

**COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI**  
**POLICY AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL**  
**AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

February 21, 2014

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

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

Chair and Members:

Your Policy and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee, having met on February 7, 2014, and February 11, 2014, makes reference to County Communication 13-42, from Council Chair Gladys C. Baisa, relating to nominations to boards, committees, and commissions (“boards”).

By correspondence dated and received January 29, 2014, the Mayor transmitted a proposed resolution entitled “APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI”, along with completed application forms for the nominees. The purpose of the proposed resolution is to approve or disapprove the following nominees to fill 40 vacancies on 18 various boards (for terms beginning on April 1, 2014, and expiring on March 31, 2019, unless otherwise indicated). The vacancies are due to the anticipated expiration of current board members’ terms on March 31, 2014, and the establishment of the new Public Works Commission by Ordinance 4078 (2013).

- A. AFFIRMATIVE ACTION ADVISORY COUNCIL
  - 1. Anthony Edington.
  
- B. BOARD OF ETHICS
  - 1. Noreen Yabuta.
  
- C. BOARD OF VARIANCES AND APPEALS
  - 1. William Greig.
  
- D. BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY
  - 1. Ralph Raymond Cabebe;
  - 2. Anders Lyons; and
  - 3. Sylvia Ho.

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- E. CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
  - 1. Yarrow Flower (Reappointment).
  
- F. COST OF GOVERNMENT COMMISSION
  - 1. Calmentina Gomes (Reappointment);
  - 2. Gabriel Hoeffken;
  - 3. Kent Hiranaga;
  - 4. John Watling; and
  - 5. Stanford Lantias.
  
- G. COUNCIL ON AGING
  - 1. Garrett Toma.
  
- H. FIRE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
  - 1. Archie Kalepa; and
  - 2. Charles Hirata.
  
- I. LIQUOR CONTROL ADJUDICATION BOARD
  - 1. Edwin Yokouchi.
  
- J. LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION
  - 1. Robert Tanaka.
  
- K. MAUI COUNTY COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
  - 1. Kevin Souza (Reappointment); and
  - 2. Kealoha Laemoa (Reappointment).
  
- L. MAUI COUNTY CULTURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
  - 1. Francis Skowronski (Reappointment); and
  - 2. Arleen Ricalde-Garcia.
  
- M. MAUI PLANNING COMMISSION
  - 1. Richard Higashi.
  
- N. MOLOKAI PLANNING COMMISSION
  - 1. Diane Swenson (Reappointment);

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2. Lawrence Lasua; and
3. Marshall Racine.

O. POLICE COMMISSION

1. Nora Kawasaki.

P. PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION

1. Charlene Shibuya;
2. Derek Ono;
3. June Davis;
4. Darren Okimoto, for a term expiring on 03/31/2018;
5. Cynthia Catugal, for a term expiring on 03/31/2018;
6. Steven Arce, for a term expiring on 03/31/2017;
7. Alan Fernandez, for a term expiring on 03/31/2017;
8. Gregg Nelson, for a term expiring on 03/31/2016; and
9. Patrice Matsumoto, for a term expiring on 03/31/2016.

ALTERNATES:

1. Harry Hecht, for a term expiring on 03/31/2016; and
2. Paul Mikolay, for a term expiring on 03/31/2016.

Q. REAL PROPERTY TAX REVIEW BOARD

1. Timothy Means.

R. SALARY COMMISSION

1. Tammie Ann Matsuura; and
2. James Likes.

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

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

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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 nominees within 60 days thereafter. If the Council fails to approve or disapprove any of the Mayor's nominees 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 30, 2014, to approve or disapprove the Mayor's nominees, or the nominees shall be deemed appointed.

With respect to the newly established Public Works Commission, Section 2.98.010(B), Maui County Code, provides that Section 13-2 of the Charter shall apply to the board in the same manner as the provisions apply to boards recognized by the Charter. Section 13-2 of the Charter provides for staggered terms beginning on April 1 and ending on March 31. It also provides a mechanism for initially staggering terms for new boards, with three members serving five-year terms, two serving four-year terms, two serving three-year terms, and two serving two-year terms.

Your Committee interviewed the following nominees: William Greig, Ralph Raymond Cabebe, Anders Lyons, Sylvia Ho, Gabriel Hoeffken, Kent Hiranaga, John Watling, Stanford Lanas, Archie Kalepa, Richard Higashi, Tammie Ann Matsuura, and James Likes. Your Committee noted it was important for your Committee and members of the public to have an opportunity to meet the nominees for certain major boards.

Your Committee questioned the nominees about their availability to attend meetings, their interest in serving on 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.

In particular, your Committee received testimony concerning Mr. Kalepa's character and suitability for a position on the Fire and Public Safety Commission. Your Committee notes Mr. Kalepa worked for the Ocean Safety Division of the Department of Parks and Recreation for 31 years, and was serving as the Ocean Safety Operations Chief when he retired. Your Committee questioned Mr. Kalepa about his views on the recent

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Charter amendment to transfer ocean safety functions to the Department of Fire and Public Safety, past life experiences and their bearing upon his ability to serve as a board member, and whether any apparent conflicts of interest exist based on his past or present employment. Your Committee was satisfied with Mr. Kalepa's responses and found noteworthy his years of public service and demonstrated commitment to the County.

Your Committee also expressed its gratitude for volunteers such as Mr. Higashi, who continue to find the energy, interest, and devotion to the County to dedicate themselves to board service. Mr. Higashi, who worked in the field of education for 45 years and served as a principal for 37 of those years, stated he has been following the County's general plan update process.

Your Committee notes Mr. Higashi and other nominees spoke of a desire to give back to the community. Your Committee was impressed with the qualifications of the Mayor's nominees and their willingness to serve.

Your Committee deferred a recommendation on the nominees to the Cost of Government Commission and the Maui County Cultural Resources Commission pending interviews with a nominee for each of those boards.

Your Committee was satisfied with the information provided by the remaining nominees in their applications and, therefore, did not interview these nominees.

Your Committee also deferred a recommendation on the nominees to the Public Works Commission pending receipt of written confirmation from the Office of the Mayor concerning the proposed change in Patrice Matsumoto's term to a three-year term and Alan Fernandez's term to a two-year term.

A representative from the Office of the Mayor notified your Committee that Timothy Means, nominee to the Real Property Tax Review Board, had indicated he is no longer able to serve as a board member. Your Committee, therefore, recommended his nomination to the Real Property Tax Review Board be disapproved, and that Exhibit "C" to the proposed resolution be revised accordingly.

Your Committee recommended the following 21 nominees be approved for the boards and terms for which they had been nominated: Anthony Edington,

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Noreen Yabuta, William Greig, Ralph Raymond Cabebe, Anders Lyons, Sylvia Ho, Yarrow Flower, Garrett Toma, Archie Kalepa, Charles Hirata, Edwin Yokouchi, Robert Tanaka, Kevin Souza, Kealoha Laemoa, Richard Higashi, Diane Swenson, Lawrence Lasua, Marshall Racine, Nora Kawasaki, Tammie Ann Matsuura, and James Likes. Your Committee recommended that Exhibit "B" to the proposed resolution be revised accordingly.

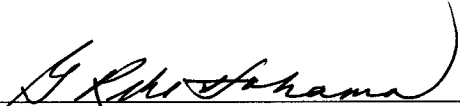
Your Committee recognized the work of the Office of the Mayor in presenting nominees who had demonstrated a commitment to their communities and the County.

Your Committee voted 8-0 to recommend adoption of the proposed resolution, incorporating your Committee's revisions. Committee Chair Hokama, Vice-Chair Couch, and members Baisa, Cochran, Crivello, Guzman, Victorino, and White voted "aye". Committee member Carroll was 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 recommended revisions.

Your Policy and Intergovernmental Affairs 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 29, 2014, 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,

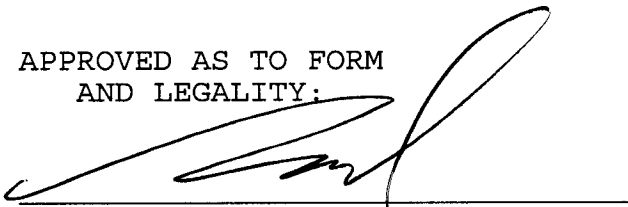
BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui:

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**

Anthony Edington

Term 4/1/14 through 3/31/19

**BOARD OF ETHICS**

Noreen Yabuta

Term 4/1/14 through 3/31/19

**BOARD OF VARIANCES AND APPEALS**

William Greig

Term 4/1/14 through 3/31/19

**BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY**

Ralph Raymond Cabebe

Anders Lyons

Sylvia Ho

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**CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION**

Yarrow Flower (re-appoint)

Term 4/1/14 through 3/31/19

**COUNCIL ON AGING**

Garrett Toma (Lanai)

Term 4/1/14 through 3/31/19

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Robert Tanaka

Term 4/1/14 through 3/31/19

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Kealoha Laemoa (Molokai re-appoint)

Term 4/1/14 through 3/31/19

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**MAUI PLANNING COMMISSION**

Richard Higashi

Term 4/1/14 through 3/31/19

**MOLOKAI PLANNING COMMISSION**

Diane Swenson (Molokai re-appoint)

Lawrence Lasua (Molokai)

Marshall Racine (Molokai)

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**POLICE COMMISSION**

Nora Kawasaki (Lanai)

Term 4/1/14 through 3/31/19



**REAL PROPERTY TAX REVIEW BOARD**

Timothy Means

Term 4/1/14 through 3/31/19

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**APPROVED BOARD/COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND TERMS**

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**DISAPPROVED BOARD/COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**REAL PROPERTY TAX REVIEW BOARD**

Timothy Means

**EXHIBIT "c"**