

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI
GOVERNANCE, ETHICS, AND
TRANSPARENCY COMMITTEE

June 5, 2020

Committee
Report No. _____

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

Chair and Members:

Your Governance, Ethics, and Transparency Committee, having met on May 19, 2020, makes reference to County Communication 19-24, from Council Chair Kelly T. King, relating to nominations to boards, committees, and commissions.

By correspondence dated and received on March 23, 2020, the Mayor transmitted a proposed resolution, entitled "RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF NATALIE ROPA TO THE LANAI PLANNING COMMISSION," with a completed application for the nominee.

The purpose of the proposed resolution is to approve or disapprove the Mayor's nomination of Natalie Ropa to the Lanai Planning Commission, for a term expiring on March 31, 2022, to fill a vacancy due to the resignation of Mililani Martin.

Your Committee notes general appointment procedures for boards, committees, 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 ("MCC").

Your Committee further notes specific provisions for the Lanai Planning Commission are located in Sections 2.28.025 and 2.28.070, MCC, and Charter Section 8-8.4.

The Council needed to approve or disapprove Ms. Ropa's nomination to the Lanai Planning Commission by May 22, 2020, or the nomination would be deemed approved.

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Your Committee did not request to interview Ms. Ropa.

Your Committee discussed Ms. Ropa's nomination to the Lanai Planning Commission.

A representative of the Mayor said Ms. Ropa is a resident of Lanai and an employee of the University of Hawaii Maui College system.

According to her board application, she is involved in various youth organizations in her community and would like to be a part of the decision-making process on planning changes that occur on Lanai.

Your Committee discussed Ms. Ropa's longstanding family background on Lanai. She is aware of Lanai's cultural resources and will bring a fresh approach to the island's planning issues.

Your Committee noted the Council was unable to meet the May 22, 2020, deadline to approve or disapprove Ms. Ropa's nomination because the next Council meeting was scheduled for May 26, 2020. Therefore, Ms. Ropa was deemed approved effective May 22, 2020.

Your Committee voted 9-0 to recommend filing of the correspondence. Committee Chair Molina, Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, and members Hokama, Kama, King, Lee, Paltin, Sinenci, and Sugimura voted "aye."

Your Governance, Ethics, and Transparency Committee **RECOMMENDS** that the correspondence be FILED.

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



MICHAEL J. MOLINA, Chair

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