

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

**POLICY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,
AND AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE**

June 2, 2017

**Committee
Report No. _____**

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

Chair and Members:

Your Policy, Economic Development, and Agriculture Committee, having met on May 15, 2017, makes reference to County Communication 17-7, from Council Chair Mike White, relating to nominations to boards, committees, and commissions.

By correspondence dated and received on April 5, 2017, the Mayor transmitted a proposed resolution, entitled "RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF LORI BUCHANAN TO THE MOLOKAI PLANNING COMMISSION," along with a completed application for the nominee. The purpose of the proposed resolution is to approve or disapprove the Mayor's nomination of Lori Buchanan to the Molokai Planning Commission, for a term expiring on March 31, 2019, to fill a vacancy due to the resignation of Diane Swenson.

Your Committee notes general appointment procedures for boards and commissions are outlined in Section 13-2, Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended (Charter), and Chapter 2.41, Maui County Code.

Your Committee further notes specific provisions for the Molokai Planning Commission are located in Section 2.28.020, Maui County Code, and Charter Section 8-8.4.

The Council must approve or disapprove Ms. Buchanan's nomination to the Molokai Planning Commission by June 4, 2017, or the nomination will be deemed approved.

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Your Committee did not request to interview the nominee; however, Ms. Buchanan made herself available via conference call through the Molokai District office.

A representative of the Mayor said Ms. Buchanan is aware of the issues on Molokai and is well qualified to serve.

Vice-Chair Crivello said Ms. Buchanan will bring balance to the Commission, is not afraid to express her concerns, and already serves the community in various capacities for the betterment of Molokai, including as an employee of the Molokai/Maui Invasive Species Committee, or MoMISC.

The First Deputy Corporation Counsel addressed an initial concern with the nominee's relation to a current member of the Molokai Planning Commission. Ms. Buchanan said, and the First Deputy Corporation Counsel agreed, that serving on the Commission with her spouse's uncle was not a conflict of interest.

Your Committee was satisfied with Ms. Buchanan's application and recommended her nomination be approved.

Your Committee voted 5-0 to recommend adoption of the proposed resolution. Committee Chair Sugimura, Vice-Chair Crivello, and members Atay, Carroll, and White voted "aye." Committee members Cochran, Guzman, Hokama, and King were excused.

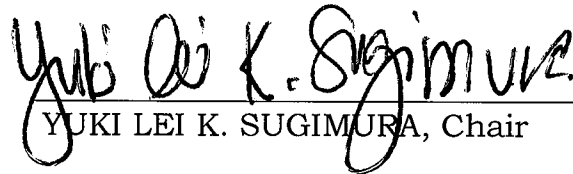
Your Policy, Economic Development, and Agriculture Committee RECOMMENDS that Resolution _____, attached hereto, entitled "RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF LORI BUCHANAN TO THE MOLOKAI PLANNING COMMISSION," be ADOPTED.

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This report is submitted in accordance with Rule 8 of the Rules of the Council.



YUKI LEI K. SUGIMURA, Chair

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Resolution

No. _____

RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF LORI BUCHANAN TO THE MOLOKAI PLANNING COMMISSION

WHEREAS, by correspondence dated April 5, 2017, Mayor Alan M. Arakawa notified the Council he nominated Lori Buchanan to the Molokai Planning Commission for a term expiring on March 31, 2019, to fill a vacancy replacing Diane Swenson, pursuant to Section 2.28.020, Maui County Code, and Sections 8-8.4 and 13-2, Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended, (“Charter”); and

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

WHEREAS, Charter Section 13-2(17), requires the Council to approve or disapprove the nomination within sixty days after the Mayor submits the name of the nominee to the Council because of the death, resignation, or removal of a member; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 8-8.4 contains specific provisions relating to the Molokai Planning Commission; now, therefore,

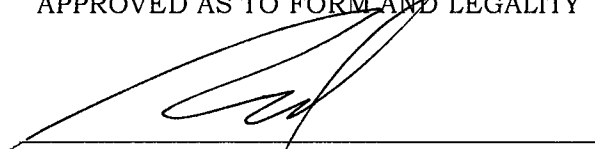
BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui:

1. That it approves the appointment of Lori Buchanan to serve on the Molokai Planning Commission for a term expiring March 31, 2019;
2. That the Council expresses its gratitude and appreciation to Lori Buchanan for her willingness to be considered for public service and actively participate in County government; and

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3. That certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Managing Director, and the Corporation Counsel.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY



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Department of the Corporation Counsel
County of Maui
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