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To Whom it May Concern,

I ran for City Council in Brea last fall and would like to describe certain aspects of my experience.

Though I was encouraged by many in my community to run, I almost didn't because of difficulties I had finding a treasurer for my campaign. I finally did find a charitable supporter who had the time and the skills to handle this for me.

Early on, I read of OC Register columnist Susan Shelley's negative experience with financial filings associated with a past unsuccessful campaign and also read that one of the two professional political treasurers I'd been referred to got into legal troubles with a campaign she had worked for. Though I am confident my treasurer and I did nothing knowingly wrong, I still am very leery of the possibility that some filing was not done or not done properly. Managing the financial aspects of even a local campaign are very challenging and intimidating.

I don't know specifically what can be done to address this, but I feel confident in saying that it plays a part in influencing good people to not run for political office.

Thanks,

Steve Shatynski

Sent from my iPhone