

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI
POLICY COMMITTEE

June 15, 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 May 23, 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 April 18, 2012 (received April 19, 2012), the Mayor transmitted a proposed resolution entitled “APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER TO THE KULA AGRICULTURAL PARK COMMITTEE FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI”, along with a completed application form for the nominee. The purpose of the proposed resolution is to approve or disapprove the nomination of Darren Strand to the Kula Agricultural Park Committee, for a term expiring on March 31, 2017.

Your Committee notes that there is no time limitation for approval or disapproval of the nomination.

Your Committee notes that specific provisions for the Kula Agricultural Park Committee are contained in Sections 22.04A.070 and 2.40.180, Maui County Code (“MCC”).

Your Committee further notes that it previously recommended that the nominations of Melanie Stephens and John Okamura to the Kula Agricultural Park Committee be approved (Policy Committee Report 12-38). Those recommendations were adopted by the Council at its meeting of March 16, 2012.

In addition, your Committee previously recommended that the nomination of Warren Watanabe be disapproved (Policy Committee Report 12-47). The recommendation was based solely on the Mayor’s determination that Mr. Watanabe is ineligible to serve as the Maui County Farm Bureau representative of the Kula Agricultural Park Committee. (Section 22.04A.070(A), MCC, requires that the Maui County Farm Bureau representative be a board member of the Bureau, and Mr. Watanabe is not a board member.) The Committee’s recommendation was adopted by the Council at its meeting of April 10, 2012.

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Your Committee received public testimony from Mr. Watanabe, on behalf of the Maui County Farm Bureau, stating the Bureau's strong support for Darren Strand's appointment to the Kula Agricultural Park Committee. He spoke of Mr. Strand's knowledge of the agricultural industry and familiarity with the issues the industry confronts. Mr. Strand also testified about his agricultural experience and his willingness to commit the time necessary to the board's work.

Your Committee was satisfied with the information provided and thanked Mr. Strand for his willingness to serve on the Kula Agricultural Park Committee.

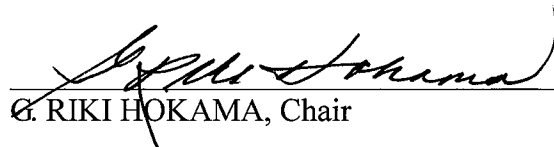
Your Committee recommended that the proposed resolution be revised by placing Mr. Strand's name and term on Exhibit "B" for approval.

Your Committee voted 6-0 to recommend adoption of the proposed resolution, incorporating your Committee's revisions. Committee Chair Hokama, Vice-Chair Carroll, and members Baisa, Couch, Victorino, and White voted "aye". Committee members Cochran, Mateo, and Pontanilla were excused.

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

Your Policy Committee RECOMMENDS that Resolution _____, attached hereto, entitled "APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER TO THE KULA AGRICULTURAL PARK COMMITTEE FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI", be ADOPTED.

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



G. RIKI HOKAMA, Chair

Resolution

No. _____

APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER TO THE KULA AGRICULTURAL PARK COMMITTEE FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI

WHEREAS, by letter dated April 18, 2012, Mayor Alan M. Arakawa notified the Council that he nominated the person listed in Exhibit "A", attached hereto, as a member to the Kula Agricultural Park Committee for the County of Maui, pursuant to Sections 22.04A.070 and 2.40.180, Maui County Code, and Section 13-2, Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended ("Charter"); and

WHEREAS, Section 22.04A.070, Maui County Code, and Section 13-2(16) of the Charter require the Mayor's nominee to be approved by the Council; now, therefore,

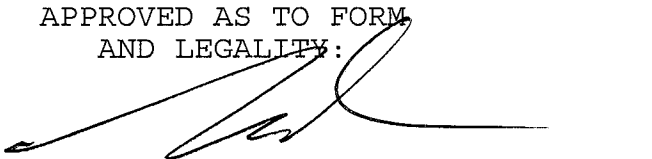
BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui:

1. That it hereby approves the appointment of the person listed in Exhibit "B", attached hereto, as a member to the Kula Agricultural Park Committee as specified therein; and

2. That it hereby disapproves the appointment of the person listed in Exhibit "C" as a member to the Kula Agricultural Park Committee 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 COMMITTEE MEMBER AND TERM

KULA AGRICULTURAL PARK COMMITTEE

Darren Strand

Term Expiration 3/31/17

APPROVED COMMITTEE MEMBER AND TERM

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DISAPPROVED COMMITTEE MEMBER

EXHIBIT "C"