

BEFORE THE BOARD OF ETHICS

COUNTY OF HAWAI'I

In the Matter of the Petition by

Joaquin (Joe) Belisario,

Petitioner.

PETITION NO. 2021-12

ORDER DISMISSING PETITION

Initial Review: September 13, 2021

ORDER DISMISSING PETITION

By Petition dated August 16, 2021, with the Hawai'i County Board of Ethics (hereinafter "the Board"), Petitioner Joaquin (Joe) Belisario (hereinafter referred to as "Petitioner") alleging that a member of the County Council was in violation of the Hawai'i County Code and Hawai'i County Charter, specifically, (1) "Sue Leeloy ignored the laws previously stated above and should be held accountable for her actions to ensure the public's trust"; (2) "Leeloy failed to make the required full disclosures of the above-mention instances to the council"; and (3) "Leeloy's alleged affair with Neil Tanaka should also result in her removal of the Chair of the Committee of Public Works and Mass Transit."

At its duly noticed meeting of September 13, 2021, the Board initially reviewed and considered the above-captioned Petition pursuant to Rule 4 of the *Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Board of Ethics*. Petitioner appeared in person and provided his testimony to the Board. The Board also received and reviewed evidence submitted by the Petitioner. Respondent appeared in person and provided her testimony to the Board. The Board also received and reviewed evidence submitted by the Respondent.

Board member Denise Nakanishi moved to dismiss Petition No. 2021-12 based on Petitioner's failure to establish the allegations listed in his Petition. Board member Kelly

Valenzuela seconded the motion. The Board, having examined and weighed the record and files in this case and the evidence submitted by the Petitioner, and having considered the relevant information presented as well as the Hawai'i County Charter, the Hawai'i County Code, and the Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure, unanimously approved the motion to dismiss Petition 2021-12 by a vote of 4-0. As such, there is no need for further hearings.

ORDER

Based upon the foregoing, the Hawai'i County Board of Ethics orders that Petition No. 2021-12 is hereby dismissed.

Pursuant to Board Rule 4.9, the Order Dismissing the Petition shall be filed and a copy shall be sent to the Petitioner.

Dated: Hilo, Hawai'i,

November 2, 2021

BOARD OF ETHICS, COUNTY OF HAWAI'I

By

David Wiseman
DAVID WISEMAN

Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGALITY:

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