



## RED RIVER COUNTY

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Royce D. Abbott  
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Dear Mr. Abbott:

It has been brought to the attention of this office, through public complaints, that there is a problem with some of the political advertising displayed in the County. According to section 255.006 of the Texas Election Code, the word "for" must be in type size that is at least one-half the type size used for the name of the office sought to clarify that the candidate does not hold that office. The word "for" must be located between the name of the candidate and the office that is being sought. Failure to include the word "for" in the proper manner is a criminal offense which is entitled "Misleading Use of Office Title". This offense is a Class A misdemeanor for each item. I have enclosed a copy of the applicable law for your perusal.

After this was brought to my attention, this office contacted the company in Texarkana that made the signs for you. We did this to possibly avert this letter from being sent. The person who prepared the signs said that the word "for" is less than one-half the type size used in the word "Sheriff".

The State of Texas has adopted rules for political campaigns and everyone must abide by these rules. Please rectify this problem as soon as possible so that no further action by this office will be required. Should you have any questions on this or any other matter, do not hesitate to contact this office.

Good Luck in Your Campaign,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Val Varley", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Val Varley