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Council of the County of Maui

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CONVENE: 9:11 a.m.

PRESENT: Councilmember Nohelani U‘u-Hodgins, Chair
Councilmember Tamara Paltin, Vice-Chair
Councilmember Tom Cook, Member
Councilmember Tasha Kama, Member
Councilmember Alice L. Lee, Member
Councilmember Keani N.W. Rawlins-Fernandez, Member
Councilmember Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, Member (arrived at
9:17 a.m.)

EXCUSED: Councilmember Gabe Johnson, Member
Councilmember Shane M. Sinenci, Member

STAFF: Kasie Apo Takayama, Senior Legislative Analyst
Clarissa MacDonald, Legislative Analyst
Pauline Martins, Senior Committee Secretary
Criselda Paranada, Committee Secretary
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Megan Moniz, Legislative Attorney
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Area Office
Jade Rojas-Letisi, Makawao-Ha‘ikū-Pā‘ia Residency Area
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Bill Snipes, Council Aide, South Maui Residency Area Office

ADMIN.: Kristin Tarnstrom, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of
the Corporation Counsel
Richard T. Bissen Jr., Mayor
Josiah Nishita, Managing Director, Department of
Management
Richard Mitchell, Acting Director, Department of Housing

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of 'Ōiwi Resources
Cory Lynn Vicens, Boards and Commissions Liaison, Office
of the Mayor
Laksmi Abraham, Executive Assistant, Office of the Mayor
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OTHERS: Berney Coleman
Carla Lee
Clint Hansen
Johann Lall
Kaimaile Makekau
Kekai Robinson
Gary Passon
Kate Blystone
Dick Mayer
Plus (32) other people

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CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: . . .(gavel). . . Good morning. Will the Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee meeting of July 9, 2024, please come to order. It is 9:07 a.m. I'm your Chair, Nohelani U'u-Hodgins. Members, in accordance with the Sunshine Law, please identify by name who, if anyone, is in the room, vehicle, or workspace with you today. Minors do not need to be identified. Let's begin with Committee Vice-Chair Tamara Paltin. Good morning.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Good morning, aloha kakahiaka kākou.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Councilmember Cook, good morning.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Good morning, aloha.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Councilmember Gabe Johnson will be with us shortly, as will Councilmember Tasha Kama. Good morning, Council Chair Alice Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: To all of our Guamanian friends, and family, and everybody else, hafa adai.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Hafa adai. Today, we have a full day, but this morning is hafa adai.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I meant 24 hours in the day.

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CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: . . .*(laughing)*. . . Good morning, Councilmember Keani Rawlins-Fernandez. If you could please just let us know if anybody's with you, I'd appreciate it.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha kakahiaka, mai Molokai Nui a Hina. I'm at the Molokai District Office, alone on my side of the office, and there are currently no testifiers here. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you. Councilmember Shane Sinenci is excused. Councilmember Yuki Lei Sugimura, are you online? We see you, but your camera's not on. I know you're not feeling well, so you're excused for now. From Corporation Counsel, we have Kristin Tarnstrom, Deputy Corporation Counsel. We also have with us from the Administration Mayor Richard Bissen Jr., aloha. We have Josiah Nishita, Managing Director. We're--good morning. For later in the day, we have Cory Vicens, Secretary to Boards and Commissions. Right now, we have Richard E. Mitchell, Acting Director of Housing--good morning--on this side of the table. We also have with us in the audience to come up later Kumu Hula Kapono'ai Moltiau, Acting Director of 'Ōiwi Resources. We have our Committee Staff, Pauline Martins, Senior Committee Secretary; Kasie Apo Takayama, Senior Legislative Analyst; Clarissa MacDonald, Legislative Analyst...Analyst; Megan Moniz, Legislative Attorney; Richelle Kawasaki, Deputy Director of Council Services; and Lei Dinneen, Council Services Assistant Clerk. Please see the last page of the agenda on the meeting connectivity. I will go into the testifier and testimony language now. Testifiers wanting to provide testimony should sign up in the lobby, join the meeting via the Teams link, or call into the phone number noted on today's agenda. Written testimony is encouraged and can be submitted via the eComment link at mauicounty.us/agendas as well. Under the Sunshine Law, the Chair will receive oral testimony for agenda items and...at the beginning of the meeting, and as the item is called up. For individuals wishing to testify via Teams, please raise your hand by clicking on the raise-your-hand button. If calling in, please follow the prompts via phone, star-5 to raise and lower your hand and star-6 to mute and unmute. Staff will add names to the testifier list in the order of the testifiers signing up or raising their hands. For those on Teams, Staff will lower your hand once your name is added. Staff will then call your name once you're logged in...the name you're logged in under, or the last four digits of your phone number when it is your time to testify. At that time, Staff will also enable your microphone and video. If you wish to testify anonymously, please notify Staff, otherwise, please state your name for the record at the beginning of your testimony. Oral testimony is limited to three minutes per item. If you are still testifying beyond that time, I will kindly ask you to complete your testimony. Once you are done testifying, or you do not wish to testify, you can view the meeting on *Akakū* Channel 53, Facebook Live, or mauicounty.us/agendas. We will do our best to take up each person in an

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orderly fashion, and we will now call on testifiers wishing to testify at the beginning of the meeting. Staff, if you could please call on our first testifier. And Auntie Tasha is here. Good morning, Councilmember Tasha Kama.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Aloha kakahiaka, Chair, and good morning to everyone. Please excuse me for my tardiness. I was trying to get some meetings out of the way before we leave for Florida this week. So, thank you, Chair.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you for joining us. Staff, if you could please call our first testifier.

MS. MACDONALD: Chair, the first individual signed up to testify is Berney Coleman, to be followed by Carla Lee.

. . . BEGIN PUBLIC TESTIMONY . . .

MR. COLEMAN: Aloha. Can you hear me?

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: We can. Good morning.

MR. COLEMAN: Aloha, Chair U‘u-Hodgins and Members of the GREAT Committee. I am here to testify on behalf of Richard Mitchell in Resolution 24-110. I will be under three minutes, and I just wanted to give you a little background on myself, and how I know Richard, and a little bit about what I know of him and the quality he brings to our community. I moved to Maui in 2004. The very first day I spent the day here, I joined the Rotary Club of Kihei Sunshine because I wanted to be a contributing member of the community. The next day, I joined the Kihei Canoe Club because I knew that was the way to get connected to the community as well, and that turned out to be probably one of the best things I ever did. I do own property here in Maui, I have a condo in Kihei Akahi. And I'm a very avid outrigger canoe paddler with the Kihei Canoe Club, having served as the president of the board of the Kihei Canoe Club for four years, until just a couple of years ago. And that's where I met Remi. Remi came to the club in about 2019, he wanted to learn how to paddle, and I have to tell you that he was a very quick study, very driven person, lovely to chat with and talk with, and he rapidly became a very competent steersman for our club and our recreational program, as well as beginning to get involved in racing. He is liked by many, many members of the club. He was elected to the board by members of the club, and served for a little over a year, I believe. He is driven to success in everything I've seen him do at the club. If he decides he's going to do something, it's going to happen, and everyone will be happy with it, generally speaking. He strives to accept any issues that come up, and understand them, and studies them, so he has a good way of making decisions, I think. He is fair in his assessment of

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things, and in his implementation of things at the club as well. He has been honest and forthright in everything I can think of. In fact, if you have been involved with the Rotary, you know there is a four-way test they do, and I think he embodies the spirit of what that test has to do with is it fair to all concerned, and so forth. I believe he's of high integrity and always does the right things, so I fully support his appointment to the Director of Housing. Just to give you an . . . *(timer sounds)* . . . example, in 2022, we had a very large flood, mud, beach washout, canoe damage problem at the Club. And Remi--and I--we called him Remi at the club instead of Richard. Everyone calls him Remi, so excuse me if I refer to him in that way. He led...was very strongly involved in the recovery effort when the County and various and sundry people came down to the Club --

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you.

MR. COLEMAN: -- to help.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Could you please wrap up?

MR. COLEMAN: Yes. Okay.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you.

MR. COLEMAN: So, in summary, I believe Remi would make an excellent choice to the...be Director of Housing. Thank you very much.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you. Members, any clarifying question? Seeing none. Thank you very much for your testimony. Staff, next testifier, please.

MS. MACDONALD: Chair. The next individual signed up to testify is Carla Lee, to be followed by Clint Hansen.

MS. LEE: Good morning --

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Good morning.

MS. LEE: -- Chair U'u-Hodgins and Members of the GREAT Committee. My name is Carla Lee, and I'm here to testify in regarding to Resolution 24-110. I have known Mr. Mitchell for just over 20 years. I first met Richard when I was in law stu...law school. I was a law student, I think I was in my second or third year, and he was an adjunct professor. And one of the things that stood out for me was that there was always students surrounding him after his class, and I always wondered who that gentleman was, and why so many students were so interested in receiving information from him. I also served as his treasurer shortly after I graduated from law school when he was president of the Loren Miller Bar Association, and

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since then, he's continuously been a mentor, a coach, a brother, a friend. He shares his love of life consistently, his love of family, his love of community, and he's always making time for his friends and sharing his wisdom and his encouragement. One thing that I can attest to about Richard, Mr. Mitchell, is that he stands for excellence, he stands for reliability, and he delivers nothing but his absolute best, no matter what it is that he's doing. He has consistently demonstrated integrity, which is something that guides me. He's always told me that no matter what you do, whether it's a relationship with a friend, family, whatever it is that you're doing, always do it with integrity. And that holds with me today, and so it's something that I live by in my life today, and it's something that I know will always guide me. I frequently reference his professionalism and his ethical code as a benchmark in my life and in my career. And so, one of the things that I love about him is that he also taught me to mentor others, and to lift others up. And so, I believe that the reason I'm here today, and the reason why I am in the position that I stand in professionally and personally, is due to the mentorship and guidance of Mr. Mitchell. He's one of the persons that's contributed to me in a...in a significant way. So, you're here today to confirm him as Director of Housing. For me, he has been a confirmation that there are people in...in the world who stand for excellence, who stand for integrity, and his approach to serving his community is what love looks like in public. And I'm excited for him and this opportunity that he has to serve the people of Maui. I think that you're going to find that this is a wonderful leader that will always put his community first, and will always do it with integrity and excellence. And so, thank you so much, U'u-Hodgins, for allowing me to testify, and Members of the GREAT Committee for your time and your consideration of my remarks.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Ms. Lee. Members, any clarifying questions? Seeing none. Thank you so much for your testimony. Members--Staff, can you please call the next testifier?

MS. MACDONALD: Yes, Chair, the next individual to testify is Clint Hansen, to be followed by Riley. Clint, your camera and microphone have been enabled. Oh, I see you've unmuted yourself.

MR. HANSEN: Ah, there we go. Hi. Aloha, how are you doing?

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Aloha.

MR. HANSEN: Thank you so much. This is Clint Hansen, I wanted to advocate on behalf of Richard Mitchell. I have actually never met the man, but I did my research ahead of time, and he seems like an outstanding candidate...candidate for the Director of Housing. He brings a wealth of knowledge and experience through having housing policy, urban planning, and law. I love the fact that he has degrees from Syracuse, Michigan, Cornell. I mean, he seems absolutely

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perfect for the job. His long service in the public and community advocacy seems ideally positioned. I think we should definitely support and appoint because his drive forward is effective, compassionate to housing solutions, and I think that's exactly what Maui County needs. Thank you.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you. Members, any clarifying questions? Seeing none. Thank you very much. Staff, if you could please call the next testifier.

MR. HANSEN: Chair, the next testifier is Riley, to be followed by Johann Lall. Chair, I no longer see Riley, so I'm wondering if they dropped off the call. Perhaps we can move onto Johann Lall.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Let's.

MR. LALL: Johann Lall testifying on my own behalf in favor of 24-11--or 110, Remi Mitchell. So, I am in full support of him as the nominee and for the new Department of Housing. I don't know him personally, but I have seen him at Council meetings, and he's one of those folks who I think as soon as he turns on his...his microphone, you know, like, there's going to be something smart that you're going to hear, something...something knowledgeable and informative. So, he...he's one of those lawyers I've been really impressed with, it seems like you always learned something. But I was also looking at what the Mayor's Office put out and his resume, I think, is really impressive and ideal for this...this particular Department, especially his experience in...in planning and his...his personal experience growing up in public housing. You know, it's...it's really important to have experience with the things you are working on when you're trying to serve other people and serve the public. You know, also, his experience in the Caribbean. I'm...I'm from the Caribbean, and...and over there, they have a lot of the same issues as...as here, a lot of really different issues, and a lot of things are a lot worse as far as housing and things like that. But it's also very applicable experience, and a lot of shared history, and things like that. So, I'm in full support of this nominee, so mahalo.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you, Mr. Lall. Members, any clarifying questions? Seeing none. Thank you so much for your testimony. Staff, if you could please call the next testifier.

MS. MACDONALD: Chair, there's currently no one else who has signed up to testify. Would you like me to do a last call?

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Yes, please.

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MS. MACDONALD: If somebody would like to testify in the Chamber, please let Staff know, or on Microsoft Teams, please raise your hand. This is final call...three, two, one. Chair, it appears that nobody wishes to testify.

. . . END OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY AT BEGINNING OF MEETING . . .

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you.

**GREAT-1(13) RESOLUTION 24-110, RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF
RICHARD MITCHELL AS DIRECTOR OF HOUSING**

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Moving on, we have before us Resolution 24-110, entitled "APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF RICHARD MITCHELL AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING." Resolution 24-110's purpose is to approve the appointment of Richard Mitchell as the Director of Housing effective July 1, 2024, in accordance with Section 8-20.2 of the Revised Charter of the County of Maui, 1983, as amended. At this time, I'm going to request opening comments from our Mayor. Mahalo, Mayor.

MR. BISSEN: Mahalo. Aloha kakahiaka, Chair U‘u-Hodgins, Vice-Chair Committee Chair Paltin, and the Members of the GREAT Committee. Today, I come before you with my support of Resolution 24-110 and my recommendation of appointment for Richard “Remi” Mitchell as the Director of Housing. I first want to mahalo all the applicants who came forward and offered their...themselves to this position, and I also mahalo the committee that was led by Managing Director Josiah Nishita who came up with this recommendation. Housing, as we all know, is the most critical challenge we face in our County. As leaders, we are faced with countless challenges in balancing the needs of our community around housing. We are all acutely aware of this, of the complex nature of our housing crisis. We also know housing is the fundamental determinant of well-being and opportunity, and ensuring access to affordable, safe, and stable housing is essential in order to promote a good life for our residents, their ‘ohana, and our community as a whole. With the creation of this new Department, I recognize how critical and strategic the placement of this new Director is, and the importance of enlisting proven leadership that has the experience, the courage, and the diligence to move this Department in the right direction, and most importantly, to help increase housing inventory for our County. As you all know, Acting Director Mitchell has served as a Legislative Attorney for this body in the Office of Council Services since 2019. His educational background, which I know you can read for yourself, but for the benefit of all, I'd like to state, consists of his Juris Doctorate degree from Syracuse University, a Master of Urban Planning from the University of Michigan, and Bachelor of Architecture degree from Cornell

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University. After completing his bachelor's degree, he practiced architecture in London, in New York City, and Seattle. During his career as a design architect, he maintained an interest in housing issues, largely because he himself grew up in public housing. This led him to work as a design architect on an urban redevelopment project that included affordable and market-rate housing in the East London neighborhood where he grew up. While studying at the University of Michigan, he spent a summer in the West Indies collecting census data that would be used to make crucial improvements to impoverished shanty towns in Kingston, Jamaica. This experience led him to study law at Syracuse University. As a law student, he clerked for a summer as an attorney for the Harlem Legal Aid Society in New York City, providing legal services to those in need. Upon his move to Seattle, he joined the board of the Low-Income Housing Network, a nonprofit organization that advocates for housing for low-income community groups throughout the Pacific Northwest. He practiced law for over 23 years at several of Seattle's premier law firms, and served as general counsel to former Washington Governor Christine Gregoire from January 2005 to December of 2008. In addition, he served as one of five commissioners on the King County Housing Authority from 2010 to 2014. Uniquely, Remi has led impressive and successful dual careers in both architecture and planning, as well as law. He has a history of strong working relationships, often revered with lasting impressions of integrity, hard work, and relentless commitment. He's a person that prioritizes relationships, exercises respectful and inclusive leadership, and inspires everyone around him to be better. He is incredibly driven, and takes great pride in his work. Most impressive is, he has left a trail of success everywhere his career has taken him, including here. His wife and he have three sons, all who graduated from Maui High School and have enrolled in the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. He's also, as you've already heard, an active...active in his community as a paddler for Kihei Canoe Club. I'm okay with that even though I was with Nā Kai, but that's okay. I humbly ask for your support of Acting Director Mitchell as the Director of Housing. Mahalo for your time.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Mahalo, Mayor. At this time, if I could ask Mr. Mitchell for opening comments.

MR. MITCHELL: Thank you, Chair U'u-Hodgins, and...and thank you, Council Chair Lee, Councilmembers, and also OCS Director David Raatz and former OCS Director Traci Fujita for the opportunity to better understand our County Government over the last five years as a Legislative Attorney. And thank you, Director Tsuhako, for her tireless work over several administrations to advance housing programs under the Department of Housing and Human Concerns. And finally, thank you, Mayor Bissen and Managing Director Josiah Nishita, for the opportunity to serve Maui County residents as the Acting Director of Housing. The enormity of the challenge ahead in leading the Department of Housing is

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self-evident. Housing is fundamental, it's foundational to hope, resiliency, and prosperity. It allows individuals and families to stabilize, build wealth, and plan for the future. It allows communities to prosper economically, culturally, and socially. And crucially, it allows one to break cycles of poverty. *(pause)* Interesting I paused there, something I speak to from personal experience. The extra effort required to demonstrate progress in tackling the significant shortfall in the County's affordable housing supply cannot be understated. When Maui County residents voted to pass a ballot measure in November 2022 that called for bifurcating the Department of Housing and Human Concerns, and creating the Housing Department, they called for change...a fresh perspective, a renewed vigor in reimagining how our County Government provides and supports the development of safe, stable, and affordable housing for its residents. This call was born out of long-standing weariness with the slow production of affordable housing, exacerbated by our recent wildfires that both figuratively and literally drains away the spirit of our community. As the Department's new leadership team rolls up its sleeves to get working, we're cognizant that words alone cannot solve the challenge, but affordable housing production can. By bringing a fresh perspective, providing the full array of housing options to County residents, we will continuously seek opportunities to do what we do better and to innovate. Whether innovations occur through land use changes, code changes, generally, introduction of new programs such as leasehold programs, finding and maximizing Federal grant opportunities, supporting housing and housing land trusts, or developing County lands, the Department's new leadership team will consider and advance all reasonable innovations with its stakeholders. Essential to innovation will be our relationships with County, State, private sector, nonprofit, and Federal partners. Without these relationships, the ability to identify reasonable new programs, work through the complexities of housing development and associated infrastructure, and transportation needs will be limited. Building and maintaining productive relationships with our partners will be critical to troubleshooting obstacles that impede progress. The new Department will also renew its focus on transparency, so there is clearer understanding on how we do what we do, most notably how affordable housing fund awards are made. Our decisions will be guided by Department and County policies, independent research, staff recommendations, stakeholder positions, and above all, actions that ultimately benefit Maui County residents. Projects that are culturally, environmentally, socially, and economically appropriate will be advanced. In creating the new Department of Housing, the Housing Division became four divisions: the Administrative Division, the County Programs Division, the Federal Programs Division, and Housing and Community Development. Critical to standing up the new Department will be ensuring that vacant positions within each of the four divisions are filled, and that each division is fully supported with staff so that we can create a strong and motivated housing team. This is a priority. In closing, I acknowledge that public service is a privilege, one that, when selflessly exercised with support of public- and

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private-sector partners, can create enormous public good. It can also be a sacrifice, and in that regard, I thank my wife and my three sons for their support as I take on this challenge. As a young man who grew up in public housing, whose personal success is the fruit of countless unnamed individuals that understood the privilege of public service, it is an honor for me to be able to give back, if not pay it forward, to the residents of Maui County. Thank you, Chair U‘u-Hodgins and Councilmembers, for the opportunity to provide these opening remarks.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you, Remi. That was really beautiful. But before we get into discussion, if we could please do a last call on testimony for this item, GREAT-1(13).

MS. MACDONALD: Yes, Chair, there is currently no one who is signed up to testify. If somebody would like to testify in the Chamber, please let Staff know, or on Microsoft Teams, please raise your hand. This is final call...three, two, one. Chair, it appears that nobody wishes to testify.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you. Members, seeing there are no individuals wishing to testify, without objection, I would now like to close oral testimony for this item.

COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS.

ACTION: Close oral testimony for GREAT-1(13).

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you. And as a reminder, written testimony will continue to be accepted. At this time, we will start our questioning period. Members, if we could follow a three-minute schedule and we can continue to move on. We do have a very long day ahead of us, but please raise your hand if you have any questions. Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Mayor, and Managing Director, and Mr. Mitchell. I guess my first question would be if you could clarify or specify from your opening remarks, you know, because Maui has kind of an inelastic housing market, what you meant by housing is an opportunity to build wealth. We're having a big problem with the commodification of housing, and we can continue to build more and more housing, but there's no way to stop wealthy people from all over the world to buy that housing that our people cannot afford. And so I just was wondering if you could clarify when you say housing is a way to build wealth.

MR. MITCHELL: Thank you, Chair U‘u-Hodgins, and Member Paltin, for the question. My reference to building wealth was not an allusion to speculative home buyers and those who are buying second and third homes. It was a reference to the

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acknowledgment that the single largest investment that most people make, regardless of their income level, is in purchasing a home. It was acknowledging that in purchasing a home, generally, people over time, if they stay in the home, develop equity wealth in that home, wealth that they are able to roll over and use into buying another home or other...use it for other purposes. So, typically, when you sell a home, you will sell the home, and then take the equity from that home as a down payment for the next home. It generally is the single largest investment, and that's what I was referring to.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I was wondering if you could share your views if the County or other programs are significant contributors to that single largest purchase, how the homeowner then balances out what they've received that is separate from somebody who would just buy their own home, and how that...how your view of how that fits into either deed restrictions, or just being able to pay that opportunity our residents have received as an affordable home buyer forwards?

MR. MITCHELL: Yeah. Thank you, Chair U'u-Hodgins, and Member Paltin, for the question. If I understand the question correctly, you're asking me how I perceive the County programs that allow residents to purchase affordable houses, build wealth? Is that what you're asking me?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah. Like the neighborhood I live in is a workforce housing . . . *(timer sounds)* . . . neighborhood of Maui Land & Pineapple, and it was deed restricted for five, eight, or ten years. And many of my neighbors are not the original purchasers, and so it was like kind of a lottery where they were able to purchase an affordable home, and then...for under a million dollars, and then maybe sometimes cash out at over a million dollars. And I just was wondering your views on...on that practice of building wealth as being a part of the County program, like winning a lottery?

MR. MITCHELL: And thank you for the question and the clarification. My view is that allowing purchasers of affordable homes to participate in some portion of the equity that is built in the home over time is appropriate, if that answers your question. Thank you.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, both. Members, do we have any other questions for Remi? I know we had an opportunity to all get to talk to him, not only in this Committee, but he did reach out to every single one of us, but if anybody else has any other questions. Member Cook.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Thank you, Chair. I'll ask a question instead of just say how excited I am about this nomination, and...and congratulate the Mayor and...and Managing Director for this selection and your willingness to serve. How

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much do you see rezoning as being a potential solution to our roadblock to being able to build?

MR. MITCHELL: Thank you, Chair U‘u-Hodgins, and Member Cook, for the question. It's an integral part of repurposing, in my opinion, property in zoning designations that is currently economically underutilized for a variety of reasons, which could be revitalized by allowing medium-density residential uses as part of maybe those commercial or other uses. So, looking critically at land-use designations that no longer fit the needs of the community, or where the community has--how it's developed, and then rezoning, I think, is an appropriate component to continued innovation.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: From...from your experience building and scale, like, having a plan and implementing the plan over a period of time, does that have a positive impact on the cost of...of construction? Does it have the potential to impact the cost of construction?

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Thank you, Chair U‘u-Hodgins, and Member Cook, for the question. Your question had two components, building to scale and planning. The ability to scale up a project, meaning the way you build, the materials you use, how standard it is, what you're building, so you can maximize the construction activity and minimize the use of different materials, is important. That's what we talk about when we're scaling up a project. With regard to planning, that's also important too because planning gives you the opportunity to analyze the costs and, as we say, engineer out excessive costs so that you can maximize what you're actually building. So, they're both critical components of any development.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: I don't have any more questions. I'm just--I had opportunities to talk at length and thank you for your mentorship while in my first term.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you, Mister...Member Cook. Member Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. Aloha, Mr. Mitchell...or Acting Director Mitchell. Mahalo for your willingness to take on the enormity of this role. I have two questions. My first question is regarding some of your priorities in the first 100 days.

MR. MITCHELL: Thank you, Chair U‘u-Hodgins, and Member Rawlins-Fernandez, for the question. The first crucial priority is filling vacancies. We have over eight vacancies, three of which are in one of our new divisions, the Community and Housing and Development Division, and that's going to be critical in moving us

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forward, specifically with regard to ideas around developing County lands. Another priority is that we have a very lengthy list of projects in the pipeline. I've not yet had a chance to evaluate that list that we update the Council on, I believe, biannually, and assess what projects can be reasonably moved forward and what projects need to be evaluated for removal from that list because since they're outdated or they're...they don't seem to be moving forward. And then lastly, entertaining and looking for new ways of providing housing so that we can not only continue to do well what we're doing, but also innovate. Those are the things I'm going to be highlighting as priorities, and I'm sure once I've had more than seven days to be in the Department, I'll...I will get additional ideas, both from staff and, quite frankly, I'm anticipating getting ideas from Councilmembers too. . . .(laughing). . . Thanks.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: A wonderful segue into my second question, which is, what are your plans for maintaining communication with the Council?

MR. MITCHELL: Thank you, Chair U'u-Hodgins, and Member Rawlins-Fernandez, for that question. It's quite simple, everyone knows how to reach me, and I try to respond as quickly as people reach out to me. I usually respond within 24 hours, so...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: It's true. I can attest to that.

MR. MITCHELL: . . .(laughing). . .

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. . . .(laughing). . . Those...those were my two main questions. Mahalo for...mahalo, Member...mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Member Rawlins-Fernandez. Does anybody else have any more questions they would like to ask Mr. Mitchell? Seeing none. I would like to entertain a motion to recommend the adoption of Resolution 24-110 --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, Chair. Chair.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Oh.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Chair.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: So moved.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Hi --

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Sorry.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: -- Member Sugimura. One second. Thank you for joining us. It is 9:44. Okay. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. I did you join you earlier after you did your roll call . . . *(inaudible)*. . . about that.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: I'm...I'm sorry, I didn't see you. I'm sorry.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, that's why I don't like to do meetings online. Sorry about that. But anyway, nice to see you, Mr. Mitchell--have to remember not to always call you Remi--and the Mayor, as well as Managing Director. Thank you for being with us. And listening to you, I am encouraged. And one of the things as your priority that you just mentioned is to innovate, and one of the policies that I tried to move forward in last Administration, but it was very difficult--but maybe with the wildfire, it might be a better time to do it--is the tiny home approval of housing, and I wonder if you would look at that.

MR. MITCHELL: Thank you, Chair U‘u-Hodgins, and Member Sugimura. Absolutely. As I said, we will--and I will encourage looking at any new programs and vet those programs with our partners to make sure that they can move forward. And if they are effective, we will gladly move them forward. I'm not aware of the particulars of the idea that you may have proposed some time ago, but I'll gladly look into it.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you very much. And the other thing is, I just want to say it's not unusual to hear all the support that you're getting from the...the paddling community. As I remember, when we had public hearings in South Maui, you were the overwhelming hero of many of the testifiers who called you Remi, and they were your--I...I forget the name of the group that you were...you were paddling with, but they certainly did love you and appreciate the work that you did with them health-wise, and I think emotionally and spiritually, you helped them. So, thank you very much. I look forward to approving you and seeing you continue this work that you do. And I remember the last Umeke that I went to with Mayor and all of you, and you were on our side on the team.

MR. MITCHELL: . . . *(laughing)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Are you going to now be paddling with the other side? But you said you were the steersman, so I hope you use those same skills that you have learned and given to the community as you guide us forward as a new Housing Director for the County of Maui. Thank you very much, and thank you, Chair.

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CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you, Member Sugimura. Real quick though, while I have you on here, if you could please, in accordance with the Sunshine Law, identify by name who, if anyone, is in the room with you and--or workspace, and minors do not need to be identified.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, wow. Yeah, sorry about that.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: No, that's okay. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I'm the...I'm the only one home, and yeah, looking forward to this meeting from Kula. Thanks.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you. Okay. Going back, I would like to entertain a motion to recommend the adoption of Resolution 24-110, including any nonsubstantive revisions.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: So moved.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Second.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So moved.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Yeah, public testimony is closed, but thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Okay. Thank you. Public testimony is closed. I have a motion by Member Paltin, seconded by Chair Lee. Do we have any further discussion?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I think it just needs to be stated for the record that there's no switching teams --

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: . . .*(laughing)*. . .

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: -- mid-season for regattas in reference to Member Sugimura's. But other than that, stoked to have Mr. Mitchell on as Housing Director. I think that we can really start pushing the envelope now in terms of getting more housing, hopefully with a focus. And maybe next year he can paddle for the Mayor, but no switching teams mid-season and having that count. Thanks.

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CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: I'm glad that this is like a really big issue for us, is steering and paddling, you know? This is...this is a beautiful thing. Does anybody else have any more discussion? Member Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. I'm glad you said that because my vote really is hinging upon whether Mr. Mitchell is going to be in the crew racing against us at the Mayor's Umeke. So, I think I'm going to give him the opportunity to answer that question. Are you going to be in the crew?

MR. MITCHELL: Yeah, I was just advised by the Mayor to not answer that question.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .*(laughing)*. . .

MR. BISSEN: The answer is he will abstain from paddling this race.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .*(laughing)*. . . All right. Then I can vote for you. . . *(laughing)*. . .

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you, Members. Any further discussion? I do have a couple things --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, and Chair --

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Oh, yeah. Go ahead, you can finish up.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay. With that out of the way and cleared up, knowing that Mr. Mitchell won't be racing against us, I am in full support of the motion. But also, you know, I think we...we all know Mr. Mitchell well, and I think for me, the reputation that was shared in testimony, I experienced firsthand. You know, I...I...it...Mr. Mitchell isn't...doesn't just bring his, like, wealth of experience, his intelligence and boldness to tackle some of the, you know, plaguing problems of this community, but he's really been a pleasure to work with and paddle with. I...I think Ms. Carla Lee's acrostic--I...I had to look this word up--that spelled out Remi: reliable, excellence, mentorship, and integrity. It really, you know, summed it up nicely. I look forward to working with you in this new role, Acting Director Mitchell. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Well said, Member Rawlins-Fernandez. I, too, am going to quote Ms. Lee because one day, I hope to have one of somebody like Ms. Lee in my corner as she had for you. So, a couple of things she said about you that I think was spot on: delivers his absolute best, this is what love looks like in public, and a benchmark in ethics. Those are quotable moments, Mr. Mitchell, and I very much look forward to you and this Department, and Housing, and keeping our

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local people here. And thank you for stepping up and doing this job. So, without any further ado, all those in favor, please raise your hand and say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED AYE.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Chair, that's seven "ayes," zero "no's," two excused, Members Johnson and Sinenci. Motion carries.

VOTE: **AYES:** **Chair** **U‘u-Hodgins,** **Vice-Chair** **Paltin,**
 Councilmembers **Cook,** **Kama,** **Lee,**
 Rawlins-Fernandez, and Sugimura.

NOES: **None.**

ABSTAIN: **None.**

ABSENT: **None.**

EXC.: **Councilmembers Johnson and Sinenci.**

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: **ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 24-110, CD1.**

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you very much. Congratulations, Director of Housing, Mr. Mitchell.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Congratulations, Remi.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: This item will move on to full Council for its consideration. The time is now 9:52, and if we could take a five-minute recess so we can switch everybody out, to return at 9:57. . . .*(gavel)*. . .

RECESS: **9:52 a.m.**

RECONVENE: **9:59 a.m.**

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: . . .*(gavel)*. . . Good morning again, and welcome back to the GREAT Committee. It is 9:59

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**GREAT-1(14) RESOLUTION 24-111, RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF KUMU
HULA KAPONO‘AI MOLITAU AS DIRECTOR OF ‘ŌIWI RESOURCES**

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: And we have before us Resolution 24-111, entitled, "APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF KUMU HULA KAPONO‘AI MOLITAU AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE ‘ŌIWI RESOURCES." Resolution 24-111's purpose is to approve the appointment of Kumu Hula Kapono‘ai as the Director of the Department of ‘Ōiwi Resources, effective July 1, 2024, in accordance with Section 8-21.2 of the Revised Charter of the County of Maui, 1983, as amended. At this time, I'm going to ask for opening comments by our Mayor. Aloha, Mayor.

MR. BISSEN: Aloha and mahalo again, Chair U‘u-Hodgins, Vice-Chair of the Committee Paltin, and Members of this Committee. Again, I come before you today with my support of Resolution 24-111, my recommendation of appointment for Kapono‘ai Molitau as the director of ‘Ōiwi Resources. Again, my mahalo to the many...very many qualified applicants who showed interest in this position, as well as the committee led by Managing Director Josiah Nishita, to arrive at our...our point today. Acting Director Kapono‘ai Molitau is Kumu Hula of Hālau Nā Hanona Kūlike o Pi‘ilani, where he has been teaching youth, kūpuna, and other kumu in the art of Hawaiian dance, oli, and chant for the past 21 years. He's currently rebuilding Heiau Kahala Ka I Honua (*phonetic*) on Maui, and building a kāhuna kakala...kakalalei (*phonetic*)--I should've practice that--or a chanter of prayer for future generations to learn Hawaiian protocols, oli, and traditional and customary practices to benefit all of Maui Nui. He continues to collaborate with ‘Ōiwi leaders on Maui and throughout Polynesia. Acting Director Molitau is also a scholar, and is currently pursuing a PhD in indigenous studies on heiau and cultural protocols at Awanuiārangi University in Aotearoa, or New Zealand. For the past 32 years, he has trained in Hawaiian protocols, and has mastered his trainings at Pu‘ukohola Heiau, going through traditional graduation ceremonies of elevation as a Kumu Hula and further to become Kahuna Nui, or the high priest of ceremonial protocols. The recognition as Kahuna Nui of Pu‘ukohola Heiau is an honor that only seven have been granted. Acting Director Molitau founded and is CEO of Native Intelligence, a Hawaiian cultural resource center and retail business that has thrived in Wailuku Town for the past 15 years. Clearly, whatever Acting Director Molitau decides to do, he does with integrity, determination, and clarity. His vision is not just for today or preserving the past, his vision is for the future of Maui Nui and our people, especially our youth, who will become our leaders. Acting Director Molitau lives his cultural...his culture every day. He has dedicated his life to preserving and perpetuating the knowledge and traditions of our Hawaiian culture. It is my sincere belief that his deep connection to Hawaiian traditional practices will be invaluable in leading and developing this groundbreaking new Department. I humbly ask that you support his monumental appointment...this monumental appointment of Kapono‘ai Molitau as our first Director of the Department of ‘Ōiwi Resources. I do have to

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say one thing that I'm sure he would not say along the lines of canoe paddling. He is the hānai son of John Lake, John Lake of class of 1955, St. Anthony, and my mom's classmate, but his grandfather is John Lake of Hawaiian Canoe Club. And so, I just wanted to alert everyone, he will not be taking Remi's place as a paddler in our races, so he will also abstain.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Mahalo, Mayor. And e kala mai, Kumu, I've been pronouncing your name incorrectly. My apologies. But at this time, if you could please provide us your opening statements.

MR. MOLITAU: Welina ke aloha iā ‘oukou. Eia nō ku‘u leo ma...mua loa, ka ha‘i ‘ōlelo ‘ana no ka ‘aha kūkā o Maui Nui. Ma ka lā ‘ewalu o Iulai, ‘elua kaukani o kāluakūmāhā ma ka mokupuni o Maui nei, ka ahupua‘a o Wailuku. Welina ke aloha e nā kupa, nā mamo, nā kūpuna aloha nui ‘ia. Ma ka lā i puka mai i Pueokahi, i ka ua lani ha‘aha‘a a i ka makani kā‘ili aloha, hānau i hana nui i Kīpahulu, kanakamakua i Kaupō. ‘Elemakule i Kahikinui a make aku i Honua‘ula, ka wao akua o Haleakalā i wili ‘ia ka makani Nāulu. Newa, Kuhike‘e, ma ka ‘āina o Kanaloa, a i Lāna‘i hala i ka ‘ulu lā‘au, pā maila ka moa‘e, ka mo‘e holo e Ko‘olauloa, Ko‘olaupoko i hō‘ola mai nei ka makani Pāhili Kiu. Uē ho‘i mai nei ka lani a ola, ola ho‘i ka honua, ō ka ‘ōpu‘u ‘e‘eka, me ka wai mauiola i hū maila, ‘o Nā Wai ‘Ehā. Huli akula i Pa‘ūpa‘ū nāna iho mai nei ka mana pio‘ole o Lele. A keu a ka mana, ho‘i i ka nani o Moku‘ula lā. Eō mai ka lā i welo iho nei ka ‘āina o ka pule ‘ō‘ō ma Halawa a hiki aku i ka lae o Lā‘au, kūnou e Molokai Nui a Hina i nānā aku ai ka ma‘awe ‘ula a Kanaloa. Aloha nui kākou. Aloha. ‘O Haleakalā ku‘u kuahiwi. ‘O Lawe Mālie ku‘u makani. ‘O Wailuku ku‘u kahawai. Eia nō iho au ke keiki ho‘okama ke kupa ‘āina o John Keolamaka‘āinanakalāhuioKalaniKamehameha‘ekolu Lake. A ‘o wau ka hāloa nona. Ke kū nei au me ka ha‘aha‘a a ha‘aheo pū kekahi ma luna o neia kahua. No ka mea, nāna nō e ho‘ike mai ai ka waiwai o ko kākou kupuna, ka ‘ike pāpālua no ho‘i, ka mana a ka leo, a me ka mālama ‘ana i nā huna no‘eau. I ka wā ma mua a i kēia wa no ho‘i. Eia nō wau ‘o Kaponō‘aikaulikeikeao Molitau. Good morning to our esteemed ‘aha kalana o Maui Councilmembers of the County of Maui. To our Council Chair, po‘o ‘aha kalana o Maui Alice Lee, aloha. To our Mayor Richard Bissen, Managing Director, po‘o ho‘oponopono ‘ana Josiah Nishita, I greet you all and all of your ancestors that have come before you, for this day would not be here without them. I'll take in a moment to introduce myself, but not in the ways of Western ideology, but more inclusive of the Hawaiian cultural practice and worldview. I'm taking a moment to acknowledge those that have come before me and those that I represent. I acknowledge my mountain, my wind, my water waves. I say greetings to all that begin to greet the sun in the rising east, and allow the winds to blow throughout the island, acknowledging the sources of mana in each district that we all collectively represent. Finally, in the setting sun over the western point that we all hold dear, this is our Maui Nui. This is our Maui County. I come before you today about

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my kuleana as the Director of ‘Ōiwi Resources, come to try and answer questions that you may have about this groundbreaking Department here on the Island of Maui, nowhere else here in Hawai‘i at all--in fact, in nowhere else in the nation--one that will begin to build upon tangible and intangible resources for our Hawaiian culture, for our Hawaiian culture does not exist without them. As you heard the use of the mother tongue of these lands being utilized in my opening remarks, this will be the foundational component of our Department. This Department, though new, will come with a wealth of ancestral ‘Ōiwi knowledge, practices that will help shape the identity of our Department. Our focus will be Maui Nui, from the eastern sunrise in Hāna to the outstretched lie of Lā‘au Point. We look forward to learning, learning, and more learning. Many of our kūpuna and kumu would have told us ma ka hana ka ‘ike, and doing the work will gain the knowledge. With that mana‘o, gaining knowledge and sharing knowledge is vital to any successful kuleana shared throughout. I will be the first to tell you humbly that I observe first and listen to what is being said before offering my thoughts that lend to any conversation. Also, I'll let you know that if I don't know the answer, you'll hear me say that, ‘a‘ole maopopo, and I'll tell you. It's such a humble statement, but one that needs to be heard for many of us to be reminded of. Ka ‘ōlelo nō ke ola, ka ‘ōlelo nō ka make. In my words, there is life, and in my words, there is death. In other words, my kūpuna would always remind me, be mindful of what comes out of my mouth. The Department of ‘Ōiwi Resources truly believe that encouraging, uplifting, and offering opportunities to our kalana o Maui to operate as a bilingual government, enhance the cultural intellect of our community, and pushes all of our community, excel forward with the use of ancestral mother tongue. You know, the question came about, what is the Department of ‘Ōiwi Resources, and where will I hope to guide this Department as its first Director? So, sharing with you just a few of my goals and objectives for this Department, and then looking forward to moving in that direction. Mayor and this Council has taken a proactive approach of properly managing the ‘Ōiwi resources here within Maui Nui as directed by State and Federal law, among which the State Constitution is the most expansive. As a result of the 1978 Constitutional Convention, in which I was five years old and out of the concern of...for Hawai‘i's natural and cultural resources, Hawai‘i's people elevated protection around our resources and customs in a series of Constitutional amendments. Article XI, Section 1 of that State Constitution provides that all public natural resources are held by the State for the benefit of its people. In Article XII, Section 7, it gives the State the duty to protect all Hawaiian rights, customarily, traditionally, exercised for subsistence, cultural, and religious purposes. As a political subdivision of that State, the Maui County Department of ‘Ōiwi Resources is dedicated to the protection of all natural resources and Hawaiian customs and traditions. We're mindful of our Hawaiian history and culture in striving to fulfill the very philosophy of the Hawai‘i State motto, “Ua mau ke ea o ka ‘āina i ka pono.” With that, I humbly thank you for the opportunity to answer any questions in my thoughts concerning this

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particular Department. Pūpūkahi i holomua, may we continue to strive and unite to move forward. Ke aloha.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Mahalo, Kumu. Before we get into discussion, can we please do a last call on testimony for this item, Resolution 24-111?

MS. MACDONALD: Yes, Chair, we actually have a couple of individuals signed up to testify. The first individual is Kekai Robinson.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Aloha.

. . . BEGIN PUBLIC TESTIMONY FOR GREAT-1(14) . . .

MS. ROBINSON: Aloha. ‘Ae, aloha. ‘Ae, waipuna lau ke aloha iā kākou, aloha mai. ‘O wau nō ‘o Kekai Robinson, ke kū nei ma mua o ‘oukou i kēia kakahiaka e paipai ka helu iwakāluakumāmāhā ho‘okahi haneli ‘umikumāmākahi no ka ‘āpono ‘ia ‘o John Molitau, Kapono‘ai, Kumu Kapono‘ai Molitau. No ke po‘o alaka‘i o ke ke‘ena mālama kumuwaiwai ‘ōiwi, mai ia‘u iho a me he‘elele no ko‘u ‘ohana. Kama‘āina wau me ia kumu no iwakālua a ‘oi mau makahiki. ‘Oia ka‘u kumu, ka‘u kahuna nui, a he hoa pili pono no ko‘u ‘ohana. A me ko‘u me‘e i nā mea kūpa‘a pono no nā mea Hawai‘i. I am here to shortly express my heartfelt and resounding support for Kumu Kapono‘ai Molitau. There is no better champion, no one more grounded, and no stronger protector for ‘ōiwi, ‘ōiwi kānaka, ‘ōiwi o ke kaiaola. Eia ku‘u aloha, my gratitude to the people of Maui, to the Administration, and the Council for acknowledging nā ‘ōiwi. Aloha. Mahalo.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Mahalo. Members, any clarifying questions?

MS. ROBINSON: Mahalo.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Seeing none. Thank you so much for your testimony. Staff, next testifier, please.

MS. MACDONALD: Chair, the next testifier is Kaimaile Makekau.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: On the second. On the third one, we’ll take it up in front of that item.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

MS. MAKEKAU: Aloha, my name is Kaimaile Makekau. Okay. So, Kumu, my name is Kaimaile Makekau, I was taken by your speech. My family of...my uncle, Floyd Nahinu, chosen by Cecilia Ko‘omea Paki and chosen by Wahine‘aiea Pākī and

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Palaukekaha Pākī from Queen Victoria Kamāmalu, the last Kuhina Nui known in my culture, our culture. Her seat was passed legally to me, but like Mr. Bissen said, my actions and my weaknesses has derailed me from my...allowing myself to have any stance in this. I am taken by your speech. I honor those who understand and start from Kīpahulu, honor Lāna‘i as Kanaloa, and a family that has residue to ancestors and protocols that have been forgotten or just disregarded. I myself have worked on iwi. My grandmother, Wahine‘aiea, was killed by the Pioneer Mill due to ‘ekes (*phonetic*), circumstances, as being the last guardian of Heaven's Gate. She was killed in a pool of her own blood. Her husband, Palaukekaha Pākī, was placed in the first murder of Pioneer Mill, which is Harry Jeanette and Weinburg's [*sic*] asylum. This asylum was created for 40 years, stripped any of our Hawaiians for 40 years for speaking Hawaiian or dancing hula. Palaukekaha Paki, alongside Uncle Bumpy Kanahele (*phonetic*), our grandfathers was placed in this asylum and practiced shock therapy for speaking Hawaiian and dancing hula. My iwi of Wahineaiea was placed at the top of Honolua. A Filipino gentleman had reached out to me and said, it has been on my heart and my dying wish to tell your family I was paid by these organizations to dig up your grandma's grave and place her in an unmarked grave, bones toppled on bones in an unmarked grave in Waiola Church. I tried to place her back, but, no...no, nothing. It would be hard because we are all one, you know, DNA, and tomorrow, I believe that we are one wa‘a. But I believe the whole earth is one wa‘a. We are the heart, the nucleus surrounded by a water membrane of the Pacific Ocean, and each nation in itself is an organ of the whole. We are all the heart of the universe, and I believe that through Hawai‘i, we can create world peace and environmental cleanup that can reach all man. And since our trust is the largest trust on Earth, and I have no connection to it, maybe we can do this with the protection, and now that we have a Director that is instance of honoring old and new. So, I just wanted to say by being the legal . . . (*timer sounds*). . . Kahino...kuhina nui, I honor you as the next Kuhina Nui of Maui Nui.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Mahalo, Ms. Makekau. Members, do we have any clarifying questions? Seeing none. Thank you very much for your testimony. Staff, do we have anybody else signed up to testify?

MS. MACDONALD: Chair, there is currently no one else who is signed up...signed up to testify. Would you like me to do a last call?

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Yes, please. Thank you.

MS. MACDONALD: If somebody would like to testify in the Chamber, please let Staff know, or on Microsoft Teams, please raise your hand. This is final call...three, two, one. Chair, it appears that nobody wishes to testify.

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CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you. Members, seeing there are no individuals wishing to testify on this item, without objection, I will now close oral testimony for GREAT-1(14).

COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS.

ACTION: Close oral testimony for GREAT-1(14).

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you very much. And as a reminder, written testimony will continue to be accepted. We will now go into our discussion portion, but before we do, I would like to just remind anybody, Member Rawlins-Fernandez has so kindly decided to also take up the Director...I'm sorry, the Department of...of ‘Ōiwi Resources and its mission on July 22nd. So, we can spend today's time talking to Kumu and we can discuss the...discuss the mission of the Department on that day. So, thank you. So, we can specify our questions to Kumu today. And at this time, we are going to implement a three-minute questioning period. Members, do you have any questions? Member Paltin, you want to begin? I see you pulling your mic close to you.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Mayor, thank you, Managing Director, thank you, Kumu Molitau. My question would be--and...and thank you for acknowledging all of the districts--but for the West District, I was wondering if you could share with us your knowledge and vision, you know, because our Historic Districts 1 and 2, National Historic District, Landmark District, is not the same. Just your vision...personal vision and knowledge of what...what you see for the future of that area. We are kind of...just want to see what...what your vision and thoughts are for how we move forwards.

MR. MOLITAU: Mahalo, Chair. Mahalo nui for the question. And I guess I'll share with you some of my own personal...growing up, we have Kumu Keola Lake and some of the things that he would share in terms of particular areas, such as Moku‘ula, which is a topic today that needs much of our support, much of our care, and...and figure out how to paipai and...and mālama and bring that...that particular--wahi la‘a, wahi pana--that storied place and sacred space. And so, growing up as...as a young boy, Kumu Keola would always say--well, his house was right across Lahaina Shores, right there on 505--and he would always say that his tūtū, Ka‘ehukai Ka‘ai, would take them and all of the other mo‘opuna down to that area of Mokuhinia and Moku‘ula, and utilize that space to conduct protocol, to conduct the time and space to acknowledge kūpuna and to acknowledge ali‘i, to acknowledge ‘āina. And so, part of my...my kuleana coming on board is...is right off the bat is that conversation of Moku‘ula, what is...what is that kuleana going to look like. And so, I wrote down some little thoughts that I'd like to share if you don't mind, and I'm realizing that I need makaaniani more than often. So, we have an opportunity today amongst much hihia and the work

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to work collectively to rebuilding this wahi la'a, Moku'ula, caring for the waterways that feed Mokuhinia, and enhance the ancestral intellect of our host culture, Hawai'i. That's first and foremost for Kumu is making sure that we collectively rise the intellectual culture of here in Hawai'i. These kinds of efforts are kuleana-driven. When I say kuleana-driven, it's not . . . *(timer sounds)* . . . you're voluntold, but you're...you're given that kuleana as an honor. But also, that particular part of it is that...that...that burden that you need to uphold, that particular kūpuna. And these efforts are needed by all, not necessarily only the Department of 'Ōiwi, but it's collectively the kuleana of us being able to paipai, kāko'o, and wala'au and talk story on how we, as the Department, can help shape that for West Maui, for Moku'ula, Mokuhinia moving forward. I look forward to the team to be able to have those talk-story sessions, and as...as you said, figure out ways that we can help, you know, particular areas. And for me, one right now is just the conversation on Moku'ula. I know...I...I know that there will be more conversations held about areas in and around West Maui, Komohana, to make sure that we can help paipai and support that.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Member Paltin. Thank you, Kumu. Does anybody else have any questions? Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you. Kumu Molitau, I have the utmost confidence in you and your new Deputy to help shape this new Department and provide the good direction that it needs. One of, I think, your challenges will be to help heal the community and bring it together. And do you have any ideas along this line?

MR. MOLITAU: Mahalo, Chair. Mahalo. Mahalo nui for the question. You know, approximately a year ago, we were faced with that particular...yeah, that particular hurtful, sour-y, just hihia, where everybody needed that time to heal. And so, I was fortunate enough to...to partner up with amazing Kumu here on Maui, Kumu Hōkūlani Holt, Kumu Pueo Pata, Kumu Keali'i Reichel, Kumu Henohea Kāne. And in doing so, we developed a series of opportunities for the community to come and engage in the healing process. And so, a year ago, we held what we call a 'aha hā'ulelani, which is a ceremony that allowed for the opportunity for community members to say aloha to their loved ones that they've lost, an opportunity for them to...to acknowledge land that...that is no longer there at the moment, and acknowledge the...those that are now just beyond the veil. That, in itself, is...is an amazing kuleana that...that opened my eyes to the need of the community. And it wasn't necessarily a cultural need, but it was a spiritual need that needed to happen. And so, we...we offered this 'aha hā'ulelani over at Keka'a, or what many known as Black Rock, and we utilized that space because it is one of the leaping points, or what we call the leina, for...for our spirits to jump into the next realm. And so, we utilized that particular ceremony to...to acknowledge them going along their way. Many of the families either came and...and just was there to be there, or they...they participated in the actual

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ceremony, where they were able to call out their ‘ohana name, call out their families that they may have lost, and watch as the smoke would have that particular travel of where their kūpuna were going. And so, to answer your question, our community has an opportunity to . . . *(timer sounds)*. . . collectively paipai one another in these kinds of aspects, and these kinds of ceremonial things. I'll work closely with other practitioners that allow for this kind of environment to...to be engaging, to be fulfilling, and to uplift our community in that way. Our Department will be one that will be unlike many others. You'll have...you'll probably have a lot of kids coming in, and they'll ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i, or they'll sing ‘ukulele, or they'll want to just ha‘i mo‘olelo and talk story. There'll be times in the Department where people will be dancing hula inside there. But it's an engaging Department that allows for this reciprocal part of healing, learning one another...learning one another's ideas, one another's mo‘olelo, and making sure that we can collectively connect, or kana as we call it in Hawai‘i, to connect to each and everyone's mo‘okū‘auhau, those are families that they represent. Because in some...some area, we're all connected. Yeah. We talk about paddling earlier, and I never like bring 'em up, but Mayor is like, go bring them up, that's your ‘ohana. But I...I know that pilina, that connectivity, is...is one that we can all engage in. So, from paddling, to hīmeni, to talking story, I think that's part of our...our mission over at the Department of ‘Ōiwi Resources, to be available for the community to be able to engage.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you very much.

MR. MOLITAU: Mahalo.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you, Chair Lee. Thank you, Kumu. Does anybody else have any more questions? We're going to go with Member Cook, followed by Member Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Thank you, Kumu. I...I enjoyed our meeting. I'm supportive of you. I think that I...I told you when I met you, I feel you. I also commented about my concern for our community, and I think I said, like, where do I fit in the aspect of being local, but not Hawaiian? And I think that you're a good--not good--I think you're an appropriate, desirable leader and person to do this uniting, and healing, and helping our community move forward, and have everyone feel a sense of home and a sense of place. Thank you.

MR. MOLITAU: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: If--please?

MR. MOLITAU: Oh, yeah. Mahalo nui, Councilmember Cook. Thank you very much for your comment. And I'll only respond to this, that if you call Maui home,

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it's...it's all of our kuleana, right, collectively, no matter if you're Kupa'āina here or a malihini, or one that's visiting. And I think collectively, that is the support that we'll need. Yeah, for...for those that are coming from across distant lands and making this home, this is part of our kuleana, to care for our 'Ōiwi resources, to care for our 'āina, and our space, and our home. We only have one Maui, cannot pick up and go anywhere else, so this is home.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you. Member Rawlins-Fernandez?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. Aloha, Kumu Kaponō'ai, mahalo for your willingness to serve as our first Director of the new Department of 'Ōiwi Resources. This wasn't going to be my first question, but it is now. So, when discussing the...the value of this Department, when determining whether to put this on the ballot for the electorate to vote on or not, one of the purposes was to prevent foreseeable problems or lawsuits from occurring, costing the County lots of time and money. You know, often--in...in the past, in our history--a project is proposed, advice from kānaka is...is provided, kānaka are often disregarded as activists against progress, and then disaster strikes, and then kānaka are called in to fix the problem. And so, in...in creating this new Department, it was to give voice to, you know, those that have kuleana to this place, that have...that understand the ecology, hydrology, and mo'olelo of this place to prevent foreseeable problems from occurring and, you know, to...to give more enforceability when it comes to that so that those that have kuleana to this place aren't just disregarded as activist, but their...their 'ike is...is valued and considered. And so, it...it...it's been frustrating to have that happen. So, mahalo for your, you know, response to the question of how to help us heal from a foreseeable problem that could have been prevented. Will you share with us some of your priorities for the first 100 days?

MR. MOLITAU: Mahalo iā 'oe e Member Rawlins, no kēia nīnau 'ana mai ia'u. I think in order to answer that question, I will...I will say this. It is an appropriate time to bring kānaka to the table. And I was reminded that from the days of my own kūpuna, my own kumu, that we need to be part of the conversation and not part of...you know, put on the side. So, when I applied for this particular position, I remember sitting down with Mayor . . . *(timer sounds)*. . . and saying that, that I wanted to be a part of the conversation, I wanted to be a part of lending my voice to...to the collective, and come up with opportunities to...to paipai, help support, defend, and be kūpa'a my thoughts and of...and of my minds of cultural integrity. And so, today, the Department of 'Ōiwi Resources has a place on the table next to every important Department here in Maui, and the first of its kind within Hawai'i that I know of. And I wanted to be a part of that conversation, and making sure that it had a strong kahua, a strong platform, to be able to...for all of us to be courageous to...to hear what is necessary to hear, to be able to paipai what we need to, and to holomua. I...I was never one to...to jump into public

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service because I served my people in...in matters of hālau for the last 20 years, and I served my people in the matters of...as a kahuna kakalaleo, kahuna pule for the last 35, 40 years. That, in itself, allows me a very intimate idea and intimate connection to...to families, to kuleana that is necessary to take care of, and an opportunity now to be able to speak on that, an opportunity now to be able to understand that, and...and bring those concerns to...to the collective here in Maui. And so, I look forward to spending more time with you, Councilmember Rawlins, to...to be able to learn from not only you, but from your mokupuni. Because there's some amazing resources of people there that allow for...for me to grow, allow for me to be able to enhance the cultural intellect of our Department, and to be able to not have those conversations later on, that when disasters do happen, that we're not there being part of the support group and the solutions to move forward.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Kumu. Chair, I...I don't know if the timer went, I'm...I'm assuming it did, but we cannot hear it online.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Okay. Thank you. It did go --

MR. MOLITAU: Mahalo.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: -- but if you had anything else to add--or Kumu, if you had anything else to add, you're welcome to finish.

MR. MOLITAU: Maika'i, maika'i wau. I scared of this ipuleo, ho.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Does anybody else have any further questions? Member Yuki Lei Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you. So, Kumu, so nice to see you here, and when I read that your name was the Acting Director for this new Department, I was very encouraged because, as you and I know, our relationship--so, when I first met you was doing Wailuku First Friday, and I guess it's over ten years ago, and month by month, you know, with your--I saw the transition from your store that you created, and you brought your...your wealth of talent, knowledge, and really bringing the community together in a way that I think your new directorship will do the same. You are a very gracious person, you are very good listener. I believe that the years really of First Friday and what I saw you and your wife, Jen (*phonetic*), who is just so talented. And if the word that you use today is probably hers, kahua, she is part of your strong platform that makes you who you are. I strongly support you as I, like Member Cook, come from maybe not quite the same grains and beginnings as you and many of the others who are part of the Native Hawaiian community, but from another culture, just as strong and as proud as others have been, and that I hope that you can bring us all

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together, as you said in your...in your speech, and your vision for your 100 days. I also want to welcome Kekai Robinson. I think she's your Deputy. I was glad to see that she was your first speaker, your great supporter, I can see where she'll add a lot. And I just want to end with, if you are going to have your office be that much fun, I think you're going to have some of the Councilmembers visiting you and being with you probably more than you want us to be there. But please just tell us, where is the office? Where is this Office of 'Ōiwi Resource?

MR. MOLITAU: Mahalo. Currently, the proposed space for the office is going to be in the Trask Building.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh.

MR. MOLITAU: I am eagerly awaiting when opportunity comes to be able to...to make the space available for all of us collectively to have great sessions of learning, and the opportunity for us to be able to talk story and engage on how we can help support our community. Mahalo nui 'oe e Councilmember Sugimura, and thank you very much for...for announcing my wife as a amazing kahua. We all know that that we all need . . . *(timer sounds)* . . . an amazing amount of support and amazing amount of pull your ear left and right, so I get that. If everybody knows me at Native Intelligence, they all know that I'm a janitor, and I...I listen highly to...to the directions. Not always agreeable to the directions, but I listen. But that wāhine has...has given me an opportunity to...to be in this space at this time. And I know that it...it takes much sacrifice for her, for the rest of our family, to see that we can help, and paipai, and elevate all of our collective community--not just Hawai'i, but all of us. Mahalo.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Appreciate that very much. And I...I hope that--well, after this, I think I'm going to call you about some of the August 8th commemoration and the wishes from the community, and I wish that you will help us in terms of your intelligence and your warmth for moving forward. So, thank you.

MR. MOLITAU: Mahalo nui.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Member Sugimura. Staff, can you please turn on Member Kama's camera and mic? I think she's having some difficulty. Oh, okay. Member Kama, it is on, on our end, if you could --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yeah.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Okay. Perfect.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yeah. And now I'm on. Thank you.

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CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: I...I didn't realize that my camera was off all this time.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: And so, I'm talking, I guess, to myself because nobody can hear me. But thank you.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So, if it's okay, I'd like to make comments --

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Sure. Member Paltin, you can follow.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: -- regarding our nominee today. Thank you. So, I just want to say thank you, Kumu, for being here. Thank you, Mayor, for your appointment, so maika‘i, and I'm so excited because by creating this Department, right, Member Rawlins-Fernandez, now the Hawaiians have a seat at the table in the County. It is a Department. It has equal footing with all the other Departments; Parks and Recreation, Public Works, Planning. Therefore, now that you have a new kid in the sandbox, I would hope they would all play together nicely, and that everything that we do is always going to be looking at our host culture, looking at our local people, and looking how we can all collectively work together to make this County a better County than when we found it. So, thank you very much, Mayor. Thank you, Managing Director. Thank you, Kumu. Thank you, Chair. Mahalo.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you, Member Kama. Member Paltin, you have any more questions?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. I had one more, but then after hearing Member Kama now, I have two more. Sorry. So, the first question I had, when you were speaking about Moku‘ula and the waterways, you know, we...we've heard consistently from the full spectrum of residents about restoring Moku‘ula. And I've...I've heard anecdotally from folks working in the burn zone that currently, there's about three feet of water in some places underground in...within that areas. And...and so, I was wondering if you could share with us your approach to the balance of, you know...I think that some residents don't realize that to restore Moku‘ula, we need to have flowing water, and that previously, the County had diverted 100 percent of water. And we also need water for housing, and we're under the ground and surface water special management area designation. So, I was wondering how you chart that, I guess...you know, there is that lack of

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water and the need for water. And the reason for the designation is we've entitled far more than what we have water for. And so, I was wondering how you approach those types of conflicts that we foresee occurring between what everyone would like in the restoration of Moku'ula and Loko o Mokuhinia, and what everyone would like in having housing for our residents when possibly, you know, the two are in opposition of each other kind of.

MR. MOLITAU: Mahalo nui. I think I will answer this question in...in two parts. When we think about pūnāwai, that is kūpuna-driven, that is...that is a natural resource that happens. We let it happen. That is the hō'ailona that we see today happening, the ho'i mai nei ka wai. . . *(timer sounds)*. . . That particular aspect, when we talk about balance, we need to acknowledge. Yeah. Those pūnāwai and those resources of wai are...are returning for us to acknowledge that they're present. And so, when we have these conversations, we need to think about that kūpuna. If you think about that kūpuna, they should have a right to speak. That kūpuna doesn't have a right to speak currently, so we are its mouth. We are its time to be able . . . *(timer sounds)*. . . have a conversation. When we think about balance for the space and for places, and Moku'ula is one, having really, really great conversations with those that...that are pili to the wahi, that are very connected to the space, it's going to be important to see what...what we can all do. Yeah. Is it something that we can all see as the grand picture of what we see as Moku'ula? Maybe it'll be in parcels and in segments to reach that goal one day, 'a'ole maopopo. I think we need to have that conversation. Those that...that are kupa'aina to the space, I will defer to having great conversations and see their wisdom in...in that place, in that void, and in...in making sure that we can develop things that speak on the behalf of that kūpuna, and...and make sure that we can move in that direction. I don't know kuleana, the deals with current water situations, I don't know kuleana that deals with certain housing situations in and around the...the wahi, but I am talk...talking in part of just Moku'ula now, and speaking on behalf of that kūpuna. So, I'm not sure if that helps to make your question a little bit more understandable, but my focus will be to speak on that behalf.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. And then the second question that came into my mind after listening to Member Kama, and, you know, this isn't a reflection of Mayor Bissen because it's been many, many, many, many, many, many, many years in the making and not arisen within the last one-plus year, is the County's own stewardship of County-owned lands. And this is something that our Chair of this Committee had tried to address with the open space, but I think it goes beyond open space because we have lands that weren't purchased with open space. And as 'Ōiwi resources are our natural resources, I was wondering if you could share your vision for the County's management of our own lands. Many of them have become illegal dumping grounds or encampments for the unsheltered, which I...I...I don't have any issue with people living there if they have no other

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place to go, but it's in the management of those County lands. As our 'Ōiwi Resources, I was wondering if you could share your perspectives. I think at some...in some ways, maybe the entirety of the...the County doesn't know the entirety of the lands that we're responsible for, and that's a big problem. And then they're under different Departments' jurisdictions, and then you, being the Director of 'Ōiwi Resources, I was wondering if you could share with us where that is in your priority and possibly your approach.

MR. MOLITAU: Mahalo nui. That's a big question, yeah, he nīnau nui. I will...I will say this, that caring for our 'Ōiwi resources, from mauka to makai, kahi pae kahi pae, is...is going to be one that we'll take...deliberately we'll take with an opportunity to work with our other agencies, our other departments, to make sure that we can come up with solutions that are going to be beneficial for the collective. I don't know exactly what is going on, this is my third day officially, and so to be able to come back and...and sit down and talk with you about...about the opportunity moving forward on what that looks like, I look forward to being able to get with our team and develop that strategy. I look forward to being able to work with other departments to come back and answer that question for you. It is...it is a big question, and I don't want to evade it, but I want to make sure that if I'm going to answer it correctly, that it comes with the full intention of my na'au and our Department.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Kumu Molitau. I appreciate that answer. Trust I have a million ideas, so I look forward to --

MR. MOLITAU: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: -- speaking with you and your Deputy on the matter. And I'm grateful that you're willing to take it on because the way that the County manages its own lands is a reflection of all of our work, and it is the example that we should be setting for the rest of the community. And like I said, not putting this on Mayor Bissen because it's been many, many, many, many, many Administrations coming, so, it...the...the blame for how it looks is belonging to all of us, the entire County, and it needs to change direction. Thank you.

MR. MOLITAU: Mahalo.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Member Paltin. Member Rawlins-Fernandez, you have a question?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. I wanted to first add on to what Member Paltin said. 'Ōiwi resources includes natural resources, but are not limited to natural resources. It includes the tangible and intangible, such as language. In the same Charter amendment that was approved by the electorate

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last election, it included reaffirming Maui County as a bilingual government. In the powers, duties, and functions under the Depar...Director includes correct usage of Hawaiian language, including place names, and the integration of Hawaiian language with County functions, kou mau mana'o.

MR. MOLITAU: Thank you, Chair. 'Ae, kāko'o wau kēnā. Ma ka 'ōlelo Hawai'i nō ho'i, paipai mau ka 'ōlelo makuahine o kēia 'āina nei, a me ko kākou hui 'ana, ka wala'au 'ana i nā mea waiwai o ko kākou mau kūpuna. Pehea lā ho'i, i ka kūkā kūkā 'ana ma ka 'ōlelo makuahine, ka waiwai o nā po'e ho'olohe mai ka 'ōlelo haole, he mea nui kēnā kekahi. So, in response to that, I...I fully support a bilingual government and don't have any...yeah, any pilikia on...on speaking on that behalf. Pololei, that was one of my--when I first saw some of the...some of the requirements for this, I...I got excited to see that the...the use of our mother tongue was going to be at the forefront of...of this particular Department. Those that will be part of this Department will...will hold that true, and have no...no...no inhibitions to...to speaking its mother tongue, whether...whether it be in just talking story, or whether it be in talking kuleana actual matters. And so, when we think about the tangible and intangible kinds of stuff, 'ae, pololei, 'ōlelo makuahine is a big one when we also think about...about other things that are...are necessary to talk about, and those are our place names of Hawai'i. Switching out the mindset of...of certain areas like...that we would call Kapa'ia S-turns, right? Let's go back to...to the mindset of what those places are called, the mindset of our 'āina and what we refer to as West Maui Mountains. I think we...we have a great resource today in Kumu Pueo Pata as a fundamental, amazing brain that allowed for a book to be published that...that allows for us to go back to. And so, those are the kinds of people that we have in our community today . . .(timer sounds). . . that if we get an opportunity to tap into, to collectively work hand in hand, and to paipai the...the Department of 'Ōiwi Resources, then, yeah, hiki...hiki nō ke holomua.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. My next question is regarding--you know, so Maui County, Maui Nui, different islands, for Molokai, what is your plans for the community here to have access, and to learn more about the Department, and to collaborate?

MR. MOLITAU: 'Ae, that was one of--kala mai ia'u? Kala mai--by learning all of the ka'ina and how for acknowledge everything, everybody. That...that is part of the mea nui, or the things that are on the list, is to...to outreach to...to community, to cultural leaders on every mokupuni--and when I say every mokupuni, I mean every moku. And so, Molokai Nui a Hina is one of them on that list, and...and truly an opportunity to...to...for us to engage as a Department, for us to learn is that what we're looking forward to. I think the question was, what are you going to do within 100 days? Well, it's going to take me 100 days to...to learn everybody's name. I...I tell people that if I don't see you more than ten times, I'm

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not going to remember your name. Yeah, but it's that kind of pilina that I hope to be able to bridge with...with every wahi that I visit, and learn the things that are needed for that community to...to thrive. And...and really, having...having the Department of 'Ōiwi Resources now at the...the table to...to be able to wala'au and talk story on their behalf, I look forward to. And so, Kumu Rawlins, when...when the time comes and...and the opportunity allows for itself to...for us to come and visit your moku, please...please let us know. And...and, yeah, ma laila nō, i laila nō ana mākou.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. I...I would like to invite you to Molokai before the item...the confirmation item is on the Council agenda to meet with some of our cultural practitioners here, you and Deputy Director. I...I don't know when this is planned for the Council meeting, but I...I would feel better about, you know, supporting it after, you know, that can happen if it's able to happen beforehand.

MR. MOLITAU: Hiki nō.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Member Rawlins-Fernandez, we can let you know when it's going to be on the agenda for Council, and you guys can plan accordingly.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Of course.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Quick question.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: is the Hālau of 'Ōiwi Arts going to be under this Department?

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Kumu?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I think that might be Managing Director.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Managing Director?

MR. NISHITA: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Um-hum.

MR. NISHITA: Thank you, Councilmember Rawlins-Fernandez, for the question. The Hālau of 'Ōiwi Art will be built and constructed by the Department of

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Management, as we've been proceeding already, and we do anticipate the Department of 'Ōiwi Resources assisting in the management and programmatic elements of the space. But as...as you know, the Department of 'Ōiwi Resources does not have CIP Staff and other types of similar staff, so the Department of Management will maintain that responsibility through the completion of the facility. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Managing Director. Okay. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: No worries. Does anybody else have any other questions? I don't really have a question, Kumu, but considering you are an esteemed Kumu Hula and Kahuna Nui, I have no doubt that your thoughtful leadership will transition well into being a Director, and I very much look forward to all the work you're going to do for our community on behalf of everyone, and especially the--us Hawaiians out there. This desk is temporary, but all of that position outside in our community is permanent, so thank you. Also, since we were talking about paddling, as somebody who grew up in the harbor, I am forever indebted to your kūpuna, and will always bleed blue for Hawaiian Canoe Club, so thank you so much. This is why Remi and I have other issues. No, I'm just joking. Members, do we have any other questions before I call for the vote? Okay. At this time, I would like to entertain a motion to recommend the adoption --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, Chair?

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Go ahead, Member Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. One last question, since Managing Director had brought it up. So, the Charter instructs the Director of Planning to collaborate with the Director of 'Ōiwi Resources, and part of the powers, duties, and functions is to update the general plan...you know, to collaborate in the update of the general plan, cultural resource management, review of CIPs, Planning Commission ex-officio member, annual report of the Management of 'Ōiwi Resources and the Department's priorities. So, since, you know, CIPs was brought up, is there any intention to ensure that there will be staffing for their...you know, for the Department to be able to collaborate in the review of the CIPs?

MR. NISHITA: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Councilmember Rawlins-Fernandez, for the question. I think, you know, when we talk about the...any types of future expansion or other opportunities for the Department, I...I think that's something that we want to maint...make sure that we're establishing a good base and good foothold in the establishment of the Department. The amount of Staff time and expertise that may be required, we're going to learn a little bit over time, and as

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my Department has been accustomed to, we share resources across departments within our Department. So, to avoid any, you know, duplication of services or...or resources or anything of that matter, we'll provide that assistance to the Department in the interim, and if it is determined that additional resources are needed, we'll come back to the body for that. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for that response, Managing Director. Okay. Mahalo, Chair. That was my final question. Sorry.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: You're welcome. At this time, I would now like to entertain a motion to recommend the adoption of Resolution 24-111, including any nonsubstantive revisions.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So moved.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So moved.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Second.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you. I have a motion made by Chair Lee, seconded by Councilmember Cook. Any further discussion? Any discussion? No? Seeing none. All those in favor, please raise your hand and say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED AYE.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Chair, that's seven "ayes," zero "noes," two excused, Members Johnson and Sinenci. Motion carries.

**VOTE: AYES: Chair U‘u-Hodgins, Vice-Chair Paltin,
 Councilmembers Cook, Kama, Lee,
 Rawlins-Fernandez, and Sugimura.**

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: Councilmembers Johnson and Sinenci.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 24-111, CD1.

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CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Congratulations. It is our honor to have you as our inaugural Director for this monumental Department. Congratulations. *(Applause)* Mahalo, Kumu. This item will move on to full Council for its consideration. At this time, in order for us to get ready for our next agenda item, if I could please have a five-minute recess to return...ten-minute recess to return at 11:12. . . .*(gavel)*. . .

RECESS: 11:02 a.m.

RECONVENE: 11:31 a.m.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: . . .*(gavel)*. . . Oh, I guess it was on and I turned it off. Good after...good morning-ish, Members. Good mid-morning, Members, it is 11:31, and we are continuing with our agenda with GREAT Item 2(23).

GREAT-2(23) APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND COMMISSIONS
(RESOLUTION 24-109, VARIOUS)

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: We have before us Resolution 24-109, considering the nominees listed in Exhibit "A" to move to Exhibit "B" for approval or Exhibit "C" for disapproval, approve the nominees listed in Exhibit "B," disapprove the nominees listed in Exhibit "C," and urge the Mayor to consider the applicants listed in Exhibit "D" as replacement nominees for any of the disapproved nominees to various Boards, Committees, and Commissions. My plan today is to review and interview those present nominees, and at the end of all of our interviews and discussion, make recommendation on which exhibit we would like to place each of the nominee's names. At this time, I'm going to ask Ms. Vicens to introduce the nominees, and please also let us know which nominees no longer want to be considered, or those who want to apply for a different commission that would be administratively disapproved so they can reapply for whatever their desired commission preference is. Ms. Vicens?

MS. VICENS: Aloha, Chair U‘u-Hodgins, Vice-Chair Paltin, Council Chair Lee, and our other Councilmembers present and online. You know me as Cory, I'm the EA for the Boards and Commissions, and I'm representing Mayor, today, Bissen and the Administration on Resolution 24-109. It's good to be here today, and able to bring these names forward. The Administration has been bound to follow the settlement order, and we have been preparing for that. During our query of the nominees on today's list, there are some individuals who have expressed they not be considered as originally nominated. That list of names were provided to Chair U‘u-Hodgins and the Office of Council Services last night, and you should all have a copy of that for your own review. We thank you in advance for your

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consideration and support of those members of our community who are willing to do their civil service and have volunteered to serve on a board and commission. With that said, I'm going to go through the list of individuals who have asked to be removed from this list, name, and then by board: Mr. Monroe Thomas Bryce, Board of Water Supply; Christopher Imbach, Board of Water Supply; Dale Brian Bonar, Conservation Planning Committee; Jake Musson would like to be placed on the Board of Water Supply, so procedurally, we will take him off; Mr. Bruce Hiwahiwa U'u, Fire and Public Safety Commission; Carol Lee Puana Kamekona, Maui County Cultural Resource Commission; Jared Sam Puyaoan Agtunong, Maui Redevelopment Agency; Josiah Kaleo Ching, Molokai Planning Commission; Jessica Wai Han Parker, Molokai Planning Commission; Charla-Ann Zewzetta Kahealani Konohia would like to be on the Conservation Planning Committee, procedurally, we are going to take her off of this list; Mr. Kevin Ke'a, the Public Works Commission; and lastly, Mr. Fuji Cullen Tsuneoka would like to be considered as an alternative...alter...as an alternate on the Urban Design Review Board due to previous commitments. Chair, that's what we have for you today.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you. Before we get into discussion, I would now...now like to receive testimony for this item GREAT-2(23). Staff, do we have any testifiers?

MS. MACDONALD: Yes, Chair, the first individual signed up to testify is Gary Passon, to be followed by Kate Blystone.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: I'll say thank you for being so patient and waiting with us all morning.

. . . PUBLIC TESTIMONY FOR ITEM GREAT-2(23) . . .

MR. PASSON: Aloha, Chair and Councilmembers. Thank you for the opportunity to provide some additional input about myself. My name is Gary Passon, and I'm the Mayor's nominee for the open seat for the Maui Planning Commission as the South Maui...Maui Planning Commission representative. I'm grateful and humbled by the support from the Mayor, the past County Councilmember, past Planning Director, plus, as you've seen and heard, from many local architects, contractors, as well as many local small businessmen, and small people...small businesspeople, and local construction companies, and just by every day, hardworking Maui Island workers. I'd like to highlight the support of both the State-level Habitat for Humanity and the local Maui Habitat for Humanity organizations for my ten-plus years of board leadership of those organizations, as well as from several senior members of the Catholic Charities work for my work seeking planning, and most importantly, working on financing for and actually building affordable housing. I am also grateful to the support for the

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local community association and its community members for the experience I gained from being a working member of the Planning and Design Review Committee, and I'm proud to have worked with many developers to find common ground and vision, and build community support for their projects. Finally, I'd like to recognize the support of many Members of the South Maui Community Plan Advisory Committee for my work on the CPAC, as well as my contributions to the collaborative effort of the CPAC process and helping to build forth a message from the people of South Maui as to their vision of the community and how it can grow. I think my active participation in these diverse groups and organizations, my hands-on experience in getting affordable housing built, and participation in the community, gaining and listening to their feedback all these years, gives me visibility, sensibility, sensitivity, and an appreciation for the complexity of many of the South Maui issues, and most important...and very importantly, some of the challenging Maui County planning and building issues in getting projects done successfully. The Lahaina fires has highlighted a great housing crisis. I feel great sadness for those directly and those indirectly affected by those fires. I feel I can contribute to addressing this by helping address the housing issues through my participation in the Maui Planning Commission. I am pro smart development, I am pro smart infrastructure, and I am pro community involvement. I have a deep respect for our host culture, and believe that that needs to be a significant contributor to all decision processes. For too long, developers have been placed in a box that require them to do the work of the government in providing basic community infrastructure at the project's expense, and ultimately being forced to pass on those expenses to the housing residents . . . *(timer sounds)* . . . in those...in those events. I feel that there...there's also been an...an increasing amount of time spent...time fighting building regulations, and all this just drives up building house cost. We've had 50 years of these results, for...we have had...seen horrible results for the last 50 years of this recurring...recurring choice. I enthusiastically support housing with an emphasis on affordability and addressing important quality-of-life issues. The kama'āina should not end up in a worse situation with all traffic all the time, where keiki cannot safely walk and bike to school, flooding, lack of water, and limited ability to escape natural disasters. All these issues can be made better --

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Mr. Passon, if you could wrap up, please. Thank you.

MR. PASSON: -- and...and we can do that through working together. The Council, Mayor, the new Housing Department, and importantly, the Housing Fund, can all help address these issues, and the Maui Planning Commission can help get these things done, and I'm committed to supporting those actions. Thank you.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you. Members, any clarifying questions? No? Seeing none. Thank you very much for your testimony.

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MR. PASSON: Thank you.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Staff, next testifier, please.

MS. MACDONALD: Chair, the next testifier is Kate Blystone.

MS. BLYSTONE: Aloha mai e Committee Chair U‘u-Hodgins, Council Chair Lee, and Councilmembers. As you know, I’m Kate Blystone, Director of the Department of Planning, and mahalo for taking testimony on this very important item. I will be brief. I rise today on behalf of our Planning Department, not to testify in favor of any particular candidate for our boards and commissions, but to ask the GREAT Committee to move swiftly with appointments of commissioners to the boards and commissions under our care in the Planning Department. I had not planned to testify today. I should be in a Maui Planning Commission meeting right now, hearing testimony from the public about the Administration's proposal to sunset transient vacation rentals in the apartment districts, but due to last minute quorum issues, that meeting had to be continued to July 23rd. When we have only six of nine Planning Commissioners appointed, losing two for any reasons means we cannot continue with our business. This is frustrating for the public, like those folks who showed up today...today...for today's meeting, both in-person and online. It is frustrating for staff, who want to keep moving forward with the County's business on the community's behalf, And the Maui Planning Commission is not alone. We have faced ongoing quorum issues with the nine boards and commissions for which my Department is responsible. We have had...it has become very difficult to conduct basic business, let alone tackle the biggest issues that face our islands, and move forward with items that I know the Council cares about, like creating much-needed housing and rebuilding Lahaina. Today, you will hear and be able to move forward with appointments to the Maui Planning Commission, Cultural Resources Commission, Maui Redevelopment Agency, Molokai Planning Commission, Pā‘ia-Ha‘ikū Advisory Committee, South Maui Advisory Committee, and the Urban Design Review Board. Again, I am not in favor or against any of the names that you're considering today, the Planning Department staff will work closely with anyone appointed to those boards and commissions. I am merely asking you to forward the names in front of you quickly so we can get this critical function of the Department going full steam. Mahalo nui for your consideration.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you, Director. Members, any clarifying questions? Go ahead, Member Cook.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Thank you, Director, for coming and quite eloquently stating how important it is that we fill our boards and commissions. It's unfortunate that we had the previous...we did this, and then had to have it redone, and now we're doing it again. So, I just want to let you know that I hear

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you, I think everybody shares the same concern, and we're going to march forward the best we can to fill the roles, and with gratitude to everybody who's willing to serve. And I feel for the people who are on the boards and commissions, and they're going to schedule their day, and they can't finish their day because there's no quorum. So, thank you for your work, and thank you for coming. So, my...my clarifying question --

MS. BLYSTONE: . . .*(laughing)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: -- is, what's your advice on...how do we get people to step up and...and serve?

MS. BLYSTONE: Ah. I don't know that I am qualified to answer that question. I have been a Planning Commissioner in my past experience. For me, what drove me to serve was to serve my community, right? And so, that's what I do here in this role, and...and will continue to do probably for the rest of my life. But you need to find people who have the time, who are willing to show up. And I think, you know, this is a clear...a call to anyone out there who's twiddling their thumbs and wanting to figure out how to make a difference in their community--sign up for boards and commissions. We need as many--I've got nine, guys. Nine. I need to fill as many seats as I can because we can't move forward with so many things if we don't have those seats filled.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Thank you.

MS. BLYSTONE: Um-hum.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you.

MS. BLYSTONE: Mahalo.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Director.

MS. BLYSTONE: Aloha.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Staff, next testifier, please.

MS. MACDONALD: Chair, the next testifier is Kaimaile Makekau, to be followed by Dick Mayer.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Ms. Makekau? Okay. We can move on. I don't think she's here anymore. Mr. Mayer?

MR. MAYER: Can you see me or hear me?

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CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: We can hear you but we can't see you.

MR. MAYER: Can you hear me? Okay. One moment. Okay. Less important that...less important that you see me, but --

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: We can hear you.

MR. MAYER: -- more importantly you can hear me. Thank you. I first want to extend my apology to all the people who were disrupted by the process that we undertook as a result of the lawsuit that I brought against the Council. I took no great pleasure in doing that. It hurt me, really, to have to do that several months ago, but I felt it was very important to have the process that the new Charter requires be done exactly the proper way. And I'm glad we're now back on track. Hopefully, you will today appoint to the various boards and commissions the names that remain on the list from the Mayor's recommendations, the--regarding the Planning Commission, we heard two people speak just now about it. The South Maui area needs a representative, and I'm hoping that Mr. Passon can be appointed so that that committee can deal with the South Maui Community Plan and the many other issues, the Minatoya items, as soon as possible. So, urging you to go ahead and work on that. And I do apologize to all of you. I know your lives were...were disrupted, and I took no great pleasure at all, believe me, in...in doing that action. And I ask for your forgiveness for that part of it, but I'm hoping now that the County will be able to go through with this new Charter and the provisions in the Charter. And I thank you very much.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you, Mr. Mayer. Members, any clarifying questions? Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you, Mr. Mayer, for your testimony. I was...I was wondering if you could clarify the settlement, what...what it is that we were directed to do by the courts?

MR. MAYER: I think it...it meant to go back to do it the way the Charter called for, the...that item about the 60 days was not a valid reason to interrupt the process in the first place, and I wanted to make sure that the Mayor's list was looked at, reviewed, and now you have the opportunity to do just what you're doing today, is going through the list of the Mayor's recommendations. You'll send perhaps some names back, others you'll adopt today and will go through the process, so it's back on track. In the...it will also mean that...that eventually, the...the boards now of the new Nomination Board, the special committee that was set up to do that, will now be making recommendations to the Mayor, and that process will continue. But I would urge you to do as quickly as possible to get the names out there so all the committees can begin functioning again, rather than having

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to wait several more months for the nominating committee to review people to send it to the Mayor, the Mayor sending things to you, and that's what I'm hoping will happen. I don't know if that helps.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: So, anybody that doesn't get approved, the posit...the slot would go to the Independent Nomination Board, to recommend to the Mayor, to recommend to the Council?

MR. MAYER: Not...not this initial time. I believe not...I believe the Mayor would be...would get the list, and then he would immediately, within ten days, I think, have to send you a replacement name. The...but in the future, anything else after that will come first from the Independent Nominating [sic] Board to the Mayor. But this time around, this round, because there was no nominating board initially that gave him names, he has no names in front of him right now that he would be able to pick from.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: We...we can talk about it later.

MR. MAYER: That's my--your attorney...your attorney would be able to give a better description on that than I can perhaps, but I do believe that's the case.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you. Members, any other clarifying questions for Mr. Mayer? Member Kama.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair. Thank you for being here, Mr. Mayer. So, you know, you...you testified that to be able to--if we disapprove the Mayor's list, then business for the commissions can continue as usual, but if the list with Mr. Passon's name is on it, would he not have to recuse himself as an STR owner, seeing as how the Planning Commission is dealing with the STR issue right now, and they don't have a quorum?

MR. MAYER: I'm not --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Would this even help that quorum?

MR. MAYER: I'm not sure that he would have to do--that's one small item among the many, many items the Planning Commission looks at. The Planning Commissions look at the coastal zone issues, they look at, you know, zoning, all

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kinds of issues are out there that the Planning Commission--that would be one thing. And perhaps you could argue that if there were an STR in the neighborhood near his own STR, he may recuse himself on that one item. But let's say there was a--he owned--I'm not sure even where he owns an STR, but he owned one, let's say, in South Maui, he may say, okay, I'll excuse [sic] myself from that...that...any STR in South Maui. I also understand that the...the Administration has asked that no more STRs be allowed. So, my guess is that very few new applications for STRs will be coming before the Planning Commission. So, I don't think that's a barrier at all, the fact that he owns his STR. That would...that would preclude any businessman who owns a business from serving on the Planning Commission if another business was...was on the...coming up for...for a vote, and I don't think that's the case.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Okay. Member Kama, did that answer your question?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Well, these are all suppositions because we don't really know what we don't know.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: So, I think it's an assumption that, you know, if you want to support him, you go in that direction, but...but not quite. Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Mr. Mayer.

MR. MAYER: Thank you.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Member Kama. Thank you, Mr. Mayer. Anybody else have any clarifying questions for him? Seeing none. Thank you. I would also like to say I believe Member Sugimura is on. She's going to log off and come back on, we cannot see her camera. Staff, do we have anybody else wishing to testify on this item?

MS. MACDONALD: Chair, there is currently no one else who signed up to testify. Would you like me to do a final call?

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Please.

MS. MACDONALD: If somebody would like to testify in the Chamber, please let Staff know, or on Microsoft Teams, please raise your hand. This is final call...three, two, one. Chair, it appears that nobody wishes to testify.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you. Members, seeing there are no further individuals wishing to testify, without objection, I will now close oral testimony for this item. Written testimony will continue to be accepted.

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COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS.

ACTION: Close oral testimony for GREAT-2(23).

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you very much. Before we get into discussion, what I would like to do is entertain a motion and use our discussion time to discuss each individual one by one, and amend the Resolution moving forward. But before we do, I would like to take those names that were mentioned by Ms. Vicens in her opening statement, which--Members online, I believe you should have been emailed a list. Were you guys emailed the list? I cannot see your faces. That shows --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: I am going to go look for the list now.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Okay. Yeah. You should have been provided a list. If--is it on Granicus? It's on Granicus, that shows--that'll be easier for us as we move through the 26 names, show what 9 no longer want to be considered, and what 3 would like to be considered for another board that we will then administratively disapprove for their consideration on another board. Member Rawlins-Fernandez, I saw you had your hand up. Yes?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. Is that page 7?

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Is that page 7?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The list, Exhibit "D?"

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: No.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Exhibit "D?"

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: It's number --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: It's not that one?

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: No. It's number 3 [sic] on Granicus, which it's a --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: 2.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: 2. 2. 2 on Granicus, which is a highlighted list of Exhibit "A" for the Mayor's nominations that include the names that Cory read off in the beginning. Okay. It'll be just a lot easier for us as we go through it if we have that list in front of you. So, before we begin and take each individual person one

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by one, I would like to entertain a motion to recommend the adoption of Resolution 24-109, including any nonsubstantive revisions.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: So moved.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Second.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you very much. I have a motion made by Committee Chair [sic] Paltin, seconded by--Committee Vice-Chair Paltin, thank you--seconded by Council Chair Lee. So, for discussion, I would like to entertain a motion to amend Resolution 24-109 by placing the following names on Exhibit "C" for disapproval as named by Ms. Vicens. They begin with number 2, Monroe Bryce to the Board of Water Supply; Christopher Imbach, number 4, to the Board of Water Supply; number 5, Dale Bonar, Conservation Planning Committee; Jake Musson to the Cost of Government; Bruce Hiwahiwa U‘u to the Fire and Public Safety Commission; Carol Lee Kamekona to Maui County Cultural Resources Commission; Jared Agtunong, number 16, to the Maui Redevelopment Agency; number 17, Josiah Ching to the Molokai Planning Commission; Jessica Parker to the Molokai Planning Commission; Charla-Ann Konohia to the Pā‘ia-Ha‘ikū Committee...Advisory Committee, that's number 20; number 21, Kevin Ke‘a to the Public Works Commission; as well as number 26, Fujio Tsuneoka to the Urban Design Review Board.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: So moved.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Seconded.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you very much. Councilmember Paltin motion, and Council Chair Alice Lee seconded the motion. Member Rawlins-Fernandez?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. I am no longer alone on my side of the office, there is an unnamed minor with me.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you very much. Okay. Let's vote on those, and then we can individually move on to Randol Leach, number 1. So, all those in favor of moving the listed names to Exhibit "C" at this time for disapproval, can you please raise your hand for that amend...amendment to this Resolution? All those in favor for those names on Exhibit "C." All those in favor, please raise your hand and say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED AYE.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Chair, that's seven "ayes," zero "noes," two excused, Members Johnson and Sinenci. Motion carries.

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CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: I think she's excused for now because I don't see her camera on.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Okay. Six "ayes" --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: You know what --

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Oh.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Oh, I heard her voice.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I'm here. I'm here, but I'm having a problem with my camera. So, I...I've been here the whole time, and I think the same thing happened earlier in the meeting. So, I logged out once, came back, and now you still can't see me, huh? But my video is --

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: We cannot see you, but we can hear you now.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. So, I'll just keep on yelling. Thank you.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Would you like to vote in our last--oh, first of all, because we can't see you, can you please confirm if you're alone or if there's anybody with you?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, Hank. I have my husband, who is in the other room, and I voted yes.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Okay. Thank you.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Chair, thank you. Just for the record, seven "ayes," zero "noes," two excused. Motion carries.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you very much. Okay. We're going to do that, vote on each person as we work through our list.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Chair?

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I had a question.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Yeah, please.

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VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Before we vote on each person, could you explain to us how...how Exhibit "D" works?

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Sure. To the best of my understanding, whoever we do not select on Mayor's list, they are provided Exhibit "D." So, if we do not select anybody, and there is a person on Exhibit "D" who is still willing to serve, the Mayor has the option to consider them for his nominations.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: But it wouldn't be anything for today, like we wouldn't know?

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. All right.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: So, we are going to--(*clears throat*) excuse me--approve or deny the 26 names--well, now a few less--on this list.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: 14.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: 13.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: And whoever we approve, we'll move on. Whoever is disapproved, that space will be then considered by the Mayor using Exhibit "D," if he so chooses.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Got it. Thank you.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Yeah. Thank you. Yes?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Question.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Your mic. Member Kama, one second.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yeah, thank you.

MS. VICENS: Thank you for your question. If this will help you as well, Mayor has reviewed Exhibit "D" and the individuals on that list, and acknowledges there are several who are qualified and will be considered, so...

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: But we're not taking...we're still not taking action today?

MS. VICENS: We're not...we're not taking them up today.

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VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. Got it.

MS. VICENS: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Just Exhibit "A," and then the amended Exhibit "B" and "C."
Member Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Yep.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So, then my question is, all of those that we...that the Mayor
is recommending to remove from Exhibit "A" to put it on "C" means that those
are all the names that--or we are going to disapprove?

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: And those are the Mayor's, right, recommendations? But
what if we had recommendations, can we do that too?

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Yes. That's going to...that's going to...we're going to do that
now. So, it wasn't necessarily the Mayor's recommendation, but rather the
nominee no longer wishes to be considered. So, it's not the Mayor who's
disapproving them, but rather them removing themselves from consideration.
That's what's happening now with those names that we just discussed.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Oh, I see.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Yes. So, either they --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: I see.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: -- removed themselves for consideration in its entirety, or they
removed themselves from consideration on this specific board and would like to
be considered for another board. We, as the confirma...have the confirmation
ability to approve or deny the other people who would still like to be considered.
So, considering we just removed all of those...or rather, placed all of those
names --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yep.

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CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: -- on Exhibit "C" --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yes. Yeah.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: -- we will now go through Exhibit "A" to decide individually, starting with Randol Leach, for the Board of Ethics...Ethics --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: -- whether or not we want to consider him for approval and we'll put on Exhibit "B," or disapproval and put on Exhibit "C."

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay. Okay. Well, sorry, Chair, but --

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: No.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: -- I have another meeting I have to go to at 12:00. and I'm already late, so thank you.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: That's okay. We are most likely going to poll the Members to ask if they would like to continue this meeting at another time because we have another meeting at 1:30 that's extremely important. And I don't want to eat into our lunch time because I need to eat in order to think clearly, and we're going to need to do so at 1:30. So I was going to--I know it's 12:00 now, so I was going to take a couple of people up, and then we can poll the Members and figure out another date for us to meet as well. Because not only does our boards and commission have quorum issues, but as do we on our non-Committee weeks. Member Paltin, do you have something to add?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Ready to vote. I guess though, there was a question if Exhibit "D" would go to the INB --

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Um-hum.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: -- or no need.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: I don't think Exhibit "D" is going to go to the INB, as we were using the other charter language that no longer considered the INB, but anything going forward after these lists of nominees will go to the INB. The INB will have their opportunity not using this list to vet and get other people to participate in boards and commissions, then the Mayor will have his opportunity to further approve, and we will have our opportunity to confirm.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. Ready to vote.

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CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: You're welcome. Okay. We can do what we want to do and however we decide to feel and move on, we can do so. I am pretty fluid, except I do need to eat lunch. Okay. Let's begin with Randol Leach, Board of Ethics. I don't know who's here except Mr. Passon. We can...we can take you up too after Mr. Leach, and then you don't have to stay with us the whole time. So...

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I move to move Mr. Leach to Exhibit "B" --

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: "B" for approval.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: -- for approval.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Second.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Okay. We have a motion to move Mr. Leach to Exhibit "B" by Member Paltin, and seconded by Council Chair Lee. Any further discussion? Online? No.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: He served in this role before so, you know, want to fill those slots for the Board of Ethics, we got a lot of ethical questions come up, I got a complaint, and so on and so forth.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Cool. I will say, tomorrow, we have a meeting with GREAT Staff. The INB missed a deadline, the Mayor then also missed a deadline, so we have a Board of Ethics nominee that the Council has to do in order for people to start meeting. So, we will have a meeting with that tomorrow, and I will brief the Members on how we're going to do that moving forward. But for now, we have a motion on the floor by Member Paltin, seconded by Chair Lee, to place Mr. Leach on Exhibit "B" for approval. Any discussion? Seeing none. All those in favor, please raise your hand and say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED AYE.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Chair, that's six "ayes," zero "noes," three excused, Members Johnson, Kama, and Sinenci. Motion carries.

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VOTE: **AYES:** Chair U‘u-Hodgins, Vice-Chair Paltin,
 Councilmembers Cook, Lee,
 Rawlins-Fernandez, and Sugimura.

NOES: **None.**

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: Councilmembers Johnson, Kama, and Sinenci.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: AMEND RESOLUTION 24-109 by approving Randol Leach to the Board of Ethics.

CHAIR U·U-HODGINS: Thank you very much. Members, at this time, if it's okay with you folks, I would like to take Mr. Passon because he's been so patiently waiting for us down here.

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR U*U-HODGINS: Thank you so much. Members, do we have any motions to entertain?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: What's your recommendation?

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: If not, I would like to make...entertain a motion to recommend to put Mr. Passon on Exhibit "C" for disapproval.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So moved.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Do we have a second? Motion made by Member...I'm sorry, Chair Lee. Seconded by Mr. Cook. Any discussion? Member Rawlins-Fernandez, your discussion.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. I'll be voting against the motion. I think there's two, four, six...my concern is what Planning Director brought up on...that the Maui Planning Commission lacks quorum to take up business, and I think Mr. Passon is the only person that we can take up today. Yeah. Okay. And so, if we disapprove, then it...it's not helping the Maui Planning Commission to be able to take up items and...and have quorum. And then I...I

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have another question, I...I also have to leave. I have to take my son to do his physical.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: But are we...instead of recessing, are we able to take up some...some of the appointments today, adjourn, and then take up the rest at another time, specifically, the boards and commissions that have not been able to meet because of lack of quorum, and the...the appointments that...whose authority is under the Council to...to make appointments. So, the Conservation Planning Committee is...is ours...is Council's to determine, so those we would be able to...to take up today as well. But...yeah. So, that procedural question for whoever can answer.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Yeah.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Sure.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: That's a great question for Kasie to answer. One second.

UNIDENTIFIED COUNCILMEMBERS: . . .*(laughing)* . . .

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Yeah. So, the Council's action wouldn't be final. You know, so we have this resolution as our vessel basically for all the Mayor's nominees. If we only take up some of them, make recommendations, and adjourn, we don't have now another resolution for the rest of the names, so we would advise against doing it that way. But the other consideration, if you do want to complete this meeting today, would be to recess this meeting until either 1:30 and then recess the other one, or recess this meeting until later today, and finish this meeting then, rather...if...if you're trying to avoid waiting until another day.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Either one, but I'm down because I'd love to get this out of the way today.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Me too.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Your preference --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Consensus.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: -- on time.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: One...one second, Member Cook. Member Rawlins-Fernandez, does that answer your question? Okay. I know you have to leave to take your

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son. Would you be okay to come...what...like, maybe around 1:00, and we can recess until 1:00? What you --

UNIDENTIFIED COUNCILMEMBER: 1:30.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I have a 1:00 --

UNIDENTIFIED COUNCILMEMBER: 1:30.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: 1:00 to 1:30 meeting, so...

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: We can come back at 1:30, open up the other meeting, recess the other meeting and finish this, and then continue on with our next agenda; is that okay? Member Cook?

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: I wanted to speak to my...about the...my vote for Mr. Passon.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Sure. Go ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: I think that he's highly qualified for...in many, many ways. I've had people in the community speak very highly of him. The challenge that we have right now, especially with South Maui and the TVR issue, Dale Thompson, one of the current members, recused himself because a family member owned one, which seemed...is pretty...I think pretty arm...arm's length, whatever that term is. I think that nominating Mr. Passon now for this position, and putting him in there and him not being able to vote, and not being able to participate in this extremely important issue for both South Maui, West Maui, and for the island as a whole, would not be helping in moving us forward. So, that's the only reason that I am voting the way I'm voting. Thank you.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you, Mr. Cook...Member Cook. Before we move on to a roll call, does--oh, do we have quorum right now? Oh, Yuki, we cannot see video, but she's on. We can do a roll call vote, and then take recess. Okay. Can you please do roll call vote, Staff?

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Chair --

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Oh, we can see you now, Yuki. Oh, and Member Rawlins-Fernandez. Okay, you're back. We're going to do a quick roll call vote, and then we can take a recess until 1:30. Staff?

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Chair, proceeding with roll call vote. Councilmember Cook.

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COUNCILMEMBER COOK: No.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Councilmember --

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Well, wait --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Wait a minute, aye.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: We're moving him --

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Aye. We're moving to "C." Okay, thank you. Aye.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Councilmember Johnson.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Excused.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Councilmember Kama.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Excused.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Council Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Aye.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Councilmember Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Councilmember Sinenci.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Excused.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Councilmember Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Aye.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Committee Vice-Chair Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: No.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Committee Chair U‘u-Hodgins.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Aye.

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MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Chair, that's four "ayes," two "noes," three excused. Motion carries.

VOTE: AYES: Chair U‘u-Hodgins, Councilmembers Cook, Lee, and Sugimura.

NOES: Vice-Chair Paltin and Councilmember Rawlins-Fernandez.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: Councilmembers Johnson, Kama, and Sinenci.

MOTION FAILED.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you. Okay. Members --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Point of order.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Yes?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Sorry, I believe, because it's a nine-Member Committee, five affirmative votes would be required to take action, and not just a simple majority of who is currently here.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Chair, I'll defer to our Legislative Attorneys, but I think it's of Members present.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Great question. Legislative Attorneys?

MS. KAWASAKI: Is the question whether or not you have to have the five Members present? Because I believe Miss...Councilmember Yuki Lei Sugimura is now visible. Oh, I believe actually that Councilmember Rawlins-Fernandez is correct, there needs to be a vote of five affirmative votes in order for it to pass.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Okay. So, it's just ...(inaudible)...

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Motion fails.

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CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Motion fails. Got it. Can do. At this time, we are going to take a recess and come back at 1:30 and continue this discussion. See you all at 1:30. . . .*(gavel)*. . .

RECESS: 12:11 p.m.

RECONVENE: 1:39 a.m.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: . . .*(gavel)*. . . Good afternoon, Members. Will the GREAT Committee reconvene. It is 1:39 p.m. Member Kama, I believe if you turn on --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yeah.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: -- your camera...because I think it's on, on our side, so you should be able to turn it on --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yeah.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: -- on your side.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Well, I turned it on, but nothing happens. I still have the...it won't come on.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Okay. One second. Okay. We're going to remind all the Members today that it's 1:40. We do have another meeting, so we're going to try to make this meeting as quick as we can-ish. So, we're going to continue where we left off. Is Member Kama going to join us? She got it figured out?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: I'm here, Chair. I...my camera...my camera's not working.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Okay. We need your camera to work for you to actively participate in this meeting. Would you mind logging off and logging back on?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yeah.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: I don't know.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: I will.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you. Okay. To pick up where we left off, I believe Member Rawlins-Fernandez has a motion she would like to entertain.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair.

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CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Of course.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I move to place Mr. Gary Passon's name to I think it's Exhibit "B," approval.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Okay. We have a motion, do we have a second?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Second.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you. We have a motion made by Member Rawlins-Fernandez to place Mr. Passon in Exhibit "B" for approval, seconded by Member Paltin. Do you guys want a discussion?

UNIDENTIFIED COUNCILMEMBER: No.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: No? Okay. Go ahead, Member Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. In the previous meeting where we approved Mr. Blackburn, I voted in support of both Mr. Blackburn and Mr. Passon. So, I figured since we only had the opportunity to vote to disapprove of the name, then we would also...we should also have the opportunity to support approval. If it...if it doesn't go through, it doesn't go through, but at least we have the opportunity. Mr. Passon, as mentioned earlier by Member Cook, does reside in the South Maui area, and that is one of the areas not represented currently on the Maui Planning Commission. He is very qualified, as Member Cook mentioned earlier before recess, and we had a lot of support in favor of his nomination to the Board...to the Planning Commission. Anyway, so mahalo, Mr. Passon, for continuing to be here, and for all his work in the community...yep. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Of course. Thank you. Does anybody else have any discussion? If not, I will ask Staff to do a roll call. Seeing none. Staff, if you could please do a roll call.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Chair, proceeding with roll call vote. Councilmember Cook.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: No.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Councilmember Johnson.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Excused.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Councilmember Kama.

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COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: No.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Council Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Councilmember Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aye.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Councilmember Sinenci.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Excused.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Councilmember Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: No.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Committee Vice-Chair Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Aye.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Committee Chair U'u-Hodgins.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: No.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Chair, that's two "ayes," five "noes," two excused, motion fails.

VOTE: AYES: Vice-Chair Paltin and Councilmember Rawlins-Fernandez.

NOES: Chair U'u-Hodgins, Councilmembers Cook, Kama, Lee, and Sugimura.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: Councilmembers Johnson and Sinenci.

MOTION FAILED.

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CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Okay. Thank you. Does anybody else have another motion before we go on to the other nominees? Okay. Seeing none. In order, I hope, to make this process --

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Oh.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Yes?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I just was wondering if anyone wanted to reconsider the...the motion that we did before lunch.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Great question. As I understand--which somebody can tell me if I'm wrong--only the prevailing side can ask for a reconsideration, which at that time, would have been you or Member Rawlins-Fernandez.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Oh.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: So, unless you...some --

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I'll ask for a reconsideration.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Okay. Okay. But before we do so, I'm going to ask Member Rawlins-Fernandez, she had her hand up...but thank you, Member Paltin. Member Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. So, procedurally--I...I think Member Paltin is trying to get at taking action, a recommendation to the full Council. There...there can also be no recommendation from the Committee to the full Council, and full Council would ultimately be the final action anyway, so that would...that could be taken up at the full Council. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. I'll just withdraw then.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: That's what we were talking about. You're welcome to have a reconsideration if you'd like...if not, his name just stays on Exhibit "A," which provides no recommendation.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: In the interest of time, I'll withdraw.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Okay. Thank you. All right. Moving on, I would like to do a mass request for Exhibit "B" for approval. But before we do that, I would like to ask the Committee if they have any particular person they would like to move out

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of the potential Exhibit "B" list and place on Exhibit "C." So, at this time, if you have anybody--I'll call on you, Member Paltin--who would like to be moved to Exhibit "C," I'm happy to entertain that motion now, and when we have exhausted the potential people for Exhibit "C," I will then make a mass request for Exhibit "B." Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I'd like to move number 24 to the Exhibit "C," disapproval.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Okay. So, that's Mr. Clint Hansen to Exhibit "C" for disapproval. We have a motion on the floor, do I have a second?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Second.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you. Seconded by Member Rawlins-Fernandez. Discussion, Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: No discussion.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you. All those in favor--does anybody else have any discussion? Roll call? Okay. Can I have a roll call, please?

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Chair, proceeding with roll call vote. Councilmember Cook.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: No.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Councilmember Johnson.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Excused.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Councilmember Kama.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: No.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Council Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Councilmember Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aye.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Councilmember Sinenci.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Excused.

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MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Councilmember Sugimura.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Oh, we didn't hear you, Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: No. Can you hear me?

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: We can. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, okay.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Committee Vice-Chair Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Aye.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Committee Chair U'u-Hodgins.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: No.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Chair, that's two "ayes," five "noes," two excused. Motion fails.

VOTE: AYES: Vice-Chair Paltin and Councilmember Rawlins-Fernandez.

NOES: Chair U'u-Hodgins, Councilmembers Cook, Kama, Lee, and Sugimura.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: Councilmembers Johnson and Sinenci.

MOTION FAILED.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Okay. Does anybody else have anybody they would like to make a motion to put on Exhibit "C?" Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I don't have any more, but when the time is appropriate, I'd like to separate.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Sure, can do. Oh, can we if we take one full motion?

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MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Well, in cases where you would take a motion to separate, it would be because you were trying to disapprove. But if it's for that same person, the mot...the vote already happened, so you may instead want to just vote...I mean, you'll just be voting on the rest, you know, unless you just want that one vote to approve separate so that you can...

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Okay. We can do that.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Yeah.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Oh.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Yeah. Member Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. I agree with Member Paltin. So, in order to give the Councilmembers opportunity to vote no on the motion to approve, it would have to be separated, even...you know, even though it's not a motion to disapprove, as Ms. Apo Takayama's last comment kind of touched upon. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Okay. I will try my best to remember that when the time comes, but if in case, most likely, I fail, please remind me. Does anybody else have...anybody else have anybody else they would like to put on Exhibit "C?" No? If not, I will list--Member Rawlins-Fernandez, you have somebody? I see you kind of --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .*(laughing)*. . .

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: -- doubled up with your hand.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .*(laughing)*. . . Well, okay. So, my question is not...so, I don't have a motion to put someone on Exhibit "C," but there are some individuals who we, as the Council, approved to sit on a different board or commission that I would like to support as well. I...I don't have in front of me the number of vacancies, but for example, Board of Ethics, I'd be happy to support Mr. Leach, I'd also like to support Mr. Ching-Johnson *[sic]*. And I...I guess that can happen at another time, perhaps when the Mayor sends additional recommendations, and then that way, the Board of Ethics will have more than just a bare quorum.

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CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Yes, absolutely. I hear what you're saying. The resolution has Exhibit "A" with all the Mayor's list, "B" for approval, "C" for disapproval, and our list with "D." And it does get a little confusing, but we will actually have a Staff meeting tomorrow and discuss all the vacancies that's in the Council's hands for approval--one I know is for Board of Ethics--and figure out what is with the Mayor currently, and what is with the INB. And we'll ensure that the boards and commissions and committees are fully staffed so they can start their important work.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And then, like, for example with the Board of Water Supply, three...two of the three names on the...the list that we're considering, the Exhibit "A," have withdrawn. One has not, Mr. Borge, and I don't think we had an opportunity to interview him earlier. And then there are three different individuals who the Council had app...approved at the time for the Board of Water Supply. So, if I were to...so, I...I guess I would--I...I like the three that we had con...considered approval for, so I guess I would separate Mr. Borge.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Is...is that what Staff would like me to do?

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Curious. If the motion is going to be made for--for lack of better words, your mass approvals--then yeah, you could separate that one out and you could make a motion, Councilmember Rawlins-Fernandez, separately.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, that...that would be one that I would separate.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Sounds good.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And...and not because--I...I don't know Mr. Borge, know...I...I don't know his merits and all of that, we didn't...we just didn't get an opportunity to meet with him, that's all.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Okay, that's fine. I totally understand that. What I'm going to do, unless anybody has anybody else they'd like to separate, I'm going to list the rest of the names and request that we move them to Exhibit "B," and then separately, I will take up Mr. Borge and Mr. Hansen for Exhibit "B," and you guys can have the opportunity to vote as you see fit.

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COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: "B" is approval, right?

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: "B" is approval.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: But then you're going to...we're going to approve them, and then we're going to vote on them again?

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: No.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, okay.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: So --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: The ones that are separated?

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Yeah, that the ones that are separated I won't list --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, okay.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: -- when I ask to move to Exhibit "B" --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, okay.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: -- and then I will then separately ask for number 3, Mr. Borge, and number 24, Mr. Hansen, and then we'll do a roll call. Is anybody else--I know everybody's looking at the list. Member Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. So, same thing with the Pā‘ia-Ha‘ikū Committee, the two names...I think there are more than the two vacancies though --

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- so...

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: There's a few vacancies for that. I think there's two more. And in talking to Cory during recess, she was going to put on--I don't...I forget if it's through the INB or through the Mayor's process, but the two nominees that we had selected in our Council meetings, Auntie Mopsy and Kumu Leinā‘ala.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Chair, just...sorry, just to clarify on that point, they're the Council's appointees --

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CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Yeah. Oh, okay.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: -- so it'll be us putting forward a resolution for those.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Okay, we will. Yeah, we will. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Miss...Ms. Aaron and Ms. Vedder are the Council's approval, so we'll take that up separately.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Yep.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Ms. Apo Takayama. And then for the Urban Design Review Board, that one fills the seat of the architect, and the person that we--Mr. Kennedy, filled the seat of the civil engineer, so that wouldn't be conflicting, correct? We could...we could choose both?

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Yeah. Earlier, he was one that we moved to Exhibit "C" because he would like to be considered as an alternate. He has some prior commitments he has to deal with.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, I see.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Yeah. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. But --

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: And then for clarification --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- but we...we could choose him as an alternate and choose Mr. Kennedy because they're different seats on the Urban Design Review Board?

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Yes. I don't think we can choose him as an alternate today because as the...as the vacancy stands, it is not the alternate section. So, we're going to disapprove him, and they're going to come back with his name in that alternate section. Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo for explaining that.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: And then for clarification--yeah. For clarification, did you want Ms. Lopez to be considered separately as well?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No need --

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CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- because they don't conflict.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Got it.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Aaronna and Ms. Vedder would also be able to serve on seats, and Ms. Lopez and Ms. Konohia would be able to, so all four could...could serve.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Yep. Okay.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: But we already disapproved Ms. Konohia because she wants to sit on the CPC.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: She wants to be on the CPC. Yes, we did. Thank you for that reminder, yeah. She does not want to be considered for this board and wants to be considered for another one.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, I have--Ms. Lopez was also highlighted?

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: No.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Is that correct? Oh, no, never mind.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: She shouldn't be highlighted.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Sorry, sorry, that was a different highlight.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: That's okay. Okay. Are we all good to--I'll call out the names for Exhibit "B," and then we can do individually Mr. Borge and Mr. Hansen. Is that okay for everybody? Sounds good. At this time, I would like to entertain a motion to amend Resolution 24-109 by placing...by placing the following names on Exhibit "B" for approval. They should read Mr. Benjamin Ostrander--okay, let me mark that--Mr. Joaquin Freitas, Mr. Chase Traphagen...Traphagen--sorry if I butchered your name--Keone Ball, Richard Woodford, Ke‘eaumoku Kapu, Rebecca Lopez, Shane Awai, Steven Notman, and Brian Ward.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: So moved.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Second.

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CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you. I have a motion to put all those names I just mentioned to put in Exhibit "B," motion made by Member Paltin, seconded by Chair Lee. Do you have discussion?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. I just...I just, for my discussion, wanted to confirm, you know, the last time we had discussed this, we asked if everyone on the Mayor's list wanted to serve, and it was like yes, and then now we have all these highlighted things on this list. So, I guess I had a question for Ms. Vicens. If the highlighted yellow reached out that they don't want the position they're being appointed to, or if the Administration reached out to every single one of these people and got a...like a verbal confirmation that they're still in and that they're going to show up because of, you know, the quorum issues, or was it just the highlighted ones that said, I'm out, or how that went about?

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Please.

MS. VICENS: Thank you, Chair. Thank you for that question, it's a great question. We did reach out to every single person that the Mayor originally nominated. Those who are highlighted here have confirmed that they did not want to be considered for various reasons. All the other ones were a yes, they were still a yes as of yesterday as well. I did state earlier that there were individuals that the Council had originally--during that meeting on the 22nd, that the Council put forth, that Mayor felt were good candidates for any that were disapproved on this list today that could be, in ten days, re-put onto his list. And so, that is where we are as the Administration. He did ask this afternoon if that list had been shared, I said I had not shared it yet. Is that something that you want?

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Yeah, probably not right now.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Yeah, not right now.

MS. VICENS: I under--...

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I just --

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Yeah. Yeah, please.

MS. VICENS: But just --

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: If I'm one of--well, because it's a big thing.

MS. VICENS: But just know that in that Exhibit "D," there were names on there that are under consideration for anything that was disapproved today.

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VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. I just wanted to--before I --

MS. VICENS: But everybody was reached out to.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: -- vote to approve it, I just want to make sure --

MS. VICENS: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: -- because we just had some issues in the past.

MS. VICENS: Yeah.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Okay. Does anybody else have any more comments before we vote? Okay. Oh, Member Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. For Liquor Commission, we approved Mr. Barto, and on this list, it's going to be Mr. Woodford, is...is part of this motion now. I just checked with Staff, and they did confirm that there are more than...there's more than one vacancy on the Liquor Control Commission, so we...we could potentially approve of both --

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Yep.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- and give them more members. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Yes, thank you for that. Thank you. Okay. All those in favor of the motion, please raise your hand and say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED AYE.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Chair, that's seven "ayes," zero "noes," two excused, Members Johnson and Sinenci. Motion carries.

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VOTE: **AYES:** Chair U'u-Hodgins, Vice-Chair Paltin,
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COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. So, by putting Mr. Borge on the Board of Water Supply, that takes up one of the three vacancies, which means that either Mr. Musson, Ms. Knox, or Mr. Ke'a would not be able to serve on the Board of Water Supply. Those are the three that we had voted to approve putting on the Board of Water Supply. For those that are going to be voting in favor, I'd love to hear some, you know, reasons to support. I don't...I don't...I don't know Mr. Borge, so I can't...I'll be voting no because I like the names that we did vet, and it would be good for the public to hear some information since he didn't come before us. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Sure. Does anybody want to share anything if they so choose? Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, I didn't talk to him either, but I would rely on the Mayor's Office to maybe share with us your reasoning, as we have seen these names for more than once. So, can you share with us?

MS. VICENS: Thank you, Councilmember Sugimura. Mr. Bryce, Mr. Imbach, and Mr. Ke'a all withdrew. Mr. Ke'a withdrew after the March 22nd --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, I'm talking about Mr. Borge.

MS. VICENS: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I'm talking about Mr. Borge. I think you're talking about --

MS. VICENS: Oh, you want to know about Mr. Borge?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah. Uh-huh.

MS. VICENS: Okay. Let me get that information for you. I'd love to be able to just pick it right off the top of my head --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: . . .*(laughing)* . . .

MS. VICENS: -- Member, but I do have my notes on him.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: You're good.

MS. VICENS: Mr. Borge is a --

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COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Well--oh.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: You can go.

MS. VICENS: Okay. Mr. Borge is a owner of a small business. He's previously served on the Board of Variance and Appeals from 2017 to '22. He completed his term 100 percent. He has been operating his business as a general contractor, and we feel that his experience would bring value to this board, and a perspective that is not just water centric on there. And this was his...his third pick on his list.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay.

MS. VICENS: The original was the Maui Planning Commission, he didn't qualify for that seat.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you.

MS. VICENS: You're welcome.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you. I can--if you allow me to, Member Rawlins-Fernandez--explain my...my rationale for the support of him. I don't know him specifically, but I know the Borge ‘ohana, and they are of good stock. Secondly, Mr. Ke‘a was on our list, but he no longer wants to consider being on any other list, like Mr. Musson would like to be on the Board of Water Supply, so we're disapproving him now in hopes that he comes on later. Mr. Ke‘a no longer wants to be considered for any boards and commission, which would mean that we would need somebody else to participate. And it would then mean if Mr. Musson comes on and gets reconsidered, we would have another space. So, we would have an opportunity to fill that with somebody else that we might...we might, as a Council, would like to see up there. But we do have three vacancies, and Mr. Ke‘a are no longer wants to be considered, Bryce and Imbach no longer wants to be considered, which leaves us with hopefully Mr. Borge, Mr. Musson, and somebody else.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Yeah. Member Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. For Ms. Vicens, you said that for...Mr. Borge would give us...give the board an opportunity to have someone that's not water centric. So, my question is regarding water, like what his experience is with water, specifically because it's the Board of Water Supply. And I'm happy that the board is water centric because it's about water.

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CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: If you would like to answer.

MS. VICENS: Thank you. I...I--we agree, Member...Councilmember, but there are individuals on the Board of Water Supply that didn't have a water background, and through their terms, have become stronger advocates and understand the needs of the community when it comes to this particular board. Mr. Borge does, as I said, have a construction background, and has worked with permitting and having to work with all components that go into building, including water. So, he has more of a holistic approach to it as well. He is from the Kahului area, which also satisfies a vacancy on that seat--or that board, I'm sorry.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Vicens.

MS. VICENS: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Vicens. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you, Member Rawlins-Fernandez. Does anybody else have any discussion? Go ahead, Member Cook.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Thank you. I don't know Mr. Borge, and the reason that I'm supporting is because the Mayor is making recommendations, we have vacancies in these Departments, and I'm striving to fill them. The fact that--I didn't know, but the fact that he served his full term on another board speaks volumes. I don't know the family, I don't know the man, but I know that the reputation of the family is reputable. So, I just wanted to clarify to my colleagues that...why I'm supportive. And just for anybody else, I don't know him. Just because he's a contractor doesn't mean I know him.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Yeah.

MS. VICENS: Thank you.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: That's--thank you for that. Okay. Anybody else have any further discussion before I ask for a roll call? Member Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. I'll...I'll be requesting a roll call vote.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Yep.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I...I...I'm going to be voting no on the motion to approve today in Committee as the recommendation, but if Mr. Borge would come before us at full Council just so that we have an opportunity to meet

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him...because it sounds like no one in this Committee has...that...you know, that would give us an opportunity--at least me. It'll give me an opportunity to, you know, consider changing my vote to approval. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Sounds good. Thank you, Member Rawlins-Fernandez.

MS. VICENS: Thank you, Member.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Any other discussion? If not, roll call, please. Oh, hold on, hold on, hold on. Midday exercise, run, run.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Okay. Councilmember Cook.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: This is --

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: To approve.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Oh, sorry. Roll call vote.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Yes.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Councilmember Johnson.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Excused.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Councilmember Kama.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yes.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Council Chair Lee.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Oh, mic.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Aye.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Councilmember Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Councilmember Sinenci.

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COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Second.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Seconded by Member Kama. Thank you. Sorry, I had to catch my breath. Any discussion? No discussion. If not, roll call.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Proceeding with roll call vote. Councilmember Cook.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Aye.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Councilmember Johnson.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Excused.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Councilmember Kama.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yes.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Council Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Aye.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Councilmember Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Councilmember Sinenci.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Excused.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Councilmember Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oops. Aye.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Councilmember Vice-Chair Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: No.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Committee Chair U‘u-Hodgins.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Yes.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Chair, that's five "ayes," two "noes," two excused. Motion carries.

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VOTE: **AYES:** Chair U'u-Hodgins, Vice-Chair Paltin,
 Councilmembers Cook, Kama, Lee, and
 Sugimura.

EXC.: Councilmembers Johnson and Sinenci.

ACTION: AMEND RESOLUTION 24-109 by approving Clint Leslie Hansen to the South Maui Advisory Committee to Maui Planning Commission.

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VOTE: **AYES:** Chair U'u-Hodgins, Vice-Chair Paltin,
Councilmembers Cook, Kama, Lee,
Rawlins-Fernandez, and Sugimura.

NOES: **None.**

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: Councilmembers Johnson and Sinenci.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 24-109, CD1.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: That was the main motion as amended, right? Do I need to take another vote? Pau? Yay. Just making sure --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Roll call vote.

CHAIR U*U-HODGINS: Okay. Roll call vote. We can do that, one second. Oh, we just did the vote. Would you...we just did it.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The main motion?

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Main motion, yeah. Main motion as amended because we took the motion up at the very beginning of the meeting, and we have been amending it ever since. So, that was the main motion as amended. Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. That's fine. I'll...I'll just request for separation at the full Council.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Sounds good.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair.

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CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you. Thank you, Member Rawlins-Fernandez. At this time, Members, this concludes the Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee meeting. Thank you very much. It is 2:11, and this meeting is adjourned. . . .*(gavel)*. . .

ADJOURN: 2:11 p.m.

APPROVED BY:



NOHELANI U‘U-HODGINS, Chair
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July 9, 2024

CERTIFICATION

I, Logan Tsuji, hereby certify that pages 1 through 80 of the foregoing represents, to the best of my ability, a true and correct transcript of the proceedings. I further certify that I am not in any way concerned with the cause.

DATED the 5th day of September 2024, in Wailuku, Hawai'i

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Logan Tsuji', is written over a horizontal line.

Logan Tsuji