

TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION

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Ethics Advisory Opinions

EAO-623: A corporation may not finance fundraising efforts for its connected political committee except from its "members . . . or the families of its . . . members." Tex. Elec. Code § 253.100(d)(5). Who qualifies as a "member" of a nonprofit corporation for purposes of the Section 253.100(d)(5) corporate-funded solicitation exception? (AOR-724).

SUMMARY

To be a member of a nonprofit for purposes of Section 253.100(d)(5), an individual must 1) satisfy the requirements for membership as specified by the organization's governing documents; 2) affirmatively accept the organization's invitation to become a member; and 3) be conferred some rights in the organization.

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EAO-624: Whether certain communications to legislators and their staff about a political party's rules, platform, and legislative priorities require a legislative advertising disclosure statement. (AOR-725).

SUMMARY

None of the communications subject to this request would require the legislative advertising disclosure statement.

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EAO-625: Whether the use of a logo created by a labor organization's political committee that resembles, but is different from, a city-created logo violates a law under the jurisdiction of the Texas Ethics Commission. (AOR-726).

SUMMARY

So long as the logo created by the political committee is not a resource of the city, its use by a city employee for political advertising would not violate a law under the TEC's jurisdiction.

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EAO-626: Whether an employee of a state agency is subject to the Section 572.069 two-year waiting period before accepting employment for a particular employer after helping to select and purchase a software product from the potential employer. (AOR-729).

SUMMARY

Under the facts presented, the former state employee would not be able to work for the particular employer for two years after the contract was signed.

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EAO-627: Whether a former employee of a state regulatory agency who worked on a schematic for a particular construction project may receive compensation from a private employer for services related construction management of the project. (AOR-730).

SUMMARY

The requestor's limited work on the schematic is too attenuated from the contract for the construction management of the project to say that

he "participated" in the construction management contract as a state employee. Therefore, he may receive compensation for services rendered on behalf of his private employer for the construction management contract.

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