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Testimony

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Meeting Date: Jul 12, 2023 @ 10:00 AM

Support: 0

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 2

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Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	I wish to comment	Jul 11, 2023 @ 09:45 AM

Testimony:
Aloha Council Members,

There is no doubt that Ms. Rice is an accomplished and dynamic woman. She has contributed to Hawaii's community in many ways and has a clear legacy of goodwill and service. Ms. Rice has close personal and work relationships with current and former city officials, which could create a conflict of interest and/or the appearance of a conflict. I believe she would make an ideal candidate for appointment to an alternate commission within the City and would support her nomination in the future.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments.

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Testimony:
Chairperson and members of the City Council,

I wish to comment on Tadia Rice's nomination to the ethics commission and request a conflict of interest check. Tadia Rice has a personal and professional relationship with former council member Kym Pine. I worked with them both at the city level and during the mayoral campaign.

It is important to make sure all ethics commission nominees are not personally connected to anyone with ethics complaints. Ethics commissioners have access to sensitive files and statements that can expose the identity of confidential witnesses and whistleblowers. It also could impact the ability for the commissioner carry out official city duties impartially.

According to the Rules of Procedure, ethics commissioners should be selected in a manner that ensures their independence and impartiality, as outlined in Article XIV of the Hawaii Constitution.

I believe Tadia could bring valuable contributions to the city, but in a capacity that aligns with her expertise and where conflict of interest is not an issue.