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APOC Staff Investigation: Kelly Tshibaka & Preserve Democracy Violated Campaign Finance Laws

Potential fines up to \$45,000 for failure to file financial reports, failure to register and disclose donors, failure to report campaign activities

ANCHORAGE—The Alaska Public Offices Commission (APOC) staff released its investigation <u>report</u> Friday finding that Kelly Tshibaka and her nonprofit, Preserve Democracy, violated several campaign finance laws.

Among APOC staff findings:

- Preserve Democracy failed to register with APOC, which is necessary before advocating for or against a ballot proposition;
- Preserve Democracy failed to disclose its donors;
- Preserve Democracy failed to identify its donors on its communications and to file required financial reports

Staff recommended a minimum fine of \$16,450 and noted that Preserve Democracy and Ms. Tshibaka face potential maximum fines of \$45,250.

Alaskans for Better Elections in July filed a <u>complaint</u> with the Alaska Public Offices Commission (APOC) alleging Kelly Tshibaka and her nonprofit, Preserve Democracy, committed numerous campaign finance violations.

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