



TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION



ETHICS ADVISORY OPINION NO. 617

March 11, 2025

ISSUE

Whether a particular communication is political advertising, as defined by Section 251.001(16) of the Election Code. (AOR-703)

SUMMARY

The communication at issue is part of a series of communications that was the subject of litigation, which resulted in findings that substantially similar communications are political advertising for purposes of Section 255.003 of the Election Code. As such, and without taking a position on the merits, the TEC does not offer an affirmative defense to prosecution or civil action related to the communication at issue in this request.