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OFFICE OF THE  
COUNTY CLERK

October 21, 2022

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

Dear Chair Lee:

**SUBJECT: NOMINATIONS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND  
COMMISSIONS (RESOLUTION 22-204, BOARD OF  
WATER SUPPLY) (GREAT-2(56))**

In accordance with Section 13-2(17) of the Charter of the County of Maui,  
I am pleased to submit the following nomination, along with their completed  
application, for your review and consideration:

**Board of Water Supply**

Veronica Lu'ukia Nakanelua

Term Expiration 03/31/2027

If you have any questions on this matter, please contact Ipo Mossman,  
Community Liaison, Office of the Mayor, at 270-8211.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael P. Victorino".

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Attachments



# BOARD AND COMMISSION APPLICATION FORM

(Please print or type)

Name: NAKANELUA(Last) VERONICA LU'UKIA  
City of Residence: WAILUKU (First) (Full Middle Name)  
Current Employer & Position: Lawyer and Post JD-Fellow Island: Maui  
Business UH Law: Ka Huli Ao Center for Excellence  
Phone: 808-214-3375  
Business Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Email (optional): vnakanel@hawaii.edu

Please indicate why you are interested in serving and what skills you may have to contribute: <sup>Text</sup> Please see attachment A.

## Employment History:

| From  | To    |                             |
|-------|-------|-----------------------------|
| _____ | _____ | Please see resume attached. |
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## Political Affiliation: NONE

Section 13-2(2) of the Charter, County of Maui, requires that not more than a bare majority of members of a board or commission belong to the same political party; therefore, please indicate if you are a registered/card carrying member of a political party. If not, indicate "None."

## Community and Professional Organizations/Activities:

Please see resume attached.

## Previous County Experience (employment or board member):

Please see resume attached.

## Educational Background:

Please see resume attached.

## Consent to be Nominated and Certification of Truthfulness and Accuracy of Information:

I declare that the above statements are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: V. Lu'ukia Nakanelua

Date: 08/16/2022

Most board/commission appointments are subject to confirmation by the Maui County Council. Most of these positions are for five-year terms. If you are selected as a nominee, the information contained on this form will be provided to the public upon request.

Please send completed forms to **OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, 200 SOUTH HIGH STREET, WAILUKU, HAWAII 96793**; or email to [Ipo.Mossman@mauicounty.gov](mailto:Ipo.Mossman@mauicounty.gov). For further information, call 270-8211; on Lana'i, call 1-800-272-0125; on Moloka'i, call 1-800-272-0117.

B&C app 6/25/20:pn

## **ATTACHMENT A**

Please indicate why you are interested in serving and what skills you may have to contribute:

I am interested in serving on the Maui Board of Water Supply (BWS) because I would like to lend my skills and experience in better fulfilling BWS' mission by bringing it in line with Hawai'i's unique legal regime under the public trust. I also truly believe, in order for Maui to be truly "no ka 'oi", to put its best foot forward, there is a unique opportunity to set a gold standard for other municipal water purveyors in Hawai'i. I am also interested in fulfilling the kuleana, "responsibility and privilege" of stewarding our public trust resources, such as water, for present and future generations. Because the Hawai'i Supreme Court has held that all of Hawai'i's water resources are held in trust, Board members have a fiduciary duty not only to balance a range of interests, but must analyze their kuleana under the laws that BWS is charged with implementing and enforcing.

My formal legal education and experience in Hawai'i's unique water and public trust laws and policy issues, cultural grounding, and lived experience are the skills I plan to contribute to my work on the BWS.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MĀNOA | KA HULI AO CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE IN NATIVE HAWAIIAN LAW

Honolulu, Hawai'i *Post-Juris Doctor Legal Fellow*, July 2021 to present

Planning and facilitating community outreach events and advocacy workshops/trainings. Providing government entities with factual and legal research and other support on a range of issues including, Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices, initiatives and policies impacting access to fresh water resources, and water leases under Hawai'i Revised Statutes Chapter 171. In addition, advancing cutting-edge research in Native Hawaiian law, fostering understanding of Native Hawaiian history, culture, and social context, facilitating law teaching and learning, and supporting on-the-ground Native Hawaiian justice issues.

**Courses co-taught:** Emerging Hawai'i Water Law Issues (Fall 2021)

### COUNTY OF MAUI | DEPARTMENT OF THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

Wailuku, Maui *Deputy Prosecuting Attorney*, Sept. 2020 – July 2021

Investigated and researched factual basis of criminal cases, litigated traffic infractions to misdemeanor level environmental and violent offenses, and negotiated plea agreements and restitution amounts with opposing counsel.

### HAWAII STATE JUDICIARY, SECOND CIRCUIT COURT

Wailuku, Maui *Law Clerk to the Honorable Richard T. Bissen, Jr. (Chief Judge)*,  
Sept. 3, 2019 – Sept. 2, 2020

Researched and prepared legal documents and memoranda of issues involved with motions, jury instructions, and post-conviction relief for criminal proceedings and a civil case while also assisting judge in preparing continuing education materials and seminars for other state judges. Conferred with judge regarding legal questions, construction of documents, and necessary language in orders. In addition to everyday bailiff duties for morning and afternoon calendars, managed jurors and assembled necessary documents for courtroom logistics during jury trials. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, drafted the initial plan for the resumption of jury trials in the State of Hawai'i Second Circuit Court.

### OFFICE OF SENATOR KAIALI'I KAHELE | HAWAII SENATE DISTRICT 1

Honolulu, Hawai'i, *Legislative Assistant*, Jan. 16, 2019 – May 2, 2019

Prepared recommendation memoranda and provided legal reference and research assistance on critical legislation affecting the environment, Native Hawaiian rights, and the public trust for the Senate Chair of the Water and Land Committee and Senate Vice Chair of the Native Hawaiian Affairs Committee. Provided feedback in staff conferrals with senator regarding bill strategy, senate committee hearings, and floor negotiations. Coordinated site visits, conferrals, and a public meeting with stakeholders including community members, grassroots organizations, commercial entities, and government officials for water resource management, policy, use, and disposition of water rights statewide.

### EARTHJUSTICE | MID-PACIFIC OFFICE

Honolulu, Hawai'i, *Summer Clerk*, May - July 2018; *Fall Extern* Aug. 2018 – Dec. 2018

Legal and factual researching, assisted supervising attorney with develop case strategy and legal theories. Conducted case investigations, including coordinating site visits, observed and reported on community water meetings, and interviewed clients surrounding water issues on Moloka'i and Kaua'i. Drafted legal research memorandum and a petition that focused on the State of Hawai'i Water Code and relevant policies and regulations. Drafted testimony and response letters to the State of Hawai'i Commission on Water Resource Management regarding impacts of sugar plantation legacy diversions on public trust purposes, specifically, environmental protection and Native Hawaiian traditional and customary rights.

## EDUCATION

### UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MĀNOA | WILLIAM S. RICHARDSON SCHOOL OF LAW

Juris Doctor, May 2019

Honors      Environmental Law Certificate  
Native Hawaiian Law Certificate  
HSBA Real Property and Financial Services Section Second-Year Seminar Writing Award, Spring 2018  
CALI Award for Excellence in Aloha 'Āina | Hawaiian Land Tenure, Fall 2018  
CALI Award for Excellence in Hawai'i Legal Research, Fall 2018  
CALI Award for Excellence in Second-Year Seminar (Legal Scholarship Course), Spring 2018  
CALI Award for Excellence in Administrative Law, Spring 2018  
CALI Award for Excellence in Native Hawaiian Rights, Fall 2017  
CALI Award for Excellence in Lawyering Fundamentals I, Fall 2016  
(Legal Writing/Skills Course)

Legal Trainings (Presenter)

2018-2019 | Mana i ka Wai Department of Hawaiian Homelands Water Law and Advocacy  
2019 DLNR-DOCARE Cultural Sensitivity and Native Hawaiian Traditional and Customary Rights  
2019 'Aha Moku Island Councils, Kia'i Kanaloa, and Burial Council Law and Advocacy

2018 Kānāwai Lawai'a Final Paper (available upon request)

E Ho'i ka Nani i Nā Papa Kahakuākea o Lono: Expanding NOAA's Procedures for Government-to-Government Consultation to Include Native Hawaiian Organizations

Publication "Nā Mo'o o Ko'olau: The Water Guardians of Ko'olau

Weaving and Wielding Collective Memory in the War for East Maui Water" *University of Hawai'i Law Review* (Winter 2018)

### LEWIS AND CLARK COLLEGE, Portland, Oregon

Bachelor of Arts, Environmental Studies, May 2013

Activities      Ray Warren Multicultural Symposium, Panelist and Facilitator  
Office of Admissions, Panelist  
Hawai'i Club, Representative and Lū'au Chair

Thesis      *Of Kuia's Garden: Hydroelectricity, Iwi, and the War for Whanganui River Power*

### VICTORIA UNIVERSITY, Wellington, Aotearoa | Spring 2011

Semester abroad with a full course load in conservation biology, island biogeography, and indigenous studies.

Award      Dinnah Dodds International Studies Research Grant

## COMMUNITY SERVICE & PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

### SIERRA CLUB MAUI WATER FOR LIFE EAST MAUI ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

*Presenter and Panelist* June 13, 2022

### COUNCIL FOR NATIVE HAWAIIAN ADVANCEMENT NATIVE HAWAIIAN CONVENTION

*Presenter* July 2022 'Aha 'Ōpio: Ulu Koa  
Kūkulu Waiwai: Water as a Public Trust

### OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS KA WAI OLA ISSUE

*Co-Author* Issue Vol. 39 No. 5 May 2022 Cover Feature  
Kuhinia Maui: Wai and a Return to 'Āina Momona