



City of Austin
Ethics Review Commission

LETTER OF CENSURE

TO: Voices of Austin
FROM: City of Austin Ethics Review Commission
DATE: March 24, 2021
RE: Determination of Sanctions under City Code, Sections 2-7-48 and 2-7-49

In accordance with Chapter 2-7 of the Austin City Code, this letter is to advise you that the City of Austin Ethics Review Commission (the “Commission”) has completed its consideration of the complaint filed with the Commission against Peck Young, Voices of Austin on October 7, 2020. The Complaint alleged that Voices of Austin “sent an email with a PDF of their ‘latest mailer’ to Austin voters”, and that the communication failed to include a disclosure statement with the names of the five largest contributors as required by City Code Section 2-2-33.

At a final hearing held on March 10, 2021, the Commission determined that Voices of Austin violated City Code Section 2-2-33 (Disclosure Statement Required) of Chapter 2-2 (Campaign Finance).

A letter of censure is the appropriate sanction where the Commission finds a serious or repeated violation of City Code Chapter 2-7, which incorporates violations of City Code Chapter 2-2 (Campaign Finance). The Commission heard evidence and made determinations at a final hearing on the allegations. The Commission’s actions were recorded by video recording and are available at: <https://austintx.new.swagit.com/videos/114281>. Based on the Commission’s findings and determinations, the Commission issues this letter of censure to Voices of Austin.

This action is effective as of the 10th day of March, 2021.

CITY OF AUSTIN ETHICS REVIEW COMMISSION

Luis Soberon
Chair, Ethics Review Commission

CC: City Manager
Members of the City Council
Mayor of the City of Austin
City Clerk (all by email)