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TO: Budget Committee of the Honolulu City Council

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MEETING: Wednesday, March 9, 2016

SUBJECT: Budget Briefings, Ethics Commission – **Support Additional Funding**

Aloha Chair Kobayashi and Committee Members,

Thank you for allowing this opportunity to testify on the budget briefing related to the Honolulu Ethics Commission. The ethics commission is woefully underfunded. The commission has only one investigator who handles about 100 cases per year. The commission is also tasked with providing ethics training for all city employees.

Attached are the general statistics for pending complaints requiring investigation and requests for advice from the commission's February 17, 2016, meeting.

Please include funding in the commission's budget for one additional investigator and software to help provide ethics training.

Totals Fiscal Year 2016

Total Inquiries	Advice	Complaints	Oral	Written	Investigations	Closed	Violation	Corrected	Discipline
215	150	65	51	118	11	175	0	0	0
Percentages %	69.77%	30.23%	23.72%	54.88%	5.12%	81.40%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

Overall		Advice		Complaints	
Misuse of city position or resource	Totals	Misuse of city position or resource	Totals	Misuse of city position or resource	Totals
1.a Political activity	4	1.a Political activity	4	1.a Political activity	0
1.b Nepotism	4	1.b Nepotism	1	1.b Nepotism	3
1.c Personal/Family benefit	23	1.c Personal/Family benefit	7	1.c Personal/Family benefit	16
1.d Benefit/disadvantage of another	44	1.d Benefit/disadvantage of another	20	1.d Benefit/disadvantage of another	24
1.e Represent private interests against city	1	1.e Represent private interests against city	1	1.e Represent private interests against city	0
1.f Appear before city agency on behalf of private interest	3	1.f Appear before city agency on behalf of private interest	3	1.f Appear before city agency on behalf of private interest	0
1.g Disclosure of confidential information	6	1.g Disclosure of confidential information	3	1.g Disclosure of confidential information	3
1.h Outside compensation for city work	2	1.h Outside compensation for city work	6	1.h Outside compensation for city work	0
1.i Future employment	6	1.i Future employment	1	1.i Future employment	1
1.j Other	1	1.j Other	1	1.j Other	0
1.k Dual position	1	1.k Dual position	1	1.k Dual position	0
Conflict of interest		Conflict of interest		Conflict of interest	
2.a Gift to city personnel	19	2.a Gift to city personnel	15	2.a Gift to city personnel	4
2.b Gift to city	3	2.b Gift to city	3	2.b Gift to city	0
2.c Financial interest	18	2.c Financial interest	17	2.c Financial interest	1
2.d Personal interest	6	2.d Personal interest	6	2.d Personal interest	0
2.e Office or employee contract w/ city	2	2.e Office or employee contract w/ city	1	2.e Office or employee contract w/ city	1
2.f Other, including procurement	2	2.f Other, including procurement	1	2.f Other, including procurement	1
Misc.		Misc.		Misc.	
3.a Financial disclosure statement	15	3.a Financial disclosure statement	15	3.a Financial disclosure statement	0
3.b Conflict of interest disclosure	2	3.b Conflict of interest disclosure	2	3.b Conflict of interest disclosure	0
3.c Ethics Training	1	3.c Ethics Training	1	3.c Ethics Training	0
3.d Commission procedure, operations, etc.	28	3.d Commission procedure, operations, etc.	28	3.d Commission procedure, operations, etc.	0
3.e Disclosure of outside interest, CC8	5	3.e Disclosure of outside interest, CC8	5	3.e Disclosure of outside interest, CC8	0
3.f Other	11	3.f Other	10	3.f Other	1
Lobbying/ lobbyists		Lobbying/ lobbyists		Lobbying/ lobbyists	
4.a Lobbying/lobbyists	6	4.a Lobbying/lobbyists	6	4.a Lobbying/lobbyists	0
No Jurisdiction		No Jurisdiction		No Jurisdiction	
5.a No Jurisdiction	19	5.a No Jurisdiction	4	5.a No Jurisdiction	15