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Hello Ethics Commissioners and staff,

I'd like to provide written comment for Agenda Item 6 of the 11/8/24 meeting, "Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Proposed Stipulation, Decision and Order In the Matter of Mayor Mark Farrell for Yes on Prop D, Mark Farrell for Mayor 2024, Mark Farrell, and Roy Herrera":

My name is Michael Howley, and I'm offering this public comment to urge the Ethics Commission to use whatever powers you have to bar the responsible parties and campaign committee officers from participating in future campaign activities. Or if this is beyond the power of the Commission, then to make recommendations to the Department of Elections, City Attorney, or other offices who could take such actions.

As a resident, voter, and taxpayer in San Francisco, I'm extremely grateful to the Ethics Commission for taking swift action on this blatantly obvious violation of campaign finance rules. Anyone half paying attention to this local election cycle has seen this in action, and all voters have been materially affected and influenced by the results of this scheme to commingle campaign funds.

I understand that some of the most impactful aspects of the scheme, such as dozens of mailers, flyers, and advertisements for the Ballot Measure that aggressively and illegally promoted the Candidate may be outside the purview of this Commission. I am by no means an expert on what falls under City Ethics vs Election laws. But even for the violations covered by this Stipulation, the harm has been real for all voters who are tasked with evaluating these campaigns and their opponents. A fine is merely a price of doing business; these unlawful actions must have real consequences for the perpetrators to ensure future compliance. Please do what you can to bar these campaign officers from future campaign activity, for the good of all San Franciscans.

Thank you,  
Michael Howley  
Concerned resident