

City of Bainbridge Island Ethics Board

Ethics Complaint 2018-1

Determination

September 17, 2017

Rasham Nassar (complainant) filed a complaint on July 10, 2018 alleging that Jonathan Davis (respondent), a member of the Affordable Housing Task Force (AHTF), has a conflict or perceived conflict of interest because respondent is a named beneficiary on a Professional Services Agreement between COBI and OPG for the development of the Suzuki property and the AHTF recommended that city council adopt the contract proposed by OPG. In the complaint, complainant provided the following response to the allegation from the AHTF chair, Althea Paulson:

“The AHTF made two recommendations concerning the Suzuki project, one in November of 2017 and the other in January of 2018. Mr. Davis was not a member of the AHTF until February 27, 2018. If Ms. Nassar has any substantive input about any conflict of interest involving Mr. Davis, I would appreciate hearing about it.”

Complaint is rebutted by the AHTF chair’s factual assertion that Mr. Davis was not a member of the AHTF at the time the Suzuki contract was recommended to council. Accordingly, the Ethics Board has determined that the complaint lacks reasonable credibility.

Scott Wilder

Chair