

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE

February 21, 2003

Committee
Report No.

03-20

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

Chair and Members:

Your Government Relations Committee, having met on February 5, 2003, makes reference to County Communication No. 03-42, from the Council Chair, transmitting correspondence dated January 2, 2003 from the Executive Director of Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc. (MEO), requesting that a vacancy on the MEO Board be filled.

Your Committee notes that of the 24 MEO Board members, 8 seats represent local elected officials. Currently, 5 of the 8 seats are allotted to Maui County Council members or their representatives, and only 4 are filled (Rose Duey, Brian Klaschka, Jeffrey Kuwada and Councilmember G. Riki Hokama). The vacancy arose after the 2002 election, in which former Councilmember Alan Arakawa was elected Mayor.

By correspondence dated January 31, 2003, your Committee Chair alerted your Committee of the vacancy and requested that anyone interested in filling the vacancy should provide a written response.

By correspondence dated January 31, 2003, Councilmember Danny A. Mateo stated that he would be interested in filling the vacancy.

At its meeting, your Committee met with the Acting Corporation Counsel.

Councilmember Mateo stated that he believes MEO provides many worthwhile services to County residents and would be honored to serve as a board member.

Your Committee noted that Councilmember Mateo's membership would be appropriate, as he would bring both the Council's and the island of Molokai's perspective to MEO matters.

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After a brief discussion, your Committee voted to recommend that Councilmember Mateo fill the vacancy on MEO's Board of Directors.

Your Government Relations Committee RECOMMENDS the following:

1. That Councilmember Danny A. Mateo be APPROVED to serve on the MEO Board of Directors; and
2. That County Communication No. 03-42 be FILED.

Adoption of this report is respectfully requested.

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