'George Kaiser'  
**Subject:** RE: Ned Barnholt

I've wondered about it, given the WH lists, etc. The truth is that the name of the company has never crossed your lips with the Administration (not so with Congress) and we've certainly never lobbied for the company.

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From: George Kaiser [REDACTED]  
Sent: February 07, 2010 1:48 PM  
To: Ken Levit  
Subject: FW: Ned Barnholt

S'pose an investigative reporter will ever make an association between an early Obama supporter and majority shareholder (through "his" charity) in the entity that received one half billion (or two total billion) dollar loan guarantee(s)?

Solyndra is still the only recipient through that program.

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From: George Kaiser  
Sent: Sunday, February 07, 2010 1:43 PM  
To: Steve Mitchell  
Cc: Jason Martin; Robert Waldo; Jonathan Adamson; Robert Thomas  
Subject: RE: Ned Barnholt

Do we need to do any more personal wooing during this trip?

-----Original Message-----

From: Steve Mitchell  
Sent: Sunday, February 07, 2010 12:55 PM  
To: George Kaiser  
Cc: Jason Martin; Robert Waldo; Jonathan Adamson; Robert Thomas  
Subject: Re: Ned Barnholt

No. Should happen this month. They sent a glass expert down for research on sites, sand, power, etc.

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From: George Kaiser  
To: Steve Mitchell  
Cc: Jason Martin; Robert Waldo; Jonathan Adamson; Robert Thomas  
Sent: Sun Feb 07 07:32:15 2010  
Subject: RE: Ned Barnholt

Did Ben Bierman ever make his planned January site visit?

-----Original Message-----

From: Steve Mitchell

Sent: Friday, February 05, 2010 10:52 AM

To: George Kaiser

Cc: Jason Martin; Robert Waldo; Jonathan Adamson; Robert Thomas

Subject: FW: Ned Barnholt

George,

We are adding Ned Barnholt to the Solyndra board prior to the IPO. A brief bio on Ned is detailed below.

Steve

-----Original Message-----

From: James Gibbons [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2010 7:23 PM

To: Chris Gronet; Steve Mitchell; 'Tom Baruch'; 'Dan Maydan'; Alexander O'Kinneide; 'Jamie McJunkin'; 'John Walecka'; David Prend; 'Winston Fu'; Anup Jacob; Ray Sims; John Gaffney

Subject: Ned Barnholt

Friends:

In the executive session following our last Board meeting, those still present approved the Nominating Committee's recommendation that we

ask Ned Barnholt to join our Board. I am very pleased to tell you that he has agreed to do this, starting immediately. His initial position was that he was very interested in what we were doing and happy to be asked to join the Board, but would not be able to do so for a year because of existing commitments. However his enthusiasm for what we are

doing, coupled with a visit to the factory and a great session with Chris, led him to change his mind about a starting date. He will not be

able to attend Board meetings until after our April meeting, but he will be able to meet with Chris on a regular basis until then. He also expects to prepare himself in other ways so he will be well informed when he does join us in our regular meetings.

Briefly, for those who were not at the executive session at our last meeting, he joined HP in 1966 after doing a BS and MS in EE at Stanford. After working his way through a series of positions of increasing managerial leadership at various HP locations, he was appointed President and CEO of Agilent when it was spun out of HP, and he took it public. You can find a brief bio for him at [www.agilent.com/about/companyinfo/execs/bios/barnholt.html](http://www.agilent.com/about/companyinfo/execs/bios/barnholt.html). Currently he is Chairman of Tencor, lead director at Adobe and Lead director at eBay. He is also on the Packard Foundation Board, and last December agreed to serve as President of the Los Altos Hills Golf Club for this year. I have always found him to be chary of praise and commendably understated. I am sure we will all enjoy having him on our Board.

On a different note, I will also be in touch with each of you over

the coming days to get your comments on the recommendation from the Nominating Committee that our post-IPO Board be composed of 9 members,

5 of whom will be independent directors, with the chair of each

committee being independent. I look forward to talking to each of you

about this proposal and the transition process that will lead us from where we are to where we want to be. Until then, best wishes.

Jim