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November 21, 2022

Ms. Analisa Cordova Silverstein

SENT BY EMAIL

Re: Notice of Complaint, SC-32211442

Dear Ms. Silverstein:

We received resubmitted sworn complaint SC-32211442 on November 18, 2022. The sworn complaint alleges that you did not include a highway right-of-way notice on political advertising signs, in violation of Section 259.001 of the Election Code.

The Texas Ethics Commission (Commission) accepts jurisdiction over the allegation. This does not mean that the Commission has found that a violation occurred. It means that the sworn complaint meets the Commission's legal and technical form requirements for accepting jurisdiction.

The sworn complaint allegation will be processed as a Category One violation. Under the law you are required to respond to the allegation not later than 10 business days from the date you receive this notice. Failure to respond will constitute a separate violation for which a separate civil penalty may be assessed.

The response must be in writing, admit or deny the allegation, and be signed by you. If you deny the allegation, then you should provide evidence supporting the denial. The response must include any challenge you seek to raise to the Commission's exercise of jurisdiction. The response should be under oath. We have enclosed an affidavit form that you may wish to use for the response. A respondent who is a candidate or officeholder may by writing submitted to the Commission designate an agent with whom the Commission staff may communicate regarding the complaint. If you have any information relevant to the complaint, please provide it at this time. Also, please be advised that you should preserve all documents and evidence related to the allegation in this complaint.

To comply with legal requirements regarding the initial notice of a sworn complaint, I have also included a copy of the sworn complaint, the Commission's sworn complaint rules, a Statement

of Respondent's Rights, and copy of the relevant statutes of the Election Code. More information about the complaint process is available on the Commission's website at <a href="https://www.ethics.state.tx.us">www.ethics.state.tx.us</a>.

Please note that at this stage in the process, Commission members and staff are required by law to keep the complaint and all documents relating to it strictly confidential.

Please call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Nicholas Espinosa

Nicholas Espinosa Director of Enforcement

Jurisdiction accepted For the Texas Ethics Commission

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J.R. Johnson

**Executive Director** 

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Enclosures: Copy of Sworn Complaint

Commission Rules Concerning Sworn Complaints

Statement of Respondent's Rights

Relevant Statutes

Affidavit (for respondent only)

c: Dr. Max Grossman SENT BY EMAIL