

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

March 2, 2001

Committee
Report No.

01-35

Honorable Chair and Members
of the County Council
County of Maui
Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii

Chair and Members:

Your Committee of the Whole, having met on February 13, 2001, makes reference to County Communication No. 99-33, from the Council Chair, relating to the matter of nominations to boards and commissions.

Your Committee notes that County Communication No. 99-33 was referred to the prior Council's Governmental Relations and Finance Committee at the Council meeting of January 11, 1999.

At its meeting of November 14, 2000, the Committee recommended that County Communication No. 99-33 be referred to the Council Chair for the term beginning January 2, 2001, for a recommendation as to referral or other disposition.

At its meeting of January 12, 2001, the Council referred County Communication No. 99-33 to your Committee of the Whole (County Communication No. 01-19).

By memorandum dated January 18, 2001, the Council Chair transmitted a letter dated January 16, 2001, from the Mayor, transmitting a listing of nominees to the various boards, commissions, and advisory committees, whose terms expire on March 31, 2006, unless otherwise indicated, along with most of their personal history forms. The nominees are as follows:

- a. BOARD OF CODE APPEALS
 1. Ronald DeMello; and
 2. Mark Miller (reappoint).

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- b. **BOARD OF ETHICS**
 - 1. Caroline Egli; and
 - 2. Eduardo Bello.

- c. **BOARD OF VARIANCES AND APPEALS**
 - 1. Glenn Kunitake; and
 - 2. Garret Abe.

- d. **BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY**
 - 1. Peter Rice (reappoint); and
 - 2. Kent Hiranaga.

- e. **CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION**
 - 1. David Hunkins.

- f. **COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH**
 - 1. Roxanne French;
 - 2. John Jackson; and
 - 3. Claudette Kalilikane (replacing Patricia Cyr), for a term expiring on March 31, 2003.

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 - 1. Jeff Rogers; and
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- i. **COST OF GOVERNMENT COMMISSION**
 - 1. Lee Guthrie, for a term expiring on March 31, 2003;
 - 2. Buck Joiner, for a term expiring on March 31, 2003;
 - 3. Alberta de Jetley, (reappoint) for a term expiring on March 31, 2003; and
 - 4. George Kaho`ohanohano, for a term expiring on March 31, 2003.

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 - 1. May Fujiwara;
 - 2. Margaret Peggy Sheehan;
 - 3. Delafield Kribben;
 - 4. Elaine Rothermel; and
 - 5. Kimie Lane.

- k. **LIQUOR CONTROL ADJUDICATION BOARD**
 - 1. Shigeto Murayama; and
 - 2. Edwin Yokouchi.

- l. **LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION**
 - 1. Wallace Endo; and
 - 2. Joe Tanaka.

- m. **MAUI COUNTY CULTURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION**
 - 1. Milton Pa (reappoint).

- n. **MAUI COUNTY GRANTS REVIEW COMMITTEE**
 - 1. James Tyler Lee; and
 - 2. Dwayne Betsill.

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- o. **MAUI PLANNING COMMISSION**
 - 1. Joseph Pontanilla; and
 - 2. Susan Moikeha.

- p. **MAUI REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**
 - 1. Stephanie Ohigashi.

- q. **MOLOKAI PLANNING COMMISSION**
 - 1. Lori Buchanan;
 - 2. Charlotte Seales; and
 - 3. Joseph Manaba (replacing Scott Adams), for a term
 expiring on March 31, 2002.

- r. **NAPILI BAY CIVIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**
 - 1. Anne Oaks, for a term expiring on March 31, 2005.

- s. **POLICE COMMISSION**
 - 1. Ronald Vaught; and
 - 2. Pancho Alcon (reappoint).

- t. **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION**
 - 1. Curtis Ogata; and
 - 2. Melinda Madamba.

- u. **REAL PROPERTY TAX REVIEW BOARD**
 - 1. Scott Okada.

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Your Committee notes the following appointment procedures for the various boards, commissions, and advisory committees:

1. For most of the boards, commissions, and advisory committees, the Mayor is required to submit nominees 60 to 70 days before the prior members' terms expire, and the Council must approve or disapprove the nominee within 60 days thereafter or the nominee is deemed appointed. If the Council disapproves of a nominee, it shall immediately notify the Mayor of its action. In the event that the Council fails to approve or disapprove of a nominee within the time period provided, the nominee shall be deemed appointed to fill the vacancy upon its occurrence. This procedure applies to the following boards and commissions:
 - a. Affirmative Action Advisory Council (Maui County Code, Sections 2.29.010, 2.29.020; Maui County Charter, Section 13-2);
 - b. Board of Code Appeals (Maui County Code, Section 16.26A.204; Maui County Charter, Section 13-2);
 - c. Board of Ethics (Maui County Charter, Sections 10-2, 13-2);
 - d. Board of Variances and Appeals (Maui County Charter, Sections 8-8.7, 13-2);
 - e. Board of Water Supply (Maui County Charter, Sections 8-11.3, 13-2)
 - f. Civil Service Commission (Maui County Charter, Sections 8-9.4, 13-2; Hawaii Revised Statutes, Section 76-72);
 - g. Commission on Children and Youth (Maui County Code, Section 2.39.010; Maui County Charter, Section 13-2);

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- h. Commission on Culture and the Arts (Maui County Code, Section 2.37.020; Maui County Charter, Section 13-2);
- i. Commission on Naming Streets, Parks, and Facilities (Maui County Code, Section 2.38.030; Maui County Charter, Section 13-2);
- j. Commission on Persons With Disabilities (Maui County Code, Sections 2.32.020, 2.32.030; Maui County Charter, Section 13-2);
- k. Cost of Government Commission (Maui County Charter, Section 8-14.2);
- l. Council on Aging (Maui County Code, Sections 2.34.020, 2.34.030; Maui County Charter, Section 13-2);
- m. Hana Advisory Committee (Maui County Code, Section 2.28.060; Maui County Charter, Section 13-2);
- n. Lanai Planning Commission (Maui County Charter, Sections 8-8.4, 13-2);
- o. Liquor Control Adjudication Board (Maui County Charter, Sections 8-13.3, 13-2);
- p. Liquor Control Commission (Maui County Charter, Sections 8-13.2, 13-2);
- q. Maui County Cultural Resources Commission (Maui County Code, Section 2.88.030; Maui County Charter, Section 13-2);
- r. Maui County Grants Review Committee (Maui County Code, Section 3.36.020; Maui County Charter, Section 13-2);

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- s. Maui Planning Commission (Maui County Charter, Sections 8-8.4, 13-2);
 - t. Molokai Planning Commission (Maui County Charter, Sections 8-8.4, 13-2);
 - u. Police Commission (Maui County Charter, Sections 8-12.2, 13-2);
 - v. Public Safety Commission (Maui County Charter, Sections 8-7.4, 13-2);
 - w. Real Property Tax Review Board (Maui County Code, Section 3.48.620; Maui County Charter, Section 13-2);
 - x. Street Lighting Committee (Maui County Code, Sections 12.17.010, 12.17.020; Maui County Charter, Section 13-2);
 - y. Subdivision Engineering Standards Committee (Maui County Code, Section 18.40.010; Maui County Charter, Section 13-2); and
 - z. Urban Design Review Board (Maui County Code, Section 2.26.030; Maui County Charter, Section 13-2);
2. For the following boards and commissions, the Mayor is required to submit nominees for Council approval, but there is no time limitation for the Council's approval. These boards and commissions are:
- a. Kula Agricultural Park Committee (Maui County Code, Section 22.04.070);
 - b. Maui Redevelopment Agency (Maui County Code, Section 2.40.050; Hawaii Revised Statutes, Section 53-2); and

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- c. Napili Bay Civic Improvement District Advisory Committee
(Maui County Code, Section 19.34.030).

Your Committee further notes that the deadline for the Council to approve or disapprove of the nominees who are subject to the 60-day Council approval process is March 19, 2001.

At its meeting, your Committee met with an Executive Assistant from the Office of the Mayor and the Corporation Counsel.

Your Committee received public testimony from three individuals supporting Ms. Moikeha's nomination to the Maui Planning Commission. One of these individuals also submitted written testimony in support of Ms. Moikeha.

Your Committee also received public testimony from one individual who offered general comments.

Your Committee proceeded to conduct interviews with Mr. Hunkins, Mr. Bello, Mr. Betsill, Mr. Murayama, Mr. Yokouchi, Mr. Endo, Mr. Tanaka, Mr. Pontanilla, Ms. Moikeha, Mr. Vaught, Mr. Alcon, Mr. Kunitake, Mr. Abe and Mr. Hiranaga.

Your Committee expressed concern regarding statements made by Mr. Endo indicating that he has no problem with underage drinking of alcohol, provided it is done in the privacy of their own homes. Furthermore, he stated that he prefers to see minors drinking alcohol at home than going out and using drugs.

Your Committee voted to recommend approval of all the nominees except for Mr. Endo and Mr. Lee.

Your Committee voted to recommend disapproval of Mr. Endo and deferral of Mr. Lee's nomination pending an interview.

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Your Committee of the Whole RECOMMENDS the following:

1. That the following nominees to County boards and commissions be APPROVED (for terms expiring on March 31, 2006, unless otherwise indicated):
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t. **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION**

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2. That the following nominee be **DISAPPROVED**:

a. **LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION**

1. Wallace Endo.

3. That a copy of this committee report be **TRANSMITTED** to the Mayor of the County of Maui.

Adoption of this report is respectfully requested.

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DAIN P. KANE **Chair**

PATRICK S. KAWANO **Member**

G. RIKI HOKAMA **Vice-Chair**

MICHAEL J. MOLINA **Member**

ALAN M. ARAKAWA **Member**

WAYNE K. NISHIKI **Member**

ROBERT CARROLL **Member**

CHARMAINE TAVARES **Member**

JO ANNE JOHNSON **Member**