

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

# GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE

February 6, 2004

Committee  
Report No. 04-15

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

Chair and Members:

Your Government Relations Committee, having met on January 15, 2004, makes reference to County Communication No. 03-25, from the Council Chair, relating to the matter of nominations to boards, committees and commissions.

By correspondence dated December 15, 2003, the Mayor transmitted a list of nominees to the various boards, committees and commissions, along with their personal history forms. The nominees are as follows:

A. COMMISSION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS

1. Joan Varawa, replacing Hilary Chow, expiring on March 31, 2007;

B. COMMISSION ON NAMING STREETS, PARKS, AND FACILITIES

1. Verna Nahulu, replacing Belarmino Antonio, expiring on March 31, 2005;

C. COMMITTEE ON STATUS OF WOMEN

1. Kay Fukumoto;

D. MAUI COUNTY CULTURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

1. Barbara Long, replacing Dawn Duensing, expiring on March 31, 2005;

E. MAUI COUNTY GRANTS REVIEW COMMITTEE

1. Eve Clute, replacing Ronald Maielua, expiring on March 31, 2007; and

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F. MAUI PLANNING COMMISSION

1. Nicanor Casumpang, Jr., replacing Grelyn Rosario, expiring on March 31, 2006.

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

1. For most of the boards, committees and commissions, 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, committees and commissions:
  - A. Affirmative Action Advisory Council (Maui County Code, Sections 2.29.010, 2.29.020, and 2.40.080; Maui County Charter, Section 13-2);
  - B. Animal Control Board (Maui County Code, Section 6.04.095; Maui County Charter, Section 13-2.17);
  - C. Board of Code Appeals (Maui County Code, Sections 2.40.190 and 16.20A.190; Maui County Charter, Section 13-2);
  - D. Board of Ethics (Maui County Charter, Sections 10-2, 13-2);
  - E. Board of Variances and Appeals (Maui County Charter, Sections 8-8.7 and 13-2);
  - F. Board of Water Supply (Maui County Charter, Sections 8-11.3 and 13-2);

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- G. Civil Service Commission (Maui County Charter, Sections 8-9.4, 13-2; Hawaii Revised Statutes, Sections 76-71 and 76-47);
- H. Commission on Children and Youth (Maui County Code, Section 2.39.010; Maui County Charter, Section 13-2);
- I. Commission on Culture and the Arts (Maui County Code, Chapter 2.37 and Section 2.40.200; Maui County Charter, Section 13-2);
- J. Commission on Naming Streets, Parks, and Facilities (Maui County Code, Sections 2.38.030 and 2.40.140; Maui County Charter, Section 13-2);
- K. Cost of Government Commission (Maui County Charter, Sections 8-15.2, 3-15.3, and 13.2);
- L. Council on Aging (Maui County Code, Sections 2.34.020, 2.34.030, and 2.40.010; Maui County Charter, Section 13-2);
- M. Fire and Public Safety Commission (Maui County Charter, Section 8-7.2 and 13-2);
- N. Hana Advisory Committee (Maui County Code, Sections 2.28.060 and 2.40.130; Maui County Charter, Section 13-2);
- O. Lanai Planning Commission (Maui County Code, Section 2.28.025; Maui County Charter, Sections 8-8.4 and 13-2);
- P. Liquor Control Adjudication Board (Maui County Charter, Sections 8-13.3 and 13-2);
- Q. Liquor Control Commission (Maui County Charter, Sections 8-13.2 and 13-2);

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- R. Maui County Commission on Persons With Disabilities (Maui County Code, Sections 2.32.020 and 2.32.030; Maui County Charter, Section 13-2);
- S. Maui County Cultural Resources Commission (Maui County Code, Sections 2.88.030 and 2.40.110; Maui County Charter, Section 13-2);
- T. Maui County Grants Review Committee (Maui County Code, Sections 2.40.160 and 3.36.020; Maui County Charter, Section 13-2);
- U. Maui Planning Commission (Maui County Code, Section 2.28.010; Maui County Charter, Sections 8-8.4 and 13-2);
- V. Molokai Planning Commission (Maui County Code, Section 2.28.020; Maui County Charter, Sections 8-8.4 and 13-2);
- W. Police Commission (Maui County Charter, Sections 8-12.2 and 13-2);
- X. Real Property Tax Review Board (Maui County Code, Sections 2.40.170 and 3.48.620; Maui County Charter, Section 13-2);
- Y. Salary Commission (Maui County Code, Section 2.40.210 and Chapter 2.42; and Maui County Charter, Sections 8-16.1 and 13-2);
- Z. Street Lighting Committee (Maui County Code, Sections 2.40.030, 12.17.010, and 12.17.020; Maui County Charter, Section 13-2);
- AA. Subdivision Engineering Standards Committee (Maui County Code, Sections 2.40.020 and 18.40.010; Maui County Charter, Section 13-2); and

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2. For the following boards, committees 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, committees and commissions are:
  - A. Kula Agricultural Park Committee (Maui County Code, Sections 2.40.180 and 22.04.070);
  - B. Maui Redevelopment Agency (Maui County Code, Section 2.40.050; Hawaii Revised Statutes, Section 53-2);
  - C. Napili Bay Civic Improvement District Advisory Committee (Maui County Code, Section 19.34.030); and
  - D. Urban Design Review Board (Maui County Code, Sections 2.26.030 and 2.40.100; Maui County Charter, Section 13-2.1).
  
3. For the following boards, committees and commissions, members are appointed by the Mayor with notice to, but without approval by, the County Council. These boards, committees and commissions are:
  - A. Committee on the Status of Women (Maui County Code, Section 2.40.090; Hawaii Revised Statutes, Section 367-4);
  - B. Maui County Arborist Review Board (Maui County Code, Section 12.24A.030; Maui County Charter, Section 13-2); and
  - C. Traffic Safety Council (Maui County Code, Section 2.36.010; Hawaii Revised Statutes, Section 266-6).

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 February 13, 2004.

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By correspondence dated January 2, 2004, your Committee Chair inquired whether there were any requests among the members of the Council to interview the nominees to the various boards, committees and commissions.

Your Committee received requests from members of the Council to interview the following nominees:

A. MAUI COUNTY CULTURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

1. Barbara Long, replacing Dawn Duensing, expiring on March 31, 2005;

B. MAUI COUNTY GRANTS REVIEW COMMITTEE

1. Eve Clute, replacing Ronald Maielua, expiring on March 31, 2007; and

C. MAUI PLANNING COMMISSION

1. Nicanor Casumpang, Jr., replacing Grelyn Rosario, expiring on March 31, 2006.

By correspondence dated December 15, 2003, Keoki Freeland, Executive Director, Lahaina Restoration Foundation, stated his support of Ms. Long's nomination.

By correspondence dated January 13, 2004, the Senior Executive Assistant to the Mayor transmitted five additional testimonies and other related material in support of Ms. Long's nomination.

At its meeting, your Committee met with the Senior Executive Assistant to the Mayor and the Corporation Counsel.

Your Committee received public testimony from two individuals; one in support of all of the nominees and another in support of Mr. Casumpang's nomination.

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The Senior Executive Assistant noted that Ms. Clute withdrew her application to serve on the Maui County Grants Review Committee.

Your Committee notes that since the Charter does not provide for a procedure for applications that are withdrawn, the nomination of Ms. Clute would have to be disapproved.

Your Committee proceeded to conduct interviews with Ms. Long and Mr. Casumpang.

Based on public testimony and the information received, your Committee voted to recommend approval of the nominations submitted and disapproval of the nomination of Ms. Clute, in light of her withdrawal.

Your Government Relations Committee RECOMMENDS the following:

1. That the following nominees to County boards, committees and commissions be APPROVED:
  - A. COMMISSION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS
    1. Joan Varawa, replacing Hilary Chow, expiring on March 31, 2007;
  - B. COMMISSION ON NAMING STREETS, PARKS, AND FACILITIES
    1. Verna Nahulu, replacing Belarmino Antonio, expiring on March 31, 2005;
  - C. MAUI COUNTY CULTURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
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D. MAUI PLANNING COMMISSION

1. Nicanor Casumpang, Jr., replacing Grelyn Rosario, expiring on March 31, 2006.
2. That the following nominee to County boards, committees and commissions be DISAPPROVED:

A. MAUI COUNTY GRANTS REVIEW COMMITTEE

1. Eve Clute, replacing Ronald Maielua, expiring on March 31, 2007.
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**

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**MICHAEL J. MOLINA** **Member**

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**G. RIKI HOKAMA** **Vice-Chair**

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**CHARMAINE TAVARES** **Member**

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**DANNY A. MATEO** **Member**