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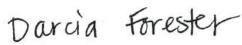
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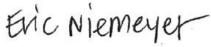
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NOTICE TO REQUESTER				
TO:	Benjamin Creps Civil Beat Law Center			
FROM:	Defender Council c/o Deputy Attorney General Randall S. Nishiyama randall.s.nishiyama@hawaii.gov			
DATE T	HAT THE RECORD REQUEST WAS RECEIVED BY AGENCY: Nov. 2, 2023			
DATE O	F THIS NOTICE: Nov. 15, 2023			
	IMENT RECORDS YOU REQUESTED (attach copy of request or provide brief description below): ached request.			
THIS NO	TICE IS TO INFORM YOU THAT YOUR RECORD REQUEST:			
⊠ Will	pe granted in its entirety as to the executive session minutes.			
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(Describe the portions of records that the agency will not disclose.)

on the exemptions provided in HRS § 92F-13 and/or § 92F-22 or other laws cited below.

AGENCY

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STATUTES

JUSTIFICATION

The letters submitted by the applicants have been segregated to protect their personal confidential information such as their home address, cell phone numbers, information revealing their age, information identifying others in their personal relationships, and also the names and identifying information about the individuals they may be asking to be their First Deputy. These items of information are withheld from public disclosure under HRS section 92F-13(1). The direct email addresses and direct telephone numbers of the current deputy public defenders who are applicants have also been segregated under HRS section 92F-13(3) because public disclosure of such direct contact information may have an adverse effect on their ability to perform their duties, given the nature of their work, thereby resulting in the frustration of a legitimate government function.

Although the agency maintains the requested records, it is not disclosing all or part of them based

Information that would reveal the identities of employees of the Office of the Public Defender submitting comments/criticisms of the applicants for the Public Defender position and/or about other employees in the Office of the Public Defender is withheld from public disclosure pursuant to section 92F-13(3). Disclosure of such information would discourage individuals from submitting candid opinions and observations of the applicants, which adversely affects the Defender's Council's responsibility to select and appoint the Public Defender.

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REQUESTER'S RESPONSIBILITIES:

You are required to (1) pay any lawful fees and costs assessed; (2) make any necessary arrangements with the agency to inspect, copy or receive copies as instructed below; and (3) provide the agency any additional information requested. For questions about this notice or the records being sought, please ask the agency's contact person named at the top of this form. Also, please submit your payment, if any, to the agency at the address listed at the top of this form. DO NOT SEND YOUR PAYMENT to the Office of Information Practices (OIP) unless you are requesting records directly from OIP.

If you do not comply with the requirements set forth in this notice within 20 business days after the postmark date of this notice or the date the agency makes the records available, you will be presumed to have abandoned your request and the agency shall have no further duty to process your request. Once the agency begins to process your request, you may be liable for any fees and costs incurred. If you wish to cancel or modify your request, you must advise the agency upon receipt of this notice.

Please note that the Office of Information Practices (OIP) does <u>not</u> maintain the records of other agencies, and a requester must seek records directly from the agency it believes maintains the records. If the agency denies or fails to respond to your written request for records or if you have other questions regarding compliance with the UIPA, then you may contact OIP at (808) 586-1400, <u>oip@hawaii.gov</u>, or 250 South Hotel Street, Suite 107, Honolulu, Hawaii, 96813.

METHOD & TIMING OF DISCLOSURE:

Records available for public access in their entireties must be disclosed within a reasonable time, not to exceed 10 business days from the date the request was received, or after receipt of any prepayment required. Records not available in their entireties must be disclosed within 5 business days after this notice or after receipt of any prepayment required. HAR § 2-71-13(c). If incremental disclosure is authorized by HAR § 2-71-15, the first increment must be disclosed within 5 business days of this notice or after receipt of any prepayment required.

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	After prepayment of 50% of fees and 100% of costs, as estimated below.							
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		Request requires extensive agency efforts to search, review, or segregate the records or otherwise prepare the records for inspection or copying.						

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST CIRCUIT STATE OF HAWAI'I

PUBLIC FIRST LAW CENTER,

CIVIL NO.: 1CCV-24-0000050

(Other Civil Action)

Plaintiff,

vs.

DEFENDANT DEFENDER COUNCIL'S WRITTEN RESPONSE TO PLAINTIFF'S FIRST REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS TO DEFENDANT DEFENDER COUNCIL DATED NOVEMBER 29, 2024

DEFENDER COUNCIL; JON N. IKENAGA; and AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS,

Defendants.

Judge: Honorable Jordon J. Kimura

Trial: June 23, 2025

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Defendant DEFENDER COUNCIL ("**Defendant DC**"), by and through Anne E. Lopez, Attorney General for the State of Hawai'i, and its attorneys Amanda J. Weston and David N. Matsumiya, Deputy Attorneys General, pursuant to Rule 34(b) of the Hawai'i Rules of Civil Procedure, hereby submits its written response to *Plaintiff's First Requests for Production of Documents to Defendant Defender Council*, dated November 29, 2024 ("**Plaintiff's RPODs**") as follows:

GENERAL RESPONSES AND OBJECTIONS

- 1. Defendant DC objects to each request for production of documents in the Plaintiff's RPODs to the extent that the requests seek the disclosure of privileged communication(s), information that is protected work product, and information concerning documents and tangible things prepared in anticipation of litigation or trial.
- 2. Defendant DC objects to each request for production of documents in the Plaintiff's RPODs to the extent that the requests seek the production of documents that are immaterial and irrelevant to the subject matter of this action.
- 3. Defendant DC objects to each request for production of documents in the Plaintiff's RPODs to the extent that the requests are unreasonably burdensome, oppressive, or vexatious in that the information so acquired would be of little or no relevance to the issues in this case, and/or would place an unreasonable and oppressive burden on Defendant DC in the expenditure of time, cost, and money.
- 4. Defendant DC objects to each request for production of documents in the Plaintiff's RPODs to the extent that the requests are so broad, uncertain, and unintelligible that Defendant DC cannot determine the nature of the documents sought, and to which Defendant DC, therefore, is unable to respond.
- 5. Defendant DC objects to each request for production of documents in the Plaintiff's RPODs to the extent that the requests seek information that is as easily available to Plaintiff PUBLIC FIRST LAW CENTER (the "Plaintiff") as it is to Defendant DC.
- 6. Defendant DC objects to each request for production of documents in the Plaintiff's RPODS to the extent that the requests seek information for which the required good cause or substantial need, as dictated by applicable statutes, court rules and case laws, has not been shown.
- 7. Defendant DC does not concede that any of its responses and/or documents will be admissible evidence at trial. Further, Defendant DC does not waive any objections, whether or not stated herein, to use such responses and/or documents at trial.
- 8. Defendant DC states that its discovery, investigation, and trial preparation are ongoing and have not been completed. Any and all responses to the Plaintiff's RPODS are based only on the documentation available to Defendant DC at the time that its responses and

objections were prepared. Defendant DC reserves its right to supplement its responses as necessary and appropriate.

- 9. All specific responses and objections are made without waiving any of these general objections and statements.
- 10. Without waiving any of the foregoing objections, which Defendant DC incorporates by reference in its responses and/or objection to each of the following individual request for production of documents as if fully set forth therein, Defendant DC further responds and objects to the individual request for production of documents as follows.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawai'i, February 7, 2025.

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REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

1. All communications concerning the Complaint or this action (Civil Number 1CCV-24-0000050).

Objection: Defendant DEFENDER COUNCIL ("Defendant DC") objects to this request for production of documents on the grounds that the term "communications" as defined is vague, ambiguous, and overly broad as to its meaning and scope. Defendant DC further objects to this request for production of documents on the grounds that it does not specify the parties to the communications, which makes the request overly broad and unduly burdensome. Defendant DC objects to this request for production of documents to the extent that it seeks information that is personal and private to the applicants for the State Public Defender position. Finally, Defendant DC objects to this request for production of documents to the extent that it seeks the disclosure of privileged communication(s), information that is protected work product, and information concerning documents and tangible things prepared in anticipation of litigation or trial.

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Response: Without waiving the objections raised above and subject to them, Defendant DC responds as follows:

Without a stipulated protective order, Defendant DC will not produce any documents or information that are considered personal and private to the applicants for the Public Defender position. See DC 000001 – DC 000252.

Defendant DC's discovery into this issue is ongoing. As a result, Defendant DC reserves the right to amend its response to this request for production of documents if its discovery into this matter indicates that its response is incorrect or incomplete.

2. All communications between August 2023 and February 2024 concerning the selection of State Public Defender or potential invalidation of that selection.

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4. All documents concerning the Council meetings held June 16, August 4, October 4, and November 2, 2023, including documents provided to Council members in connection with those the [sic] meetings.

Objection: Defendant DC objects to this request for production of documents on the grounds that the term "concerning" as defined is vague, ambiguous, and overly broad as to its meaning and scope. Defendant DC further objects to this request for production of documents on the grounds that the term "connection" is not defined and is vague, ambiguous, and overly broad as to its meaning and scope. Defendant DC objects to this request for production of documents to the extent that it seeks information that is personal and private to the applicants for the State Public Defender position. Finally, Defendant DC objects to this request for production of documents to the extent that it seeks the disclosure of privileged communication(s), information that is protected work product, and information concerning documents and tangible things prepared in anticipation of litigation or trial.

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5. All documents, including notes or recordings, prepared by the Council during or concerning the Council meetings held June 16, August 4, October 4, and November 2, 2023, excluding official agendas and minutes.

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At the present time, no notes or recordings have been located.

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6. All documents referenced in the Council's responses to Plaintiff's interrogatories.

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Response: Without waiving the objections raised above and subject to them, Defendant DC responds as follows:

Without a stipulated protective order, Defendant DC will not produce any documents or information that are personal and private to the applicants for the Public Defender position. *See* DC 000001 – DC 000252.

Defendant DC's discovery into this issue is ongoing. As a result, Defendant DC reserves the right to amend its response to this request for production of documents if its discovery into this matter indicates that its response is incorrect or incomplete.

7. Position descriptions for any person who verified answers to Plaintiff's interrogatories or responses to Plaintiff's requests for admissions.

<u>Objection</u>: Defendant DC objects to this request for production of documents on the grounds that the phrase "position descriptions" is not defined and is vague, ambiguous, and overly broad as to its meaning and scope.

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Response: Defendant DC responds as follows:

See Defendant DC's answer to Interrogatory No. 1. See also Hawaii Revised Statutes §§ 802-9, 802-11.

8. All documents the Council intends to use as evidence in this action (Civil Number 1CCV-24-000050).

Response: Defendant DC responds as follows:

See DC 000001 – DC 000252. Defendant DC's discovery into this issue is ongoing. As a result, Defendant DC reserves the right to amend its response to this request for production of documents if its discovery into this matter indicates that its response is incorrect or incomplete.