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## **Eloy Vera Campaign Ethics Probe Expands, Again**

***New unlawful advertising allegations under investigation by Texas Ethics Commission***

**AUSTIN, TX** – A months-long Texas Ethics Commission investigation into Starr County Judge Eloy Vera’s campaign finance offenses has now expanded to include new allegations of unlawful campaign advertising.

The Texas Ethics Commission yesterday accepted jurisdiction over a sworn complaint indicating that Vera has violated Texas Election Code 253.003, “Unlawful Use of Public Funds for Political Advertising.” In a clear violation of this statute, Vera’s campaign logo appears twice in a video of Vera recently posted to the official Starr County Facebook page.

“Judge Vera has been in office so long that he seems to think he can do whatever he wants, disregarding state campaign finance and advertising laws,” said Wayne Hamilton of local governance group #ProjectRedTX. “These laws are in place for a reason: to provide transparency and accountability to the public. Starr County deserves better than an entrenched politician who uses his elected office for political gain.”

This is not the first time Vera has made headlines for illegal campaign advertising. [As reported in 2014, Vera erected a billboard-size campaign sign on private property without the permission of the property owners, then refused to take it down.](#)

His latest misconduct is added to a laundry list of Vera’s ethics violations already under investigation by the Texas Ethics Commission, including failure to file campaign finance reports, failure to properly disclose campaign donations, and making campaign expenditures without having a campaign treasurer on file for proper oversight.

In accordance with state law, the Texas Ethics Commission will continue to investigate all of the allegations over which it has accepted jurisdiction. For more information or to follow the progress of the complaint, visit [projectredtx.com](#).

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