

Washington Post Quotes Trevor Potter on Campaign Finance Rules

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Former FEC Chairman, Trevor Potter, spoke with *The Washington Post* concerning Mike Pence's 1990 race which led to key changes in campaign finance policies. Campaign finance records from Mr. Pence's 1990 effort showed that he used political donations to pay the mortgage on his house, his personal credit card bill, groceries, golf tournament fees and car payments for his wife. The spending had not been illegal at the time, but it stunned voters. Experts say that subsequent rules passed by the Federal Election Commission barring the use of campaign funds for personal needs were the direct result of ethics concerns raised by Pence's actions. "It was a landmark issue," recalled Trevor Potter, who joined the commission in 1991 and helped shepherd in the new rules. For the complete article, please visit *The Washington Post's* website.

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