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Official Information Request No.814001095 (Please quote this in any correspondence)

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Tēnā koe Tom

Local Govenment Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) Conflicts of Interest Controls

Thank you for your request for official information which we received on 19 July. The specific details of your request and our responses are set out below.

Alexis Poppelbaum, who is an elected member of Auckland Council also works in her sister's office, Erica Stanford, the local MP within the area for which she was elected.

Can you please provide/answer the following:

- 1. What controls does Auckland Council and/or the member have in place to manage this COI
- 2. Please provide evidence of where this COI has been disclosed to the public
- 3. Please confirm whether any complaints have been received for this COI?

The information you requested is publicly available on the council's website.

Alexis' 2021 declaration of interest is here: <u>2021 Elected Members Declaration - Alexis Poppelbaum (aucklandcouncil.govt.nz)</u> (2022 declarations will not be due until the end of this month unless the policy has changed.)

Elected member declarations can be accessed through this user friendly portal: <u>Elected members declarations search (aucklandcouncil.govt.nz)</u>

The controls for the conflict of Interest should be those set out in the Elected Members Code of Conduct. There were no complaints received regarding a conflict of interest for Alexis Poppelbaum during the time she was working at the East Coast Bays Electorate Office.

The decision by Auckland Council to release the information contained in this response was made by Lesley Jenkins

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of this response by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you have any questions please contact me at <u>joanne.kearney@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz</u> or Ph 09 977 1702.

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