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My name is Peter S. Adler. I am serving my first term on the Ethics Commission and, like my colleagues, dedicated to making the EC an exemplary body that can ensure the public's trust and the City's confidence in local government.

I joined the EC after the issues and troubles involving former Executive Director Totto and the many complexities brought about by the Kealoha matter both during its runup, pendency, and its aftermath. Chair Marks, a respected former judge and now a much sought-after arbitrator has been an extraordinarily capable member and leader. She, along with Ms. Jan Yamane our current Executive Director, has brought a steady hand to rebuilding the Commission.

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Like the Judiciary where I worked for many years, the EC cannot punch back when unfair criticisms are leveled against commissioners or staff by disgruntled individuals. I have never seen or heard Judge Marks disrespect or disparage anyone. She is impeccable in her focus on facts and laws and, like the rest of us, listens respectfully, weighs evidence, and lets the chips fall where they will.

If you value and want independence and trustworthiness in your Ethics Commission, I urge you to reappoint her so the rest of us can bring her wisdom and skill to our table.

Thank you for allowing me to offer my comments and I am happy to answer questions where I can.

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