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Subject: FPPC Case No. 2018-01194

Thank you. I have waited for the results of Case No. 2018-01194 for quite some time. It is good to see them being addressed in the February meeting. The STIPULATION, DECISION AND ORDER is very thorough, and I thank George Aradi, Neal Bucknell, James Lindsay and the rest of the staff for the many hours it must have taken to compile all that was needed.

The report speaks volumes: 9 counts, including 3 counts of money laundering.

Five years later, Santa Ana is still reeling from the actions Ryan Ogulnick took in 2018 with his infusion of over \$320,000 to influence local elections.

The proposed penalty of \$87,000 is inadequate considering his blatant and unlawful actions documented in the STIPULATION, DECISION AND ORDER.

Reducing the penalty to \$87,000 is not right or fair to the residents of Santa Ana. Page 33, lines 1 and 2 of the STIPULATION, DECISION AND ORDER, states "The maximum penalty for the counts charged is \$106,533." I understand you have rules regarding fine amounts, but I fail to see why the fine should be reduced given the severity and number of counts the FPPC has identified.

Hold Ogulnick accountable for illegally trying to influence the outcome of a free and fair election.

Adjust the penalty to the maximum amount possible and provide a recommendation to the district attorney to prosecute him for money laundering.

Respectfully,

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