

The Compass

Honolulu Ethics Commission Newsletter - May 2018

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The Commission bids a fond farewell to Lisa Parker, Legal Clerk III, who retired at the end of 2017 after being with the Commission for five years.

The Commission congratulates its former Po'okela Intern, Joseph Pagkalinawan, who graduated this past month from U.H. Manoa with a B.A. in Political Science.

The Commission wishes the best to Ms. Parker and Mr. Pagkalinawan and thanks both for their hard work and dedication to the Commission.



DEADLINE TO COMPLETE ALL-EMPLOYEE ETHICS TRAINING is JUNE 30, 2018!! Contact your Training Coordinator or Administrative Services Officer for assistance.

Our office will be closed on:

May 28, 2018 (Memorial Day)

June 11, 2018 (Kamehameha Day)

July 4, 2018 (Independence Day)

August 17, 2018 (Statehood Day)

September 3, 2018 (Labor Day)

The Ethics Commission generally meets on the third Wednesday of every month. See our web page for more info: www.honolulu.gov/ethics

Got Ideas?

We are working on a new online ethics training program for the upcoming biennium, July 1, 2018-June 30, 2020. Do you have any ideas that you would like to see incorporated into our training? If so, please send us an email at ethics@honolulu.gov with "Training Ideas" in the subject line. We appreciate your input!

Introducing - Your Conscience



"ALWAYS LET YOUR CONSCIENCE BE YOUR GUIDE!"

Introducing our new ethics education and outreach team member: Jeremy Cricket (Jiminy Cricket's cousin and stunt double). Mr. Cricket has been in show business since 1940 and has a long list of credentials. However, his most well-known role was that of Pinocchio's conscience. He will be assisting us with ethics advice in newsletters and training.

Mr. Cricket's Corner - Ethics Advice

Dear Mr. Cricket,

In my City job, I am a contract administrator. I manage and review how a private company carries out its contract to construct a City project. A company executive has asked me if I would be interested in working for them. May I discuss terms of employment with the private company? -- Jus' Wonderin'

Dear Jus' Wonderin',

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No, you may not discuss terms of employment with the private company while you are managing and reviewing the private company's contract performance. Before you discuss terms of future employment with the private company, you must remove yourself from any discretionary activities involving them. This reminds me of some research conducted at the Municipal Library...

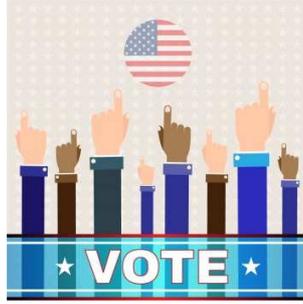
Blast from the Past...June 20, 1966



Mahalo to Municipal Library Staff - Archives

Dear Mr. Cricket,

I am a city employee and I am so excited that this is an election year! As you probably know, the primary election is on August 11, 2018, and the general election is on November 6, 2018. I really want to support a candidate, but I don't want to violate any city ethics laws. Any tips? -- Rock DaVote



Dear Rock DaVote,

You may not use any city resources (your city position, time, equipment, material or premises) for campaign activities or purposes. Campaign activities or purposes include, but are not limited to: (1) selling, purchasing or distributing campaign fundraiser tickets; (2) conducting political meetings; (3) organizing or participating in political rallies or sign waving; (4) producing or distributing campaign literature or materials; (5) soliciting campaign assistance, support or contributions; or (6) soliciting votes on behalf of candidates or ballot measures.

Note: At times, an issue of legitimate government concern may be relevant to an election or ballot measure. The fact that there are both governance and political aspects to an issue does not necessarily result in an ethics law violation.

Commission Rolls Out New Strategic Plan

Over the past year and a half, the Commission dug deep and, with the input of its stakeholders, envisioned a desired future. This desired future is articulated in its strategic plan, Ethics Commission - 2027. Here are some highlights:

Our Mission Statement: To ensure that elected officials, appointed officers and employees demonstrate the highest standards of ethical conduct so that the public may have trust and confidence in the integrity of government.

Our Key Values: (1) Independence; (2) Transparency; and (3) Above reproach.

Our Key Objectives: (1) Review, update, and realign ethics programs for compliance, effectiveness and efficiency; (2) Strengthen and expand the education and training of all city officers and employees; (3) Strengthen commission's internal capability and procedures; (4) develop, implement, and use a simple set of effectiveness measures.

View the plan on the Commission's website: www.honolulu.gov/ethics

What's New - Headlines

Commission Settles Case for Almost \$2,000, Publishes Advisory Opinion 2018-1

Read the full opinion here:

http://www.honolulu.gov/rep/site/ethics/opinions/AO_2018-1_Published.pdf

Intermediate Court of Appeals Agrees with Commission, Denies Kawanakoa's Appeal, No Jurisdiction to Nullify Council Member Votes

Read the full opinion here:

<https://law.justia.com/cases/hawaii/court-of-appeals/2018/caap-16-0000366.html>

Commission Fines Board Member \$100 for Failure to File Financial Disclosure

Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law are final. Advisory Opinion is forthcoming.

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