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November 19, 2008

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Mr. Tarris Woods
812 37th Street
Galveston, Texas 77550-4022

**CERTIFIED MAIL NO. 7008 1300 0000 4508 5258,
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Re: Notice of Complaint, SC-2811379

Dear Mr. Woods:

We received sworn complaint SC-2811379 on November 13, 2008. The complaint meets the technical form requirements for a complaint filed with the Texas Ethics Commission, and the executive director has determined that the Ethics Commission has jurisdiction over the violation of law alleged in the sworn complaint. The complaint alleges that you failed to file semiannual campaign finance reports in violation of section 254.063 or 254.093 of the Election Code. The complaint also alleges that your campaign finance reports failed to properly disclose information required by section 254.031 of the Election Code. The complaint also alleges that you failed to timely file your pre-election campaign finance report due the eighth day before the May 2008 election, in violation of section 254.064 of the Election Code.

With this notice, I have included a copy of the sworn complaint, the Ethics Commission's sworn complaint rules, a Statement of Respondent's Rights, and a copy of the relevant statutes of the Election Code. More information about the complaint process is available on the Ethics Commission's website at www.ethics.state.tx.us.

If you have any information relevant to the complaint, please provide it at this time. Your response must be in writing and under oath. We have enclosed an affidavit form that you may wish to use for your response. Your response must include any challenge you seek to raise to the Ethics Commission's jurisdiction. In addition, in your response you may acknowledge the occurrence or commission of the violation, or deny the allegations and provide evidence supporting that denial.

The sworn complaint will be processed as a Category One violation. You are required to respond to an allegation of a Category One violation 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.**

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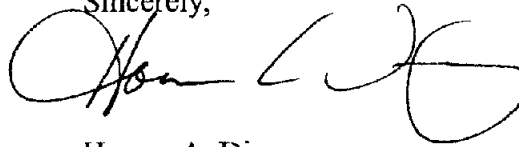
The Texas Ethics Commission does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

The law requires the commission to mail certain notices relating to a sworn complaint to the respondent and the complainant. The notices are required to be sent by registered or certified mail, restricted delivery, return receipt requested unless the requirement is waived by the respondent or complainant. The enclosed form may be used to submit a waiver.

Please note that at this stage in the process, Ethics Commission members and staff are required by law to keep the complaint and all documents relating to it strictly confidential. However, other persons, including the complainant and respondent named in the complaint, are not bound by this confidentiality requirement.

Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Homer A. Diaz
Assistant General Counsel

Jurisdiction accepted
For the Texas Ethics Commission



David A. Reisman
Executive Director

HAD:mc

Enclosures: Copy of Sworn Complaint
Statutes and Rules Concerning Sworn Complaints
Statement of Respondent's Rights
Affidavit
Waiver of Notice

c: Mr. Richard McDuffee
27907 Hanson Court
Spring, Texas 77386-3807

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**SWORN COMPLAINT
BEFORE
THE TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION**

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I. IDENTITY OF COMPLAINANT

I, Richard McDuffee, complainant,
(full name of individual filing the complaint)

hereby file this sworn complaint with the Texas Ethics Commission. My address is
27907 Hanson Ct., Spring, TX 77386
(full mailing or street address, including P.O. box number or street, city, state, and zip code)

My telephone number is 832-205-5073
(telephone number, including area code)

II. IDENTITY OF RESPONDENT

The respondent is Tarris Woods
(full name of respondent)

The respondent holds the position or title of City Council District 1
(position or title held by respondent)
City of Galveston

The respondent's address is 812 37th Street
(full mailing or street address, including P.O. box number or street, city, state, and zip code of respondent)
Galveston, TX 77550

The respondent's telephone number is 409-762-4280
(telephone number of respondent, including area code)

Attach additional pages, if necessary.

III. NATURE OF ALLEGED VIOLATION

(Include the specific law or rule alleged to have been violated, if possible. The Texas Ethics Commission has jurisdiction to enforce *only* Chapters 302, 305, and 572 of the Government Code and Title 15 of the Election Code.)

Mr. Woods did not file any campaign finance reports from 5/5/06 to 4/14/08.

Failed to file the January 2007 semiannual campaign finance report, in violation of Section 254.063.

Failed to file the July 2007 semiannual campaign finance report, in violation of Section 254.063.

Failed to file the January 2008 semiannual campaign finance report, in violation of Section 254.063.

C/OH Campaign Finance Report (30th day) - 4/14/08

1) Reported an incorrect "Outstanding Loan Totals". The loan total should be \$3,000.00, and not \$0.00, as reported, in violation of Section 254.031(a)(2).

C/OH Campaign Finance Report (8th day) - 5/5/08

1) Filed the pre-election report late, in violation of Section 254.064.

2) Failed to disclose the "period covered".

3) Reported an incorrect "Outstanding Loan Totals". The loan total should be \$6,000.00, and not \$3,000.00, as reported, in violation of Section 254.031(a)(2).

Attach additional pages, if necessary.

VI. AFFIDAVIT
BASED ON PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE
(Execute this affidavit if the acts alleged are within your direct personal knowledge.)

I, _____, complainant,
swear that I have knowledge of the facts alleged in this complaint
and that the information contained in this complaint is true
and correct.

Signature of complainant

AFFIX NOTARY STAMP/SEAL ABOVE

Sworn to and subscribed before me, by the said _____, this
the _____ day of _____, 20 _____, to certify which, witness my hand and seal of office.

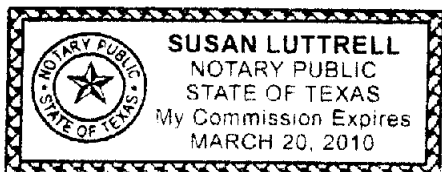
Signature of officer administering oath

Print name of officer administering oath

Title of officer administering oath

VII. AFFIDAVIT
BASED ON INFORMATION AND BELIEF
(Execute this affidavit if the acts alleged are not within your
direct personal knowledge, but are based on reasonable belief.)

I, RICHARD McDUFFEE, complainant,
swear that I have reason to believe and do believe that the violation alleged in
this complaint has occurred. The source and basis of my information and belief
is Campaign Finance Reports.



AFFIX NOTARY STAMP/SEAL ABOVE

[Signature]
Signature of complainant

Sworn to and subscribed before me, by the said RICHARD McDuffee, this
the 7 day of Nov, 20 08, to certify which, witness my hand and seal of office.

Signature of officer administering oath

Print name of officer administering oath

Title of officer administering oath

Susan Luttrell
Texas Ethics Commission

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