

AG pens letter to Secretary of State on campaign reform

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SANTA FE – Attorney General Hector Balderas sent a letter to Secretary of State Dianna J. Duran June 17 making recommendations for increasing transparency and accountability in the campaign finance reporting process.

“When dealing with millions of dollars of campaign donations, candidates should strictly comply with the law and not violate transparency standards,” Balderas said in describing shortcomings in the current system of campaign finance reporting. “We need to put teeth back into the law, which is why I’ll be supporting the reinstatement of mandatory fines for violation of the Campaign Reporting Act during the upcoming legislative session.”

In addition to legislative reform, the AG recommended that the Secretary of State establish a robust notification system to better track enforcement of campaign reporting legal requirements and that she employ a dedicated training officer to conduct statewide trainings to increase understanding of the Campaign Reporting Act.

To view a copy of the AG’s letter, visit: www.nmag.gov