SWORN COMPLAINT BEFORE THE TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION

Section 571.122 of the Government Code requires that a sworn complaint be filed on a form prescribed by the Texas Ethics Commission and include specific information.

- · You must complete a separate sworn complaint form for each respondent.
- You must allege a violation of a law that is within the Texas Ethics Commission's jurisdiction, listed on p. 2. More information and instructions for this form can be found at https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/tec/sworn.html.
- A person filing a frivolous or bad faith complaint may be subject to a civil penalty.

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3	COMPLAINANT MAILING ADDRESS (check if same as above)	ADDRESS APT / SUITE # CITY STATE ZIP CODE 3204 Fairfax Walk, Austin, Texas 78705 (Full street or mailing address, including city, state, and zip code)				
4	(REQUIRED) COMPLAINANT TELEPHONE NUMBER (REQUIRED)	AREA CODE PHONE NUMBER EXT 512 970-2035	5 COMPLAINANT E-MAIL ADDRESS (REQUIRED IF KNOWN)	LindaGuerreroForDistrict9@gmail.com		
	II. IDENTITY OF RESPONDENT					
6	RESPONDENT NAME (REQUIRED)	MS/MRS/MR Step NICKNAME Steve Adle	LAST	MI 		
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III. NATURE OF ALLEGED VIOLATION

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Sec. 255.003. UNLAWFUL USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS FOR POLITICAL ADVERTISING. (a) An officer or employee of a political subdivision may not knowingly spend or authorize the spending of public funds for political advertising.

Political advertising is defined in Tex. Elect. Code:

Sec. 251.001(16) "Political advertising" means a communication supporting or opposing a candidate for nomination or election to a public office or office of a political party, a political party, a public officer, or a measure that:

(A) in return for consideration, is published in a newspaper, magazine, or other periodical or is broadcast by radio or television; or

- (B) appears:
- (i) in a pamphlet, circular, flier, bil board or other sign, bumper sticker, or similar form of written communication; or
- (ii) on an Internet website.

Mayor Adler's press conference can be viewed at https://austintx.new.swagit.com/videos/190448

A review of the video and transcript of Mayor's Adler press conference reveals that only about 15% of the conference was to encourage the public to go vote in the runoff election. About 10% of the conference was spent by Mayor Adler denouncing a petition drive related to police oversight. About 30% of the conference was spent making the political endorsement of Zo Qadri and Jose Velasquez. The remaining 45% of the conference was spent on Mayor Adler's dual endorsement of Kirk Watson and Celia Israel for Mayor. At the end of the video, it lists the City staff involved in producing the press conference, including Associate Producer Eric Cruz, Chief Engineer Garry Wildison, Engineering Mark Batchelder, Tom Dynia, Oscar Palomo, Master Control/Programming Robert J. Heath, Executive Producers Jessica King, and Keith Reeves. The video ends saying: "This is an ATXN Production @ 2022, All Rights Reserved."

In Tex. Ethics Advisory Opinion No. 550 at 3 (Jan. 28, 2019), the Commission warned that:

The 'spending' of public funds includes the use of a political subdivision employee's work time or a political subdivision's equipment or facilities. 'Political advertising' is defined, in pertinent part, as a communication supporting or opposing a candidate for nomination or election to a public office....

The Texas Ethics Commission has also warned that, "The city's production of an event deliberately designed to provide a platform for the dissemination of political advertising is therefore prohibited by section 255.003." Tex. Ethics Advisory Opinion No. 563 at 4 (Sept. 1, 2021). Likewise, the Commission has held:

It is not possible, however, to state that comments by city council members at a recorded public meeting could never give rise to a violation of section 255.003 because we can imagine a situation in which one or more city council members might arrange a discussion of a matter not pending before the city council with the hope that broadcasts of the discussion would influence the outcome of an election." Tex. Ethics Advisory Opinion No. 456 (July 16, 2004).

There can be no doubt that Mayor Adler intended this press conference to influence the outcome of the election. Using City resources to do so was criminal behavior.

Mayor Adler has the same free-speech rights as any other member of the public and the same access/restrictions to city resources as other members of the public for political purposes. But City staff, equipment, and website are not available for political advertising, such as candidate endorsements, to the general public or anyone. As a City official, Mayor Adler has control of certain city resources by virtue of his position. Mayor Adler misused his position as Mayor to commandeer city staff, audio-video equipment and website to engage in his own political endorsement of candidates. See "GUIDELINES FOR NON-CITY USE" of City Hall (located at https://www.austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/fuidelines_for_Non-City_Use_02.02.12.pdf) ("The City's media equipment is not available for public use." "City resources or equipment may not be used for election campaigning.").

On good faith belief, Complainant asserts that prior to his December 1, 2022 press conference Mayor Adler was warned by city legal counsel that Council members are not allowed to spend or authorize spending public funds for political advertising, and that prohibition includes using city equipment, computers, copiers, supplies, staff, postage, stationary, email, websites, twitter or other social media sites, bulletin or electronic message boards, resources, ATXN Channel 6, and the like. Mayor Adler was surely aware that this press conference was set up, recorded, and archived on the City's website in violation of the prohibition against political advertising.

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IV. STATEMENT OF FACTS

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THANK YOU.

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SO YOU WANNA GO VOTE DIANE, READY TO VOTE.
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V. LISTING OF DOCUMENTS AND OTHER MATERIALS

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You must list all documents and other materials filed with this complaint. Additionally, list all other documents and other materials that are relevant to this complaint and that are within your knowledge, including their location, if known. Relevant documents that are available to you or in your possession must be included.

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- 2. Screenshot of City's website showing press conference information.
- 3. Driver's License of Complainant

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(Execute this affidavit if the acts alleged are not within your direct personal knowledge, but are based on reasonable belief.)

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Signature of Complainant (Declarant)

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You must be a resident of the state of Texas to be eligible to file a sworn complaint with the Texas Ethics Commission. You are required to attach to the complaint a copy of one of the following documents:

- complainant's driver's license or personal identification certificate issued under Chapter 521 of the Transportation Code, or commercial driver's license issued under Chapter 522 of the Transportation Code; or
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A COMPLAINT WILL BE RETURNED IF A COPY OF ONE OF THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS IS NOT ATTACHED AS PROOF OF TEXAS RESIDENCY OR OWNERSHIP OF REAL PROPERTY IN TEXAS.

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TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION

Mailing Requirement (Government Code § 571.032)

I allow the Commission to send written notices by a less restrictive means than registered or certified mail, and I also allow the Commission to send me notices and other correspondence regarding the sworn complaint by email to:

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Linda Guerrero (Name)	1/4/2023	(Date)	

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THOSE ADS ARE MISLEADING.

THEY TAKE THINGS OUTTA CONTEXT.

THEY'RE CHEAP AND THEY'RE INAPPROPRIATE IN AN AUSTIN ELECTION, AND I HOPE THAT THEY STOP.

IMPORTANTLY, THESE ADS DO NOT COME FROM KIRK WATSON.

HE IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THEM, AND HE CANNOT BE BLAMED FOR THEM.

I BELIEVE I AM IN A UNIQUE POSITION TO BE ABLE TO VOUCH FOR THE COMPETENCE AND READINESS OF EACH OF THESE TWO CANDIDATES.

I WILL SAY PARENTHETICALLY, THAT NO ONE CAN REALLY BE READY FOR THIS JOB UNTIL THEY ACTUALLY GET ELECTED AND SERVE IN THIS POSITION.

IT'S GOING TO BE A NEW EXPERIENCE FOR EITHER AND FOR EACH OF THEM, AND THEY WOULD EACH NEED TO GROW IN THIS OFFICE.

THERE ARE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE CANDIDATES, DIFFERENT BACKGROUNDS, DIFFERENT LIVED EXPERIENCES, DIFFERENT CAREERS, AND I BELIEVE THE CANDIDATES ARE DOING A GOOD JOB OF PRESENTING THESE DIFFERENCES TO THE VOTERS.

AND I TRUST EACH AUSTIN VOTER TO MAKE A CHOICE BASED ON THEIR EVALUATION OF THOSE DIFFERENCES, WHICH I BELIEVE ARE APPARENT.

I AM NOT GOING TO ENDORSE A CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR.

I AM JUST GOING TO STAND UP TO SAY I KNOW THEM BOTH AND BOTH OF THEM ARE READY TO BE ELECTED TO THIS POSITION.

AND I AM GOING TO URGE EVERYONE TO VOTE.

THIS IS GOING TO BE AN EXCEPTIONALLY CLOSE ELECTION, AND I HOPE THAT EVERYBODY STEPS FORWARD TO MAKE SURE THAT THEIR VOICES ARE HEARD.

THAT'S ALL I HAVE.

THANK YOU.

I'M NOW GONNA VOTE.

SO YOU WANNA GO VOTE DIANE, READY TO VOTE.

UM, NOSTALGIA.

YOU PRIM TO THE CITY.

YOU PRIM TO THE SHOW.

THE GENTLEMAN SAYS THAT YOU LOOK PRETTY.

SO PRIMING AROUND THE.

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