

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI
POLICY COMMITTEE

March 2, 2007

Committee

Report No. 07-18

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

Chair and Members:

Your Policy Committee, having met on February 13, 2007, makes reference to County Communication No. 07-7, from the Council Chair, relating to the matter of nominations to boards, committees, and commissions.

By correspondence dated January 24, 2007 (received January 25, 2007), the Mayor transmitted a listing of nominees to the various boards, committees, and commissions, along with their personal history forms. The nominees, whose terms expires as indicated, are as follows:

1. Nominees to boards, committees, and commissions that require Council approval or disapproval within 60 days:
 - A. AFFIRMATIVE ACTION ADVISORY COUNCIL
 1. Robert Hill (replacing David Brass), for a term expiring on March 31, 2008.
 - B. BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY
 1. Kelli Myers (replacing Michael Victorino), for a term expiring on March 31, 2007.
 - C. FIRE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
 1. Blake Takayama (replacing Lui Hokoana), for a term expiring on March 31, 2008.
 - D. MAUI COUNTY COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
 1. Reverend Andrew Valentine, Jr. (replacing Patricia Stewart), for a term expiring on March 31, 2011.

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2. Nominees to boards, committees, and commissions that are appointed by the Mayor with notice to, but without approval by, the Council:

- A. COMMITTEE ON STATUS OF WOMEN

1. Valerie Simonsen (replacing Jeannie Park), for a term expiring on March 31, 2010.

Your Committee notes that specific appointment procedures are outlined in Section 13-2, Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended, and Chapter 2.41, Maui County Code. Your Committee further notes the following general 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 a nominee, it shall immediately notify the Mayor of its action. In the event that 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. 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. Board of Water Supply (Maui County Charter, Sections 8-11.3 and 13-2);
 - C. Fire and Public Safety Commission (Maui County Charter, Section 8-7.2 and 13-2);
 - D. Maui County Commission on Persons With Disabilities (Maui County Code, Sections 2.32.020 and 2.32.030; Maui County Charter, Section 13-2);

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2. For the following boards, committees, and commissions, members are appointed by the Mayor with notice to, but without approval by, the Council:
 - A. Committee on Status of Women (Maui County Code, Section 2.40.090; Hawaii Revised Statutes, Section 367-4)

Your Committee further notes that the deadline for the Council to approve or disapprove the nominees who are subject to the 60-day Council approval process is March 26, 2007.

At its meeting, your Committee met with the Senior Executive Assistant to the Mayor; a Deputy Corporation Counsel; and Kelli Myers, the nominee to the Board of Water Supply (Board).

There was no public testimony.

After receiving brief comments from the Senior Executive Assistant to the Mayor, your Committee proceeded to interview Ms. Myers.

Ms. Myers stated that she is willing to serve a five-year commitment and will do the necessary research involved to learn the vast topics of the Board.

Your Committee briefly discussed how Ms. Myers' financial background will be an asset to the Board.

A member of your Committee questioned the duration of the term that Ms. Myers would be serving on the Board, if approved. The Senior Executive Assistant to the Mayor noted that Ms. Myers is being nominated to fill the unexpired term of Michael Victorino which expires on March 31, 2007. She further noted that the Mayor's intention is to reappoint Ms. Myers for a full term to the Board, subject to Council approval.

A member of your Committee noted that the addition of Ms. Myers' to the Board will create gender balance.

Your Committee expressed support for the nominations of Robert Hill, Blake Takayama, and Reverend Andrew Valentine.

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Based on the information received, your Committee voted to recommend approval of the nominations of Robert Hill, Kelli Myers, Blake Takayama, and Reverend Andrew Valentine.

Your Policy Committee RECOMMENDS the following:

1. That the following nominees to County boards, committees, and commissions be APPROVED (for terms expiring on the dates indicated):
 - A. AFFIRMATIVE ACTION ADVISORY COUNCIL
 1. Robert Hill (replacing David Brass), for a term expiring on March 31, 2008.
 - B. BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY
 1. Kelli Myers (replacing Michael Victorino), for a term expiring on March 31, 2007.
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 1. Blake Takayama (replacing Lui Hokoana), for a term expiring on March 31, 2008.
 - D. MAUI COUNTY COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
 1. Reverend Andrew Valentine, Jr. (replacing Patricia Stewart), for a term expiring on March 31, 2011.
2. 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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