

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
OFFICE OF HEARINGS AND APPEALS

The Secretary, United States Department of Housing
and Urban Development, Charging Party, on behalf of:

PRINCIPAL DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR
FAIR HOUSING AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY,

Complainant,

v.

WILLOW BEND MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC,

Respondent.

25-JM-0143-FH-002

May 13, 2025

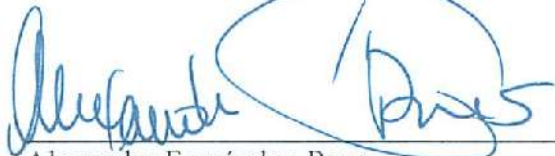
ORDER OF DISMISSAL

This matter is before the undersigned upon a *Charge of Discrimination* filed by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“the Charging Party”) against Respondent under 42 U.S.C. §§ 3601, *et seq.*, as implemented by 24 C.F.R. part 180.

On March 19, 2025, the Court imposed a temporary stay of the proceedings, after the Charging Party explained that the Department was still awaiting the appointment of new leadership, who would need time to evaluate the case and determine whether to continue to pursue it. The Charging Party has since filed a *Status Update* stating that it does not expect the positions of HUD’s General Counsel and Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity to be confirmed by the Senate before the end of the summer. As such, the Charging Party renews its request to withdraw the *Charge of Discrimination* without prejudice. The Charging Party also notes that Respondent does not oppose a request for dismissal.

Without objection, the Charging Party’s request to withdraw the *Charge of Discrimination* will be **GRANTED**, and this matter is **DISMISSED without prejudice**.

SO ORDERED,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alexander Fernández-Pons", is written over a horizontal line.

Alexander Fernández-Pons
Administrative Law Judge