FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In the Matter of a Complaint by

FINAL DECISION

Vinny Vella and the Hartford Courant,

Complainants

against

Docket #FIC 2017-0156

President, State of Connecticut, University of Connecticut; State of Connecticut, University of Connecticut; and Abraham and Shinymol Chemmarappally,

Respondents

September 27, 2017

By motion dated and filed May 9, 2017, Abraham and Shinymol Chemmarappally requested permission to intervene in this matter. On May 11, 2017, the hearing officer granted such motion, and the case caption was amended accordingly. The above-captioned matter was heard as a contested case on May 15, 2017, at which time the complainants, the University of Connecticut respondents, and Abraham and Shinymol Chemmarappally appeared, and presented testimony, exhibits and argument on the complaint.

A Report of Hearing Officer, dated September 1, 2017, was mailed to the parties on that date. By email, dated September 12, 2017, the complainants informed the Commission that they wished to withdraw their complaint in this matter. The Commission takes administrative notice of such withdrawal.

The following order by the Commission is hereby recommended on the basis of the record concerning the above-captioned complaint:

1. The complaint is dismissed.

Approved by Order of the Freedom of Information Commission at its regular meeting of September 27, 2017.

Cynthia A. Cannata

Acting Clerk of the Commission

PURSUANT TO SECTION 4-180(c), G.S., THE FOLLOWING ARE THE NAMES OF EACH PARTY AND THE MOST RECENT MAILING ADDRESS, PROVIDED TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION, OF THE PARTIES OR THEIR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE.

THE PARTIES TO THIS CONTESTED CASE ARE:

VINNY VELLA, AND THE HARTFORD COURANT, c/o Attorney Matthew Kaufman, 285 Broad Street, Hartford, CT 06115

PRESIDENT, STATE OF CONNECTICUT, UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT; AND STATE OF CONNECTICUT, UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT, c/o Attorney Nicole Gelston, Office of the General Counsel, 343 Mansfield Road #1177, Storrs, CT 06269-1177; and Attorney Paul McCarthy, Office of the General Counsel, 343 Mansfield Road #1177, Storrs, CT 06269-1177

Intervenor: Attorney Michael J. Walsh, Walsh Wooderd LLC, 527 Prospect Avenue, West Hartford, CT 06105

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