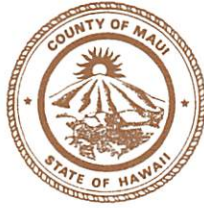


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May 30, 2018

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The Honorable Mike White  
Council Chair and Members  
Maui County Council  
200 South High Street  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair White and Members:

**Re: Notice of Vacancy**

In accordance with the County Code, Section 2.41.040, this communication is made to report the following vacancy:

**Maui Planning Commission.** The Mayor's Office received Commission Member Richard Higashi's resignation on May 25, 2018.

Please contact the Mayor's Executive Assistant, Mike Molina, if you have any questions on this communication.

Sincerely,

ALAN M. ARAKAWA  
Mayor

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COUNTY COMMUNICATION NO. 18-213

May 7, 2018

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Alan Arakawa  
200 High Street  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

*"Alan"*  
Dear Mayor,

First of all, I would like to "Thank You" for allowing me to sit on the Planning Commission. I attended 90% of the 80+ meetings during my 4 years on the commission.

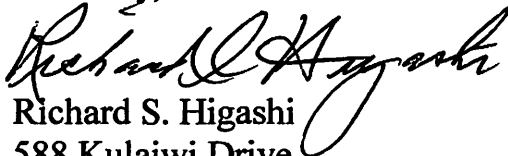
Unfortunately, after being selected to be chair, I find that the sound system in the conference room is inadequate for a "Hearing Impaired" person like me. Also, I realize that the present County Council members, except for Council Member Bob Carroll, "Do Not" consider the recommendation that the commission relays to them. To me, it is a waste of time spending hours of volunteer time only to find that the Council "Do Not" even discuss the recommendation in their subcommittee.

As the out-going chair, I would like to make several recommendations for your consideration: 1) Improve the sound system and attach a "3 Minute Light", as presently done in the Council Chambers; 2) Provide lap-tops to eliminate the amount of paper given, not to mention, the cost for the County and the applicants; 3) Legal representation for the Board / Commission members who get accused by the public for "False Information" given to the Ethics Commission.

In closing, I want to say "Mahalo Nui Loa" for doing an "Excellent Job" as our Mayor for the County of Maui!!!

This is my official "Letter of Resignation" as Chair and member of the Planning Commission.

Sincerely,



Richard S. Higashi  
588 Kulaiwi Drive  
Wailuku, Hi 96793