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LA Mayor Gets Fined

Antonio Villaraigosa has agreed to pay an ethics fine for accepting free tickets to events.

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California's campaign finance watchdog is recommending the largest combined fine in the agency's history against Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa for failing to report free tickets to dozens of entertainment events.

The mayor had been facing fines up to \$167,000.

The action was published Friday by the California Free Political Practices Commission. It's a result of a joint investigation by the state agency and the Los Angeles Ethics Commission. Each agency is recommending fines of about \$21,000.

In 2010, the city commission voted to prohibit all elected officials from accepting free tickets to events if the donor has business before the city. That action came after Villaraigosa acknowledged he had accepted tickets to events like the Academy Awards, "American Idol" finals and the Los Angeles Lakers and Dodgers games.

A commission spokesman says the mayor agreed to the fine.

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