



City of Austin  
**Ethics Review Commission**

**LETTER OF ADMONITION**

**TO:** Hon. José Miguel Anwar Velásquez  
**FROM:** City of Austin Ethics Review Commission  
**DATE:** August 31, 2023  
**RE:** Determination of Sanctions under City Code, Section 2-7-48(C)(2)

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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 July 14, 2023. The Complaint alleges that you violated Austin City Code, Chapter 2-7-72(E), which deals with information required for disclosure in required Statements of Financial Information (“SFI”). The Complaint states you violated these provisions by failing to include certain income sources and board membership in your 2021 and 2022 SFI filings.

During the preliminary hearing on the complaint, through your counsel you admitted that three of the four violations cited in the complaint (as set out in Counts 1, 2, and 4) had occurred. The Commission determined based on those admissions and the available record that the violations set out in Counts 1, 2, and 4 had occurred, and also found that reasonable grounds did not exist to believe that a violation of Austin City Code had occurred with respect to Count 3 of the complaint. The Commission recognizes that you filed corrected SFIs including certain information that had not been provided previously, and that you admitted to violations at the hearing, which you assert were inadvertent. The Commission directs that you be mindful of the various provisions of Austin City Code that are the subject of this complaint as well as all other applicable provisions of the Austin City Code moving forward in your future financial disclosures.

Based on those determinations, the Commission issues this letter of admonition to you.

This action is effective as of the 31<sup>st</sup> day of August 2023.

CITY OF AUSTIN ETHICS REVIEW COMMISSION

Luis Soberon  
Chair, Ethics Review Commission