



City of Austin  
**Ethics Review Commission**

**LETTER OF NOTIFICATION**

**TO:** Richard Smith

**FROM:** City of Austin Ethics Review Commission

**DATE:** November 4, 2022

**RE:** Determination of Sanctions under City Code, Sections 2-7-48 and 2-7-49

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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 you on September 29, 2022.

The Complaint alleges that you violated Austin City Code, Chapter 2-2 (Campaign Finance) Section 2-2-14 (Disclosure of Compliance with Chapter), by failing to include this notice in all political advertising: "This campaign has not agreed to comply with the contribution and expenditure limits of the Austin Fair Campaign Chapter."

Your attorney of record agreed that prior to your receipt of the complaint, your political advertising failed to include the required notice. Your attorney also stated that shortly after receiving a copy of the complaint, you took prompt corrective actions to include the required disclosure language in your political advertising and to add corrective stickers to all existing road signs (size 4 by 4 or 4 by 8 feet) and to yard signs where the location was known.

The Commission determined based on your admissions during the preliminary hearing that a violation within its jurisdiction had occurred. Comments by individual commissioners are contained in the video recording of the Commission meeting, which is available at: <https://austintx.new.swagit.com/videos/187574?ts=2908>.

Based on the determination that you violated a provision of the City Code within its jurisdiction, the Commission issues this letter of notification to you.

Effective Date of the Commission's approval of issuance of a letter of notification: 26th day of October, 2022

CITY OF AUSTIN ETHICS REVIEW COMMISSION

  
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Luis Soberon  
Chair, Ethics Review Commission