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From: Jerry Laughlin [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 16, 2019 11:19 PM
To: CommAsst
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT -- Case #15/003, regarding Susan Shelley

Dear administrators,

I am a citizen of California and a resident of Tustin, California. In the case of Susan Shelley and with respect to you as FPPC commissioners deciding whether to accept or reject a "proposed decision" recommending a \$12,500 fine against Susan Shelley for late-filed paperwork during a 2013 special-election campaign for the Assembly, please accept my opinion as credible and sincere. I have read and heard the details of this case more than once, and I am someone who does not know this woman personally, but there is an crucial element of fairness that I ask you consider regarding her case.

She has done her deep and due diligence with regards to providing what was necessary in her efforts to become elected in the special election in 2013. She has paid substantial fees already for errors she was not appraised of going into the process. The complexity of submittals has not been her fault, but the responsibility of officials and clerks and administrators of the State of California to make such submittals against potential filing errors much more transparent, resulting in far easier submittals. Rules that are so complex, ambiguous perhaps, and definitely onerous serve no one in any position in this case. They serve the public in no conceivable way. There were many instances in which government employees/officials could have paid due attention to the details regarding her submittals and thereby prevent such fines and penalties that are now proposed against her, in the amount of \$12,500.

In the desired sense of fairness for a citizen exercising her right to try and represent the people of the great State of California in regards to the 2013 special election, please dismiss these fines and dismiss this case against Susan Shelley. Her late fees are penalty enough, and those may not be deserved in any case. Let this proposal of release of responsibility by you be a sincere example of respect, empathy for those encountering the cumbersome process that screams to be simplified, heartfelt appreciation of the bizarre nature of this situation, and above all an example of flexibility towards the public by our elected officials.

In the name of fairness, please dismiss this proposed \$12,500 fine. Let us honor, respect, and have empathy towards each other every chance we can. Our world can and should get better at this.

Sincerely,

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