## STATE OF FLORIDA COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS

KARENLEE KRASON.

Petitioner,

v.

HUD Case No. 04-20-0790-8

FCHR No. 202024068

DOAH No. 20-3110

FCHR Order No. 21-014

BREVARD COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY, ET AL.

Respondent.

# FINAL ORDER DISMISSING PETITION FOR **RELIEF FROM A DISCRIMINATORY HOUSING PRACTICE**

## **Preliminary Matters**

On February 25, 2020, Petitioner, KarenLee Krason, filed a housing discrimination complaint pursuant to the Fair Housing Act, Sections 760.20 - 760.37, Florida Statutes (2018), alleging that Respondent, Brevard County Housing Authority, committed discriminatory housing practices against Complainant by discriminating against her on the basis of disability.

The allegations set forth in the complaint were investigated, and, on June 12, 2020, the Executive Director issued a determination finding that there was no reasonable cause to believe that a discriminatory housing practice had occurred.

Petitioner filed a Petition for Relief from a Discriminatory Housing Practice on July 13, 2020, and the case was transmitted to the Division of Administrative Hearings for the conduct of a formal proceeding.

On September 23, 2020, Respondent filed a Motion and Amended Motion for Continuance, and the evidentiary hearing originally scheduled for September 28, 2020 was rescheduled for October 28, 2020.

On October 12, 2020, Respondent filed Respondent's Motion for Summary Recommended Order and Incorporated Memorandum of Law claiming that there was no genuine issue of material fact to discuss at a hearing.

On October 21, 2020, Administrative Law Judge W. David Watkins cancelled the scheduled evidentiary hearing to allow Petitioner to respond to Respondent's Motion.

On October 22, 2020, Petitioner responded to Respondent's Motion stating that she contested it, but did not provide any supporting documents or explanation for how there was any genuine issue of material fact to discuss.

On November 24, 2020, Judge Watkins issued a Summary Recommended Order of Dismissal, which would result in a dismissal of the Petition for Relief.

The Commission panel designated below considered the record of this matter and determined the action to be taken on the Recommended Order.

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#### Findings of Fact

We find the Administrative Law Judge's findings of fact to be supported by competent substantial evidence.

We adopt the Administrative Law Judge's findings of fact.

### Conclusions of Law

We find the Administrative Law Judge's application of the law to the facts to result in a correct disposition of the matter.

We adopt the Administrative Law Judge's conclusions of law.

## Exceptions

Neither party filed exceptions to the Administrative Law Judge's Recommended Order.

## Dismissal

The Petition for Relief and Housing Discrimination Complaint are DISMISSED with prejudice.

The parties have the right to seek judicial review of this Order. The Commission and the appropriate District Court of Appeal must receive notice of appeal within 30 days of the date this Order is filed with the Clerk of the Commission. Explanation of the right to appeal is found in Section 120.68, <u>Florida Statutes</u>, and in the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure 9.110.

DONE AND ORDERED this <u>25</u> day of <u>February</u> 2021. FOR THE FLORIDA COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS:

> Commissioner Darrick McGhee, Panel Chairperson; Commissioner Larry Hart; and Commissioner Angela Primiano

February, 2021, in Tallahassee, Florida. Filed this 25 day of

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W. David Watkins, Administrative Law Judge, DOAH

Sarah Stewart, Legal Advisor for Commission Panel

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing has been mailed to the above listed addressees this <u>25</u> day of <u>felorency</u>, 2021.

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Clerk of the Commission Florida Commission on Human Relations