

# REQUEST FOR LEGAL SERVICES

**D a t e:** May 2, 2025

**F r o m:** Nohelani U'u-Hodgins, Chair  
Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee

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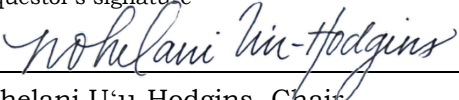
**Memo to:** DEPARTMENT OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL  
Attention: Yukari Murakami, Esq.

**Subject:** NOMINATIONS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND COMMISSIONS (RESOLUTION 25-108) (GREAT-2(2))

**Background Data:** Please see the attachment. Given the passage of Ordinance 5779, which amends Section 2.41.050, Maui County Code, may I please request you explain how the Department determined it was the Mayor's turn to submit nominations for the two Maui Planning Commission seats. Please submit your response to [great.committee@mauicounty.us](mailto:great.committee@mauicounty.us) with a reference to GREAT-2(2).

**Work Requested:** ☐ FOR APPROVAL AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

☒ OTHER: Request for legal opinion.

Requestor's signature  Nohelani U'u-Hodgins, Chair	Contact Person <u>Clarissa MacDonald or Megan Moniz</u> (Telephone Extension: <u>7135 or 7145, respectively</u> )
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☐ ROUTINE (WITHIN 15 WORKING DAYS)  
☐ PRIORITY (WITHIN 10 WORKING DAYS)

☐ RUSH (WITHIN 5 WORKING DAYS)  
☐ URGENT (WITHIN 3 WORKING DAYS)

☒ SPECIFY DUE DATE (IF IMPOSED BY SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCES): May 9, 2025  
REASON: For distribution at the May 13, 2025, GREAT Committee meeting.

## FOR CORPORATION COUNSEL'S RESPONSE

ASSIGNED TO:	ASSIGNMENT NO.	BY:
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TO REQUESTOR: ☐ APPROVED ☐ DISAPPROVED ☐ OTHER (SEE COMMENTS BELOW)  
☐ RETURNING--PLEASE EXPAND AND PROVIDE DETAILS REGARDING ITEMS AS NOTED

COMMENTS (NOTE - THIS SECTION NOT TO BE USED FOR LEGAL ADVICE): \_\_\_\_\_

DEPARTMENT OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL

Date \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_

(Rev. 7/03)

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Attachment

**RICHARD T. BISSEN, JR.**  
Mayor

**JOSIAH K. NISHITA**  
Managing Director



**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**  
COUNTY OF MAUI  
200 SOUTH HIGH STREET  
WAILUKU, MAUI, HAWAII 96793  
[www.boards.commissions@mauicounty.gov](mailto:www.boards.commissions@mauicounty.gov)

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COUNTY CLERK

April 30, 2025

The Honorable Alice L. Lee  
and Members of the Council  
200 South High Street  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair Lee and Members:

**SUBJECT: NOMINEES TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND COMMISSIONS**

In accordance with Section 13-2.17 of the Revised Charter of the County of Maui, (1983), as amended, I am pleased to submit the following nominations, along with their completed applications, for your review and consideration:

**Maui Planning Commission**

Christopher Jon Elizares  
(Upcountry, NH Cultural Practitioner)

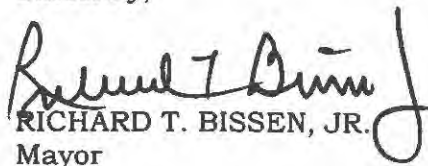
Term Expiration 3/31/2030

Crichton Ka'uiki Lind  
(East Maui)

Term Expiration 3/31/2030

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please contact Boards and Commissions Staff at 808-270-7415 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

  
RICHARD T. BISSEN, JR.  
Mayor

RTB:jky  
Attachments

# Resolution

No. \_\_\_\_\_

## APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE MAUI PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI

WHEREAS, by correspondence dated April 30, 2025, Mayor Richard T. Bissen, Jr. notified the Council he nominated the persons listed in Exhibit “A,” as attached, as members to the Maui Planning Commission for the County of Maui, in accordance with Sections 2.28.010 and 2.28.070, Maui County Code, and Sections 8-8.4 and 13-2, Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended (“Charter”); and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 13-2 requires the Mayor’s nominee to be approved by the Council; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 13-2(17) requires the Council to approve or disapprove the Mayor’s nomination within 30 days after the Mayor submits the names of the nominees to the Council and shall immediately so notify the Mayor of its action; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui:

1. That it approves the appointment of the person(s) listed in Exhibit “B,” as attached, as member(s) to the Maui Planning Commission for the term specified;
2. That it disapproves the appointment of the person(s) listed in Exhibit “C,” as attached, as member(s) to the Maui Planning Commission as nominated by the Mayor;
3. That the Council expresses its gratitude and appreciation to the appointed member(s) for his willingness to be considered for public service and actively participate in County government; and
4. That certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor and the Managing Director.

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND LEGALITY:

/s/ Yukari Murakami

YUKARI MURAKAMI

Deputy Corporation Counsel

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**NOMINATED MEMBER AND TERM**

**Maui Planning Commission**

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Term Expiration 3/31/2030

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**APPROVED MEMBER AND TERM**

**Maui Planning Commission**

**DISAPPROVED MEMBER**

**Maui Planning Commission**



BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES

APPLICATION

(Please print or type)

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**RECEIVED**

By Maui County Boards-Commissions at 4:45 pm, Dec 18, 2024

Name: Elizares Christopher Jon  
(Last) (First) (Full Middle Name)

City of Residency: Kahului Island: Maui Length of Residency in County of Maui: 39 years

[ ATTATCH AN ADDITIONAL SHEET IF NEEDED FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ]

Briefly explain your interest in being a member of a particular board, commission or committee.

My understanding is that the Maui Planning Commission makes informed decisions on what shapes our children's communities now. Being a Maui descendant with young children, I would like to participate in shaping my children's and grandchildren's future.

Currently serving or previously served on, any federal, state, or county board, commission, or committee? (Name & yrs. served)  
N/a.

List any community service and/or professional organizations or activities you're affiliated with or a member of.  
Protect Kahoolawe Ohana; Huiowaakaulua; Makena Community Benefit Fund; Aloha Makena.

Provide a brief summary of your skills, qualifications, expertise or knowledge.  
Land and Natural Resource Manager; Ethnography.

Provide any other relevant personal or professional background information that would be beneficial to your preferred board, commission or committee.  
Parent Teacher Committee at Kamahema Schools; Well traveled in Hawaii across diverse community and specifically native hawaiian organizations/communities.

**Consent to be Nominated and Certification of Truthfulness and Accuracy of Information:** I hereby acknowledge and attest that the above statements and information I have provided is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I authorize the Office of the Mayor and Independent Nomination Board, along with its employees and agents to investigate and obtain information regarding my suitability to be nominated and serve as an appointee of the County of Maui.

**Commitment to Attendance\*:** I will commit to attending all regularly scheduled board/commission meetings to the best of my abilities. \*See Maui County Code, Section 2.41.090 for rules on board attendance.

Signature /s/ Christopher Elizares Date 12/18/2024

**SAVE THIS FORM**

**SUBMIT via EMAIL (click button below) and ATTACH SIGNED FORM  
OR, PRINT FORM & Submit via USPS to the address listed at the top.**

**SUBMIT FORM**





BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES

APPLICATION

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**RECEIVED**

By Maui County Boards-Commissions at 12:49 pm, Feb 19, 2025

Name: LIND CRICHTON KA'UIKI  
(Last) (First) (Full Middle Name)

City of Residency: HANA Island: MAUI Length of Residency in County of Maui: 45

[ ATTATCH AN ADDITIONAL SHEET IF NEEDED FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ]

Briefly explain your interest in being a member of a particular board, commission or committee.

I'm applying for a seat on the Maui Planning Commission

I currently reside in Kipahulu, Maui. I was born in Hana, Maui and am interested in serving the co  
Commission. I truly believe in sustainable living systems and adaptation to the community needs on Maui. Protecting

Currently serving or previously served on, any federal, state, or county board, commission, or committee? (Name & yrs. served)  
I have never served on any type of of government board commission, or committee.

Never have. This would be the first. Have participated/testified/observed Maui Planning Commission meetings.

List any community service and/or professional organizations or activities you're affiliated with or a member of.

Member of the Kipahulu and Kaupo Community Associations. KUA organization Lawai'a Pono Group. I currently work  
Watch Coordinator for the Kipahulu Community Based Subsistence Fishing Area (CBSFA). Volunteer with the Kipahulu  
Volunteer East Maui Taro Fest.

Provide a brief summary of your skills, qualifications, expertise or knowledge.

Knowledge of the Fishery of East Maui and the traditional Ahupuaa systems as well. Traditional Ecological Knowledge  
kilo and place based indigenous Hawaiian knowledge. Well rounded knowledge in Taro Farming, Vegetable Farming,  
other aspects of agriculture (challenges too) and interested in diversified economic development for Maui.

Provide any other relevant personal or professional background information that would be beneficial to your preferred board, commission or committee.

I know the people and community of East Maui. Will work for the overall community interest and w

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Signature Crichton K. Lind

Date 2/14/25

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