

BEFORE THE BOARD OF ETHICS

COUNTY OF HAWAII

In the Matter of the Petition by

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Petitioner.

PETITION NO. 2023-14

ORDER DISMISSING PETITION

Initial Review: January 10, 2024

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By Petition dated November 16, 2023, with the Hawaii County Board of Ethics (hereinafter “the Board”), Petitioner ██████████ (hereinafter “Petitioner”) alleged violations of Hawaii County Code Section 2-83(a)(3) of Fair Treatment by Respondent ██████████ Respondent ██████████, and Respondent ██████████ (hereinafter “Respondents”) in relation to a criminal prosecution.

At its duly noticed meeting of January 10, 2024, the Board reviewed and considered the above-captioned Petition in a closed hearing, pursuant to Rule 4 of the *Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Board of Ethics*. The Board having examined the Petition and supporting documents provided by the Petitioner, as well as the responses provided by the Respondents, Board Member Christopher Ho moved to dismiss Petition 2023-14 due to the record not supporting a violation of Hawaii County’s Code of Ethics, Fair Treatment, Section 2-83. The motion was seconded by Board Member Kelly Valenzuela. The Board unanimously approved the motion to dismiss Petition 2023-14 by a vote of 6-0. Subsequently, Board Member Christopher Ho moved to add the additional reason for dismissal Petition 2023-14 due to the failure to state a claim within Section 2-83(3) Fair Treatment within the submitted Petition. The

motion was seconded by Board Member Denise Nakanishi. The Board unanimously approved the motion to dismiss Petition 2023-14 by a vote of 4-0.

ORDER

Based upon the foregoing, the Hawai'i County Board of Ethics orders that Petition No. 2023-14 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 and Respondent.

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Dated: Hilo, Hawai'i, _____

BOARD OF ETHICS, COUNTY OF HAWAI'I

By 

RACHEL SHORT
Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGALITY:



SYLVIA WAN
Deputy Corporation Counsel