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## APOC To Hold Hearing on Fines Against Opponents of Open Primaries and RCV

Breaking: New Complaint Filed Against Repeat Offenders

ANCHORAGE—The Alaska Public Offices Commission (APOC) will <u>hold a public hearing</u> at 9 a.m. Thursday regarding numerous campaign finance violations by the groups attempting to repeal open primaries and ranked choice voting. This hearing comes two months after an <u>APOC staff investigation</u> concluded the people supporting repeal violated <u>more than a dozen campaign laws</u>—supporting the vast majority of allegations in Alaskans for Better Election's July <u>complaint</u>

If not reduced by the commission, the maximum penalties for the violations are:

- \$46,400 against Alaskans for Honest Government (AHG)
- \$99,500 against Alaskans for Honest Elections (AHE)
- \$278,300 against Art Mathias
- \$312,170 against Ranked Choice Education Association (RCEA)

Today, ABE also filed a <u>new complaint</u> against AHE, RCEA, and Mr. Mathias for allegedly

- continuing to fail to file reports
- continuing to fail to file reports on time
- continuing to use RCEA, a Washington-based "church," to "repurpose" contributions to AHE and obscure the source of the funds from the public

The APOC hearing will be held at 9 a.m. Thursday in Anchorage at 2221 E. Northern Lights Blvd., Room 128. Listen telephonically at (907) 202-7104, 35082397# or email <a href="mailto:apoc@alaska.gov">apoc@alaska.gov</a> to stream via Microsoft Teams.

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