

## **The sky's the limit**

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I was appalled when I read that Summit County Republican Party Chairman Alex Arshinkoff wants to raise contribution limits for mayoral and council races from the \$300 level approved by Akron voters to possibly \$50,000 ("Party chief wants to raise limits," Feb. 4).

If contribution levels are increased to such astronomical rates, only the well-connected and wealthy could run for such a seat.

At a time when spending desperately needs to be capped on state and national elections, Arshinkoff proposed to offer our local offices "for sale." When people contribute thousands of dollars to a campaign, they usually expect something in return, which gives the wealthy unfair influence on the behavior of the newly elected official.

Arshinkoff claims the current levels favor incumbents because they have name recognition, which sounds like apples and oranges to me. Maybe he should consider that the voters prefer the people in those offices to the candidates the GOP is offering.

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