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Jan K. Yamane, Executive Director & Legal Counsel
Honolulu Ethics Commission
925 Dillingham Boulevard, Suite 190
Honolulu, HI 96817

RE: November 16, 2021 Public Records Request

On November 16, 2021, I submitted to the Honolulu Ethics Commission a formal request for access to government records pursuant to Chapter 92F, Hawaii Revised Statutes. After I did not receive a response, I sent a follow-up message on December 6, to which I received no response. The Commission has not provided a timely response in accordance with Hawaii Administrative Rules § 2-71-13.

If I do not hear from the Commission by January 7, I will consider the refusal to respond as denial of access, authorizing the commencement of proceedings in either circuit court or the Office of Information Practices. *SHOPO v. Soc'y of Prof'l Journalists-Univ. of Hawaii Chapter*, 83 Haw. 378, 392-93, 927 P.2d 386, 400-01 (1996) ("Access is withheld, and a person is aggrieved thereby, not only by an agency's outright denial of access, but also, for example, by the agency's non-response . . .").

Please contact me as soon as possible to address this violation.

Regards,



R. Brian Black

Enclosures: November 16, 2021 request (without attachment)
December 6, 2021 e-mail

From: R. Brian Black
Date: Nov. 16, 2021, 5:04 p.m.
Via: Email
URL: <https://uipa.org/r/570#message-2128>
Subject: Records Request for City Ethics Commission: UIPA Log [#570]

Aloha,

Pursuant to the public records law, I would like to request the following records in electronic format sent to my email address.

The UIPA Record Request Log(s) used by the Commission to track record requests received from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. I am seeking the underlying data spreadsheet(s). I would like the record provided in its original Excel format. It is not my intent that this request require effort that would necessitate fees. If this request is expected to require significant effort, please contact me because there may be a miscommunication.

Mahalo,

R. Brian Black
Civil Beat Law Center for the Public Interest

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Attachments:

[1] form1_records_request.pdf

From: R. Brian Black
Date: Dec. 6, 2021, 2:12 p.m.
Via: Email
URL: <https://uipa.org/r/570#message-2261>
Subject: UIPA Logs [#570]

Please let me know the status of my request for UIPA logs.

Best,
Brian