

Ethics Commission fines D.A., staffers

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San Francisco District Attorney George Gascón and members of his staff have been fined by the Ethics Commission for illegally soliciting donations from city employees at a campaign fundraiser.

Gascón will pay \$4,000 for the offense, while Assistant District Attorney Michael Swart and chief of staff Cristine Soto DeBerry will pay \$1,400 each.

All said they were

unaware of the violation, said Ethics Commission Chairman Paul Renne. He noted that Gascon had attended ethics training and should have known soliciting donations from city employees is illegal.

Gascón did not respond to calls for comment.

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