

Comments on penalties for campaign finance violations

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Hi there PDC;

Joe A. Kunzler here. About the penalty calendar for campaign finance regulations...

At a bare minimum, the 3rd violation should have a ceiling of \$10,001 for willful violations that should result in prosecution. I like the first can have no fine, realizing that mistakes of good faith happen.

I would also add that for the first violation of any PDC regulation should result in a requirement to honor PDC communications and take a course in PDC regulations as well. Rather, see mandatory education the first time around than a fine. That will weed out most first-time violators from being repeat violators. But that's me.

There also needs to be an ability to say at some point that not paying your PDC fine can result in NOT having future placement on the ballot. We need FAIRNESS for all brave souls that step forward to put their family name on a ballot to seek elected office. When we have people like Alex Tsimerman serially run for office and not be... honest players in the game, there needs to be true consequences to protect the integrity of the game. I don't care if they own property or not, shut down the dishonest players. If that requires some GUTS and calling state legislators out for not doing their job as... sports commissioners who vote on the rules of the game, fine. Let's go. But the status quo is a problem.

I ask the PDC to consider these thoughts in your deliberations.

Many thanks;

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