

**COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI**  
**POLICY COMMITTEE**

March 2, 2012

**Committee**  
**Report No.** \_\_\_\_\_

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

Chair and Members:

Your Policy Committee, having met on February 15, 2012, makes reference to County Communication 11-31, from Council Chair Danny A. Mateo, relating to the matter of nominations to boards, committees, and commissions (“boards”).

By correspondence dated and received January 31, 2012, the Mayor transmitted a proposed resolution entitled “APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI”, along with the nominees’ application forms. The purpose of the proposed resolution is to approve or disapprove the Mayor’s following nominees to fill 50 vacancies on 27 various boards (for terms beginning on April 1, 2012, and expiring on March 31, 2017, unless otherwise indicated). The vacancies are due to the anticipated expiration of current board members’ terms on March 31, 2012.

A. AFFIRMATIVE ACTION ADVISORY COUNCIL

1. Abelardo Corella (Reappointment).

B. ANIMAL CONTROL BOARD

1. Doreen Forsberg.

C. BOARD OF CODE APPEALS

1. Todd Sherman; and
2. Gerald Lee.

D. BOARD OF ETHICS

1. Randol Leach; and
2. Norman Franco.

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- E. BOARD OF VARIANCES AND APPEALS
  - 1. Teddy Espeleta; and
  - 2. Gene Abbott.
  
- F. BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY
  - 1. Michael Suzuki; and
  - 2. Robert Joslin.
  
- G. CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
  - 1. Jon Santos (Reappointment).
  
- H. COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH
  - 1. Autumn Arase; and
  - 2. Colin Hanlon.
  
- I. COMMISSION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS
  - 1. Clifford Libed (Reappointment); and
  - 2. Stephen Hynson.
  
- J. COMMISSION ON NAMING STREETS, PARKS, AND FACILITIES
  - 1. Eric Cuomo; and
  - 2. Alan Fukuyama.
  
- K. COST OF GOVERNMENT COMMISSION
  - 1. Jeffrey Halpin, for a term expiring on 03/31/2014;
  - 2. Ronald Kawahara, for a term expiring on 03/31/2014 (Reappointment);
  - 3. Frank De Rego, Jr., for a term expiring on 03/31/2014 (Reappointment);
  - 4. Alexander Gat, for a term expiring on 03/31/2014; and
  - 5. Victoria Johnson, for a term expiring on 03/31/2014.

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  - 1. Mary Margaret Baker;
  - 2. William Myrter; and
  - 3. Maria Zielinski.
  
- M. FIRE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
  - 1. Doreen Gomes; and
  - 2. Patrick Borge.
  
- N. HANA ADVISORY COMMITTEE
  - 1. Clayton Carvalho, Jr.
  
- O. LANAI PLANNING COMMISSION
  - 1. Ralph Black; and
  - 2. James Clemens.
  
- P. LIQUOR CONTROL ADJUDICATION BOARD
  - 1. Doris Tanaka; and
  - 2. Patrick De Ponte.
  
- Q. LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION
  - 1. William Kennison; and
  - 2. Neldon Mamuad.
  
- R. MAUI COUNTY COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
  - 1. Mikey Tomita (Reappointment);
  - 2. Joseph Felipe; and
  - 3. Gayle Burton.
  
- S. MAUI COUNTY CULTURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
  - 1. Gaylord Kubota.

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  - 1. William Lawson; and
  - 2. Susan Liscombe.
  
- U. MAUI COUNTY OUTDOOR LIGHTING STANDARDS COMMITTEE
  - 1. Todd Sherman.
  
- V. MAUI PLANNING COMMISSION
  - 1. Maxwell Tsai; and
  - 2. Wayne Hedani.
  
- W. MOLOKAI PLANNING COMMISSION
  - 1. Karen Ashley; and
  - 2. Amy Maeda.
  
- X. POLICE COMMISSION
  - 1. Lawrence Ing; and
  - 2. Michael Wilson.
  
- Y. REAL PROPERTY TAX REVIEW BOARD
  - 1. Bruce Erfer.
  
- Z. SALARY COMMISSION
  - 1. Edward Tamori (Reappointment).
  
- AA. SUBDIVISION ENGINEERING STANDARDS COMMITTEE
  - 1. Darren Okimoto.

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Your Committee notes that general appointment procedures are outlined in Section 13-2, Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended (“Charter”), and Chapter 2.41, Maui County Code (“MCC”).

The following general appointment procedures apply to the various boards for which the Mayor submitted nominations.

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. If the Council fails to approve or disapprove the Mayor’s nominee within the time period provided, the nominee shall be deemed appointed to fill the vacancy upon its occurrence. If the Council disapproves a nominee, it shall immediately notify the Mayor of its action.

Accordingly, the Council has until March 31, 2012 to approve or disapprove the Mayor’s nominees, or the nominees shall be deemed appointed.

Your Committee interviewed the following nominees: Norman Franco, Teddy Espeleta, Gene Abbott, Michael Suzuki, Robert Joslin, Frank De Rego, Jr., Doreen Gomes, Patrick Borge, James Clemens, Doris Tanaka, Patrick De Ponte, William Kennison, Neldon Mamuad, Gaylord Kubota, Maxwell Tsai, Wayne Hedani, Karen Ashley, Amy Maeda, Michael Wilson, and Edward Tamori. Your Committee noted that for certain major boards, it was important for your Committee and members of the public to have an opportunity to meet the nominees.

Your Committee generally questioned the nominees about their availability to attend meetings, their interest in serving the boards for which they had been nominated, and life experiences that would contribute to their service as board members. Your Committee carefully considered the nominees’ responses to questions posed by your Committee.

Your Committee was satisfied with the information provided by the following nominees in their applications and did not request an interview: Abelardo Corella, Doreen Forsberg, Autumn Arase, Colin Hanlon, Clifford Libed, Stephen Hynson, Eric Cuomo, Alan Fukuyama, Jeffrey Halpin, Ronald Kawahara, Alexander Gat, Victoria Johnson, Mary Margaret Baker, William Myrter, Maria Zielinski, Mikey Tomita, Joseph Felipe, Gayle Burton, William Lawson, Susan Liscombe, Bruce Erfer, and Darren Okimoto.

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Your Committee recommended that the following 40 nominees be approved for the boards and terms for which they had been nominated: Abelardo Corella (reappointment), Doreen Forsberg, Gerald Lee, Norman Franco, Teddy Espeleta, Gene Abbott, Michael Suzuki, Robert Joslin, Autumn Arase, Colin Hanlon, Clifford Libed (reappointment), Stephen Hynson, Eric Cuomo, Alan Fukuyama, Jeffrey Halpin, Ronald Kawahara (reappointment), Frank De Rego, Jr. (reappointment), Alexander Gat, Victoria Johnson, Mary Margaret Baker, William Myrter, Maria Zielinski, Doreen Gomes, Patrick Borge, Doris Tanaka, William Kennison, Neldon Mamuad, Mikey Tomita (reappointment), Joseph Felipe, Gayle Burton, Gaylord Kubota, William Lawson, Susan Liscombe, Maxwell Tsai, Wayne Hedani, Lawrence Ing, Michael Wilson, Bruce Erfer, Edward Tamori (reappointment), and Darren Okimoto. Your Committee recommended that Exhibit "B" to the proposed resolution be revised accordingly.

Your Committee recommended that Karen Ashley and Amy Maeda, both nominees to the Molokai Planning Commission, be disapproved. Your Committee noted that the nominees might be better suited to other County boards, and encouraged them to apply for other vacancies. Your Committee recommended that Exhibit "C" to the proposed resolution be revised accordingly.

Your Committee deferred a recommendation on nominees Todd Sherman, Randol Leach, Jon Santos, and Clayton Carvalho, Jr., pending an opportunity to interview them. Your Committee also deferred a recommendation on Ralph Black and James Clemens, both nominees to the Lanai Planning Commission, pending further consideration. Your Committee noted a reluctance to recommend that Patrick De Ponte be approved to the Liquor Control Adjudication Board, in light of his current service on the Board of Variances and Appeals, another quasi-judicial board. Your Committee, therefore, also deferred a recommendation on Mr. De Ponte's nomination.

Your Committee recognized the work of the Office of the Mayor in presenting nominees who had demonstrated a commitment to their communities and the County.

Your Committee voted 7-0 to recommend adoption of the proposed resolution, incorporating your Committee's revisions. Committee Chair Hokama, Vice-Chair Carroll, and members Couch, Mateo, Pontanilla, Victorino, and White voted "aye". Committee members Baisa and Cochran were excused.

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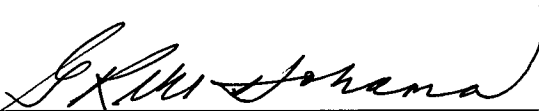
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Your Committee is in receipt of a revised proposed resolution, approved as to form and legality by the Department of the Corporation Counsel, to reflect your Committee's recommendations, and to incorporate nonsubstantive revisions.

Your Policy Committee RECOMMENDS that Resolution \_\_\_\_\_, attached hereto, entitled "APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI", be ADOPTED.

This report is submitted in accordance with Rule 8 of the Rules of the Council.

  
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G. RIKI HOKAMA, Chair

# Resolution

No. \_\_\_\_\_

## APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI

WHEREAS, by letter dated January 31, 2012, Mayor Alan M. Arakawa notified the Council that he nominated the persons listed in Exhibit "A", attached hereto, as members to the various boards and commissions of the County of Maui, pursuant to Section 13-2, Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended ("Charter"); and

WHEREAS, Section 13-2 of the Charter requires the Mayor's nominees to be approved by the Council; and

WHEREAS, Section 13-2(16) of the Charter requires the Council to approve or disapprove the nominees within sixty (60) days after the Mayor submits the nominees to the Council; now, therefore,

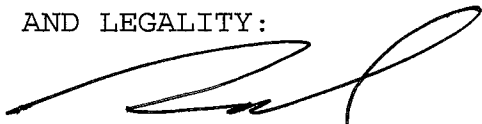
BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui:

1. That it hereby approves the appointment of the persons listed in Exhibit "B", attached hereto, as members to the various boards and commissions for terms as specified therein; and

2. That it hereby disapproves the appointment of the persons listed in Exhibit "C" as members to the various boards and commissions as nominated by the Mayor; and

3. That certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Managing Director, and the Corporation Counsel.

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND LEGALITY:



EDWARD S. KUSHI, JR.  
First Deputy Corporation Counsel  
County of Maui



**NOMINATED BOARD/COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND TERMS**

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Abelardo Corella (re-appoint)

Term Expiration 3/31/17

**ANIMAL CONTROL BOARD**

Doreen Forsberg

Term Expiration 3/31/17

**BOARD OF CODE APPEALS**

Todd Sherman

Term Expiration 3/31/17

Gerald Lee

Term Expiration 3/31/17

**BOARD OF ETHICS**

Randol Leach

Term Expiration 3/31/17

Norman Franco

Term Expiration 3/31/17

**BOARD OF VARIANCES AND APPEALS**

Teddy Espeleta

Term Expiration 3/31/17

Gene Abbott

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**BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY**

Michael Suzuki

Term Expiration 3/31/17

Robert Joslin

Term Expiration 3/31/17

**CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION**

Jon Santos (re-appoint)

Term Expiration 3/31/17

**COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

Autumn Arase

Term Expiration 3/31/17

Colin Hanlon

Term Expiration 3/31/17

**COMMISSION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS**

Clifford Libed (re-appoint)

Term Expiration 3/31/17

Stephen Hynson

Term Expiration 3/31/17

**COMMISSION ON NAMING STREETS, PARKS, AND FACILITIES**

Eric Cuomo

Term Expiration 3/31/17

Alan Fukuyama

Term Expiration 3/31/17

**COST OF GOVERNMENT COMMISSION**

Jeffrey Halpin

Term Expiration 3/31/14

Ronald Kawahara

Term Expiration 3/31/14

Frank De Rego, Jr.

Term Expiration 3/31/14

Alexander Gat

Term Expiration 3/31/14

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Term Expiration 3/31/14

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Term Expiration 3/31/17

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Term Expiration 3/31/17

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Term Expiration 3/31/17  
Term Expiration 3/31/17

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Term Expiration 3/31/17

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Patrick De Ponte

Term Expiration 3/31/17  
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Term Expiration 3/31/17  
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Joseph Felipe  
Gayle Burton

Term Expiration 3/31/17  
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**MAUI COUNTY CULTURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION**

Gaylord Kubota

Term Expiration 3/31/17

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Term Expiration 3/31/17

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Darren Okimoto

Term Expiration 3/31/17

**APPROVED BOARD/COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND TERMS**

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Abelardo Corella (reappointment)

Term: 4/1/12 through 3/31/17

**ANIMAL CONTROL BOARD**

Doreen Forsberg

Term: 4/1/12 through 3/31/17

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Term: 4/1/12 through 3/31/17

**DISAPPROVED BOARD/COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND TERMS**

**MOLOKAI PLANNING COMMISSION**

Karen Ashley  
Amy Maeda