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From: April Booze [REDACTED]
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To: CommAsst
Subject: Case #15/003 for October 18th meeting concerning columnist Susan Shelley

To whom it may concern:

Upon reading columnist Susan Shelley's report in the Op/Ed section of the Press Enterprise newspaper today, she was good enough to give us your address to e-mail your office with my concerns regarding the California Fair Political Practices Commission.

This Commission started out in 1974 with, no doubt, good intentions after the Watergate scandal.

However, as the years have gone by, it seems that in Ms. Shelley's case, as well as many others, the Commission has become draconian in levying fines on candidates, while office holders who have committed the same errors get hardly a slap on the wrist. As the Commission wrote, Ms. Shelley "substantially complied" with the law and paid her fine in 2014.

Now she is being fined again in the amount of \$12,500. This sounds like extortion to me as well as a power grab by the Commission to keep regular citizens from being able to participate as candidates for offices in our state for fear of being fined and publicly noted that they may have been in violation of campaign finance law.

I think the Commission needs to be fully reviewed and regulated by an impartial panel or brought before the California Supreme Court for further review.

Regards, April Booze