

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI
POLICY AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL
AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

March 6, 2015

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 18, 2015, makes reference to County Communication 15-5, from Councilmember Mike White, relating to nominations to boards, committees, and commissions ("boards").

By correspondence dated and received January 30, 2015, 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 Mayor's following nominees to various boards, committees, and commissions, for terms beginning on April 1, 2015, and expiring on March 31, 2020, unless otherwise indicated:

- A. AFFIRMATIVE ACTION ADVISORY COUNCIL
 - 1. Karen Kiang.

- B. BOARD OF ETHICS
 - 1. Sara Gadarian; and
 - 2. Matthew Macario.

- C. BOARD OF VARIANCES AND APPEALS
 - 1. Scott Matsuura (Reappointment); and
 - 2. Joaquin Freitas.

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- D. CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
 - 1. Carol Reimann.
- E. COUNCIL ON AGING
 - 1. Kathleen Harrowby; and
 - 2. David Spicer.
- F. FIRE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
 - 1. Elgin Keahi Meyer (Molokai); and
 - 2. Linda Fernandez (Lanai).
- G. HANA ADVISORY COMMITTEE
 - 1. Gale Notestone; and
 - 2. Dawn Lono.
- H. LANAI PLANNING COMMISSION
 - 1. James Clemens (Lanai); and
 - 2. Jarrod Barfield (Lanai).
- I. LIQUOR CONTROL ADJUDICATION BOARD
 - 1. Bruce U`u; and
 - 2. Candace Ariaga (Lanai).
- J. LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION
 - 1. Roy Umeno; and
 - 2. Dawn Bicoy (Molokai).

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- K. MAUI COUNTY COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
 - 1. David Courson; and
 - 2. Sheila Villanueva.

- L. MAUI COUNTY CULTURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
 - 1. Christy Kajiwarra-Gusman (Reappointment); and
 - 2. Jane Marshall.

- M. MAUI PLANNING COMMISSION
 - 1. Thurston Robinson; and
 - 2. Lawrence Hudson.

- N. POLICE COMMISSION
 - 1. Gwen Ohashi Hiraga; and
 - 2. Lawrence Feinberg.

- O. REAL PROPERTY TAX REVIEW BOARD
 - 1. Daren Suzuki.

- P. SALARY COMMISSION
 - 1. Wallace Tom; and
 - 2. Christian Tackett.

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 ("MCC").

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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 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 31, 2015, to approve or disapprove the Mayor's nominees, or the nominees shall be deemed appointed.

Your Committee interviewed the following nominees: Sara Gadarian, Matthew Macario, Kathleen Harrowby, David Spicer, Dawn Lono, Gale Notestone, James Clemens, Bruce U'u, Roy Umeno, Dawn Bicoy, Christy Kajiwara-Gusman, Thurston Robinson, Lawrence Hudson, Gwen Ohashi Hiraga, Lawrence Feinberg, Daren Suzuki, Wallace Tom, and Christian Tackett.

Your Committee noted it was important for your Councilmembers and the participating 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.

Your Committee questioned Matthew Macario, a nominee to the Board of Ethics, about his ability to attend meetings, considering his law practice in Washington. Mr. Macario informed your Committee that he

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resides in Maui and only travels to Washington quarterly for a week at a time for his law practice. Your Committee noted that Mr. Macario is an attorney in good standing with the Washington State Bar who has a 17-year practice in that state.

Your Committee recognized that Lawrence Hudson, a nominee for the Maui Planning Commission, is a retired Maui County Assistant Police Chief. He was instrumental in capital improvement projects for the Department of Police, and familiar with the permit process and planning commission issues.

Further, your Committee noted that Gwen Ohashi Hiraga, a nominee for the Police Commission, is a former Director of Council Services and Deputy Planning Director with the County. The Committee denominated Ms. Ohashi Hiraga as an outstanding applicant and the right person for the Commission.

A representative from the Office of the Mayor informed your Committee that Daren Suzuki worked in the Department of Planning from 1989 to 2004, and he is currently the Development Manager for Maui Lani Partners and Vice President of Maui Lani Village Center. Your Committee noted Mr. Suzuki is a well-qualified applicant for the Real Property Tax Review Board.

Your Committee expressed its gratitude to all the nominees who volunteer and dedicate themselves to board service.

Your Committee recommended the following 20 nominees be approved for the boards and terms for which they had been nominated: Karen Kiang, Sara Gadarian, Matthew Macario, Carol Reimann, Kathleen Harrowby, David Spicer, Gale Notestone, Dawn Lono, Bruce U'u, Roy Umeno, Dawn Bicoy, David Courson, Sheila Villanueva, Thurston Robinson, Lawrence Hudson, Gwen Ohashi Hiraga, Lawrence Feinberg, Daren Suzuki, Wallace Tom, and Christian Tackett.

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Your Committee recommended that Exhibit "B" to the proposed resolution be revised accordingly.

Your Committee noted pursuant to Chapter 2.41, MCC, the Board of Variances and Appeals requires a member from Molokai and a member from Lanai. The Chair of your Committee noted those positions are unfilled and neither of the nominees, Scott Matsuura and Joaquin Freitas, met that qualification. The representative informed your Committee the nominations were the result of an oversight, but noted both nominees are well-qualified in other respects.

The representative advised your Committee of the request by Jane Marshall to withdraw from consideration for the Maui County Cultural Resources Commission because of her new employment on Oahu.

Your Committee recommended the following three nominees be disapproved for the boards and terms for which they had been nominated: Scott Matsuura, Joaquin Freitas, and Jane Marshall. Your Committee recommended that Exhibit "C" to the proposed resolution be revised accordingly.

Your Committee questioned Christy Kajiwara-Gusman, a nominee for the Maui County Cultural Resources Commission, about her qualifications, and opted to defer consideration of her nomination.

Your Committee deferred to March 2, 2015, a recommendation on the following nominees: Elgin Keahi Meyer, Linda Fernandez, James Clemens, Jarrod Barfield, Candace Ariaga, and Christy Kajiwara-Gusman pending receipt of further information.

Your Committee voted 6-0 to recommend approval of the nominations of Karen Kiang to the Affirmative Action Advisory Council; Sara Gadarian and Matthew Macario to the Board of Ethics; Kathleen Harrowby and David Spicer to the Council on Aging; Bruce U`u

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to the Liquor Control Adjudication Board; and Roy Umeno and Dawn Bicoy to the Liquor Control Commission. Committee Chair Victorino and members Baisa, Carroll, Cochran, Crivello, and Guzman voted "aye". Committee Vice-Chair Couch and members Hokama and White were excused.

Your Committee voted 5-0 to recommend approval of the nominations of Dawn Lono and Gale Notestone to the Hana Advisory Committee. Committee Chair Victorino and members Baisa, Carroll, Cochran, and Crivello voted "aye". Committee Vice-Chair Couch and members Guzman, Hokama, and White were excused.

Your Committee voted 6-0 to recommend approval of the nominations of Thurston Robinson and Lawrence Hudson to the Maui Planning Commission. Committee Chair Victorino and members Baisa, Carroll, Cochran, Guzman, and White voted "aye". Committee Vice-Chair Couch and members Crivello and Hokama were excused.

Your Committee voted 7-0 to recommend approval of the nominations of Gwen Ohashi Hiraga and Lawrence Feinberg to the Police Commission; Daren Suzuki to the Real Property Tax Review Board; Wallace Tom and Christian Tackett to the Salary Commission; Carol Reimann to the Civil Service Commission; and David Courson and Sheila Villanueva to the Maui County Commission on Persons with Disabilities. Committee Chair Victorino and members Baisa, Carroll, Cochran, Crivello, Guzman, and White voted "aye". Committee Vice-Chair Couch and member Hokama were excused.

Your Committee voted 6-0 to recommend disapproval of the nominations of Scott Matsuura and Joaquin Freitas to the Board of Variances and Appeals; and Jane Marshall to the Maui County Cultural Resources Commission. Committee Chair Victorino and members Baisa, Carroll, Cochran, Crivello, and Guzman voted "aye". Committee Vice-Chair Couch and members Hokama and White were excused.

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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, incorporating your Committee's recommended revisions.

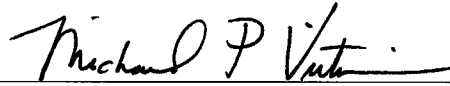
Your Policy and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee RECOMMENDS that Resolution _____, attached hereto, entitled "APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI", be ADOPTED.

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



MICHAEL P. VICTORINO, Chair

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Resolution

No. _____

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

WHEREAS, by letter dated January 30, 2015, 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 for the County of Maui, pursuant to Section 13-2, Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended ("Charter"); and

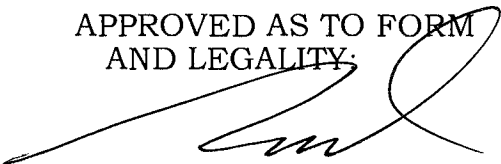
WHEREAS, Section 13-2 of the Charter requires the Mayor's nominees to be approved by the Council; and

WHEREAS, Section 13-2(16) of the Charter requires the Council to approve or disapprove the nominees within sixth (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", attached hereto, 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

Karen Kiang Term Expiration 3/31/20

BOARD OF ETHICS

Sara Gadarian Term Expiration 3/31/20

Matthew Macario Term Expiration 3/31/20

BOARD OF VARIANCES AND APPEALS

Scott Matsuura (Reappoint) Term Expiration 3/31/20

Joaquin Freitas Term Expiration 3/31/20

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Carol Reimann Term Expiration 3/31/20

COUNCIL ON AGING

Kathleen Harrowby Term Expiration 3/31/20

David Spicer Term Expiration 3/31/20

HANA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Gale Notestone Term Expiration 3/31/20

Dawn Lono Term Expiration 3/31/20

LIQUOR CONTROL ADJUDICATION BOARD

Bruce U'u Term Expiration 3/31/20

LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION

Roy Umeno Term Expiration 3/31/20

Dawn Bicoy Term Expiration 3/31/20

MAUI COUNTY COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

David Courson Term Expiration 3/31/20

Sheila Villanueva Term Expiration 3/31/20

MAUI COUNTY CULTURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

Jane Marshall Term Expiration 3/31/20

MAUI PLANNING COMMISSION

Thurston Robinson Term Expiration 3/31/20

Lawrence Hudson Term Expiration 3/31/20

POLICE COMMISSION

Gwen Ohashi Hiraga Term Expiration 3/31/20

Lawrence Feinberg Term Expiration 3/31/20

REAL PROPERTY TAX REVIEW BOARD

Daren Suzuki

Term Expiration 3/31/20

SALARY COMMISSION

Wallace Tom

Term Expiration 3/31/20

Christian Tackett

Term Expiration 3/31/20

APPROVED BOARD/COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND TERMS

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION ADVISORY COUNCIL

Karen Kiang Term Expiration 3/31/20

BOARD OF ETHICS

Sara Gadarian Term Expiration 3/31/20

Matthew Macario Term Expiration 3/31/20

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

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POLICE COMMISSION

Gwen Ohashi Hiraga Term Expiration 3/31/20

Lawrence Feinberg Term Expiration 3/31/20

REAL PROPERTY TAX REVIEW BOARD

Daren Suzuki Term Expiration 3/31/20

SALARY COMMISSION

Wallace Tom Term Expiration 3/31/20

Christian Tackett Term Expiration 3/31/20

DISAPPROVED BOARD/COMMITTEE MEMBERS

BOARD OF VARIANCES AND APPEALS

Scott Matsuura (Reappoint)

Term Expiration 3/31/20

Joaquin Freitas

Term Expiration 3/31/20

MAUI COUNTY CULTURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

Jane Marshall

Term Expiration 3/31/20