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Subject: Replace Cox and MAX fines for violating ethics

Asking you to keep our political system uncorrected and this man is corrupt..clearly he doesn't care about a fine that has no impact..he will do it again and pay the fine and biz as usuall.. people deserve better than someone who has to buy ethics. dunno about you but my ethics are worth a lot more than 3000\$ in fact they are priceless because ethics cannot be bought..it is in you and it can't be faked...especially not for 3000\$that is an insult to the people of california.. what if he had gotten his way at that hearing..sw stock wouldve soared and he would've been richer..disgusting this goes on and people can just pay a fine. a fine is not punishment if you can easily pay it and be on your way.

Replace cox and give him the maximum fines. it is simply not believable that he and his wife were unaware of the stocks/hearing. no one believes it..not even you and you said so.

There are several problems with Cox's claims and a penalty of only \$3000:

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"Cox, who provided copies of his wife's private investment transactions, requested to meet with the Union-Tribune

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Monday to discuss his case and said he learned of the upcoming penalty that morning. While he said he expects to

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\$3,000, the settlement won't be finalized until it receives commission approval. Regardless of the amount, the

penalty

will be paid through personal funds, he said."

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"The proposed decision, however, states that there are reasons to impose the \$3,000 penalty.

The political practices commission noted that Cox and his wife had a high level of awareness about the Political Reform Act because of their years of government service.

In addition to being a coastal commissioner, Cox has been a county supervisor for more than 20 years, and his wife was mayor of Chula Vista from 2006 to 2014.

The decision further states that Cox was under an obligation to be aware of his financial interests and to discuss those matters with his wife to avoid conflicts of interests and the appearance of impropriety."

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3. This isn't the first time the Cox's have engaged in questionable behavior.

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Mr. Cox's May 6, 2008 letter to the San Diego Union Tribune claims innocence, but this is not surprising. We have seen for a long time that the Cox duo is very good at spouting claims of virtue.

The problem is that so many of the claims are untrue. Mr. Cox, why don't you address the question of how the two shameful prosecutions of your wife's political opponents were initiated by our District Attorney? The integrity of our justice system is at stake.

How about an independent investigation of the Public Integrity Unit?"

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Five months after the \$340 million sale closed, the couple's daughter, Elizabeth Cox, was hired by the transportation planning agency for a \$90,000-a-year job in marketing.

Both elected officials, who serve on the SANDAG board of directors, said their support for the tollway purchase had nothing to do with their daughter being offered the position.

"This is a kid who worked really hard," Mayor Cheryl Cox said. "I don't see it as a conflict of interest when a young person seeks a job on her own, is interviewed on her own, is paper-screened on her own and is hired."

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The California Fair Political Practices Commission is holding a meeting on Thursday April 22nd to determine further penalties.

It is vital that we be sure Cox doesn't receive yet another ineffective slap on the wrist and be allowed to walk away unscathed. Clearly, his past indiscretions have taught him nothing and have taught us that he will indeed make a mockery of political fairness and betray his constituents and the ethics of the office he holds anytime he wishes.

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