

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

# GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE

February 7, 2003

**Committee  
Report No.**

03-3

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

Chair and Members:

Your Government Relations Committee, having met on January 22, 2003, makes reference to County Communication No. 03-35, from Councilmember and Mayor-elect Alan M. Arakawa, appointing Brian T. Moto to the position of the Corporation Counsel; Davelynn M. Tengan to the position of the Prosecuting Attorney; and George Y. Tengan to the position of the Director of Water Supply.

By correspondence dated January 13, 2003, your Committee Chair requested that the Mayor transmit draft resolutions for each nominee.

By correspondence dated January 14, 2003, your Committee Chair transmitted correspondence dated January 6, 2003, from the Mayor, citing the relevant sections of the Revised Charter of the County of Maui that give the Mayor the authority to appoint the Director Water Supply, the Prosecuting Attorney and the Corporation Counsel, and requiring written notification to the Council. Your Committee notes that the Council must confirm or deny the appointment within 60 days after receiving notice from the mayor.

By correspondence dated January 15, 2003, the Acting Corporation Counsel transmitted three proposed resolutions entitled, "APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF GEORGE Y. TENGAN AS THE DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLY", "APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF DAVELYNN M. TENGAN AS THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY", and "APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF BRIAN T. MOTO AS THE CORPORATION COUNSEL". The purposes of the proposed resolutions are to approve the appointment of each person to their respective position.

Your Committee notes that it received two written testimonies in support of Ms. Tengan's nomination.

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At its meeting, your Committee met with the Mayor, the Acting Corporation Counsel, the Acting Prosecuting Attorney, and the Acting Director of Water Supply.

Your Committee notes that one person testified in support of Mr. Tengan's nomination. One person provided written and oral testimony in support of Mr. Moto's nomination.

The Mayor stated that he purposely selected each nominee from within their respective departments because (1) they are highly qualified and respected; (2) they are already familiar with the operations of their respective departments; and (3) the members of the Council are familiar with each nominee.

In his opening remarks, Mr. Tengan noted that he has 25 years of water experience from working as the County of Maui's Deputy Director of Water Supply, and also from working at the Hawaii County Department of Water Supply. Further, his degree in accounting and subsequent employment in accounting-related fields provide a high level of expertise in fiscal management.

Upon his confirmation, Mr. Tengan stated that he will be focusing his efforts on (1) running the department in a fair and consistent manner; (2) considering the merits of a water-rate increase; and (3) updating water use and development plans with the help of a consultant.

In her opening remarks, Ms. Tengan stated that she is a product of the Hawaii public school system and attended the University of Hawaii at Manoa for her bachelor's and juris doctor degrees. She also stated that she would be happy to serve in the capacity of Prosecuting Attorney.

Upon her confirmation, Ms. Tengan stated that she would like the department to (1) be more proactive in some programs to better address community problems such as drug abuse and gun control; (2) be more innovative in victim assistance programs; and (3) find ways to increase the Department's presence on Lana`i and Moloka`i.

In his opening remarks, Mr. Moto stated that he has worked with each member of the Council on numerous issues over the years and feels honored to continue to serve both the Council and the Administration in a new capacity.

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In considering areas for improving the Department, Mr. Moto stated that he would focus on (1) making the Department a desirable place in which to work; (2) filling vacancies; and (3) improving the work spaces provided for the legal staff.

After much discussion, your Committee voted to recommend adoption of the proposed resolutions.

Your Government Relations Committee **RECOMMENDS** the following:

1. That Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_, attached hereto, entitled "APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF GEORGE Y. TENGAN AS THE DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLY", be ADOPTED;
2. That Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_, attached hereto, entitled "APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF DAVELYNN M. TENGAN AS THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY", be ADOPTED;
3. That Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_, attached hereto, entitled "APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF BRIAN T. MOTO AS THE CORPORATION COUNSEL", be ADOPTED; and
4. That County Communication No. 03-35 be FILED.

Adoption of this report is respectfully requested.

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