

BEFORE THE BOARD OF ETHICS

COUNTY OF HAWAII

In the Matter of the Petition by

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Petitioner.

PETITION NO. 2023-15

ORDER DISMISSING PETITION

Initial Review: January 10, 2024

ORDER DISMISSING PETITION

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 ██████████ and Respondent ██████████ (hereinafter “Respondents”) related 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*. Petitioner appeared in person with the assistance of a language interpreter and provided ████████ testimony before the Board. The Board received and reviewed evidence submitted by the Petitioner. Respondent ██████████ appeared with counsel and provided ████████ testimony before the Board and submitted two exhibits. Respondent ██████████ appeared via Zoom application and provided ████████ testimony before the Board. The Board asked questions of the parties.

The Board having examined and weighed the record and files in this case and the evidence submitted by the Petitioner and Respondents, Board Member Denise Nakanishi moved to dismiss Petition 2023-15 on the basis that there is no specific evidence that shows unfair

treatment. The motion was seconded by Board Member Kelly Valenzuela. The Board unanimously approved the motion to dismiss Petition 2023-15 by a vote of 4-0.

ORDER

Based upon the foregoing, the Hawai'i County Board of Ethics orders that Petition No. 2023-15 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.

Dated: Hilo, Hawai'i, February 15th, 2024

BOARD OF ETHICS, COUNTY OF HAWAI'I

By 

RACHEL SHORT
Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGALITY:



SYLVIA WAN
Deputy Corporation Counsel