

**ETHICS COMMISSION
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU**



Advisory Opinion No. 33

This is in response to the conflict of interest disclosure filed by Employee X whose job title is designated as Fiscal Services Director for the Honolulu Redevelopment Agency under one year contract.

We are of the opinion that there is no conflict of interest in the instant case.

We have been informed by Employee X that the real property he has at present is of a personal nature and does not constitute real property for sale or purchase in the commercial nature.

A review of his job description reveals that he has general supervision as to all fiscal aspects involving HRA. His duties range from supervising the staff, fiscally oriented members, and fiscal management of governmental and private funds which are processed through the HRA. In addition he develops an investment program of HRA funds.

According to Employee X he establishes short and long range planning of the fiscal program in support of the various activities conducted by HRA. In this connection, however, there is no inkling whether Employee X is in a position to obtain or have knowledge or information which is not generally known to the other officers and employees of the HRA.

Based on the review of his job description and his testimony, we conclude that the various interests he has in real property do not give rise to a possible or probable conflict of interest. He should be apprised, however, that should his present interest in real property go beyond the realm of personal interest, his activities related to real property may become suspect. It may become suspect because he is an employee of a City agency which primarily deals in land and land development.

Dated: Honolulu, Hawai'i, October 11, 1972.

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Very Rev. Robert R. Mackey, S.M., Acting Chairman