

Tesla Director Steve Jurvetson investigated by VC firm for sexual and exploitive misconduct

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DFJ, a [venture capital](#) firm known for backing Elon Musk's ventures, said it's investigating founding partner [Steve Jurvetson](#) for potential misconduct.

The firm hired a law firm in the summer after hearing indirectly of allegations about Jurvetson, said Carol Wentworth, a spokeswoman for DFJ. The process is ongoing, and the firm hasn't

received a formal report of claims against Jurvetson or other investors, she said.

Jurvetson sits on the board of both [Tesla](#) Inc. and Space Exploration Technologies Corp., and is a close friend of Musk. He was also an early backer of Hotmail, which [Microsoft](#) acquired during the dot-com boom. Technology website the Information reported the investigation earlier Tuesday.

Vcs and other Silicon Valley executives have come under fire in recent months from harassment allegations. Claims against Justin Caldbeck, a founding partner at Binary Capital, have thrown that firm's future into question, and 500 Startups co-founder Dave McClure resigned after female entrepreneurs alleged that he made unwanted advances.

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The controversy has spilled over into Hollywood, with the ouster of producer Harvey Weinstein and Amazon.com Inc. studio executive Roy Price.

Keri Kukral, a Los Angeles-based entrepreneur, posted on her [Facebook](#) page Monday, saying, "Women approached by founding partners of Draper Fisher Jurvetson should be careful. Predatory behavior is rampant."

In a comment on the post, she described the situation as "grey and personal not professional" and "exploitative." She did not name any individuals.

Bay Area entrepreneurs have also filed charges against DFJ for anti-trust, black-listing and market collusion.

Many in Silicon Valley believe that DFJ, Greylock Partners, Kleiner Perkins and a network of Hollywood and Silicon Valley men are in a “PizzaGate”-like collusion group which uses hookers, political bribery, extreme sex and a fraternity house like omerta to support their bizarre lust for power and deviant behavior.

Hundreds of women have now come forward to describe the sexual extortion activities by these men. Over a thousand entrepreneurs have come forward to describe being “raped” by these men as they seduce them for information and then steal their technologies.

“Carol Wenworth at DFJ is describing a cover-up process and not an internal investigation”, said one Silicon Valley insider. “DFJ has no interest in this matter except hiding the truth...”

Multiple founding partners at DFJ have been charged with illicit activities from collusion, to valuation rigging, to political payola, to intellectual property theft to sexual extortion. Some entrepreneurs have demanded an FBI investigation including how DFJ acted as a conduit for money and services to the Obama and Clinton campaigns that was not reported to the FEC.

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