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I was dumbfounded learning about the punitive fine imposed on Susan Shelley. As noted by many other commenters, Ms. Shelley was a first-time candidate with good intentions of serving her community. Originally, she was fined several times and she paid the fines. I may be confused but it seems to me, this would be akin to double jeopardy (although not a criminal case). My understanding is that your commission is to ensure fair political practices; however, this fine does not seem fair. In my opinion, it is arbitrary and capricious because Ms. Shelley is not a liberal progressive. SHAME ON THE FPPC. So much for fair political practices.

I am asking that the FPPC reconsider this excessive fine of Ms. Shelley and drop the fine.

Respectfully submitted,

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