

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
BEFORE THE RHODE ISLAND ETHICS COMMISSION**

**In re: Lisa Baldelli-Hunt,
Respondent**

Complaint No. 2014-13

ORDER

This matter having been heard before the Rhode Island Ethics Commission on March 10, 2015, pursuant to Commission Regulation 1011, and the Commission having considered the Complaint herein, the arguments of counsel, and the proposed Information Resolution and Settlement, which is incorporated by reference herein, it is hereby

ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED

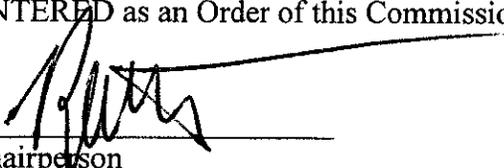
THAT, the Commission approves the Informal Resolution and Settlement as submitted; and

THAT, the Commission incorporates by reference herein the Findings of Fact and Admissions, and the Conclusions of Law, set forth in the Informal Resolution and Settlement; and

THAT, the Respondent violated Commission Regulation 36-14-5004 by the City of Woonsocket's hiring of her son for a part-time summer employment program with the Department of Public Works; and

THAT, the Respondent is ordered to pay a civil penalty in the amount of Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750).

ENTERED as an Order of this Commission,



Chairperson

Dated: 3/10/2015

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INFORMAL RESOLUTION AND SETTLEMENT

The Respondent, Lisa Baldelli-Hunt, and the Rhode Island Ethics Commission (“Commission”) hereby agree to a resolution of the above-referenced matter as follows:

I. FINDINGS OF FACT & ADMISSIONS

1. The Respondent was elected as Mayor of the City of Woonsocket in November 2013 and has served continuously in said capacity.
2. In July 2014, in response to complaints received from citizens regarding the condition of municipal sidewalks, the Respondent and the City of Woonsocket’s Public Works Director, Steven D’Agostino, a mayoral appointee, discussed hiring local youths to assist the Department of Public Works (“DPW”) as part of a part-time summer employment program.
3. In July 2014, the Respondent and the Public Works Director addressed a group of local youths at a baseball game, including the Respondent’s minor son, Sam Hunt. The youths were advised of the availability of part-time employment with the DPW for the remaining weeks of the summer.
4. Thereafter, a total of ten (10) youths, including the Respondent’s son, submitted applications to the City for part-time summer employment. All youths who submitted an application were hired and worked for the DPW for the remainder of the summer. Work

performed included sweeping sidewalks, trimming vegetation, weed whacking and installing mulch, as assigned by the Public Works Director.

5. Aside from an announcement made at a local baseball game regarding the availability of part-time summer employment, the DPW's part-time summer employment program was not publicly noticed or advertised.

6. All youths hired were paid ten dollars (\$10) per hour, a wage set by the Public Works Director.

7. All youths hired were supervised by a municipal highway foreman, as well as the Public Works Director.

8. The part-time summer employment program was funded from the DPW's Highway Temporary Services account.

9. The Respondent's son was employed by the DPW from July 21, 2014 through August 30, 2014, during which time he performed eighty (80) hours of work and received gross compensation in the amount of eight hundred eighty dollars (\$880).

10. On November 26, 2014, the City deposited the Respondent's personal check, in the amount of eight hundred eighty dollars (\$880), into the DPW's Highway Temporary Services account, in reimbursement for her son's gross earnings from the summer program.

II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. As the Mayor of the City of Woonsocket, the Respondent was at all relevant times a municipal elected official subject to the Code of Ethics, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 36-14-4(1).

2. The Commission finds that, by the City of Woonsocket's hiring of the Respondent's son for a part-time summer employment program with the DPW, the Respondent violated Commission Regulation 36-14-5004.

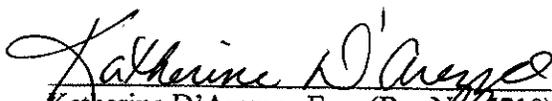
III. SETTLEMENT

Pursuant to the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the parties hereby agree, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 36-14-13(d) and Commission Regulation 1011, to the following:

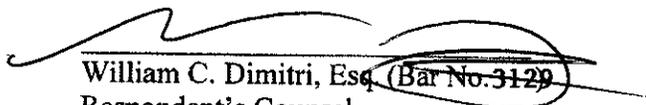
1. The Commission shall enter an Order and Judgment that the Respondent violated Commission Regulation 36-14-5004 by the City of Woonsocket's hiring of her son for a part-time summer employment program with the DPW.

2. The Respondent agrees that, pursuant to the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Prosecution will recommend, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 36-14-13(d), the imposition of a civil penalty in the amount of Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750). The Respondent agrees to the payment of said civil penalty.

3. The above terms represent the full and complete Informal Resolution and Settlement for Complaint No. 2014-13.


Katherine D'Arezzo, Esq. (Bar No. 5710)
Commission Prosecutor
Dated: 3/4/15

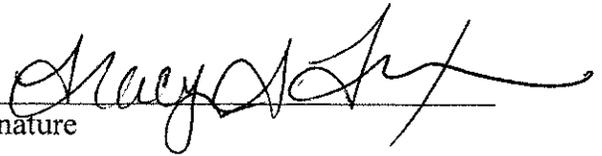

Lisa Baldelli-Hunt
Respondent
Dated: 03.03.15


William C. Dimitri, Esq. (Bar No. 3129)
Respondent's Counsel
Dated: 3-3-15

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Tracy A. Teixeira, hereby certify that on the 10th day of March, 2015, I forwarded a copy of the Order and Informal Resolution and Settlement via US mail, postage prepaid, to: William C. Dimitri, Esq., 462 Broadway, Providence, RI 02909 and John F. Ward, 166 Getchell Avenue, Woonsocket, RI 02895.

Signature

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tracy A. Teixeira", written over a horizontal line. The signature is cursive and stylized.