



Item 10c - Dismissal Letter 23-18

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April 28, 2023

Shari Wooldridge, Interim Executive Director
Ellen Hurtado, Director of Programs at Crossroads
East Oakland Community Project

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Via email: [REDACTED] o/b/o EOCP and staff

Re: City of Oakland Public Ethics Commission Complaint no. 23-18; Notice of Complaint Received and Dismissal

To the East Oakland Community Project (EOCP):

The City of Oakland's Public Ethics Commission investigates alleged violations of the City's ethics laws. On April 24, 2023, we received a complaint (#23-18) concerning the East Oakland Community Project (EOCP) Crossroads facility and staff. I have attached a copy of the complaint for your reference.

Because our office does not have jurisdiction over EOCP or its staff (which is a non-governmental organization), we are dismissing the complaint. We have advised the complainant that she should utilize EOCP's grievance process and/or notify the City's Community Homeless Services office if she is not satisfied with EOCP's handling of her grievance.

For more detail, you can consult the dismissal letter that we sent to the complainant, a copy of which is attached here pursuant to our Complaint Procedures.

No further action is necessary on your part; this letter is just a courtesy notice.

We are required to inform the Public Ethics Commission of the dismissal of this complaint at an upcoming public meeting, as part of our regular monthly update on Enforcement actions. The date/time and agenda of that meeting will be posted on the Commission's website in advance of the meeting. The report will be purely informational, and no action will be taken by the Commission regarding this matter, which is now closed. However, you are welcome to

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call-in to that meeting to listen and/or give public comment if you wish. You may also submit written comments to us before that meeting, and we will add them to the meeting materials.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at (510) 424-3200 or srussell@oaklandca.gov.

Respectfully,

Simon Russell

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Enclosure: Copy of Dismissal Letter to Complainant



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M'Charlotte Cheatham

Via email: [REDACTED]

Re: Public Ethics Commission Complaint No. 23-18; Notice of Dismissal and Referral to EOCP Grievance Process and City of Oakland Community Homeless Services

To M'Charlotte Cheatham:

On April 24, 2023, the City of Oakland Public Ethics Commission (PEC) received your complaint (#23-18) concerning the East Oakland Community Project (EOCP) Crossroads facility and staff.

Our office does not have jurisdiction over EOCP or its staff, which is a non-governmental organization. We can only handle ethics complaints concerning City government officials or certain consultants, not including EOCP.

However, we recommend you do the following:

1. Use EOCP's own grievance process. You can contact Ellen Hurtado, Director of Programs at [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in order to do that. We have already provided them with a copy of your complaint, with your contact information redacted. You should contact them if you want to pursue your complaint with them.
2. If you are not satisfied with EOCP's grievance process, you can contact the City of Oakland's Community Homeless Services office (which funds EOCP) and they will handle your complaint. You can contact C'Mone Falls, Acting Manager of Community Homeless Services, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. We have also provided them with a copy of your complaint.

We are required to inform the Public Ethics Commission of the resolution of this complaint at an upcoming public meeting, as part of our regular monthly update on Enforcement actions. That meeting date/time and agenda will be posted on the Commission's website in advance of the meeting. The report will be purely informational, and no action will be taken by the Commission regarding this complaint, which is now closed. However, you are welcome to call-

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in to that meeting to listen and/or give public comment if you wish. You may also submit written comments to us before that meeting, and we will add them to the meeting materials.

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,

Simon Russell

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