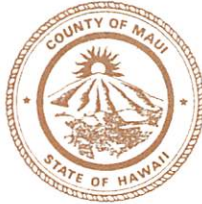


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Honorable Mike White, Chair  
Maui County Council  
County of Maui  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair White:

Please consider this communication a formal complaint against Councilmember Elle Cochran. On June 6, 2018, during the Policy, Economic Development and Agriculture Committee meeting, Councilmember Cochran made inflammatory statements, alleging that my directors were appointed because they give me campaign money in return.

Specifically Councilmember Cochran stated that "every single director the Arakawa administration has put into place funded the maximum amount on the campaign." This statement has no basis in fact, as can be seen by looking at publicly accessible documents with the State Campaign Spending Commission. Only one former director and two deputy directors gave the maximum amount to my campaign. Some directors gave nothing.

This statement was casually tossed around on the council floor while being broadcast live on Akaku TV, without any consideration or verification of the facts. According to the County Charter, Section 10-1. Declaration of Policy. "Elected and appointed officers and employees shall demonstrate by their example the highest standards of ethical conduct to the end that the public may justifiably have trust and confidence in the integrity of government."

Councilmember Cochran's statements show a lack of ethical conduct, the exact opposite of what this section of the charter calls for in regards to elected officials. For this reason, I ask that you as Council Chair place this matter on the agenda before council, to allow Councilmember Cochran an opportunity to explain her obviously inaccurate statement to the public, as well as give her a chance to apologize to myself and my directors.

Mahalo for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alan Arakawa".

ALAN M. ARAKAWA  
Mayor, County of Maui

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