

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, ETHICS, AND TRANSPARENCY COMMITTEE

Council of the County of Maui

MINUTES

February 13, 2025

Online Only via Teams

RECONVENE: 9:32 a.m.

PRESENT: VOTING MEMBERS:

Councilmember Nohelani U‘u-Hodgins, Chair
Councilmember Tamara Paltin, Vice-Chair
Councilmember Tom Cook, Member (Out 12:36 p.m.; In 1:56 p.m.)
Councilmember Gabe Johnson, Member (Out 10:20 a.m.; In 11:06 a.m.;
Out 2:28 p.m.)
Councilmember Tasha Kama, Member (Out 12:46 p.m.; In 3:16 p.m.)
Councilmember Alice L. Lee, Member
Councilmember Keani N.W. Rawlins-Fernandez, Member (Out 12:28 p.m.;
In 1:56 p.m.)
Councilmember Shane M. Sinenci, Member (Out 12:28 p.m.; In 1:56 p.m.)
Councilmember Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, Member

STAFF: Kasie Apo Takayama, Senior Legislative Analyst
Clarissa MacDonald, Legislative Analyst
Peter Hanano, Legislative Attorney
Maria Leon, Committee Secretary
Richelle Kawasaki, Deputy Director of Council Services
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Keomailani Hirata, Council Aide, Molokai Residency Area Office
Roxanne Morita, Council Aide, Lāna‘i Residency Area Office
Mavis Oliveira, Council Aide, East Maui Residency Area Office
Jade Rojas-Letisi, Council Aide, Makawao-Ha‘ikū-Pā‘ia Residency Area Office

ADMIN.: Yukari Murakami, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the Corporation
Counsel (All)
Cody Minatodani, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the Corporation
Counsel (All)

OTHERS: Michael Gurat (Resolution 25-24)
Ronald Theodor Larsen (Resolution 25-24)
Sandra Lee Duvauchelle (Resolution 25-32)
Mark Toku Honda (Resolution 25-33)
Lehua Kilihune Lee Chang (Resolution 25-35)
Dora Atwater Millikin (Resolution 25-36)
Mary Ann Kamalani Pahukoa (Resolution 25-37)

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Paul Ananth Kumar (Resolution 25-38)
Lester Iwao Yano (Resolution 25-41)

(15+) additional attendees

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CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: . . .*(gavel)*. . . Good morning, everyone. Will the recessed Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee meeting of February 4th, 2025, please reconvene. It is 9:32 a.m. on Thursday, February 13th, 2025. 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: Aloha kakahiaka kākou.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Aloha. Councilmember Tom Cook, good morning.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Aloha. Good morning.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Councilmember...

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Nobody’s in the Kihei office for testimony right now.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Okay. Thank you. Testimony is closed unless you are a nominee, and then we’ll call you to the front, but...

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Okay. Thanks.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you. But luckily, nobody’s here to testify, because if not, poor thing. Councilmember Gabe Johnson, good morning.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Good morning, Chair, Councilmembers, community members. Happy to be here.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Happy to have you. Councilmember Tasha Kama, good morning.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Good morning, Chair.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Council Chair Alice Lee, good morning.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Good morning. And tansi from the Cree Nation. I’m home alone in my workspace, looking forward to your meeting. Thank you.

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CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you. Hansi [sic]. Councilmember Keani Rawlins-Fernandez, good morning.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha kakahiaka, mai Molokai nui a Hina. I’m at my private residence alone. Mahalo.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Councilmember Shane Sinenci, good morning.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Hey, aloha and good morning, Chair.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Councilmember Yuki Lei Sugimura, good morning.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Good morning.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: From Corporation Counsel, we have Yukari Murakami, Deputy Corporation Counsel, and Cody Minatodani, Deputy Corporation Counsel. We don’t have anyone from Admin with us today. Ms. Vicens is not feeling well, so hopefully we’ll see her soon. Committee Staff, we have Maria Leon, Committee Secretary; Kasie Apo Takayama, Senior Legislative Analyst; Clarissa MacDonald, Legislative Analyst; Peter Hanano, Legislative Attorney; Richelle Kawasaki, Deputy Director of Council Services; and Jean Pokipala, Council Services Assistant Clerk. As a reminder, oral testimony is closed for this meeting, but written testimony will continue to be accepted.

NOMINATIONS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND COMMISSIONS
(RESOLUTIONS 25-23 THROUGH 25-42, VARIOUS)

(GREAT-2(1))

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Let’s pick off where we left, Members. We do have a few of them ahead of us today. In the last meeting, we interviewed the following nominees that were in attendance. Well, I guess I won’t read them, but I’ll tell you which commissions they were on. And we finished our deliberations on Affirmative Action Advisory Council, Board of Ethics, Board of Variance and Appeals, Commission on Children and Youth, Conservation Planning Committee, Council on Asian...Aging, sorry, and Police Commission. For the nominees online and in person, when we get to the board or commission you are nominated for, we will call you up--either if you’re in person to the podium or if you’re online, we will enable your camera--and we will ask you to introduce yourself. And at that time, the Members may ask you questions regarding your nomination.

ANIMAL CONTROL BOARD

Resolution 25-24

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: We are going to begin, Members, with the Animal Control Board. So, we have...if we have Mr. Gurat and Mr. Larsen with us, if you would like to enable their cameras. And we will begin with Mr. Gurat and give him an opportunity to introduce himself.

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MR. GURAT: Hi. Good morning.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Good morning.

MR. GURAT: Yes, Mike Gurat. I'm a current resident of Wailuku, raised on Maui. I'm excited to be up for a nomination and continue to serve with the County of Maui and volunteer. Yeah, I was previously on the Affirmative Action Advisory Committee and on Real Property Tax. So, just wanted to try something a little different.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Mr. Gurat. Members, do we have any questions? Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Mr. Gurat, for your willingness to serve. I just was curious if you have any animals.

MR. GURAT: Oh, yeah. I got...I have two dogs. Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay.

MR. GURAT: Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you.

MR. GURAT: One big one and a small one, yeah.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Oh. What...what breed?

MR. GURAT: Well, the...the big one is...she's a hound mix from HARF. And the other one is a chihuahua terrier. So, yeah, two different personalities, but both lap dogs. One big lap dog and one small lap dog, yeah.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Oh, those big lap dogs, I know what you're talking about. Thank you.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Members, if you don't mind, can I take a two-minute recess? I'm having some technical difficulties. So, we're going to take a quick recess. We're going to come back at 3:00...or I'm sorry, 9:39. . . .(gavel). . .

RECESS: 9:37 a.m.

RECONVENE: 9:41 a.m.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: . . .(gavel). . . Thank you so much for allowing me that quick recess so I could see your beautiful faces. Will the GREAT Committee please reconvene. It is 9:41 a.m., and we left off with Member Paltin asking Mr. Gurat if he owns any animals, which the answer is yes. Members, do we have any other questions? If so, please raise your hand. Member Sugimura, please go ahead.

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, I have a question for you.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: We have...I...I appreciate the talent and interest for Mr. Gurat, so I don't have a question for him.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: But if today we do not have a second nominee for this board, well, how are we going to take action? Or what is your plan?

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: That's a great question. So, if Mr. Larsen is not with us today, I'm going to put a little Post-it on it and give people time to join us. If we see him, we can do so. And if we don't, at the end of our meeting, we can decide if we would like to nominate those people we haven't interviewed, or disapprove the nominees we haven't interviewed. But considering majority of the nominees...excuse me, didn't have too many time...too much time to know that we were meeting, I'm going to give them the benefit of the doubt and assume they're busy, and hopefully they'll join us soon. And we'll save those for the end of the meeting.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: And just continue to move on.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. Perfect.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: And then decide what we want to do at the end if they don't join us.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: But thank you for that question.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, so for Mr. Gurat, I just want to say with the boards and commissions he was participating in, very impressive, and I totally support his request. Thank you.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Member Sugimura. Members, any other questions for Mr. Gurat? Member Rawlins-Fernandez?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. Aloha, Mr. Gurat. Mahalo for your willingness to be on...serve on...in this capacity. I have three questions that I usually ask our nominees, and that's if you foresee any issues with your attendance on this...on the Animal Control Board? What is your experience with the board, if you've attended any of the meetings? And how do you envision contributing to the board?

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MR. GURAT: I don't foresee any issues with attendance. That was your second question, right? Was it? Okay. Or first one?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: That was the first. Yeah, and then --

MR. GURAT: Okay. Well...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- if you've attended any of the meetings or read any...

MR. GURAT: Oh, no, I've read the minutes, so I haven't actually attended one. And the third is just to, I guess, you know, absorb, learn, and then, you know, just try to share whatever I can and contribute however I can.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo. I'm supportive. And mahalo for adopting your rescue dogs...giving them a forever home. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you for that question. Members, any other questions? Seeing none. Thank you very much, Mr. Gurat. Do we have Mr. Larsen? No? Okay. We will hold on to this one until the end. I will add, though, Members, if you look at his application, he does have four years as chair for this board. So, we will hopefully give him an opportunity to come and talk story with us. And if not, we can make our decision at the end. Hold on, let me make all my place markers so I know where I'm going when I come back. Okay. Members, let's continue on to Civil Service Commission. Do we have Mr. Jenkins with us? We didn't hear back whether or not he's attending? Okay. Okay. that's another one we can save. Are you guys writing this down in case my Post-it notes somehow get loose? Thank you. Okay. Let's continue on with Fire and Public Safety. Do we have Ms. Green, Caron Miller Green with us online? She's not available to attend today. Good to know. Members, we did interview one of the applicants or nominees, with Mr. John Paulo Tau Tau Pele. And I guess we will continue on to then the Advisory Board. Okay. One second. Sorry, I didn't see this in my notes. Okay.

HOUSING ADVISORY BOARD

Resolution 25-32

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Let's move on to the Housing Board, Members. We did interview Mr. Curtis, Mr. Chiniaeff, Ms. Pulmano, and Mr. Spence. Ms. Sandra Lee Duvauchelle did not respond to our request. Oh, she's online? Oh, yay. Great. Ms. Duvauchelle, if you would like to introduce yourself, and give the Members an opportunity to ask you some questions. Ms. Duvauchelle, if you could unmute on your end, please.

MS. DUVAUCHELLE: Good morning. Can you hear me?

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Good morning. Yes, we can.

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MS. DUVAUCHELLE: Good morning. I apologize for not attending last time. It seems like you had a full house. Good morning, Chair Hodgins, Councilmembers. Thank you for the opportunity to be here. My name is Sandra Duvauchelle. I have been in the construction, building/development industry for 45 years, 34 of those years have been here in Hawai'i. I am a general contractor. In addition, I partner in workforce housing development from raw land to finished homes. I would be honored to serve on this committee as it--I...I did listen last night to last week's meeting--I guess, as it takes shape, and we...we come up with what our...our tasks are and what the best avenue is. I would hope to be able to bring from experience from being in the trenches of land development, building cost, techniques, understanding the infrastructure needs, and from my five years on the Planning Commission, somewhat an understanding of the various departments and the County process. In the past, I also served on the Variance Board, but I did not get to finish that term due to my dad's health issues. I...I would love to be of service if you folks have any questions.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Mrs. Duvauchelle. Member Johnson?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. Good morning, Ms. Duvauchelle. Thank you for your willingness to serve. I was impressed with your years of working in the industry. Can you tell us an example of some projects that you worked on on Maui?

MS. DUVAUCHELLE: Yes. Well, we're currently...in the past, I've worked with Towne Realty on developments up in Kehalani. Most recently, we're doing our own projects. We're currently the developer-builder of the 196 homes in Hāli'imaile. That project had to develop water and wastewater. Ninety-eight of those homes are workforce housing. Ninety-eight of them are market homes. We have also broke ground on a...our Kihei development, thanks to your folks' generosity and understanding. It will be 28 workforce houses. We have completed 33 workforce houses in Kā'anapali called Kaiaulu, and 42 workforce units in Kapalua, Pailolo Place. In addition to that, we do various single-family residential home building for clients.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you. Thank you, Chair. No further questions.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Member Johnson. Member Paltin?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Ms. Duvauchelle, for your willingness to serve. The projects that you mentioned for Member Johnson, if you could let us know the deed restrictions on them, if any, if you recall.

MS. DUVAUCHELLE: Kaiaulu, we did 10 years across the board. We've...I think we've always had that feeling that it should be ten years. Years ago, we did a project in Kehalani called 'Ōhia, and I believe that one started out back in the day as five years, and that was before it was actually part of the whole process. Kaiaulu was 10 years. I believe Pailolo was 10 years. Hāli'imaile, Hoku'ula is 10 years, and our Kihei project is 20 years.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you so much.

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

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. Aloha, Ms. Duvauchelle. Mahalo for your willingness to serve on our first advisory...Housing Advisory Board. Okay. So, it says that the requirements, the members must have experience in housing finance, development, and other fields related to the creation of housing Maui County residents can afford. Do you have a background in housing finance too, or just the development part?

MS. DUVAUCHELLE: No, I have a background in housing finance also. Some of the developers I've worked for did not need to find funding on the projects that I've been a partner in. We've had to go out and secure private funding for the vertical and some of the...some of the civil and the vertical construction.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. I think...do you know...does Staff know how often this board will meet? It's the first time, so we don't...we don't know if it's like a monthly thing or twice a month.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Corp. Counsel is looking for your answer right now, Member Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Give her a minute.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And...and I can yield to my colleagues if they have questions while I wait for the response to that question. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Sure. Thank you. Members, do we have any other questions? Seeing none. I'm happy...I'm happy to wait. Please go ahead, answer her question. Thank you.

MS. MURAKAMI: Thank you. Thank you, Chair. There is no minimum number of meetings that's set forth in the Charter, so it's up to the board, I think.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for that response. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Of course. Members, any other questions? Member Kama.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Ms. Duvauchelle, for being here. My question is, you know, I'm pretty impressed that you've had this much experience, this many years' experience in the construction industry, as long [sic] as the financing portion of it. Are there many women, do you know, in this field?

MS. DUVAUCHELLE: Not to my knowledge, no. Thank you for the question. It has been...I...I will say that there's been times that I thought I wanted to do anything other than construction, but it has been extremely challenging and rewarding, and I wouldn't

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change anything about it at this point. But there's not many of us out there, no. But I always encourage...I've actually...we have three women project managers, and on our Hoku'ula project, my daughter is the general superintendent. So, we're trying to raise them up and pass it on to the next generation.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Very good. Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you for that question. Members, any other questions? No, seeing none. She was the only other nominee--I have to make sure I know the difference between a nominee and an applicant, so sorry--that we didn't interview the last time. So, this will then conclude all of the five nominees for this potential board. So, at this time, I would like to entertain a motion to recommend adoption of Resolution 25-32, including any nonsubstantive revisions.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Moved.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Second.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you. I have a motion made by Councilmember Kama, and a second made by Councilmember Sugimura. Any further discussion? Member Paltin?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. I'd like to separate Mr. Dennis Walter Chiniaeff.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Would you like to put him on Exhibit C for disapproval?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Yeah, I move to move Mr. Chiniaeff to Exhibit C for disapproval.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Second.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Okay. I have a motion. Can I clarify, though, that that would mean that Mr. Curtis, Ms. Duvauchelle, Ms. Pulmano, and Mr. Spence will be placed on Exhibit B for approval?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: That is exactly what it means, Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Okay. Thank you for that clarification. So, I have a motion made by Member Paltin to move Mr. Curtis, Ms. Duvauchelle, Ms. Pulmano, and Mr. Spence and place on Exhibit B for approval, and Mr. Chiniaeff placed on Exhibit C for disapproval, and I have a second by Member Sinenci. Any further discussion? Member Paltin?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. I think Mr. Chiniaeff is a nice person. My concern is that he doesn't have experience actually in Maui County building. I...I heard that he has wonderful ideas, which, you know, we clarified that it is a board that will take public testimony, and I think that would be a great place for him to participate in the public testimony. In looking at it, there is a good gender balance--men, women, people from different areas--I just would like to see more local experiences because I feel that they understand the specific obstacles when it comes to building in Maui County. It's a very

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unique place that is different than majority of the other continental U.S. And being that this is a first board, I think that's where our efforts need to focus, and ideas from outside are great and welcome and appropriate to me during testimony time. Thank you. It's no indication as to his character.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Member Paltin. I agree with you. If you didn't make that motion, I would have done the same. I appreciate our local experience here and our local home builders. It is a very difficult concept to understand how difficult it is to build housing here, and I agree with you that while I appreciate his expertise elsewhere, it is a special version of expertise to build homes not only in Hawai'i, but on Maui. That's how I feel.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: And Lāna'i and Molokai.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: And Lāna'i and Molokai, yes, of course. Thank you for that clarification. Member Cook?

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Thank you, Chair. I won't be supporting this, and I just...I understand the...the context and the...and the intent. As a builder, it's almost to some degree a universal language. And when you come to basically being the mechanics of building--efficiency, morale, procurement, various tools, organizational skills--I don't agree, and I don't think that the separation between "the continent" and here is great. Land use, cultural sensitivity, awareness of the nuances that we are special and unique and limitations that we have, I acknowledge. But I think that--I did speak with Dennis. I know people who know him. He's like 80 years old. He has a lot of experience. He doesn't have any ambitions. He really wants to serve. I think that his depth of experience would bring something to the conversation and help. So, I'm just...I respect everybody's opinion, but I just wanted to weigh in on that.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Of course.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: And isn't anything personal, it's like we're talking about home building. We're talking about being able to provide sustainability for our community, both structurally and socially. So, I'll be supporting him, and I'll be calling for a voice vote. Thank you.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Of course, we can definitely do a voice vote. Member Rawlins-Fernandez?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. Just two points of information for Member Cook. So, a voice vote only happens when it's unanimous. Otherwise, it's a roll call vote. So, I think that's what Member Cook meant. I got you, my friend. And the...the other clarifying point is that Member Paltin amended her main motion to include supporting the other four. So, it's...I know Member Cook said he going vote no, but I just wanted for make sure that when you said you're going to vote no on this motion, that you're voting no to putting one individual's name on the disapproval list and the other four names on the approval list. So, if your intention is to vote in favor of

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the four, then perhaps I can recommend asking for a separation, and then we can take the vote separately so that you can support the other four while simultaneously voting against disapproval of the one.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Chair, I appreciate my colleague's suggestion, and that is in...more in alignment with my intent. Thank you.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Okay. No worries.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Just wanted to make sure.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Oh --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh --

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: -- sorry, Member --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- I wasn't pau.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: -- Rawlins-Fernandez. I don't mean to cut you off. Please continue, and then Chair Lee can follow you when you're done.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Chair. So, I...I'll...I'll support the...the motion on the floor. There's...there's nothing preventing anyone from providing decades of experience to any board or commission. We have folks that come before us to testify, and after recognizing how much experience they have to offer, we've invited them to be a resource person for our Committee, for the full Council, so that we are able to talk through some things that perhaps individuals have relevant and important insight. And so, there's nothing preventing anyone from serving and offering, you know, that...those perspectives to any board or commission. It doesn't mean that they, you know, need to be a voting member in order to offer that to the...to a board or commission. And, you know, housing for me is...is very personal. It's personal because I...I watch as our family members, you know, become economic refugees leaving our homeland. And...and in that sense, it's...it's very personal when they can't afford the houses that are built with granite countertops and just extravagant, you know, material that is like not necessary. In...in addition to it not just being about build, build, build, that my hope with this advisory...this Housing Advisory Board is that they will look at the regulations. They will look at, you know, what it is that's in our Code that perhaps can be modified a little bit to make things a little easier so that we can get housing for our people. I...I do have one question for our Staff. Maybe it's Corp. Counsel, I'm not sure. Did Housing Director Mitchell have an opportunity to review the nominees before they were brought before us?

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MS. MURAKAMI: I can't confirm. I thought maybe Ms. Vicens had said that he had a chance to see who they were, who the nominees were, but I'm not quite sure if he reviewed the applications and whatnot. I apologize. I have to confirm with Ms. Vicens on that.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo for that response. So, Chair, I think I'm actually going to not vote for the motion and join Member Cook in voting against the motion until I...I'm able to confirm that. That...that's important to me. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: So sorry, I missed the last 30 seconds because we were trying to figure out who did what and how to make this vote. Can you please repeat yourself, Corp. Counsel? Yeah.

MS. MURAKAMI: Sorry. Yeah. So, for Councilman, the question whether the Director or how the Department of Housing was able to review the applications, I thought he might have known who the nominees were, but I'm not sure on that.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Got it.

MS. MURAKAMI: So, we need to confirm.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Okay. That's what I thought you said --

MS. MURAKAMI: Yeah.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: -- but I wanted to double, triple check. Thank you. Okay. At this time then, please explain what we're...how we're going to vote on this.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: So, we had a motion to adopt the resolution, and then a motion to move all names...or place all names on B for approval. That was a motion made by Councilmember Sugimura and seconded by Councilmember Kama. And then we had an amendment to that amendment, which was a motion made by Councilmember Paltin and a second by Councilmember Sinenci to move all...place all on B with the exception of the one person you're talking about to C. So, we do have an amendment, and then if that passes, it will take over basically the second...the first amendment. If it doesn't pass, we would go back to the amendment to move all names to B.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you. So, in order for me to make a decision, I need to know if this person is voted down, what would be the next step?

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Great question for Corp. Counsel.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I mean does the...does the...in other words, does the Mayor have X number of days to submit another name? And can you go through that process?

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MS. MURAKAMI: Yes, according to the...oh, sorry.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: No, please.

MS. MURAKAMI: Yeah. Okay. So, according to the Charter, if there was another name that was on the list, the Mayor did not choose that he would have ten days to submit the name. But in this case, I don’t believe there was any other names because I believe that fifth person was someone that the Mayor chose. So, the Independent Nomination Board only had four names. So, what would happen is, the Council would give notification back to INB, and INB will have, I want to say, 75 or 60, I’ll let you know--okay, 75 days to submit a new list of nominees for Mayor to --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay.

MS. MURAKAMI: -- choose from . . . *(inaudible)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: All right. Thank you. Thanks for that information. That’s all I have.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you for that question. Member Rawlins-Fernandez?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. For clarification, when did the...the first motion to amend by adding names, the names to the approval list, happen? Did I miss it? It happened this morning? Like, just today?

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Yes. There was a motion --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Before Member Paltin?

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: -- to adopt...a motion to amend by placing all names on B by Councilmember Sugimura, and seconded by Councilmember Kama. And then an additional amendment by Councilmember Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So...so, I guess I don’t understand why Chair U‘u-Hodgins would have clarified...oh, so you clarified the vote because she just moved to separate the one name, but left the other names on the approval list.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Yeah, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: I was just clarifying that it was just then that person to go on Exhibit C, and leave everybody else on Exhibit B for my little mental note organization.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Chair.

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CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Yes, of course. Thank you for clarifying. So, Members, at this time, we are going to vote on the amendment, which is moving Mr. Chiniaeff on Exhibit C for disapproval. I’m going to ask for a roll call vote.

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

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: No.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Councilmember Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Aye.

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: Aye.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Councilmember Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Aye.

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: Aye.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Chair, that’s seven “ayes,” two “noes.” Motion carries.

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VOTE: AYES: Chair U‘u-Hodgins, Vice-Chair Paltin, and Councilmembers Johnson, Kama, Lee, Rawlins-Fernandez, and Sinenci.

NOES: Councilmembers Cook and Sugimura.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: APPROVE amendment.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you, Members. Any further discussion before I ask for the motion as amended, which would include--again, from my mental notes--those names, Mr. Curtis, Ms. Duvauchelle, Ms. Pulmano, and Mr. Spence, on Exhibit B? Any further discussion? Online? Seeing none. All those in favor, please raise your hand and say “aye.”

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Aye.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Roll call please.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Oh, okay. Roll call.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Councilmember Cook.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Aye.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Councilmember Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Aye.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Councilmember Kama.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yes.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Council Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Aye.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Councilmember Rawlins-Fernandez.

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MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Councilmember Cook.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Aye.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Councilmember Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Aye.

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.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Aye.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Councilmember Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Aye.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Committee Vice-Chair Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Aye.

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

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Aye.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Chair, that’s eight “ayes,” one “no.” Motion carries.

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VOTE: AYES: Chair U‘u-Hodgins, Vice-Chair Paltin, and Councilmembers Cook, Johnson, Kama, Lee, Sinenci, and Sugimura.

NOES: Councilmember Rawlins-Fernandez.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: Recommending ADOPTION of Resolution 25-32, CD1.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you, Members. Thank you all.

LIQUOR CONTROL ADJUDICATION BOARD

Resolution 25-33

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: And we will now move on to the Liquor Control Adjudication Board. Do we have Mr. Honda with us? Hello. Please come join us in the front podium and introduce yourself, and the Members will ask you a few questions.

MR. HONDA: Good morning, everyone. My name is Mark Honda, and I’ve been here in Maui since 1977 as a practicing attorney. I currently hold an inactive license. In 1988 to ’95, I was appointed as a per diem district court judge. And in 2018 to 2020, I was reappointed as a per diem district and family court judge. I had the privilege of serving as the Deputy Director of the Department of Liquor Control for 19...the term of ’19...2017 to 2018. And I’m very familiar with the Liquor Adjudication Board. In fact, I had to attend all meetings. And at that time, Mr. Peter Hanano was the deputy prosecutor prosecuting all those claims. So, it’s...it’s something that I feel comfortable with. I don’t need on-the-job training or learning. I just need the HRS and references to update. And I’m looking forward to participating. This is...if I’m approved, will be the first board or commission I’ve ever sat on in my life. And as a little bit of humor, I was babysitting my nine-year-old grandson yesterday. And I said what I’d be doing this morning appearing and answering questions, why? So, he asked me, why, papa, why? So, I thought I’d make him laugh. So, I told him, I’m going to do this. And then he later told me, I dare you. Okay. So, I was going to tell him, you know, soon as I left the Department of Liquor Control, I had to babysit your older cousin, and then...I mean you...and then your younger cousin was born later and I became a full-time babysitter. So, this is after school. So, I told him, you know, after all these years, papa got tired of changing diapers and watching PAW Patrol and Sesame Street, and I thought I’d re-enter the adult world and do some serious business here. So, that’s what I applied. And if

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my grandson ever watches *Akakū* if it's broadcasted, he'll see that I took him up on his dare.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: We love to hear it. Thank you so much, Mr. Honda. And thank you for volunteering. And we will make sure to send you this clip so you can play it for your grandson.

MR. HONDA: . . .*(laughing)*. . . Thank you.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Members, any questions? Member Cook.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Thank you for your willingness to serve. Do you watch the minutes? Are you very familiar with the...the recent process? The reason I'm asking the question is, it seems to be that I've spoken with several restaurants that are having difficulty getting their liquor licenses. And it seems...and anyway, I was just wondering, are you familiar with that at all, and do you have an opinion?

MR. HONDA: Somewhat. It's kind of been historically a problem, an ongoing problem. And that's the reason why I opted to sit on the adjudication board, where I wouldn't have to get into the nitty-gritty politics, which may overlap the Liquor...the Liquor Commission. So, I've been attuned to these complaints, and it was an ongoing complaint when I served at Liquor Control. And I'm just aware of that, and it's been around for quite a while.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Thank you for your willingness to serve.

MR. HONDA: Sure.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Your life experience, you definitely have the maturity and the experience to serve. So, thank you, sir.

MR. HONDA: Thank you.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Member Sugimura, followed by Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you. So nice to see you here.

MR. HONDA: Nice to see you.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, and we don't have to ask you if you've ever attended, or know of, and all those questions. And it sounds like you are committed in terms of time, and I hope your grandchildren will find another babysitter.

MR. HONDA: Oh, no, I'm still maintaining the Monday through Friday and Saturday ball games with them.

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

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CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you, Member Sugimura. Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I just wanted to say that I...I can verify and speak on behalf of...of Mark’s integrity, honesty, and I know he’ll do a great job. He...he was on our golf club for a long time until he had to start babysitting.

MR. HONDA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So, good luck, Mark.

MR. HONDA: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Members, any further questions? Member Rawlins-Fernandez?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. Member Sugimura is right. Mr. Honda answered all the questions I usually ask, which is why I’m not asking those questions. And I just wanted to mahalo Mr. Honda for his willingness to serve on...on this board, and to mahalo your grandchildren for sharing you with the community. Mahalo, Chair.

MR. HONDA: Thank you very much.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you, Member Rawlins-Fernandez. I was just about to say the same thing. Thank you to his...their grandchildren for sharing their papa with us. I know that is probably a lot of work. So, thank you for doing both too. We all love a great grandparent. Member Kama, you have any questions?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yes, I did. Thank you. Just one. So, thank you for being here, Mr. Honda. Go Falcons. Did you know when you were in high school that you were going to be an attorney, or you wanted to be one?

MR. HONDA: Pretty much so. My dad was, so I followed in his footsteps.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you, Member Kama. Any other questions? Seeing none. At this time, I’d like to entertain a motion to recommend the adoption of Resolution 25-33, including any nonsubstantive revisions.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So moved.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Second.

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CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you. I have a motion made by Member Sugimura, and a second made by Member Kama. And unless there’s any further discussion, I’d like to entertain a motion to recommend the following names be placed on Exhibit B for approval, Mr. Mark Toku Honda.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So moved.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Second.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you. I have a motion made by Member Sugimura, and a second by Member Kama. Any further discussion? Seeing none. All those in favor, please raise your hand and say “aye.”

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Chair, that’s nine “ayes,” zero “noes.” Motion carries.

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

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: APPROVE amendment.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you. Members, hana hou motion as...main motion as amended. All those in favor, please raise your hand and say “aye.”

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Chair, nine “ayes,” zero “noes.” Motion carries.

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

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: Recommending ADOPTION of Resolution 25-33, CD1.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you very much, Mr. Honda.

MR. HONDA: Thank you very much, everyone.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Okay. See you soon. Members, let’s continue with the Liquor Control Commission. Give me a second. And Mr. Edwin Misaki will not be attending. And if you don’t mind, Members, we will save all of those who are not attending for the end. We did get testimony in favor of him the last time we were having this meeting. So, we will continue on.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: He also has an extensive bibliography that he attached.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: An extensive...he does, in biological science. I’m happy to support him at the end though, when we can...we will take all those up that we didn’t take, just to be fair to the other nominees that we haven’t interviewed.

COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Resolution 25-35

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: And we are going to continue then with Commission on Persons with Disabilities. Do we have Ms. Chang or Ms. Eguia? Hello. Can I ask you what...what’s your name?

MS. CHANG: Lehua.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Okay. Come on down, please, Ms. Chang.

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MS. CHANG: Aloha.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Aloha. Please introduce yourself, and then the Members will have their opportunity to ask you some questions.

MS. CHANG: I had one big speech planned last meeting, online, bullets and everything. That went out the window the minute I walked through the door today. But first, before I introduce myself, aloha, Chair, Councilmembers, aloha. And mahalo for your willingness to serve and holding it down for our Maui Nui. Mahalo. I am Lehua Kilihune Lee Chang. I was born and raised on the beautiful island of Molokai, up until about nine years ago, I moved here to Maui, where I currently reside. You know, when I applied for this, it was just something to do, but it became passion. Why service? Yeah, I can think of many reasons to serve. I come from a family where we are service people. There's three members in my 'ohana that stand out to me. My great-grandmother, Mary Lee, who was very vital with Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana, as well as Hui Alaloha. She served by faith, walked by faith. My grandmother, for 25 years, served the women, the children of Molokai, with Queen Lili'uokalani Children's Center. My mother, a recovering drug addict, for the last 20 to 25 years, Wanette Lee, is now currently serving the...and those that are suffering with addictions on Molokai. Why the Commissions on Persons with Disability? At the age of ten, I knew I was different. There was something wrong with me, and I slipped through the cracks until I was 40. My grandparents sent me to doctors, after doctors, after doctors, and I never was seen. I never was treated. There was something wrong with me. At 40, I decided to advocate for myself, went to a doctor, and demanded that she find something wrong with me. There was something wrong. Find something wrong with me, I'm not leaving your office until you do, and when you do find something wrong, when there is a name on that diagnosis, we will make an action of treatment, and how we can get about it. They brushed it off for my whole entire life as behavioral issues, that I was just a naughty kid. I was not just a naughty kid. I finally was given the diagnosis. There was actually a name put down on the paper after 40 years of fighting. And also, the Commissions on Disabilities. I worked for Aloha Independent Living...Living Hawai'i as an independent living specialist, the only one servicing Maui and Lana'i. I service those with disabilities of every kind--cognitive, physical, mental. I also sit on the Disability Disaster Task Force that was created on August 9th, the day after the Maui fire. I joined the task force in May when I took employment with Aloha Independent Living Hawai'i. Currently, our discussion is...Member Paltin, is the evacuation, and the vital...the vital need to bring that to the forefront. I...I...planned...I applied, and I didn't, you know, think anything of it until I was nominated, and I am so honored to be nominated. This is...this is dreams come true to be standing in these Chambers. Keani, sis, you holding it down back home, right on. But that's the whole reason. My attendance, I don't have a problem being on time and being where I need to be. I think I come with fresh eyes and ideas, fresh ideas. The need for evacuation, important. We lost 102 people. That shouldn't have been. And I think evacuation, you know, my ideas is we need to get the big players on the table. We need to get creative. But that's just a little bit of me. Mahalo. Questions?

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CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you so much for sharing your story, and thank you for nominating yourself, and...and willing to serve. We...I appreciate it, and I think we all appreciate it. Members, do we have any questions? Member Paltin?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. Thank you for your willingness to serve. I’m so impressed and stoked that you’re already ahead of the game on my questions, at least. I just was wondering if you could clarify on the Disability Disaster Task Force. Is that...who convened that? Is it at a State level?

MS. CHANG: That, I believe, is at a private level. That was done with Brian Hauser and Kathleen Kenney, who are former employees of Aloha Independent Living Hawai‘i. They created this with boots on the ground the day after the fire. And Brian was heading up the telecommunication where Aloha Independent Living had handed out a bunch of iPads to the survivors for communication. One of the biggest things that we have been discussing...again, I will be attending today’s commission meeting at 12:30, and I believe FEMA, the disability integration person, Peter, will be there as a guest speaker. The biggest concern on a lot of the meetings that I’ve attended have been the evacuation, has been the recovery...long-term recovery plan of Lahaina, so we don’t have to ever see that happen again.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: And I just had one other question. I met some of the emergency management folks of Parish County [*sic*], Louisiana, where they had Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans. And they said they have a registry of elderly and disabled that when any kind of disaster happens, they go to the registry and make...try to make sure that those folks have the assistance they need to get out. Have you heard of a registry, and what are your thoughts on that?

MS. CHANG: I have not heard of a registry, but I believe that that should be something that should also be a priority so that we can keep track to make sure that we...yeah.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. No further questions. Full support.

MS. CHANG: Thank you.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you, Member Paltin. Member Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair. Thank you for being here, Ms. Chang.

MS. CHANG: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: I’m...too am impressed with your resume. So, do you have an idea of how many persons with disabilities we have in Maui Island?

MS. CHANG: Oh, on Maui Island? I don’t. I don’t.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay.

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MS. CHANG: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Member Kama. Member Rawlins-Fernandez, did you have a question? It looks like your hand is almost half up. Okay. Go.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. Aloha, Lehua.

MS. CHANG: Aloha.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Lee Chang, your...your opening remarks made me emotional. I'm so excited to vote in support of your nomination. I guess having personal experience, you know, with individuals in high school and, you know, high school can be so challenging. And then watching people find their purpose, and then their voice, and then lending their gifts to uplift others is just so profoundly moving to me. So, I love seeing you at this podium, and I'm excited --

MS. CHANG: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- about the...the work that you're doing. So, we...we don't have a Molokai representative on the...this commission. And I'm...I'm...so, I'm really looking forward to, you know, someone...a kupu 'āina of Molokai being there to help give a voice for our Molokai community. Is there any mana'o that you'd like to share about how you may envision doing that?

MS. CHANG: Yeah, I'm through and through a Molokai girl. You can take the girl away from the 'āina, but not the 'āina away from the girl. And my biggest thing is, there is a lot of people with disabilities on Molokai that have fallen through the cracks because of the lack of resources, the lack of qualification. You know, we get sent nurse practitioners a lot to our 'āina, or we have...you know, we have to fly here for doctors. I'm making a voice for not only Maui, but for Molokai as well because, you know, our little island needs to be heard out there in the Pacific. And that's pretty much why I did it. You know, I got big shoes to fill. I got a grandmother and a mother and a great grandma that's probably going to be...that's probably watching, will be watching and say, why you said that? But, yeah, mahalo.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, absolutely. So many people, so many kids that just are dismissed or labeled naughty kids, you know, whose disabilities may be overlooked, and having perhaps some of that firsthand experience always makes, you know, people such stronger advocates for...for those that are experiencing what, you know, advocates may have experienced themselves. So, I'm sure your 'ohana will be very proud and are very proud. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Miss...Member...Member...sorry, that was throwing me off. Thank you, Member Rawlins-Fernandez. Your bell was ringing even though you were pau. So, Member Cook?

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COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Thank...thank you for your willingness to serve. Your passion and your heart is contagious, and I think you'll do a great job on the board. Thank you for being willing to serve.

MS. CHANG: Thank you.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Member Cook. I too am happy to support you. Unfortunately, we don't have Miss Eguia--I hope I'm saying her name correctly--right now. So, we're going to hold off your...the voting on this commission for a little bit later.

MS. CHANG: Okay.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: But I very much look forward to supporting you. And thank you --

MS. CHANG: Okay.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: -- so much for volunteering.

MS. CHANG: Thank you so much, Chair. Mahalo.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you. Members, at this time, before we move on to Maui County Cultural Resource Commission, Member Johnson has left us, and I would like to take our morning break. He's going to be in a meeting for about an hour, which started just a few minutes ago. So, if you don't mind, if we could take about a half-an-hour break, and we'll give him some time to be in that meeting and then join us shortly. So, we will come back at 11:00, Members, and continue where we are leaving off, which is Cultural Resource Commission. So, see you folks in about 30 minutes. And back at 11:00. This meeting is now in recess at 10:31... ..(gavel) . .

RECESS: 10:31 a.m.

RECONVENE: 11:06 a.m.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: . . .(gavel) . . Welcome back, Members. It is 11:06. And will the GREAT Committee please reconvene.

MAUI COUNTY CULTURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

Resolution 25-36

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Members, we left off waiting to meet--well, or re-meet for one of them, if--I don't think she's with us, but for the Maui County Cultural Resource Commission. At this time, I know we have Ms. Millikin with us in person. And if you could please come up to the front and introduce yourself, and the Members will have their opportunity to ask you questions.

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MS. MILLIKIN: Aloha. And thank you so much for the opportunity, potential opportunity, to serve a Maui County commission. My name is Dora Millikin, and I live in Lahaina. As a very young child, my father and I, living back east, hunted and collected a collection of Native American artifacts around where we lived. We amassed a collection of about 5,000 pieces. And that collection will, within the next five years, be donated outright to our local historical society in Rhode Island. In my mid-20s, I was asked to become a member of the board of directors for the Little Compton Historical Society. And I served on their board of directors for close to 40 years. I was their secretary for 20 years, and then later became a vice president, and I served as their president for a full term. I also installed all of their special exhibits. So, I have a lot of experience doing that, and that's...this coming summer, I will go back for two weeks to...to install the 350th Anniversary exhibit. Here on Maui...well, no, wait. I also, back east, I have moved with my husband several historic buildings, 18th Century barns, corn cribs, very early houses. We saved these buildings, brought them to other parcels of land, and restored them completely. We won a few awards for this--the Sarah Delano Award out of the whaling town of New Bedford under WHALE, which is the Waterfront Historic Area League, and also the Westport Historical Society. I spent at least five-and-a-half years working on the Westport Point Historical Commission. During that time, those five years, I did not miss one meeting...not one meeting. And if I get on this commission, my promise to you is that I will do the same. So, here in Lahaina, my husband and I had a really wonderful time working very closely with certain County officials to fully rehabilitate the Bookkeeper's House, which is 271 on Front Street. It's become known as the Miracle House. This is a passion of ours, and I mahalo again, and I really hope that I can serve for you. And please ask me any questions.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you very much. Members, any questions? I'm going to go with Member Paltin, followed by Member Johnson.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Ms. Millikin, for your willingness to serve. Have you watched the Cultural Resource Commission meetings that they've had recently? Or I guess, you know, sometimes a quorum is an issue. So, any...any meetings?

MS. MILLIKIN: Yeah. Because of that, I have not.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: So, I think that everything building that lies within the County's historic districts would come to you for approval. Have you given thought to the Lahaina rebuild, like what things you would like to see come back, and what things maybe not come back?

MS. MILLIKIN: Well, as...as a new member of the Lahaina Restoration Foundation, yes. You know, my task is to help bring those eight buildings within their purview back to restoration. But yes, I have. And one of...one of my concerns personally is that I'm seeing certain permitted projects overbuilding their land lots. This was a fire. And it was a fire that devastated this community. And overbuilding...you know, one building ignites another building, and so on. And I...I just...that...that's...so, that's a concern of mine. I've been watching it very closely.

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VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Are you familiar with sea level rise?

MS. MILLIKIN: I'm very familiar with sea level rise. I'm also very familiar with the fact that the University of Hawai'i and NOAA, that there are conflicting reports at this time.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Which report do you lean towards?

MS. MILLIKIN: I can't lean towards either at the moment because they are both from valid sources, and it hasn't been resolved.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: You do believe sea level rise is occurring?

MS. MILLIKIN: Oh, I do.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. And then how much do you know about Moku'ula and Loko O Mokuhinia?

MS. MILLIKIN: I have seen the movie. I...I know a certain amount, yes. And having lived in that area, I would pass it all the time and always kind of wonder, well, what's going to happen with that?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: So, are you living in the house that survived now?

MS. MILLIKIN: Part time, yes. Yes, it is...it was fully power...utilities were brought back about six months ago.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: And...and your house that you were living in when...before the fire, is that destroyed?

MS. MILLIKIN: No, it's not. Oh, no. Where we relocated is not destroyed, no. . .*(timer sounds)*. . .

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Oh.

MS. MILLIKIN: So, the house that we lived in during the fire is still standing. It is the one called the Miracle House or the red-roofed house.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: And that's not the one at 271 Front Street?

MS. MILLIKIN: It is the one at 271 Front Street.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Oh. Because on the application, there is a different address given.

MS. MILLIKIN: That's where we're living now. That's where...that's where we had to move to.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Oh, okay.

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MS. MILLIKIN: So, we're...we're splitting our time between...we're...we're slowly moving back.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Got it. Thank you.

MS. MILLIKIN: Yes.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Member Paltin. Member Johnson?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Ms. Millikin, for your willingness to serve. You spoke of...a lot about back east and your experience there.

MS. MILLIKIN: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Are you a full-time resident here?

MS. MILLIKIN: Yes, I am now.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. Yeah. All right. Well, that was my only question because Councilmember Paltin asked some of mine as well. So, thank you so much. Thank you, Chair. No further questions.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Member Johnson. Does anybody else have any questions? Member Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. And thank you, Ms. Millikin, for...for being here today. You mentioned eight of the historic structures that you're...you're helping to bring back. Can you list those?

MS. MILLIKIN: It's the Baldwin House, the Reading Room, the courthouse, the prison, Seaman's, the Mariners Hospital...yes.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: And...and...and they all lie within the Historic District on Front Street?

MS. MILLIKIN: Uh-huh.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay.

MS. MILLIKIN: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: And then if...I mean, I'm not sure if...if some of them were nonconforming or not, but you would...you would use this opportunity on this board to...to get whatever permits and those types of things to rebuild it?

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MS. MILLIKIN: Well, that is really up to...up to the rules and the actual commission. My understanding is that I could either abstain from voting, or I could advise, or it wouldn't be a problem. So, that would...that would come into play.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Oh, okay. And then, I mean, it looks like the...the same type of structures, very similar to some in...where you came from. So, just...you have that experience with those older types of...

MS. MILLIKIN: Yes, I have extensive experience in pulling apart and restoring as opposed to renovating antique structures.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. Got it. Thank you.

MS. MILLIKIN: And then we did the same with this, the Bookkeeper's House on Front Street. We did things...we brought it into...we brought it to what it originally was. We took off the old carport. We removed the 'ohana down below that had the...the septic tank with the...with a pipe going to the...to the ocean. We...we brought it back to what it originally was.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

MS. MILLIKIN: Thank you.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Of course. Thank you, Member Sinenci. Chair Lee? Member...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you. I just wanted to ask if it was the Mayor's Office that asked you to apply, or...or was it your own idea?

MS. MILLIKIN: It was the Mayor's Office.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. How did they get to know you?

MS. MILLIKIN: Through the County officials that we worked very closely with to restore this house. Another thing you need to know is that eight days before the fire, this house became...it...it was brought onto the register, the State Register of Historic Structures. So, it qualified for that.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Member Sugimura, you have a question?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you for your passion. I was just...so, you are living here, and the Lahaina Restoration Foundation, you're a volunteer?

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MS. MILLIKIN: Oh, yes.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: You're a volunteer and you're helping.

MS. MILLIKIN: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: And that's why you know about the eight structures and their history and you're participating? So, you did have your own business, so that's pretty...

MS. MILLIKIN: I still have my own business, but that's separate. I'm a fine arts painter by trade.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay.

MS. MILLIKIN: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you very much.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Of course, thank you. Member Paltin, you have a question? Member Sinenci, you want to go after Member Paltin?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Sorry, I had a couple --

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Go ahead.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: -- more follow-ups. I was speaking to some folks that lived in the multifamily that was...I think it was facing the Seaman's Hospital. And they were running into some problems because it faced a historic building. In their rebuild, they wanted to use fire-resistant building materials, but they were kind of being told that they have to stick to like historic integrity because one side of their condo complex faced the Seaman's historic property. I just was wondering, your idea of importance of...you know, the majority of the town burnt down. Where do you see the balance between building back authentically historic and the danger of a fire happening again if it's everything is made out of wood?

MS. MILLIKIN: Thank you for that. That's...that...this is a big one. And first of all, no materials are fireproof. There's...there's no guarantee with that. But there are ways to offer solutions creatively that can handle that. The house that I'm living in now, in addition to 271 Front Street, is made out of a cement board.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Like Hardie board?

MS. MILLIKIN: Yeah, and it...and it looks like wood. So, all of these projects that come before a commission like this really are entirely different, and you have to...you have to work with each one to solve the problem. That...you know, so there's a lot of flexibility, and I think the commission members do need to be flexible about it. Our purview is more

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about the exterior, less than...and...and not at all about the interior of the building. So...yeah.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: And then 3,500 square feet, I think, is the max for the National Historic Landmark District before you have to get an EA or an EIS. What do you think about people going larger than what they had?

MS. MILLIKIN: As I said before, this was a fire that did this, that created this horrible disaster. And the lots are really small, maybe an eighth of an acre. And I think that--I really do feel that people need to take that into consideration. And the bigger you build your lot--you know, if you've got a house that goes edge to edge within the six-foot allowance, and then you've got a three-foot overhang, this is bringing your house...and if the next house next to it does...does the same, you don't have much space. It becomes a safety hazard, I think. And I...I would recommend against that. Now, I know that there are multifamily situations, and that brings another...brings in another question.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. I'll yield to my colleagues. Thank you.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Member Paltin. Member Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. Just a question for you, Chair. So, Ms. Millikin should be...should she be confirmed, would be the second of two Archeology and Historical Society requirements?

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Let me get to that page real quick. Sorry, we're further down than I thought. I guess we've been moving faster than we . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Page...page 20.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: What was that?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Page 20.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: 20. Passed it. . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: The other archeology person is Andree-Michelle Conley-Kapoi.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Yeah, she specializes in archeology. It seems like Ms. Millikin might specialize in Historical Society information, and not necessarily archeology. That will be up to us, of course.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you.

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VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: On...on the thing it says, archaeological...archeology/historical. Do you feel...do you have any archeological experience?

MS. MILLIKIN: Through collecting this collection with my...my family, I've also done organized site digs and things like that. Do I have a degree in it? No, I do not.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Okay. Thank you. Sorry. Thank you for bringing this up, Member Sinenci, because we do need a requirement for each island. There are two vacancies currently, which means the other two will have to be from Lānaʻi and Molokai. So, we were quickly discussing how this board is going to play out. Does anybody else have any questions? I do have a quick one, but Member Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: I do too. Thank you, Chair. Thank you for being here, Ms. Millikin. So, what is your understanding of the cultural significance of Moku'ula and Mokuhinia?

MS. MILLIKIN: It was the pre-contact site of the ali'i. And it's basically been filled in and left vacant, and needs to be restored.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Member Kama. I do have a quick question, Members. On your letter for why you're interested in serving on a board or commission, I found one sentence really curious, and I'm hoping you can expand on it. I believe this is probably your house here, the Bookkeeper's House on Front Street. You said it was a great example of preservation through neglect.

MS. MILLIKIN: Yes.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Can you elaborate, please?

MS. MILLIKIN: I can. The house had never really been altered. This year marks its 100th year, so it's exactly 100 years old. And it was sold out of the Pioneer Sugar Cane Company in the '90s. And from that time to now, nothing was done to it. So, it was neglected. It had three or four roofs on it. We had to go in, replace the roof, replace termite damage. But what happens in a situation like this is a house, a structure, is actually preserved through ownership that never does anything to it, if that makes any sense. It's because the owners never really renovated it or kept it up, we were able to bring it back to its original character.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Okay. Thank you. And to clarify, some...some of the applications have, you know, your length of residency in Maui County, but not all. How long have you been a full-time resident of Maui County?

MS. MILLIKIN: Since 2021.

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CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: 2021.

MS. MILLIKIN: Yes.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Okay.

MS. MILLIKIN: When we...when we got the...the Bookkeeper’s House.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Okay. Thank you. Members, any other questions? No. Thank you very much. Thank you for your application.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Oh, sorry, I have one additional.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Please, go ahead.

MS. MILLIKIN: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: You know, being that you moved here in 2021, I don’t think it’s fair of us to expect you to have a wide breadth of knowledge on Hawaiian cultural history and places. Who are some of the resources that you go to when you have questions, or want to learn about those issues?

MS. MILLIKIN: Okay. County members such as Stanley Solamillo. We have worked with our carpenter, our painter. They’re all local folks. It’s a complete team.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Do you feel comfortable giving out their names or...

MS. MILLIKIN: Hoi Vu. I’m freezing here. I’m sorry. Yeah. Charlie Norwood (*phonetic*). Kenji (*phonetic*), I forget his last name--he’s repainting the Bookkeeper’s House right now. Yes.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Are there any, like, cultural practitioners that you are acquainted with?

MS. MILLIKIN: No. Other than...other than working through the Lahaina Restoration Foundation.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: So, you know Connie Sutherland, and Leslie Hiraga, and like that?

MS. MILLIKIN: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you, Member Paltin. Members, any other questions? Chair Lee.

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Ms. Millikin, I...I am glad to hear that you put a high priority and importance on attendance. And you did say...I think I heard you say that you have every intention, if selected, to attend every meeting; is that right?

MS. MILLIKIN: That is correct.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Because honestly, when you...I first heard you, I wasn't thinking of voting for you because I didn't think you have been here long enough. But we've had so many attendance problems with the CRC. And so, we could have lifelong residents who don't show up for meetings, and that...that hurts the whole program. In your case, I think you have a lot to learn about our culture, and...and the West Side, and so forth. But...but if you are willing to check with, you know, our practitioners and...and the experts on the subject, you know, that gives me comfort. But what also gives me comfort is, it seems that...that you are a very reliable person. And that's what we need on our boards and commissions. Because I've had so many meetings canceled that I was supposed to attend for...for the CRC. And it's...it's...it's frightening that we have...we haven't been able to get much work done because of it. So, this is where I stand. So, if I had voted against you, it was nothing personal, but you've sort of talked me into giving you my vote.

MS. MILLIKIN: I won't take it personally.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you.

MS. MILLIKIN: One thing you need to know is that I have been coming here for the last 15 years. And each year, we have spent quite a bit of time here. So, it's...if that makes any difference. But another part of this is that one of the things that really appeals to me is the learning process. And that's a pure game for me. And I love that. And I love working with different people. And it's...you know, like I said before, every single project is entirely different, and you get something out of each project. So, it's...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah. I...I...I respect that, that you consider each project differently, and it has its own qualities, and its significance. And I certainly appreciate your can-do attitude. Thank you very much.

MS. MILLIKIN: Thank you.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Mahalo, Chair Lee. Members, any other questions? Double-checking online. Okay. At this time, Members, I would like to entertain a...thank you so much for...

MS. MILLIKIN: Thank you so much.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: You're welcome. Thank you. At this time, I'd like to entertain a motion to recommend the adoption of Resolution 25-36, including any nonsubstantive revisions.

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So moved.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you. I have a motion by --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Second.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: -- Member Sugimura, and a second by Chair Lee. Unless there's any further discussion, I'd like to entertain a motion to recommend the following names placed on Exhibit B.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Oh, I thought if we didn't interview both the people...

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Oh.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: That's right. You're absolutely correct. The other one is a re-appointee. But I can hold off, to keep it fair for everyone. Thank you for that reminder. I was going to just go ahead, because we're all really well familiar. But I will keep it absolutely fair and move on.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: And so, Ms. Maluo-Pearson is not here.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: She's not here, yeah. Okay. Can we just hold off on this motion? Or do...can we...we strike it? Can you please withdraw? Sorry. Thank you very much. I have a motion withdrawn [sic] from Councilmember Sugimura and Council Chair Lee. And thank you for keeping it fair.

MAUI PLANNING COMMISSION

Resolution 25-37

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: And we will move on to the Maui Planning Commission. Do we have Ms. Pahukoa with us online? I don't think I see her in the audience. Okay. I think we see her. If Ms. Pahukoa would like to turn on her camera and mic. Ms. Pahukoa? Is she here? Ms. Pahukoa, if you could please unmute yourself. Oh, you're in person. Perfect timing. Can you please introduce yourself?

MS. PAHUKOA: Yes, that was a nice backside drive. Aloha. Good morning. Mary Ann Pahukoa. I have a statement prepared, a short one. Mahalo for this opportunity to present myself, representing East Maui, Maui Hikina. I was asked by my kūpuna to take on this kuleana. And if approved, I would carefully make, you know, the appropriate decisions to kāko'o and support our community in its growth and in its overall well-being. You guys have seen me here, some of you for years. I've been testifying...I've been a young testifier here speaking passionately about issues affecting our island home. I've grown to be an advocate, deeply engaged in discussions. And nowadays, I'd like to just say I'm an in-depth observer. Making, you know, neutral

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decisions and understanding the various factors we have that face us and our island community's needs right now. There's so...so much more I can say, but mahalo to everybody who last week testified in support of my nomination. I greatly appreciate it. And if you have any questions. Mahalo.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you very much, Ms. Pahukoa. Members, do we have any questions? We typically do have some questions. No questions from you folks? Go ahead, Member Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you. And...and mahalo, Ms. Pahukoa, for making the drive, the backside, to...to be here in person. And we...I think the Councilmembers know that through this INB process, especially for East Maui, it's always hard to get people to volunteer for...for these important boards and commissions. So, I know that you too are also...you know, everybody has busy schedules, and you're no different. So, you're able to participate in the...the meetings?

MS. PAHUKOA: I am, yes. And thankfully, we do have an option of Mokulele, who arrives just on time for these Planning Commission meetings. So, I've always considered Mokulele as an option of attending town meetings and then flying back.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. Yeah. And then this position also has the Native Hawaiian cultural practitioner. So, if you wouldn't mind just...and I know you kanukano o ka 'āina, but what are some of your other practices you're involved in?

MS. PAHUKOA: Yes. Well, Members, I live Hawaiian every day. My 'ohana is generational kalo farmers. A part of the community in various aspects. I work diligently to support our nonprofits in East Maui, whose mission statements include conservation, sustainability, perpetuation of tradition, traditional practices, and overall, just well-being. And, you know, supporting cultural activities, especially within our youth. Besides that, we are gatherers. We go up mauka. My 'ohana's 'āina is right there along the shoreline. So, I have a lot of...I spend a lot of time shoreline fishing at the muliwai. We've...I've grown to have a passion in water studies. So, it's not always about harvesting in Hawaiian culture, it's about placing kapu and protecting. So, when it comes to muliwai species or stream species, we...we do the best to monitor and make sure that the species are protected from the muliwai up to kuahiwi. And in the terms of 'ōpae, 'o'opu, and do our best to maintain that connectivity of stream flow, and then farming and how that helps estuary populations and shoreline habitats. So, it's...it's a full circle, Hawaiian culture. Do I consider myself a practitioner? Yes, of course. Doing my best in all ways to uphold Hawaiian values.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Mahalo. Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Of course. Thank you. Members, any questions? I do have a few, but I want to just make sure everybody else is heard. Member Cook, followed by Member Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Thank you, and good morning.

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MS. PAHUKOA: Good morning. Aloha.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Thank you for your willingness to serve. Do you have experience in...a background in planning?

MS. PAHUKOA: I do not have direct job, like not with the County. It's always been planning in, like watershed management terms, ahupua'a projects. Actually, I am planning the East Maui Taro Festival with the board, and that's big kuleana. But I understand the importance of involving stakeholders, community. I...I love doing community outreach and engagement. So, yeah, I mean, yes, I have experience in planning.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Because my question is, like the Planning...the Planning Commission and overseeing...implementing and overseeing the Island Plan, the various community plans, and sorting out what is in compliance, what is asking for a variance. It's a...it's a very intensive position on the Planning Commission, and it's all three islands, and it's basic land use for virtually all aspects of land use. So, the fact that you're from Hāna is really beneficial because we need East Maui represented, and also we're going to need a really depth of experience of the entire interpretation of the Island Plan, the community plans, and being able to sort through that. So, is that something that you feel that you're up to? It's a pretty big...it's a pretty big task.

MS. PAHUKOA: Yeah, I understand. And I know the heavy amount of...of items setting forth in the Planning Commission. And, you know, I do my best to visit every single link and document that the Planning has set forth. Although I can't say I've read it completely, but I have read...not every meeting documents. I haven't read everything, but when it comes to Maui Island community plans, I've read those. And I know that the Planning Commission is currently working on Wailea side, and doing the growth framework currently. They're not pau yet. But yeah, you know, East Maui, we don't have too much development, but I understand the need to, you know, monitor and conduct findings of fact and do my homework for other districts. We don't have too much urban, you know, areas. Majority is agriculture out there in Hāna, East Maui. So, I understand the extensive homework that I would have, being presented with, you know, all these upcoming agenda items. And currently . . .(timer sounds). . . yeah, it's...it's extensive homework. I know that. And if I were to be approved, you know, it would be just nonstop, you know, work, and to kind of understanding the framework, conclusions of law, and all that.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Thank you very much for the answer.

MS. PAHUKOA: Yeah, thank you. Thank you for your question.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Thank you.

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

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COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. Aloha, Ms. Pahukoa. Mahalo for your willingness to serve in this capacity and to do all the work, which I think you kind of already do as a community member when actively participating, and testifying, and providing perspectives, especially from East Maui side of your 'ohana 'āina. So, my...my questions are usually regarding your attendance, which was already asked, your experience with the boards and...and this commission, which I know you've attended meetings because I saw you at them. And I heard you testify. And I guess the question, if you would like to speak more to, would be, how do you envision contributing to the...the commission?

MS. PAHUKOA: Yeah, I mean, I've studied, and I'm still in the Sustainable Living Institute here at Maui. So, I understand what we need to grow smart with sustainable...sustainability in mind. So, sustainable growth. Smart growth, and then understanding, you know, capacity. But I also understand the need for Maui's, you know, housing, our economy that plays a huge factor in making these kinds of decisions. The SMA permits that Mayor just executed and, you know, just understanding. I guess...it totally depends. It's a case-by-case basis, is what I'm trying to say. But I guess I would bring that 'ike of, you know, Hawaiian cultural resources in mind, and prioritize our community's needs. And overall, just understanding and listening to our testifiers and my peers on the Planning Commission, and recommendations by Hāna Advisory Council, and whatnot. I know it's a case-by-case thing for all these developments, but nonetheless, I think I would bring that 'ike Hawai'i to the table.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Absolutely. And I would hāpai that 'ike Hawai'i. I know oftentimes in the...this American system that our laws are grounded in--not all the laws, some of them are grounded in Hawaiian Kingdom laws--but for those that are more foreign and not based in Kingdom law, planning professionals have come to Molokai often and, you know, disregard our 'ike kūpuna as not relevant to the planning process. And I...you know, our community have...have been known to, you know, make, you know, their...their opinions and feedback known about how relevant and important 'ike kūpuna is in the planning process, especially when it's our community that understands traditional land use that is grounded in ecology and cultivating abundance . . . *(timer sounds)* . . . for this 'āina. So, I hear the bell. Mahalo, Chair.

MS. PAHUKOA: Yes. Mahalo. Mahalo for your mana'o. I agree.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Member Rawlins-Fernandez. Members, any other...Member Sugimura, go ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, thank you. Thank you for being here. Did you say you flew on Mokulele to get here?

MS. PAHUKOA: I didn't this morning. The flight was full. My other half drove us out, yeah, backside, and they're paving. So, it took us a little while, but the paving looks great.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Great. That means it's safer.

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MS. PAHUKOA: It's safer. It's green.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah.

MS. PAHUKOA: It's beautiful.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, I'm just curious. I think I encountered yourself and your sister when I had a meeting regarding Hāna Road. And there was a lot of upset...upset communication between the visitors. And I forget the name of your family group that was trying to control the visitors coming across Hāna Highway.

MS. PAHUKOA: I believe it was Hāna Highway Regulation Visitor Management System, with more so illegal tour operators than visitors. But yes, I...I know what you mean, what meeting.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yes, I remember that. And I was surprised at the...probably the depth of the anger that was displayed. So, it made me wonder, when I saw your name here and, you know, my experience when you came to testify, that would you...what is your perspective in terms of projects that would come to you that may look like they are...may benefit, you know, the visitor industry, or those people that...there was a lot of controversy, I think, that was expressed?

MS. PAHUKOA: Yeah. So, our visitor industry is still our number one economic, you know, drive here on Maui. A majority of our...our residents still rely heavily on visitor. Maybe it was portrayed as a little bit of hostility, specifically to the amount of infractions going on on the highway during those meetings, and how unsafe visitor...how overcapacity the highway was at the time...and still is, to this day. There's real no management system in place. But I can say that from that organizing period, our community has worked endlessly to mitigate these problems. And we're proud to say that the State has hired someone today to monitor illegal activities. And we have direct communication with our Public Utilities Commission. So, although that was a very, you know, heavy topic, controversial era, it's still that we have positive benefits that came about. But when it comes to impacting...or developments that might, you know, support visitor industry, I mean, looking at...at how much benefits I would take into, you know, consideration because nonetheless, our community still needs that economic support. If that answers your question.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you. Does...Member Paltin?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Ms. Pahukoa, for your willingness to serve. The Planning Commission has the...you know, kind of the sole authority over the Coastal Zone Management Act. The Council has not the same...or really, any authority in the Special Management Area. So, my main question to candidates for the Planning Commission is if you believe in sea level rise.

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MS. PAHUKOA: I do believe in sea level rise. I've observed it, and I understand the impact our future holds with sea level rise. And yeah, I didn't know that about the planning. So, mahalo for that information...another part of, you know, homework that I would have to continue to do. But yeah, I understand the SMA permits process is, there's minor permits and major permits. So, it all gets kind of taken into account case-by-case basis.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Are...are you familiar with what the accepted erosion hazard line is at this time?

MS. PAHUKOA: I am not familiar with that.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. All right. Thank you.

MS. PAHUKOA: Mahalo.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you. Thank you, Member Paltin. Members, any other questions? I do have a couple, but I do want to make sure everybody gets their opportunity before I go. Okay. In your opening statement, you discussed a balance of factors when you maybe consider something. And I'm wondering if you could talk us through what that means for you.

MS. PAHUKOA: Looking at public testimony, the plan itself, and if needed, additional requirements by Planning, whether it be EIS, whether it be an engineer's report, looking at our State and Federal laws. Like Ms. Paltin mentioned, you know, is it near the coast? What is our coastal regulations? And...and then kind of compiling it all and...and talking. I think the Planning Department's...or the Planning Commission, during their executive sessions, they do really well to kind of bring their collaborative thoughts together and then kind of form this consensus or summary. So, yeah, just listening to my peers and kind of understanding, like I mentioned, the findings of facts, maybe cultural impacts, whether it may be our public testimony, taking all of that into account.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you for that answer. Have you served on a board or a commission before?

MS. PAHUKOA: Hāna Community Association, and I serve as an assistant to a lot of board directors...board directors, but I'm usually kōkua.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Okay. Cool. And then your application, like some...they're all different, so it's kind of throwing me off, but did you only apply for this commission. or did you apply for any other boards or commissions?

MS. PAHUKOA: I only applied for this.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Okay. Okay. And then can you tell me what your view of smart, sustainable growth looks like for Maui County?

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MS. PAHUKOA: Yeah. In our urban areas, I would consider growth, smart growth, so long they have a solid water source, you know, applicable. When it...when you hit those agricultural districts, whether it be supporting a farmer or in an agriculture area, supporting luxury developments, like that's where there's, you know, borderline issues in my...in my mind, but also just kind of understanding exactly what area, if it has a great water source and, you know, our farmers need extra waterlines. So, for say...or permits executed, then, you know, I would support agriculture. But in our rural or our--what is it?--important ag areas, I don't see a lot of...I don't see myself supporting a lot of large-scale developments. I'd like to look at the community island plan and stick within those zones. And if needed to amend, you know, I would really consider or listen to the feedback of all testifiers, including our commission members.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Wrong way. Thank you. And then to Member Sugimura's question too, can you please tell me what the...I think you called it Hāna Highway Regulation, what you guys did, and what that meant for you folks? And then --

MS. PAHUKOA: We...yeah.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: -- I'll explain that I...I met...we're like related by marriage, like everybody else is on this island, right? But I did encounter you folks out there, and I can be honest, it wasn't the most pleasant experience, but if you could tell me what your guys' goal was for that.

MS. PAHUKOA: Yeah. It was all about kind of monitoring this road, and keeping...I mean, if you look at the amount of incidents and fatalities the road to Hāna has, it's because of one, overcapacity and mismanagement or lack of management when it comes to visitors, single cars primarily. And so, what we did was collect data . . . *(timer sounds)* . . . and in some times where, you know, you have these commercial entities running up the kahawai or up the streams, taking tours, you know, to go seek these waterfalls, there was in times, you know, approachable like engagement where it's like, hey, get out of here. One, you're blocking the road, our school bus is coming; and two, you should not be here. So, maybe that's where a lot of the amount of, you know, feedback that came from our community where it's like, yes, someone's finally regulating...but at the same time, we weren't contracted by the County, we weren't contracted by the State, it was all 100 voluntary. Which led to the benefit of today, you know, formalizing that job description and making it to where this one person can now monitor the road with exactly materials we had, which was, you know, signage and if needed, like a megaphone, and clearly conducting, you know, laws. And now we have new signage, it's a little excessive, the amount of no-parking signage, but nonetheless, it started that conversation of what good management looks like on the highway, and what overcapacity and how it can hurt our County in...in means of using our emergency services for these visitors who clearly shouldn't have been where they were. So, it put, at the time, a very heavy strain on our emergency services, and our community was frustrated, and so we were, at the time, you know, seeking solutions.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you for that. I do have another quick question, but I did hear my own bell, but if you guys don't have any other questions, I just have one more. In

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your application, where it says, you know, provide a brief summary of skills, qualifications, expertise, and knowledge--or knowledge, rather--I have no question that you're probably a really great community organizer, as you just described. Sustainable science management, water resource management--again, I know your family, taro farming, water systems--but I'm wondering how you merge it with, like, development policy in this--and I'm reading off your...your application here, and perhaps maybe even waste management.

MS. PAHUKOA: Yes. Like mentioned, I would look at the water source and kind of form a consensus or a summary based on the reports of whether it be Department of Water Supply approving projects, or understanding the EIS in depth, and how impacts or...or no impacts to ecological resources there would be. But I would look at science and data, and of course, public testimony, if that makes sense. Yes.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you very much for that answer.

MS. PAHUKOA: Thank you. Mahalo.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Members, any other questions? Making sure I catch everybody online. Okay. Are we exhausted in our questions? Thank you very much for joining us.

MS. PAHUKOA: Thank you, guys. Mahalo.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: At this time, I would like to entertain a motion for the recommend...to recommend the adoption of Resolution 25-37, including any nonsubstantive revisions.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: So moved.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: I have a motion made by Member Sinenci. Do I have a second?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Second.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Second from Member Johnson, who's right in front of me at this time. Unless there's any further discussion, I'd like to entertain a motion, and I can explain why later, for the following name to be placed on Exhibit C, Ms. Mary Ann Kamalani Pahukoa for disapproval.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So moved.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: I have a motion made by Member Sugimura. Do I have a second?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Second.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: I have a second made by Member Kama. And I'll explain my reasons, and Members, we can go on to explain your own reasons, but I will first speak for myself. I can absolutely appreciate Ms. Pahukoa's love for her community, and I think she might be a better fit for the Hāna Advisory Committee, where they specialize in Hāna. I can

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see and feel her love for her community, and it is a little bit different throughout the rest of Maui County. And I can speak from experience that maybe we--her and I--don't have the same view on housing, but I do absolutely respect her as a person, and I would love to see her serve her community through the Hāna Advisory Commission. So, that's why I'm doing this, but if you guys have any discussion, please feel free.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Wait, Chair. So, you're...you're moving to disapprove Ms. Pahukoa at this time?

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Right now, the motion on the floor is to disapprove.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Oh, okay. And then it looks like you have some support for that, Chair?

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: We had a motion made by Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Was it...was it openly discussed about her...

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Oh, we're discussing it now, just right now.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: -- about her disapproval?

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Please feel free.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: And of course, I will call for a roll call vote, and we can go back and forth as necessary.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Oh, okay. Because I was just...I mean, we just had a Q&A section [sic], so...I mean, if you...if you're voting to disapprove, I would have wanted her to answer some of your...your questions, Members.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: To be honest, Member Sinenci, there are a few things I would choose not to say on the floor.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Oh.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: But...

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Oh, okay. It just seems that decisions are made --

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Oh, no, we literally --

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: -- kind of behind the scenes.

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CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: -- haven’t voted yet, and we’re just...I...that was my suggestion, that’s all. And I...Member Sugimura --

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. Yeah, I would like to...

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: -- made a motion, but you’re totally welcome to discuss right now.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: No, I would like to hear people’s concerns with this applicant, Chair.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Sure, I can...I can begin, and then I can share with Chair Lee. I personally had a run-in with Ms. Pahukoa and her sister when I was out in Ke‘anae with my family. She approached me and my entire family, and basically questioned and grilled me while I was there, and it didn’t make me feel welcome. I was at a friend’s house spending the day at the beach, and it was a pretty rough interaction. And what I’m concerned of is that temperament will be continued. And we were literally just at our friend’s house having a day at the beach, and it was a pretty rough interaction. I also Google majority of the people here that apply, for the most part, beyond what we see. She has quite an extensive history on eCourt Kōkua, which--no judgment there because I have lots of family members with an extensive sheet--some of them were a little bit concerning for me. No judgment to her as a person. I think she would be great in the board I was discussing earlier, but just personally for me, this is not my favorite seat for her at this moment, and that’s all. But you’re welcome to share why you would want to support her, and I’m happy to hear it.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair, for that. And I can defer to my other Members for their concerns. Thank you.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Sure, sure. Member Cook?

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Thank you, Chair. I concur that I think she would be very...obviously, very engaged and supportive and advocating in the Hāna community. I think she has the potential because she’s young. My concern is the Maui Planning Commission, as I questioned, is basically the...the main legal body to review any and all projects. They have to cross-reference. They are...right now are reviewing the South Maui Community Plan. They previously, the West Maui Community Plan. In the future, they’re going to do the Upcountry Community Plan. They did the Island Plan. It is a very...I think it is the most intensive board and commission, that particular one. The challenge to have a quorum is to get enough people on it. Now the fact that it’s been, you know, separated by district, it’s making it a little more challenging to get people. I feel that it’s...the inexperience is my reason for not being supportive, and that’s it. I no...I have no other perspective for judgment or anything. It’s just that the...someone who has planning experience, someone who has, you know, development experience, both good and bad, and it’s just the magnitude of this task...commission is why I’m not supportive of this particular candidate. It isn’t personal. I don’t know her. Thank you.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you, Member Cook. Chair Lee, did you have your hand up?

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yes, I did. I just wanted to say that I, too, agree with you and Member Cook. I think that Ms. Pahukoa does have a lot of passion for the community. I think she...she has a tremendous knowledge of her community. But when you're on the Planning Commission, you have to have a broader view. And to me, just my opinion, she doesn't have that broader view at this time. And see, the...the focus on Hāna Highway and, you know, the waterfalls, and all the other attractions along the way, you know, are important to the community. But when you're dealing with the Planning Commission, you have way more of an agenda, and many, many, many more details to work with. And it would be very helpful if, for instance, she had a background in construction, or planning, or housing, or any of those types of experiences. So, this is the reason for...for my opinion. And I'll be voting against her. But I would certainly vote for her if it was just for something for Hāna or East Maui. Thank you.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Chair Lee. Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, thank you. As I mentioned during discussion...and that meeting that I had, I was pretty surprised at the anger that was displayed. And it was so effective. It even got on *Hawai'i News Now* or whatever the...you know, the news was about that discussion for the meeting. And I think there's always ways to deal with adversary kinds of situations, but not at that level. And maybe your family experienced some of it. Not that level when you deal with community, and if you're looking for solutions. And the application that was submitted to, I guess, the Mayor's Office, does say East Maui Hāna Advisory, right? So, it kind of mirrors what you're...what you're talking about in terms of what she had selected. So, thank you, Chair.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you. Member Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair. I'm not going to be...I'm going to be supporting the motion to put it on Exhibit C because all the experiences I know I've had as they've come before us and testified, for me, I always want to be able to ensure that people have a global attitude about how they look at things and not just be so tunnel-visioned in what they're looking at. And so, when I think about what's happened in the past, and all what we know, and what we've shared, and what we've seen on the media, that I'm looking for someone that can actually work with the other eight people in this group. And I want someone that can talk, and be reasonable, and be able to work out solutions, and to be able to figure out how they can work together to do what needs to be done on behalf of our County. So, thank you, Chair.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Member Kama. Member Johnson?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. I appreciate the discussion, and I won't be supporting the motion. I would like to have Ms. Pahukoa on the Planning Commission. I would support her on that. I did...let's face the facts. It's the most powerful commission we have, right? So, I think if you look at her many, many times coming before us, she can do that kind of work. She's been doing that kind of work for...ever since I've been a Councilmember. She's been coming testifying, educated, knows the

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issues, might not agree with what we're doing, but that's...that's how it goes, right? I think the...a big, strong commission like that, a powerful commission like that, needs a variety of voices. It cannot just be planners because you need to have a broad base, and they're going to deal with contentious issues. Not everybody's going to agree. Her voice is a cultural voice, a very important cultural voice, an environmental voice, very important to have that on the commission. And I think it should be a broad base. Yes, she might not have Planning experience, I totally understand that, but she did say she had ahupua'a experience. Hello, that's....that's what has been sustaining these islands for way better than our plannings...plannings have, and I'll just leave it at that. I think that if we were to bring in someone with years of experience in Planning from the mainland, we would have the discussion of, but they don't know this place. Even though they have the...as you...the...the paper and the Planning degree, they don't know this place. Didn't we just pass somebody down who had years of experience in development, but he didn't know this place? You cannot say that about Ms. Pahukoa. So, that's my point, and that's why I won't be supporting the motion. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Member Johnson. I can appreciate your thoughts. Any other...Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. My concern here...I acknowledge I've...I've heard both sides of the issue regarding the individual nominee. My concern is not approving this candidate. There's two vacancies that are going to occur at the end of next month. There's two vacancies with a green asterisk. And if I go to the green asterisk on page 22, it says, Charter Section 13-2 provides no mechanism to fill the vacancy, so the seats will remain vacant until the term expires because the INB and Mayor missed their deadlines. And those are for terms expiring in 2027 and 2028. And so, not approving this candidate, with all of her experience and, you know, possibly personal flaws, leaves us at the bare minimum of quorum at the end of next month...five out of nine seats filled. One person getting sick, one person having a sick child means that the meeting is canceled. And as other Members have said, this is one of our most important commissions. They're currently dealing with the South Maui Community Plan Advisory Committee. They're possibly not have...facing such a big load for Lahaina with the Mayor-Governor emergency proclamation and bills going through the State Legislature. But that remains to be seen because my understanding is that's...only applies if people want to rebuild like-for-like. And I'm not sure that everybody in the Special Management Area wants to rebuild like-for-like. So, I have a very big concern, and it's...I don't...I don't want to point fingers or blame, but it's the situation that we're being put in because INB and Mayor missed their deadlines on two. They didn't submit a nominee on one. And so, I have...I have very big concerns. And...and I do have some concerns on putting her on the board, but at this point, to me, I would vote no.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Member Paltin. Do we have anybody else wanting to discuss before I ask for a roll call? Member Sinenci, please do.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. And again, thank you for the Members for kind of explaining to me your guys' viewpoints because I had no idea there wasn't...it didn't come up in your line of questioning of Ms. Pahukoa, right? And if I may, you

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know, Ms. Pahukoa, when...when you guys spoke about the Hāna Highways, we...we continue to have illegal PUC tour vans that are coming in. At the time that the community was up in arms, we had a...had a young boy that had an emergency and he couldn't get through. The mom made it on the news because he couldn't get through because of illegal parking blocking the...the approaches of...of some of the bridges. And that's why you're seeing more signs...as Ms. Pahukoa said, an overkill of signs because these were some of the things that we were experiencing at this time. And so, not so much Kamalani, but I know her sister was the one that created the Hāna High [sic] Regulations. And as you all know, Senator--what's her name, from Molokai--she's...she has a bill currently in the...in the Senate to try and toll some of these...the roads in Hāna. So, those are some of the things that are coming up. But out of that time where we saw a lot of these emergencies on the road, we've been able to create a reservation systems, Chair, at Wai'ānapanapa. So, there was a lot of things that came out of that, you know, and we're still working on that. And the Hāna community, we...we understand that the next five years to rebuild Lahaina is going to be crazy busy with everybody working out there. We're okay in East Maui to have...to host our guests, as Ms. Pahukoa said. But tourism is still a big part of our economy. We're okay with hosting them during the day while we rebuild Lahaina. But we need to have some of these highway regulations put in place prior to us hosting 16 cars on...on single-lane bridges, one-lane roads. You know, we need...for our community, we need that if we're going to help and host our visitors. I also heard from the Members about global perspectives. Hāna is our global perspective. That's all we know. That's what we grew up on. That's...for us, that's the globe. So, why wouldn't the rest of the globe want to hear our perspective? We have a seat at this table. We put in that everybody from each gets to...gets to pick one representative from each district. The Mayor didn't see any problems with whatever past, you know, she had. He's an...he's an ex-judge. He was willing to...to place her on this list. So, there are no qualms from the Administration about putting Ms. Pahukoa on. I'm concerned about the...the...like...like the other Members have said, this is an important...a very important commission. And, you know, for bring up personal vendettas, or if you had a bad, you know, experience, you know, we're sorry that you had that kind of...but putting personal things aside, this is going to be an important...in the next few years for us to move on this. Ms. Pahukoa represents the cultural seat. So, if you think that she had...you know, as cultural practitioners, oftentimes marginalized, you have to speak truth to power, and sometimes you have to put yourself out there just to get your agenda through in this current situation. So, if she did have any of those things in the past, it's because she is a true cultural practitioner. And as Member Paltin said, moving forward, I don't know who your cultural practitioner for this board is going to be. Are we just going to be approving some of these projects that are...be coming up real soon without a cultural practitioner voice on this? So, she is a...and oftentimes, a cultural practitioner is, you know, a champion for the environment to make sure. So, when you talk about balance, we want to make sure that the environment is...can sustain us, Chair. Even as we try to, you know, pave and rebuild this island, we also need to, you know, leave...leave those open spaces for our next generation, Chair. I won't be supporting this motion. Thank you.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Member Sinenci. I really do appreciate you having her back and telling us how you feel.

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COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: I do. Thank you so much. I do want to make clear that I'm not using my personal experience with her or her sister as reason specifically, but that it, in my opinion, extrapolates out on how she might deal with conflict and how we make decisions, and how we agree to disagree with respect so we can find decision-making. And that's where I kind of use that one experience and how, for me, that made, you know, my decision and how I got here. But again, I don't think...like, there's nothing against her as a human and as a...as a person from Hāna because I...I completely understand your point. I know that we all have a right to be frustrated sometimes. And I know for a fact, Hāna, you guys got bombarded with a lot of...I mean, my husband was a fireman out there for a very long time. I'm well aware of a lot of the incidents that occurred that are preventable, but wasn't. I can appreciate everything she did for her community, which is why I think she would be a great candidate for the advisory board. Just maybe not here, and that's just how I feel, but I do appreciate how you feel. Thank you, Member Sinenci. Does anybody else have anything they would like to add? Member Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. Sorry, I had a meeting scheduled at 12:00, so I'm trying to juggle both things. Mahalo for elaborating on your rationale, Chair. If your personal interactions, you know, informed your decision in protecting a space for civil engagement, then, you know, I can recognize that. And I've made decisions based on, you know, personal interactions that I've had, or what I've witnessed, to do the same thing in protecting space for civil engagement. This...this seat is for a cultural practitioner to ensure that that voice representing that worldview is included in discussion and decision-making. I...I hear the concern about Ms. Pahukoa being from East Maui and knowing East Maui really well. I am from Molokai. I know Molokai really well, yet my colleagues who are not from Molokai don't...and don't know Molokai very well, or come here very often make decisions that affect Molokai. So, I just...you know, there's...there's a little bit of hypocrisy in that, I guess. Planning commissions weren't created to just rubber stamp development projects. The purpose of planning commissions was to ensure communities weren't railroaded by moneyed interest, that there would be a venue for public discussion before projects could be approved that could have a detrimental effect on our environment, on our culture, on our communities, irreparable harm that's been caused. And, you know, it's not hard to see, when you look at South Maui, the damage that's...that's...the ocean turning red with all the runoff because the wetlands were built over. Planning folks...you know, the Maui Planning Commission has constantly been dominated by a build over everything mentality without, you know, any understanding of ecology, with zero 'ike Hawai'i, and we're now paying the price. Like literally, like having to pay for repairs of all this mud floods, having to scrape the mud off the road. Like the ocean is like...you know, I...I...I understand that Ms. Pahukoa's ideology may not align with folks with a more capitalistic viewpoint, you know, and we made that...we made this seat for that...for that purpose so that that voice would be included, and it's just one of nine. You know, the whole like broader view, tunnel vision, I just...I guess it's...it's...it's hypocritical when someone who comes, you know, before us for approval, who just

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recently moved here with less experience in Planning, but whose ideology is aligned, gets approved. And, you know, our community watching this, you know, it's like then, you know, feel like what's the point of like even trying to come before this Council if 'ike Hawai'i is not recognized as valuable and important to discussions. So, I...I will be voting against the motion. Chair, I understand your specific rationale, but as far as the lack of experience or the lack of understanding the greater Maui, I think it's not a strong argument. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Member Rawlins-Fernandez. Members, I think everyone had their moment to discuss. It is near around lunch. I know Member Cook has a lunch engagement that he has to go to. So, if anybody has any pressing discussion before I call roll call? Okay. Seeing none. Staff, roll call, please.

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

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: No.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Coun...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: To clarify, the motion on the floor, and you're welcome to vote however you feel like voting --

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: No, I think I...I...

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: -- is to place the name on Exhibit C for disapproval.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Yeah.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: But you are totally welcome to vote however you feel like voting.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: I meant yes, because I...I respect her, but I don't think it's appropriate for this position.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you. Please continue.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Chair, just to start over. Councilmember Cook.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Yes.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Councilmember Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: No.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Councilmember Kama.

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MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Main motion as amended, Chair.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: -- main motion, and please do a roll call again.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Councilmember Cook.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Yes.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Councilmember Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Can you repeat the motion?

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: The motion is to move...to place Mary Ann Pahukoa on Exhibit C.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Just one. Okay. No.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Councilmember Kama.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yes.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Council Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Aye.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Councilmember Rawlins-Fernandez.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Call her one more time, please.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Councilmember Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: E kala mai. No. The other meeting, sorry.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Councilmember Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: No.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Councilmember Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yes.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Committee Vice-Chair Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: No.

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

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and I just love this community. And...and I would like to thank everyone for the consideration...for my consideration for the vacancy on Maui Redevelopment Agency. My background is in engineering, and I have done projects-related work, project management specifically, that typically starts with evaluating a proposed project itself, whether or not it's really needed. Number two, if it is determined to be needed, to decide...to establish the requirements for the project, and then to prepare requests for proposals for those projects. Again, defining the requirements, determining...evaluating the bids, and in deciding the right bidder to pick...to do the project. And then the follow-up, making sure that the requirements are implemented, and the project turns out to be successful under the budget and within schedule. So, that's basically how I can contribute to the activities of the MRA, and that basically does it. Any questions, please?

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you very much. Members, any questions for Mr. Kumar? Member Cook?

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Thank you for your willingness to serve. Where was your previous residence?

MR. KUMAR: At California, the Bay Area, Santa Cruz, California, where I lived forever. It was difficult to leave, but, you know, never regretted my decision. I just love it here.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Okay. Thank you.

MR. KUMAR: Okay. Yes.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Member Paltin?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Aloha, Mr. Kumar. Mahalo for your willingness to serve. I was wondering, one of the requirements is to put up like a \$15,000 bond. Did they go over that with you, and is it something that you're willing to do?

MR. KUMAR: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. And then I was wondering how familiar you were with Wailuku, the redevelopment area boundaries, and, you know, kind of the history of the town.

MR. KUMAR: It's about 68 acres, as I understand it. It's a square bounded by, obviously, four different streets. I can't name them right now, but I'm somewhat familiar. I live in Lahaina, by the way. I don't know if I mentioned that. I was very close to the fire, the wild...wildfire, even though I personally was not...not affected. I just barely...I live in Kā'anapali Beach, so I escaped the fire, but it's just tragic. And I would also like to be involved eventually in contributing to the rebuilding of Lahaina. That's downstream.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: And I was wondering, in terms of culture and history of Wailuku Town, how familiar are you?

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MR. KUMAR: Yeah. I have to...I have to say I'm not very familiar. In fact, that's something I was going to mention. I just forgot. You know, I have to learn about the context...about the culture in the context of building.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: And...

MR. KUMAR: So, that's really what I meant when I said whether or not something is needed, a project, you need to evaluate it in terms of what the culture is.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: And who, being...having moved here eight years, who do you go to in our communities for that cultural aspect as a cultural practitioner, or to learn more about, you know, the history of our...our towns and stuff?

MR. KUMAR: I suppose you guys.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Oh, okay. All right. Thank you so much.

MR. KUMAR: Okay.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Member Paltin. Any other questions? One second. I know that Member Paltin asked you if you're familiar with Wailuku, but do you find yourself on this side very often?

MR. KUMAR: Yes, I do. In fact, I went to that show at the Īao Theater not too long ago.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Okay.

MR. KUMAR: Orient Express.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Okay. Do you see any issues with your attendance that we should be aware of?

MR. KUMAR: No, I'm...I'm retired, and I have a lot of time in my hands. The only thing I do besides just living here and...and just being a bum is to travel. I do travel quite a bit. But...but I think I can definitely, you know, manage my schedule. It's...my understanding is that like typically, there's a meeting every...every two months; am I correct? And that's easily manageable for me. I have no problem with that.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Okay. Have you watched these meetings? Are you aware --

MR. KUMAR: No, I...

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: -- of what they talk about?

MR. KUMAR: No, I haven't.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Okay.

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MR. KUMAR: I did go back and look at one video, but that's the extent of it. The last one.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Okay. Are you familiar with some of the architecture and vernacular of the buildings in Wailuku?

MR. KUMAR: No, I'm not quite there yet.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Okay. Are you willing to learn?

MR. KUMAR: Yeah, absolutely. Yeah. That's...you know, that's...that's what I do. I...I have nothing else to do.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: I wish we were all so lucky. . . .*(laughing)*. . . Members . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

MR. KUMAR: I do...I do spend a lot of time in the morning walking.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Oh, good for you.

MR. KUMAR: I walk the beach and along there eight miles a day --

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Wow.

MR. KUMAR: -- so.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you very much. Member Sugimura, followed by Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you very much. So, I'm glad you are familiar with the 'Īao Theatre. And the...that you did know that the MRA has jurisdiction over 68 acres in Wailuku Town.

MR. KUMAR: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: There is a document that the Maui Redevelopment Agency put together in the days that I was familiar working with all my projects in Wailuku Town and growing up there. But I...I hope that you get familiar with the MRA redevelopment area plan because it'll give you --

MR. KUMAR: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: -- a history.

MR. KUMAR: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Have you seen that?

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MR. KUMAR: I...I...I noticed the document. It's there. And I opened it and read the executive summary. And there was...that I didn't read the whole thing. I believe it was a 36-page document. I'm not sure exactly how many pages. But no, I didn't read the whole thing. But I am aware that there is such a document.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: And the value of the MRA is to try to...its mission is to try to invigorate the town --

MR. KUMAR: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: -- with...with its historical nature. And I think you...well, you put yourself right in the middle of the town and...and its center of attraction. So, did you notice the parking structure? Did you park there?

MR. KUMAR: Yes. Yes, I did. And, you know, generally speaking, that area is so quaint. You know, little shops and restaurants, and it's a beautiful little area there. It reminds me of old Santa Cruz, if anybody's familiar with that area in California.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: And it looked like old Lahaina Town, too . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

MR. KUMAR: Yeah. Oh, that's right.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: But thank you.

MR. KUMAR: Okay.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Any more questions? Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yes. Can you tell us what made you volunteer for this particular agency?

MR. KUMAR: Well, I..

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: The MRA?

MR. KUMAR: Yeah, in my...I thought that I could really apply my background to this...to this committee...to this commission. It's a redevelopment. It's building. It's, you know...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. So, your...your specific experience that you're going to be contributing to this volunteer committee is what, exactly?

MR. KUMAR: Project management, project evaluation, evaluation of bidders, implementing requirements on the bidders, making sure everything is done correctly. Does that...does that help?

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Well, I really don't think they're that involved with implementation, but seems like you have good intentions, but maybe you might be better suited for something else. But thank you. Thank you anyway. Thank you.

MR. KUMAR: Okay.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Chair Lee. Member Paltin?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I'm just going to ask this, and the lawyers can tell me if it's okay or not. I have one space open for an alternate on the Urban Design Review. Regardless if you get in on this, would you mind if I nominate you for an alternate slot on the Urban Design Review Board?

MR. KUMAR: No, that...that'll be great. Sure.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. I'm going to do that.

MR. KUMAR: Okay. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: . . .*(laughing)*. . . Okay.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: I was just looking at the same thing when I was looking at his application. Does anybody else have any other questions? I do have another quick one, but anybody else have any others? Just us. Your brief summary of your skills, qualifications, expertise, or knowledge, and you have engineering and design. And I'm wondering if you can please elaborate on what kind of design.

MR. KUMAR: Okay. Well, I'm a nuclear engineer, so my involvement included designing nuclear reactors, basically. And...and designing the reactors, for instance, on companies like General Electric. And I was involved intimately with a company in Portland, Oregon--I'm sorry, Corvallis, it's close to Portland--that dealt with designing new generation of nuclear reactors. And then helping with the licensing of those reactors, which included dealing with the nuclear watchdog in Washington, Nuclear Regulatory Commission. So, I interfaced with them quite a bit on behalf of the company that designed these reactors.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you. I got to be honest, I was not expecting that kind of design. That is way more above my head than I was expecting, and thank you so much for sharing.

MR. KUMAR: Okay.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Members, any other questions for Mr. Kumar? Okay. Seeing none. At this time, I would like to entertain a motion to recommend the adoption of Resolution 25-38, including any nonsubstantive revisions.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So moved.

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COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Second.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: I have a motion made by Member Sugimura, second by Member Kama. Unless there's any further discussion, I'd like to entertain a motion to recommend the following names be placed on Exhibit B for approval. Mr. Paul Kumar. Any discussion?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So moved.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Second.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: I have a motion made by Member Sugimura, second by Member Kama. Any further discussion? Let me check online. Seeing none. Do we need a roll call? Can we voice vote?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Oh, I just have a discussion.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Sure.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I think my preference would be to have someone more aware of Wailuku's history, but being that we have an actual nuclear engineer, I think that I'm going to go out on a limb and trust that he can get caught up to speed by reading the documents. And there's definitely, you know, that engineering aspect, but then there's the human aspect, and that he...you know, like I don't...I've never been to Santa Cruz--maybe I did, I don't know. There were some years there, but that he can appreciate the quaintness of the town. I'm hoping that like, you know, he has that balance within him of the engineering aspect, but also the people and the feeling aspect, and like, you know, the nostalgia of the history that is Wailuku, which is, you know, kind of like the seat of government. So, I mean, I would prefer someone like deeply rooted in Wailuku, but I guess we didn't get that. So...and there's also one green asterisk on this board, so I'm not sure how...with four members, if there's controversial stuff, how they're going to make decisions, but I'm willing to give it a shot. And thank you so much for --

MR. KUMAR: Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: -- volunteering to be my alternate for the Urban Design Review Board. Thank you.

MR. KUMAR: Thank you.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you. I do know that they don't always have applications for stuff in Wailuku, and so they meet as necessary, and he will have lots of time to catch up, I'm hoping. Chair Lee, did you have anything to discuss?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah. Since Wailuku is my district, it's quaint, all right, but we have all kinds of problems. We have a serious homeless problem, and you'd have to be here

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a lot to understand and fully appreciate what needs to be done. And I...I think that he might be better suited on a different board. I mean, since we don't have a nuclear reactor board, maybe the...you know, that alternate position that Member Paltin brought up might be better for him. So, I'll be voting no. Thank you.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Chair. Members, any other discussion? Seeing none. Roll call, please.

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

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Excused.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Councilmember Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Aye.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Councilmember Kama.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yes.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Council Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Councilmember Rawlins-Fernandez.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Excused.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Councilmember Sinenci.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Excused.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Councilmember Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yes.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Committee Vice-Chair Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Yes.

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

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Yes.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Chair, that's five "ayes," one "no," three excused, Members Cook, Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci. Motion carries.

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VOTE: AYES: Chair U‘u-Hodgins, Vice-Chair Paltin, and Councilmembers Johnson, Kama, and Sugimura.

NOES: Councilmember Lee.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: Councilmembers Cook, Rawlins-Fernandez, and Sinenci.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: APPROVE amendment.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you, Members. And --

MR. KUMAR: Thank you. Thank you very much.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: -- almost pau, but thank you. Main motion as amended. Can you please do another roll call? Thank you, Kasie.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Councilmember Cook.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Excused.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Councilmember Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Aye.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Councilmember Kama.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yes.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Council Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Councilmember Rawlins-Fernandez.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Excused.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Councilmember Sinenci.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Excused.

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MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Councilmember Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yes.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Committee Vice-Chair Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Yes.

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

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Yes.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Chair, that's five "ayes," one "no," three excused. Motion carries.

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

NOES: Councilmember Lee.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: Councilmembers Cook, Rawlins-Fernandez, and Sinenci.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: Recommending ADOPTION of Resolution 25-38, CD1.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Members. Are you guys okay with an hour lunch? Okay. Great. We've got a few more to go, and then the ones that we haven't had the opportunity to interview, we'll finish them up at the end. So, Members, I will see you back here at 1:46. We're now in recess. Thank you. . . .(gavel). . .

RECESS: 12:46 p.m.

RECONVENE: 1:56 p.m.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: . . .(gavel). . . Good afternoon. It is 1:56, and will the GREAT Committee please reconvene. Members, we left off on the Real Property Tax Review Board. Unfortunately, Ms. Germansky is not with us right now, so we're going to save that one for later and add it on to the few that we're going to do at the end of the meeting.

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SALARY COMMISSION

Resolution 25-41

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: And we are going to move on to Mr. Lester Yano, which I believe is online with us today for the Salary Commission. So, Mr. Yano, if you would like to turn on your camera, unmute yourself, and please introduce yourself, and the Members will have their opportunity to ask you questions.

MR. YANO: Does that work? Can you hear me?

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: It works. We can see you and hear you.

MR. YANO: Okay. Great. I'm old, so some of this stuff is a little challenging. My name is Lester Yano. I'm born and raised on Maui. Went to Kahului Elementary, graduated from Baldwin High School, then went to work on the mainland. And as many of us do, we work there. And I was an aerospace engineer for 13 years. Then I went back to school, law school, and became a lawyer. And ended up, the last thing I did was I was a music lawyer. And then my dad passed away, and one of us had to come back to take care of my mom. So, ten years ago, we moved...I moved back with my wife to take care of my mom, who's now going to be 98 in a couple months. And so, we're back. Since I've been back, I volunteered to be head of our local homeowners' association. And after the fires, I've been helping the Lahaina Jodo with their rebuilding efforts.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you very much for that introduction. Members, any questions?
Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Do you have a particular position on how much government workers, Councilmembers, should be paid?

MR. YANO: No. And to give you some background, I've been working since I was young. My dad, besides being a high school teacher, had a little business. So, I started delivering papers. And then when my dad had his business, of course, we were expected to help and provide labor. So, I've been working all my life. Basically, I feel that there are a lot of issues that you need to look at when deciding on a salary. And as a lawyer, it would...the answer would be, it depends.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. As...as long as you look at all the facts, you know. That's...that's the most important thing. Because people...some people think that because we're public servants, we're volunteers. But we oversee a budget that's over a billion dollars, and maybe closer to \$2 billion soon. And...and so, it's...it's important for everybody to...those on the commission, to review all the facts and comparisons with other councils in other jurisdictions. We're the only ones that oversee three different islands. So, you know, it's good to have the facts before you make any important decisions. Thank you very much.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Chair Lee. Members? Member Paltin.

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VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Mr. Yano, for your willingness to serve and providing your extensive curriculum vitae. I was wondering just if you had any idea how many vacancies we have in the County?

MR. YANO: I'm sure I don't understand the question.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: So, we have different departments that do different things, like Department of Water, Department of Public Works, Department of Housing, Human Concerns, and so on and so forth. Do you have an idea of how many vacancies there are in the County?

MR. YANO: Absolutely not.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. And then do you have any experience in government, participating or watching? Like not --

MR. YANO: No.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: -- the homeowner, but County or State or Federal?

MR. YANO: No. My only experience with County was unfortunately some years ago when I was head of the homeowners' association, we had a pretty tough issue that came before the Planning Commission and the County Council. And as president, I was very involved with meeting with all the Councilmembers at that time. And the only Councilmember still there is Councilmember Yuki Lei. But otherwise, at that time, I met quite extensively with all of the Councilmembers.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: And then was this your first choice of board and commission?

MR. YANO: Actually, it was not. My first choice would have been the Ethics Board.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. I don't have any questions. I don't think they're allowing questions of us. So, that concludes my opportunity. Thank you.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Members. Does anybody else have any other questions? I appreciate your resume. Quite an overachiever. I can appreciate that. I think to Chair Lee's point, for us at least, this is considered a part-time job. And I think while committees are part-time, I don't think we're necessarily part-time. But she's right, you do need to look at all the facts. And I hope if you do get seated on this commission, we can review all the facts.

MR. YANO: Absolutely.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Okay. Can you...I see Member Rawlins-Fernandez on the big screen, but not on my computer. But Member Rawlins-Fernandez, please ask your question.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Maybe when I speak.

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CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Is my video on your computer now?

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: No, but...oh, yes, now it is. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: We can see you.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Please ask your question.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. And shoot, I am at the Molokai District Office, alone on my side of the office. Okay. Aloha, Mr. Yano. Mahalo for your willingness to serve and provide some of your insights and perspectives to discussions on the Salary Commission. Okay. So, I've heard facts twice now. And facts these days have become so subjective. I...my question that I usually ask the nominees are if you foresee any concerns about attending--I think it's once a month. Do you...have you seen or read, reviewed the minutes of the Salary Commission? And how do you envision contributing to the commission? I know this wasn't your first pick, but for...for the one that you were nominated for.

MR. YANO: Right. You know, quite honestly, since the fires, you know, we...because the Lahaina Jodo was my family's church, I've been spending a lot of time with them wading through all of the efforts to get funding from FEMA to...so that they can start rebuilding. So, that would be my primary focus. But other than that, I've been retired for 12 years. And I do not see any problem with trying to fit in or arranging my schedule to meet with the commission. I have not participated or reviewed any of the commission meetings because, quite honestly, this was not my first choice. And...but what I can bring to the table is that I feel I have a lot of experience. I feel that I have shown that I've been able to achieve a lot of different things in a lot of different fields, which means that I have demonstrated the ability to take in a lot of different information, process it, and help come up with solutions. And so, that's why, you know, if you look at what I did, I think it's unusual to see an Asian guy as a head of legal in a country music division of the largest music company in the world. But my boss felt I did a good job, and that's why he brought me in.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, we just had a Grammy winner, a pōpolo woman who just won, Beyoncé, Album of the Year, Country. So, I'm...I'm glad to see the diversity throughout. Okay. So, my specific questions for this is when...so this...this commission looks at elected and appointed officials only, the salaries for elected and appointed officials. I...I heard some of the comments of my colleagues. . . .(timer sounds). . . I also just heard the bell. So, I will yield, and I can finish on my round two.

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CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Members, does anybody else have any other questions? If not, I'll let Member Rawlins-Fernandez continue. Please continue.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. Okay. Where was I? Okay. So, regarding the vacancies, there's been a struggle attracting qualified individuals to fill a lot of civil service positions, but also appointed positions. Government often struggles to compete with...with the private sector because, you know, it's easy for private businesses to adjust salaries to make it more attractive to work there instead of government. In this...in determining salaries for appointed and elected officials, what I've...I've seen in discussions on the Salary Commission is the...the lack of understanding that these positions are...are funded, or the salaries are set for the position itself, and it's not based on the performance of the individual currently occupying that position. And it...so, in that way, it's different from the private and public sector. Is that...coming into the Salary Commission, is that something that you generally agree with, or what's your feedback on that?

MR. YANO: Again, my answer is, it depends. I can see that there would be a lot of different factors to look at besides just here's a salary, here's a position, and here's the individual. And I understand, you know, growing up here how difficult it is to make ends meet, which is why so many people like myself end up working on the mainland for so many years. And except for my dad passing away, I have to take care of my mom, it was very likely that we would still be on the mainland. But, you know, family...we have family needs. And we definitely see the difference when we've come back.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And mahalo for, you know, volunteering your time to serve in this capacity because it's unpaid. I guess the question...

MR. YANO: What?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Huh? Oh, it's not paid.

MR. YANO: Unpaid?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No one told you? . . . *(laughing)* . . . You can't withdraw now, I'm sorry. I guess, you know, for those...I watched the saga of the Salary Commission...well, the salaries of the Honolulu Council, and so many who are...have grievances toward their councilmembers, I guess, you know, it's...they aren't able to separate the private and public sector. And by keeping salaries low, especially with the cost of degrees--I also got a law degree, but this was in 2012 to 2015, and it...it's a lot of money--and so, paying back student loans is no joke. And so, if we want to have highly-qualified individuals be...you know, with degrees and experience, choose public sector versus private sector, then one way to do that is to have a comparable salary, I guess.

MR. YANO: Um-hum.

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COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I guess there was no question there, sorry. But if you would like to provide any response to that comment, I invite you.

MR. YANO: All I can say is, again, I recognize how tough it is just for so many different factors. And as I said, you know, without having had the opportunity to look at all the other factors that the commission looks at, you know, it's something that I feel that I can look at, analyze, and come up with my own opinion.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Sounds good. Mahalo, Mr. Yano. Mahalo, Chair.

MR. YANO: Thank you.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Of course. Thank you for that question and statements. Member Cook.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Thank you, sir, for your willingness to serve. Your resume really is quite the journey, and versatility --

MR. YANO: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: -- as...and also the types of work, the caliber and the level of...of work. The fact that you...your first preference was Ethics appeals to me. I think that that's pretty cool that your...Ethics was your first choice, and...and this is...you're willing to serve in this role. So, thank you for your willingness to serve. Thank you.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Member Cook. Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Mr. Yano. Hi again. I just was wondering, so you're familiar with the Hara family, but you grew up in Wailuku, and you went to Jodo Mission, or is it that you're Jodo Mission in Wailuku and you're helping out the Lahaina Jodo Mission?

MR. YANO: No, my mother's family is from Lahaina. I actually lived for a while in...on the Lahainaluna campus because my dad was in charge of the borders at Lahainaluna before going to Maui High. And so, my family's church is the Lahaina Jodo. And so, that's why I know the church, I know the family, you know, because my...my grandparents are interred there, my father...you know, we have a long history with Lahaina Jodo.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: And you're working to have it come back?

MR. YANO: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. Working with the Hara family?

MR. YANO: Yes.

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VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. Thank you. Thank you for doing that.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Member Paltin. Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Mr. Yano, the experience that you had previously with another council, do you think that's going to color your judgment when it comes to deciding on salaries?

MR. YANO: No. The previous council was wonderful. They ended up supporting us unanimously when...in our issue.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay.

MR. YANO: So, very thankful.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Very good. Yeah. And we're closely related to them. Thank you.

MR. YANO: . . .*(laughing)* . . .

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Chair Lee. Members, any other questions? Thank you, Mr. Yano. We appreciate your willingness to serve. Members --

MR. YANO: Thank you.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: -- the other--thank you--nominee, Ms. Wells, has requested to withdraw. Unfortunately, no notice has come down from the Mayor's Office to officially recognize her withdrawal. So, we will...no, I'm going to do it now. But I just want to make it known that it's...she doesn't want to serve in this capacity right now. So, we don't need to interview her at this time. So, at this time, I would like to entertain a motion to recommend the adoption of Resolution 25-41, including any nonsubstantive revisions.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: So moved.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Second.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you. I have a motion made by Vice Committee Chair Paltin, second by Member Sugimura. Any further discussion? If not, I would like to entertain a motion to recommend the following names be placed on Exhibit B...name to be placed on Exhibit B for approval, Mr. Yano, and the following name be placed on Exhibit C for disapproval...approval, sorry, Ms. Heather Ann Wells.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: So moved.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Second.

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CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you. I have a motion made by Councilmember Paltin, second by Councilmember Sugimura. Any further discussion? Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: The nominee that we interviewed really got me with his Lahainaluna and Lahaina Jodo Mission. So, I’d like to support this candidate.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you, Member Paltin. Anybody else...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Not in a biased way. Oh, I’m not muted. I was just saying, but not in a biased way at all.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Just with an appreciation for his love for Jodo Mission. I hear you. Thank you for clarifying. That’s important though, for sure. Members, any other discussion? If not, all those in favor, please say...raise your hand and say “aye.”

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: That’s seven “ayes,” zero “noes,” two excused, Members Johnson and Kama. Motion carries.

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

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: Councilmembers Johnson and Kama.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: APPROVE amendment.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you very much, Members. And the motion as amended, please raise your hand and say “aye.”

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Chair, that’s seven “ayes,” zero “noes,” two excused, Members Johnson and Kama. Motion carries.

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

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: Councilmembers Johnson and Kama.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: Recommending ADOPTION of Resolution 25-41, CD1.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you very much, members. Thank you, Mr. Yano. And Members, let’s move on to the Urban Design Review Board. Do we have Ms. Dindinger with us online? Okay. And I don’t know who she is. Okay. Well, considering we don’t have her online, we are going to put this one on the back and start from the top.

ANIMAL CONTROL BOARD

Resolution 25-24

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Members, if you don’t mind, going back to Animal Control Board. Okay. Members, as a reminder, we interviewed Mr. Gurat...Gurat, and did not have an opportunity to interview Mr. Larsen. I will add that Mr. Larsen has served four years on the...as the chair for this board, so I assume he’s well aware of what they do. And if anybody has any further discussion on a person, unless anybody else knows him, we don’t have anybody from Admin who has been able to reach him, and we haven’t been able to reach him either. Yes? Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Oh, I just was wanting to check if they...if it’s not a case like Ms. Wells, where he actually was contacted at some point. We don’t even know that, that he...he was contacted and like a live person was talked to, and that...because this application is from 2023. And I just...we’ve had instances in the past with this situation that they didn’t know. So, if we can’t reach them, and the Administration can’t reach them, I just want to know that maybe he’s still alive, or those things, he’s still willing from 2023, two years ago, you know.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Yeah. Fair questions.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Those are concerns because we’ve been burned in the past.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Yeah. Kasie?

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MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Chair, yes, Staff has made contact with him, and initially, he did say that he was going to attend this meeting. Our understanding is that there was a miscommunication on another end where he was told that the appointment was already made. So, he didn't make himself available today anymore because he thought he was already approved.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Oh, okay. okay. Shucks, too, I wanted to know what they're working on on that board.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Me too.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. I got no problems with the gentleman.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Members, any other discussion before I make a recommendation? Okay. Seeing none. At this time, I would like to entertain a motion to recommend adoption of Resolution 25-24, including any nonsubstantive revisions.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So moved.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you. I have a motion made by Member Sugimura. Do I have a second?

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Second.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Second by Member Cook. Thank you. Any further discussion? Seeing none. At this time, I would like to...oh, this one's different. I'll read this correctly then. I'd like to entertain a motion to amend the terms listed under Exhibit A from March 31st, 2030, to March 31st, 2028, to recommend the following names be placed on Exhibit B for approval. Oh, shucks. Mister...can we...can we pause this conversation then? Can we withdraw the motion? Mr. Larsen just joined, so we can have an opportunity to talk to him. Would you guys mind? Member Sugimura and Member Cook? Thank you. Motion withdrawal. Mr. Larsen? Can you please turn on your mic and enable your microphone?

MR. LARSEN: Okay. I think I have.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Oh, we can hear you.

MR. LARSEN: Okay. Hi. Aloha.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Aloha. Do you mind introducing yourself, please?

MR. LARSEN: Yes, my name is Ron Larsen.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: I appreciate that. Member Paltin.

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VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Mr. Larsen, for your willingness to serve a double duty on the Animal Control Board. My...my question is, what kind of things are you taking up currently on the Animal Control Board?

MR. LARSEN: I'm not sure I understand the question.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Oh...oh, are you on...were you a previous...

MR. LARSEN: I'm the nominee.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Were you a previous chair of the Animal Control Board?

MR. LARSEN: I was the chair in two terms prior. Yes, ma'am.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. What...what kind of things do you...did you take up in that tenure?

MR. LARSEN: Mostly adjudication of dangerous dog situations. I was able to become quite proficient at, you know, fulfilling the...the animal, as well as protecting the safety of the community, basically is what our job is for the dangerous dogs.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: And it's only dogs that you dealt with, like not chickens or pigs or deers [sic], or anything?

MR. LARSEN: No, we didn't have any chickens. No, it was mostly dangerous dog situations. Yes, ma'am.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: So, we could call it the dog control board...or what...any cats?

MR. LARSEN: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Oh, okay. okay. All right. Thank you. That satisfies my questions.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Member Paltin.

MR. LARSEN: Okay.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Member Cook?

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Hello, Mr. Larsen. Thank you for your willingness to serve again. Do you feel that the Animal Control Board...

MR. LARSEN: I would love to serve again. I really appreciate the process, the people that I deal with, and I just think it's a great way to serve Maui County.

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COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Excellent. So, I have a question for you, sir. Do you feel that feral chicken control would be something that would be appropriate to be added to the board's duties and responsibilities?

MR. LARSEN: I really never thought about it. I don't see any reason why not. I mean, if we can be of service in that way. We normally only meet once a month, so we have plenty of time and we would have plenty of time and energy to help the County out in that way if they saw fit.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Thank you, sir. It's been...it has been a problematic issue as far as...and it'd be great for someone to tackle it. So, anyway, thank you, sir, for your answer.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Member Cook.

MR. LARSEN: Yeah, I'm on the...I'm with the Pukalani Community Association as treasurer and secretary, and we've been...we've been dealing with that problem Upcountry here for some time.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Yeah, of course, Member Cook. Members, any other questions we have for Mr. Larsen? Seeing none. Thank you, Mr. Larsen. At this time, I'd like to go back.

MR. LARSEN: Thank you so much. I've been trying to get to you people all day.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Oh, I'm glad you could make it. I'm glad we had a moment to talk to you. Thank you for your time. At this time, I'd like to...

MR. LARSEN: Okay. Thank you so much.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: You're welcome. At this time, I'd like to entertain a motion to recommend the adoption of Resolution 25-24 again, including any nonsubstantive revisions.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: So moved.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Second.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you. I have a motion made by Member Paltin, second by Member Cook. Unless there's any further discussion at this time, I'd like to entertain a motion to make...to amend the terms listed under Exhibit A from March 31st, 2030 to March 31st, 2028, and recommend the following names be placed on Exhibit B for approval. Mr. Michael Gurat and Mr. Ronald Larsen.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: So moved.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Second.

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CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you. I have a motion made by Member Paltin, second by Member Sugimura. Any further discussion? Seeing none. Oh, Member...Member Rawlins-Fernandez, please go ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. I support the motion on the floor. I actually had a question for Corporation Counsel. After Member Paltin was asking questions about any updates on the Animal Control Board, I went to look at their meeting minutes, and their meeting minutes are from 2024, and they’re draft, all of them. So, the last one was from December 2024, but all the way to January of 2024, it’s draft minutes. So, is there any reason that they haven’t been finalized for a year?

MS. MURAKAMI: I am so sorry. I don’t know anything about what’s going on at the Animal Control Board. So, I will follow up with the deputy who’s assigned to the board. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, I appreciate that. And then I was reading, you know, their...the kuleana, and it’s like, the Animal Control Board works to hear and determine appeals from decisions concerning dangerous dogs, as set forth in Title 6, and from any other...any order issued by an enforcement or animal control officer related thereto. So, I don’t know if they have any kuleana about chickens.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: We got to draft legislation.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: It looks like it’s any order like issued by an enforcement or animal control officer, just so, you know, we manage our expectations of the board. All right. Fully support. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you, Member Rawlins-Fernandez. Any other discussion before we vote? Okay. Seeing none. All those in favor, please raise your hand and say “aye.”

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Chair, that’s seven “ayes,” zero “noes,” two excused, Members Johnson and Kama. Motion carries.

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

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: Councilmembers Johnson and Kama.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: APPROVE amendment.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you. Members, motion as amended, please raise your hand and say “aye.”

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Chair, seven “ayes,” zero “noes,” two excused. Motion carries.

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

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: Councilmembers Johnson and Kama.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: Recommending ADOPTION of Resolution 25-24, CD1.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you. Thank you, Members. All right. Let’s...yes, Member Rawlins-Fernandez [*sic*], did you have anything to add?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Member Paltin.

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CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Oh. Member Paltin? Sorry.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No, that was Member Paltin.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Sorry.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Can...can I please have information on a point of information?

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Please.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: On page 5 of our directory is Board of Variances and Appeals, and I know we have approved Mister...Misses...Ms. Alison Emily Grimes, but he did not...the Mayor did not submit the second nominee, and I didn't see that on the email from Mr. Raatz or Maria. And so, how will that vacancy be filled, the Caron Green one?

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: That's a great question--not for me, but whoever would like to answer that. Unless you want to give us a moment to figure out. Do you mind?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Yeah, yeah, I don't mind moving ahead. And then a follow-up question to that would be --

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Sure.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: -- does that person have to be Lāna‘i, or could it be...number 8 could be the Lāna‘i, and we can just submit any person for the Board of Variances? It looks like there is one for Molokai, and then a vacancy. I don't think we could do more West or South or Wailuku because they have double, but just the parameters. If it is in our court, it seems it needs to be turned in by tomorrow.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Great question. Do you have an answer, Kasie?

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Chair, yeah, sorry, that was a Staff error. We just missed it in the memo. But...so, that is with the Council to fill, and as long as one of the vacancies is filled with a resident of...of Lāna‘i, then that would be okay. So, if that seat doesn't get filled with a resident of Lāna‘i, then the other one would just need to be a Lāna‘i resident.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: You're welcome. Thank you for noticing that. Okay. Okay.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Resolution 25-27

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Let's pick it up at Civil Service Commission. Again, Members, we don't have anybody from Admin here with us today to defend their nominee. Let me check

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my little sheet. We didn't get a response from him. So, if Members have any discussion...Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. I know Mr. Jenkins. When...when I was in Ocean Safety, he was a captain in South Maui, and we responded on calls...co-responded on calls in the ocean, as well as worked with him in the aftermath of the fires, as well as his daughter. I have no issues with his service. I would fully support it. The reason I didn't the first time is because I wanted to ask questions, you know, about the multitude of vacancies that we have, and like the extensive time it takes to fill them, and all the things. But if he's not here, maybe he'll watch this later. And those are my concerns is, how many vacancies we have in all the things, how long it takes to take a...fill a vacancy, as well as, you know, if we have chronic vacant positions, and then there's no sense of urgency in filling these, even when qualified applicants come in. I've heard horror stories about being given the runaround just to accept an application. They've gotten a comparable job in the private sector before they could even get to the point where they turned in a application to somebody because they had like this back and forth of what to do and...and things like that. And I think that we, as the Council, and maybe even the Administration, in dealing with these vacancies that hamper our ability to better serve the community need to better impress upon the Civil Service Commission that this is within their authority, and not point fingers, but empower them to take action to improve the situation. Thank you.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Member Paltin. Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: That's a good idea, Member Paltin. However, I was on the Civil Service Commission for five years, and when I first went on thinking I was going to try and help revolutionize the system, I was told that our main job, our primary job, was to deal with appeals, not the operations. So, that needs to be clarified, and if an ordinance or some kind of statute has to be passed, that's...that's what it's going to take. Because as far as I know, Civil Service commissioners don't have that authority to make changes, personnel changes, policy changes right now. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Then who oversees the Personnel Department? Because it's not the Administration, and it's not the Council, it's not the Managing Director. Are they just doing whatever they want? Somebody has to write like a performance evaluation, right?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: The Civil Service commissioners hire the executive director, and then he normally picks his deputy, or she picks his deputy. But other than that, I think we would have to look into the extent of the authority of the Civil Service Commission. Because I was told that was it. You hire the director, and you deal with appeals--and there's a lot of appeals. So, you really don't have that much time to...to revamp the system.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you. Member Rawlins-Fernandez, followed by Member Sugimura.

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COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. It sounds like maybe either someone misled Chair Lee when she was on the Civil Service, or they heard the feedback, and then they amended the Code. I'm looking on the website now, and it says "appoints County Personnel Director, annually review and evaluate the performance of the Director of Personnel Services, and submit a report to the Mayor and the Council." I don't know if we've been getting an annual report. So, does Corporation Counsel have any...know anything about that?

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Please.

MS. MURAKAMI: Hello. Can...okay. I believe the Civil Service Commission is in the process of doing the evaluation of the Director, but it's not completed yet. And I believe then the Council will be receiving a copy, and the Mayor, I believe.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: That's great information. Mahalo. So, under the kuleana of Civil Service, it also adopts rules to carry out the provisions of civil service laws of the State, hears appeals, as Chair Lee was saying, advises the Mayor and Director of Personnel Services on problems concerning personnel administration. And so, perhaps, you know, those problems can be vacancies and trying to streamline the process that we've all been struggling through. I'm...I'm...oh, wait, do we have a motion?

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Not yet. We're just in discussion.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay. Okay.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Of course. I know Member Sugimura has a question, but to follow up on Member Rawlins-Fernandez's question, when can we expect that report, if they're working on it now? Tomorrow, next week?

MS. MURAKAMI: I have to double-check the --

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Okay.

MS. MURAKAMI: -- minutes on that.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you. Member Rawlins...I mean--I'm sorry, Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, thank you, Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And I can check.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: The...the last item that I had in my Committee last term, we brought up the contract for the work that was being done, trying to hire more people

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and discussion, and we had the Director before us. And probably the one interesting statement that she said, is that the reason why we...

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Cynthia Razo-Porter.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, Cynthia Razo-Porter. So, the reason why we have the vacancies is because of the departments' handling of the hiring. And to me, that was shocking. Because if you ask the departments, they would point their finger the other way. So, there's a big disconnect there, which is causing us to have the over 600 vacancies and underpayment, while that's tied to --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Collective bargaining.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: -- yeah, this collective bargaining. But there are some misconnects that maybe we can look at further. So, I'm ready for the vote...or ready for the decision.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Member Sugimura. Members, any other comments during this little discussion amongst ourselves? If not, I agree with Member Paltin. While I don't know him, I'm hopeful that a former County employee will understand some of the issues and come into that with that knowledge. Luckily for him and for us, the Fire Department typically doesn't have too many vacancies. Nonetheless, it doesn't mean that it's not difficult during their hiring process. So, hopefully, they can...he can take some of that knowledge and experience from being a captain and help guide us in a good direction. So, at this time, I would like to entertain a motion to recommend the adoption of Resolution 25-27, including any nonsubstantive revisions.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So moved.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Second.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you. I have a motion made by Member Sugimura, second by Member Paltin. Unless there's any further discussion, I'd like to entertain a motion to recommend the following name be placed on Exhibit B for approval, Mr. Gregory Jenkins.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So moved.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Second.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: I have a motion made by Councilmember Sugimura, second by Member Paltin. Any further discussion? Seeing none. All those in favor, please raise your hand and say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

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

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

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: Councilmembers Johnson and Kama.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: APPROVE amendment.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you very much, Members. Main motion as amended. All those in favor, please raise your hand and say "aye" again.

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Aye again.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Chair, seven "ayes," zero "noes," two excused. The motion carries.

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

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: Councilmembers Johnson and Kama.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: Recommending ADOPTION of Resolution 25-27, CD1.

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CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you very much, members. Let’s move on to Fire. Oh, Member Rawlins-Fernandez?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, Chair? Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Of course.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, I...the Civil Service agenda for February 5th, Ms. Murakami is the Deputy Corp. Counsel that actually staffs the...the Civil Service Commission. And on their old business for February 5th, it said discuss performance evaluation timetable and procedure and the Director of Personnel Services. That summary meeting minutes hasn’t been published yet. So, as far as the timetable goes, it’s not online. So, we’ll just have to wait to hear back from Ms. Murakami. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you very much, Member Rawlins-Fernandez.

FIRE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

Resolution 25-31

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Members, let’s continue on with Fire and Public Safety Commission. As a reminder, we had previously interviewed Mr. John Tau Tau Pele, and Misses...or Ms. Caron Miller Green was not able to make our meetings. I do have a graph to see if she responded or not. Give me one second. And her response was that she will be not attending...she will not be attending this meeting. So, Members, I don’t know her, and I’m happy to discuss what you all might think. So, if you have any thoughts, please share. Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. It looks like to me that this could possibly be the same person appointed to Board of Variances Appeals [*sic*] on March 20th...or March 13th, 2020, for a term to expire March 31st, 2025. But it looks as though the individual did not fulfill the term? Is that what other people see?

MS. MURAKAMI: Sorry, just to confirm, Ms. Green is on the Board of Variances and Appeals right now. She’s actually the chair this year, but her term is expiring on that term . . .(*inaudible*) . . .

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Oh, okay. So she’s coming off this Board of Variances and Appeals and going straight on to the Fire and Public Safety. Okay. I feel much more comfortable then. Thank you. I have no issue.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Members, does anybody else have anything they would like to add? When I was talking to Member Johnson, he did have a concern that maybe she wasn’t a full-time resident, but after looking at her previous served boards, I would assume she would have to be. With Variances and Appeals, she’s the...currently the Chair, and then

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she has previously served on Lānaʻi Planning Commission and Lānaʻi Community Plan Advisory Committee.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: If she does happen to watch this at a later date, one of my primary concerns--hopefully we can get around to in this term--is evacuation planning for the elderly and disabled, and if she can brainstorm and collaborate on those ideas. I think we've had a couple opportunities, and now we...we really need to get on it.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Member Paltin. Members, any other discussion? Okay. At this time, I would like to entertain a motion to recommend the adoption of Resolution 25-31, including any nonsubstantive revisions.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So moved.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Second.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you. I have a motion made by Member Sugimura, second by Councilmember Cook. Is there any further discussion? If not, I would like to entertain a motion to recommend that names be placed on Exhibit B for approval, Mr. John Tau Tau Pele and Ms. Caron Miller Green.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: So moved.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Second.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: I have a motion made by Member Cook, second by Member Sinenci. Any further discussion? Seeing none. All those in favor, please raise your hand and say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Chair, seven "ayes," zero "noes," two excused, Members Johnson and Kama. Motion carries.

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

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: Councilmembers Johnson and Kama.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: APPROVE amendment.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you very much, Members. Main motion as amended, please raise your hand and say “aye.”

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Chair, seven “ayes,” zero “noes,” two excused. Motion carries.

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

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: Councilmembers Johnson and Kama.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: Recommending ADOPTION of Resolution 25-31, CD1.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you very much.

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LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION

Resolution 25-34

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Let's continue with Liquor Control. Mr. Edwin Misaki was not able to be with us today. We did get some favorable testimony, and he has included his extensive resume. So, I would like to entertain any discussion our Members might have. Do we have any discussion? Member Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. I speak in full support of Mr. Misaki. He's served on multiple boards and commissions representing Molokai's voice. He's...he is retired, so I don't foresee him having concerns with attendance. And his attendance on previous boards and commissions were also good. And...let's see. His experience, yeah. I can't remember if this commission he's served on before, he might have. But he did serve on like the Fire Commission, the Salary Commission. So, I know he knows how the commissions work. And then I can't speak to how he would foresee contributing to the commission, but I know that he has a wealth of information and he's very even-keeled, unlike myself most of the time. And is...is very productive in...in his contributions. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you very much, I appreciate that. Members, any further discussion? Seeing none. At this time, I would like to entertain a motion to recommend the adoption of Resolution 25-34, including any nonsubstantive revisions.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: So moved.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Second.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you. I have a motion made by Councilmember Cook, second by Member Sugimura. Any further discussion? Seeing none. I would like to entertain a motion to recommend the adoption of the following names be placed on Exhibit B for approval, Mr. Edwin Misaki.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So moved.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Second.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you. I have a motion made by Member Rawlins-Fernandez, and second by Member Sugimura. Any further discussion? Seeing none. All those in favor, please raise your hand and say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

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

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

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: Councilmembers Johnson and Kama.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: APPROVE amendment.

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

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, Chair, real quick.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Yes, please. Of course.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I...I...I forgot to also say that he has come before the Council multiple times, and we have asked him questions before about serving. So, that...that was the last part I wanted to add. So, fully support. And mahalo, Mr. Misaki, for continuing to serve on these volunteer boards and commissions. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Yes, absolutely. Thank you to everyone willing to serve, especially those on our outer islands. I know it’s an extra effort. So, thank you very much. Members, main motion as amended. All those in favor, please raise your hand and say “aye.”

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

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

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: Councilmembers Johnson and Kama.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: Recommending ADOPTION of Resolution 25-34, CD1.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Chair, seven “ayes,” zero “noes,” two excused. Motion carries.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you very much.

COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Resolution 25-35

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Members, let’s continue on with the Commission on Persons with Disabilities. We were able to interview the lovely Ms. Chang. Unfortunately, we were not able to interview Ms. Eguia--am I saying her name correctly? I hope so. If not, I apologize. We do have her extensive resume. I know Member Johnson is not here. He does know her personally, and speaks very highly of her. She is a nurse and a very dedicated Lāna‘i resident, but that is all I know of her so far. And Members, if you have any discussion, I’d be happy to entertain it now. Seeing none. Okay. At this time, I would like to entertain a motion to recommend the adoption of Resolution 25-35, including any nonsubstantive revisions.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: So moved.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Second.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you. I have a motion made by Member Cook, second by Member Sugimura. Any other discussion? Seeing none. I’d like to place the following names on Exhibit B, Ms. Chang and Ms. Eguia for approval.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: So moved.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Second.

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CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you. I have a motion made by Member Cook, and a second by Keani Rawlins-Fernandez...Member Rawlins-Fernandez. Any further discussion? Seeing none. All those in favor, please raise your hand and say “aye.”

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Chair, seven “ayes,” zero “noes,” two excused, Members Johnson and Kama. Motion carries.

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

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: Councilmembers Johnson and Kama.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: APPROVE amendment.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you very much, Members. Main motion as amended, please raise your hand and say “aye.”

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Chair, seven “ayes,” zero “noes,” two excused. The motion carries.

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

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: Councilmembers Johnson and Kama.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: Recommending ADOPTION of Resolution 25-35, CD1.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you very much.

MAUI COUNTY CULTURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

Resolution 25-36

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Let’s continue with Cultural Resources Commission, please. Okay. We were able, as a reminder, to interview Ms. Millikin, unfortunately...hold on, my...sorry, one second. Mom duties, making sure my kids make it home safe. Okay. We were not able to interview Mrs. Maluo-Pearson. I would like to advocate on her behalf. She is a re-appointee, so she’s familiar with what they do and make it...can make it to the meetings, I’m sure, since she’s been on it for a while, and has decided to put her name in the hat for reconsideration. So, Member Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: I concur, Chair. In support.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you. Any other comments? Seeing none. At this time, I would like to entertain a motion to recommend adoption of Resolution 25-36, including any nonsubstantive revisions.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So moved.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Second.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: I have a motion made by Member Sugimura, and a second by Member Paltin. Any further discussion? Seeing none. At this time, I’d like to entertain a motion to recommend the following names be placed on Exhibit B for approval, Mrs. Maluo-Pearson and Ms. Millikin.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: So moved.

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CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: I have a motion made by Member Sinenci.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Second.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: I have a second by Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I have a discussion when it's...

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Please continue to discuss.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. I...I am concerned about Ms. Millikin's length of residency and cultural knowledge, but also that the Cultural Resource Commission is so shorthanded that they are not making quorum for a lot of meetings, and there's...I mean there's a whole historic district that hopes to get rebuilt. I feel that, you know, her strengths in other areas are a plus. I do have a nominee for the Cultural Resources Commission that I feel will offset maybe the lack of knowledge in the cultural and history section specific to Lahaina because, you know, historic district permits need to go through the Cultural Resource Commission. And so, I'm not advocating or soliciting a vote for my nominee, but if you do vote for them, then it'll balance it out, just saying.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Member Paltin. Any further comments? Member Rawlins...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Who is this person?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Wilmont Kahaialii.

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

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. Okay. Sorry, I don't have the...okay. CRC, Cultural...so, I understand that with the vacancies, one of the--conservation CRC resources--that we need a resident of Molokai and a resident of Lānaʻi. Okay. Here. So, there...there are four vacancies...well...four vacancies. One is a reappointment, Ms. Maluo-Pearson, and she had come before us when we initially appointed her, and so fully supportive of her appointment to continue. If we appoint Ms. Millikin, she is West Maui. If we appoint another West Maui resident, there will be four West Maui residents of the nine, which, as Member Paltin mentioned, that..you know, a lot of attention does need to go on to Lahaina, so, you know, I'm supportive of that. But also...so, there's going to be...there would be four West Maui residents, two Central Maui--Wailuku/Kahului--and then two Makawao/Pukalani, and then there would just be one vacancy left. I think...I think I did the math right. So, then it would be, you know...well, there isn't anyone from Hāna either, so I think...okay. So, I'm just...I'm bringing that information, and I'm going to process that information for myself for a little bit, but I'm just...you know, with the...knowing that we're also going to be considering nominees from the Council, or I guess applicants from the Council. No? Chair Lee is shaking her head.

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I don't think that's the process. I don't...I don't think we get to submit our suggestions.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: We do have a few --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No, the memo.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: -- that are within the --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: -- Council purview.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The one that came to us.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Maria emailed it.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: If...if the...if the Mayor missed the deadline, then it...it came...yeah. We...we were emailed a list of seats that were...the Council has an opportunity to fill, and that's one of them, and that's what Member Paltin's talking about.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Yeah. Yeah, and the deadline is today.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: So, if I vote for Ms. Millikin, I couldn't vote for Mr. Kahaialii?

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Unfortunately, yeah. Would you like to make an amendment?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Yes, please.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Okay. Does anybody else have any other discussion before Member Paltin's amendment? Double, triple-checking online. Go ahead, Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: In light of the information, I'd like to move Ms. Millikin to the Exhibit C. Because I think that it would be really critical to have somebody that...I mean, not discounting the...the people here, but Mr. Kahaialii has a wealth of all kinds of knowledge, and I...I would love to be able to put his name forward.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Second.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you. One second, Chair Lee. I have a motion on the floor to amend the amendment, which would move Mister...Miss...I'm sorry, Mrs. Millikin to Exhibit C for disapproval and keep Kumu Kahulu on Exhibit B. Chair Lee, did you have discussion?

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. I had a long discussion with David Raatz the other day about this very thing. I wouldn't be opposed to the...Member Paltin's motion, but I just want to make sure that we have the opportunity to substitute somebody else. That...that...

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Yeah. Thank you, Chair. That's a great...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Can we get verification? We need verification.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Kasie can answer that.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: The Secretary for this Committee emailed everyone on Monday, giving us 11, which I guess should have been 12 because Variance...the BVA is also one of them. So, there's 12 seats that right now, within the...they're under the Council's purview. It includes the Animal Control Board, Kula Park, Kula Agricultural Park Committee, Lānaʻi Planning Commission, Lānaʻi Planning Commission, Liquor Control Adjudication, Liquor Control, Maui County Resources--which is this one--Maui Planning Commission, Police Commission, UDRB, as well as the BVA. So, there are a few seats that are within our purview at this moment.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: And UDRB also has three.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. So, these 11 to 12 seats...these 11 to 12 seats were essentially missed by the INB and the Mayor.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Yes, they were. So, we have a --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair?

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: -- yes. We have a few seats just within our purview, and then we have a few seats that we're still trying to find the language for that the INB and the Mayor had missed their deadline, and then we have missed their deadline previously. So, there's just several, I guess, like different variations of why we have certain vacancies. But thank you. Member Rawlins-Fernandez, please go ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. So, Chair Lee, if you go on to the Granicus item for today, meeting materials, and you go to Granicus item 23, and you look on page 20 of that document, page 20 is the...the CRC composition of the...the nine seats. There are four vacancies, and then it says on there, number one, vacant, Mayor did not submit a nominee. Two, vacant, the nominee is Ms. Millikin. Three is a reappointment of Ms. Maluo-Pearson. And then four is...is just vacant. So, we only have...the Council has the opportunity to make a recommend...or appoint someone for that one seat where Mayor did not submit a nominee by that deadline. We're...we're not replacing Ms. Millikin with our own nomination. We are disapproving one, and then approving one, and then we can take up the one seat. And then there's one more vacancy that we don't have the authority to make a recommend...or appoint, that is still

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within the Mayor's authority to nominate--or the INB, I'm not sure, one of those--but not us, not Council. So, I think maybe...maybe that's where the confusion is...is coming in because of the...the residency as I brought them up. And so, what I was explaining is if we approve Ms. Millikin, who is a West Maui resident, then that will be the third. And then Member Paltin has a recommendation for the one seat.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Hold on one second. Ms. Millikin was...her name was submitted by the Mayor or the INB? Just asking.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: The INB, then the Mayor to us.

MS. MURAKAMI: No, the Mayor.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: No? Just the Mayor?

MS. MURAKAMI: Yes.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, the INB missed their deadline, and so then the Mayor made a nomination for us. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So, we are replacing her. So, we are substituting her --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- for our...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Would disapprove...we would disapprove her, and that has --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- nothing to do with the --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- other seat. Oh.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. No, no, no. It's just that she was nominated by the Mayor, and we are disapproving her and putting in our own nominee. Right?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: In a separate seat that's vacant, not the same seat. In a separate seat that the Mayor missed a nomination for.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: A separate seat. Then why would...

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COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, there's four...there's four.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah. Okay. I don't want to belabor this because, you know, it's not that important to me, but I just wanted to check on the process. Because this seems to be a very convoluted process, and somehow we're going to have to fix it. Somehow.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, I wanted --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- to speak on support of the motion --

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Please do.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- Chair U'u-Hodgins. That I...I think the nominee that would be a West Maui resident...I mean, we don't know if...it's going to be brought forth for our consideration. I would like to support that nominee, and I would also like to have a Molokai, Lānaʻi, or Hāna--Molokai, of course--as the Molokai Councilmember on there as well. And Ms. Millikin, you know, mahalo to her for being with us and answering our questions. As I stated with an earlier nominee, that just because a person isn't a voting member of a board or commission, it doesn't prevent them from participating and providing expertise and, you know, contributing to the discussion via testimony, or even being asked to serve as a resource person for the CRC. So, it doesn't prevent them from still helping and, you know, providing information. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Member Rawlins-Fernandez. Does anybody else have any other discussion? I do too. I'll be honest, I was a bit hesitant to support Ms. Millikin originally. I appreciate her willingness to serve. I would have loved somebody with a little bit more years on this island to serve on a board called Maui County Cultural Resource Commission. I do appreciate her love for building restoration, and I don't disagree with Member Rawlins-Fernandez is that she can absolutely be a resource for us. I would like to also see, as Member Rawlins-Fernandez pointed out, somebody from Lānaʻi and somebody from Molokai, and somebody from...maybe even Hāna, or somebody with a little bit more years under their belt. This is a...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: David, are you watching the --

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Oh, wait.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- program?

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Wait, can you mute her for a second? We got you, Chair. So, I'm going to also be supporting this amendment, and...thank you. Members, any other discussion? I guess we're going to have...do we need a roll call? No? Anybody need a roll call? Okay. All those in favor of Member Paltin...her amendment to put...to keep rather, I'm sorry.

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: What?

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Oh, can we mute her?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Wait, one second. Okay.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay, sorry.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you. To keep Kumu Kahulu on Exhibit B, and to move Ms. Millikin to Exhibit C. Just as a reminder, that’s what we’re voting on, so all those in favor, please raise your hand and say “aye.”

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Chair, seven “ayes,” zero “noes,” two excused, Members Johnson and Kama.

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

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: Councilmembers Johnson and Kama.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: APPROVE amendment.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: We still have to vote on the amendment.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: You amended the amendment, so you have to make...you have to take the vote for the amended amendment.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Oh, my gosh. Okay. Let’s take a vote on the amended amendment, which is what?--the same thing we just voted on? Okay. So, we got a hana hou three times. This is silly. Okay. All those in favor of the amended amendment, please raise your hand and say “aye.”

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COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Chair, seven “ayes,” zero “noes,” two excused, Members Johnson and Kama. Motion carries.

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

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: Councilmembers Johnson and Kama.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: APPROVE amendment.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you. And in case we didn’t hear you the first two times, please raise your hand and say “aye” again.

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: As...main motion as amended.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Chair, seven “ayes,” zero “noes,” two excused. Motion carries.

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

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: Councilmembers Johnson and Kama.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: Recommending ADOPTION of Resolution 25-36, CD1.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you very much. Thank you for that, Kasie. All right. Moving on.

REAL PROPERTY TAX REVIEW BOARD

Resolution 25-40

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: We are now...we are now on Real Property Tax. Ms. Germansky was not with us today. I do not know her. Does anybody else have anything they would like to discuss regarding Ms. Germansky? Member...Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I don't...I don't know Ms. Germansky. I don't know how long she's lived here. I think I've seen a post where her...her mother and...and her had purchased a property like in 2021, or something. And...and from her description on what she wrote on her application, I'm...I'm hesitant to support without actually speaking to Ms. Germansky. So, for me, it's going to be a no. But I would imagine she has an opportunity at first reading to change my mind if she shows up. And...and...and nothing against her because I realized that there were short turnarounds for like hey, we're hearing it on this date.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: So, I'm not trying to say that she's not being responsible or anything, it's us that didn't give ahead notice. But I...I just don't feel super comfortable with the written response. And perhaps meeting the person might sway me, but at this time, it's a no based on the written stuff.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: I agree. Thank you, Member Paltin. Members, any other discussion? Seeing no further discussion, I'd right now like to entertain a motion to recommend the adoption of Resolution 25-40, including any nonsubstantive revisions.

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So moved.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Second.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you. I have a motion by Member Sugimura, and a second by Member Paltin. Any other discussion? If not, at this time, I would like to entertain a motion to recommend the following name be placed on Exhibit C for disapproval, Ms. Germansky. Do I have a...

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So moved.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Second.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: I have a motion made by Member Sugimura, a second by Member Cook. Thank you so much. Any further discussion? All those in favor, please raise your hand and say “aye.”

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Chair, seven “ayes,” zero “noes,” two, excused, Members Johnson and Kama. Motion carries.

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

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: Councilmembers Johnson and Kama.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: APPROVE amendment.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you, Members. Now, main motion as amended. All those in favor, please raise your hand and say “aye.”

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Chair, seven “ayes,” zero “noes,” two excused. Motion carries.

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

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: Councilmembers Johnson and Kama.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: Recommending ADOPTION of Resolution 25-40, CD1.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you very much.

URBAN DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

Resolution 25-42

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Members, let’s finish up by doing UDRB, R...U-D-B-R, Urban Design Review Board. Members, again, I don’t know who this person is. She is an engineer, a civil engineer, which is great because we need a whole bunch of engineers on this board. Does anybody have any discussion? And she did not respond, by the way, to Staff’s emails. I think they sent out what?--like two and a call. So, just FYI.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I have a discussion.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Please...please go ahead, Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: From either Corp. Counsel, or I guess if anyone is watching, did the Administration...is this a INB nomination?

MS. MURAKAMI: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. So, they actually saw a physical person.

MS. MURAKAMI: Yes. They interviewed her.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: And then the Mayor chose from that. And did the Mayor speak to them, the individual...not the Mayor, but somebody from the Administration speak to the person and say that they were...the candidate was moving forward?

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MS. MURAKAMI: Sorry, I'm trying to see if Ms. Vicens is online and available to at least answer that question. Hold on a second.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Because you don't know the answer? Oh, okay. I mean, from what I read, I don't have any problem. I just want to make sure it's a real person that's been told that she's moving forward, and won't be like surprised or something.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Member Sugimura, did you have anything you wanted to add? Oh, okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Well, I just want to say that she did select either Planning Commission or this, so it was her selection.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Just don't know...we haven't just met her.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Yeah. She did have a five question and answer that she gave us as an addendum to her --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Application.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: -- her application.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Yeah, I'm...I'm supportive from what I read. I just want to make sure that she's aware that she's moving forward, not that like gets to the meeting to show up and she's like, what?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Right.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: I do have a comment about that later on. Not her in particular, but other ones. Sorry.

MS. MURAKAMI: Yeah. Sorry.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Please go ahead.

MS. MURAKAMI: Ms. Vicens just confirmed that yes, she's still interested. She confirmed with that nominee.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: You sure you sure? Nah, nah. Okay. I got no problems.

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

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Okay. Same here. Does anybody else have anything to add? Seeing none. At this time, I'd like to entertain a motion to recommend adoption of Resolution 25-42, including any nonsubstantive revisions.

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So moved.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: I have a motion made by Member Sugimura. Do I have a second?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Second.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Second by Member Paltin. Any further discussion? Seeing none. I’d like to entertain a motion to recommend the following names be placed on Exhibit B for approval, Ms. Dindinger. Do I have a...

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So moved.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Second.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you. I have a motion made by Member Sugimura, second by Member Paltin. Any further discussion? Seeing none. All those in favor, please raise your hand and say “aye.”

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Chair, seven “ayes,” zero “noes,” two excused, Member Johnson and Kama. Motion carries.

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

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: Councilmembers Johnson and Kama.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: APPROVE amendment.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you. Members, motion as amended. Please raise your hand and say “aye.”

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

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MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Seven “ayes,” zero “noes,” two excused. Motion carries.

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

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: Councilmembers Johnson and Kama.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: Recommending ADOPTION of Resolution 25-42, CD1.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you very much. Members, before I adjourn, I would like to ask either Corp. Counsel or say for the record for Admin that my office does receive a few calls from the previously, I guess, appointed nominees, saying that they either haven’t received a packet for them to fill out and/or take the oath. And we try to direct them into who we might find helpful, but I wanted to one, give you a heads up with that because we really need people to serve; and two, how long can the people we waited...or rather, nominated officially today, appointed today, how long are they going to be able to wait before they can start serving besides, obviously, when the position officially becomes vacant? When will you guys send them the packet, and then give them the onboarding and oath?

MS. MURAKAMI: I’ll check with the Mayor’s Office regarding that and get back to you on that.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you very much. I would appreciate that. Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. I have a request of a point of information, and...and it’s not a big deal. But like the way that we operate moving forward, could we have everybody fill out the same application form? Because I don’t know if it’s legal. Some guys fill out one application form that has certain information, and then other guys fill out another application form that doesn’t have the same information on the other application form. I’m no lawyer, but it doesn’t seem equitable, or equal, or fair, or whatever you want to call it.

MS. MURAKAMI: Yeah, I will also check in with that. I know Ms. Vicens was trying to have them use the new forms, and if there were old forms that was being used, and she was asking them to update their information using the new form. So, I’ll double-check with them and remind them again.

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VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Yeah, that would be great if it's like one standard form with the same information for everybody. But I mean, it's not a big deal, but let's not continue.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you. Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah. So, speaking of Ms. Vicens, did the Mayor's Office find a replacement for her?

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: I don't believe...

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: It's kind of important.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Right?

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: I don't believe they did just yet. I think Chief of Staff/Energy Commissioner is also /Boards and Commissions Liaison.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Cynthia Lallo.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: /OED.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: /OED.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Wow. That's a...that's a lot.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Lots of slashes. Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: That becomes ineffective, you know? Too much for one person.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Chair, I had a question.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Please.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Early on, I think Member Paltin had mentioned that the way the Charter was written, that because there were no replacements, that it has to stay vacant until...so is there anything else that can occur in between that time?

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Yes, thank you for asking. That's been a big conversation, and I will let her answer. Thank you so much for bringing that up.

MS. MURAKAMI: Our office is working on an ordinance that will fill in those gaps, so you wouldn't have to wait until the expiration date.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Wow. Yay.

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CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: That was part of, at the end of last term, when we were downstairs, we had that conversation. I know that OCS Staff and Corp. Counsel have been going back and forth and trying to find a solution on what kind of language we might need to fill those vacancies. And I think...it hasn't been easy, I think, finding a solution that makes sense for everyone, but we will get that to you folks sooner than later, as well as working with the Cost of Government to figure out how we can make the boards and commissions make the most sense and be the most efficient for everyone. So, we are working on all the things.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Very good.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you. Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Unlikely that we'll get that before budget though, huh?

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: The...

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Ordinance legislation.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: On how to fill the vacancies. That's a great question. Can we have it before budget?

MS. MURAKAMI: Hopefully.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Hopefully, she says.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: You think we'll like it, what you guys are drafting?

MS. MURAKAMI: Hopefully.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Hopefully.

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

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Right? Hopefully we'll like it is a great answer. Well, Members, thank you so much. This brings us to the end of our nominations. As a reminder, Council's deadline to approve or disapprove the nominations is February 28th, 2025. So, those resolutions will be posted for the February 21st Council agenda for the full Council's consideration. Thank you so much, Members. I appreciate all your hard work. Thank you, Staff. You guys are amazing. See you folks later. It is 3:18, and this meeting is adjourned. . . .*(gavel)*. . .

ADJOURN: 3:18 p.m.

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CERTIFICATION

I, Daniel Schoenbeck, hereby certify that pages 1 through 103 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 19th day of March 2025, in Wailuku, Hawai'i



Daniel Schoenbeck