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December 23, 2011

Ms. Shyla Ayau 1137 Mililani Street Hilo, HI 96720

SUBJECT:

NOTICE OF PRE-DETERMINATION HEARING

Dear Ms. Ayau:

This letter is to inform you that the County Clerk is contemplating dismissing you from employment as a Senior Election Clerk with the Office of the County Clerk for violations of the alcohol-free workplace policy at the elections warehouse, effective the close of business on 01-06-2012. A pre-determination meeting was scheduled for you on 01-04-2012 at 12:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at 25 Aupuni Street, Suite 201, Hilo, Hawai'i. The pre-determination meeting will afford you a final opportunity to respond to the allegations and findings of our investigation and to articulate why we should not dismiss you. You have the right to have Union representation present at the meeting and your Union is being provided a copy of this letter. Please call Sharon Takata, Administrative Assistant at 961-8532 no later than 12-30-2011 at 4:30 p.m. to confirm your attendance at the meeting. Should you not respond or appear at the meeting, we will proceed with the dismissal action as indicated above.

Very truly yours,

AMAE K. K. KAWAUCHI

Hawai'i County Clerk

cc:

Department of Human Resources

Dominic Yagong, Chairperson, Hawai'i County Council

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Sent via electronic mail to shyla99@hawaii.edu; hard copy to follow

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January 5, 2012

Ms. Shyla Ayau 1137 Mililani Street Hilo, Hawai'i 96720

Regarding: Notice of Termination

Dear Ms. Ayau:

This letter is to inform you that the County Clerk reviewed the information that you and your union representatives, Ms.Moana Kelii and Mr. Earl Hatada, provided to the County Clerk and to Council Chair Dominic Yagong, at the pre-determination meeting held on January 4, 2012 at 12:30pm.

The County Clerk is discharging you from your employment as a Senior Election Clerk with the Office of the County Clerk, effective January 6, 2012 close of business for the following reason:

 Violations of the County of Hawai'i Alcohol- Free Workplace Policy at the Elections Warehouse at 210 Maka'ala Street, Hilo, Hawai'i 96720.

These serious actions are unacceptable violations of County of Hawai'i policy.

You are herby instructed not to report to work from now until your dismissal on January 6, 2012 close of business.

You have the right to appeal this action by filing a grievance in accordance with the provisions of your union bargaining unit agreement.

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Please contact me to schedule an appointment with you for the return of your personal items from the Elections Office, said appointments to take place no later than ten days from the date of this letter.

Very truly yours,

AMAE K. K. KAWAUCHI

Hawai'i County Clerk

xc: Dominic Yagong, Chairperson, County Council

Ron Takahashi, Director of Human Resources Michelle Simmons, Human Resources Specialist Pat Nakamoto, Elections Program Administrator

Lincoln Ashida, Corporation Counsel

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