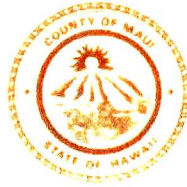


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January 13, 2025

The Honorable Alice L. Lee
and Members of the Council
200 South High Street, 8th Floor
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair Lee:

**SUBJECT: NOMINEES TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND
COMMISSIONS (GREAT-2)**

In accordance with Section 13-2.(18) of the Charter of the County of Maui, I am pleased to submit the following nominee, along with her completed application, for your review and consideration to the Cost of Government Commission.

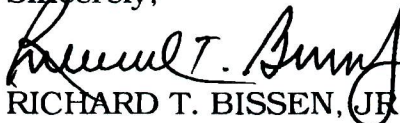
Cost of Government Commission

Michelle Louise Cerizo
(Replacing Joaquin P. Freitas, Jr.)

Term Expiration 3/31/29

If you have any questions on this matter, please contact Cory Lynn Vicens, Boards and Commissions Liaison, Office of the Mayor, at ext. 8222.

Sincerely,


RICHARD T. BISSEN, JR.
Mayor

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Attachments



BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION APPLICATION FORM

Maui County Council

(Please print or type.)

Name: Cerizo Michelle Louise
(Last) (First) (Middle Name)

City of Residence: Wailuku Island: Maui

Current Employer & Position: DOE/ Educator [Redacted]

Please indicate why you are interested in serving and skills you may have to contribute: I have been a public servant for many years in the HI Department Of Education. I'd like to grow my skill set and work within the larger community. As an educator, I have organizational, instructional, data gathering skills.

Collaborating and problem solving with a group is a strength of mine. I like to set up systems.

Employment History:

From	To	
8/2008	Present	HI DOE, H.P. Baldwin High School, Teacher and TA Vice Principal
6/2017	Present	Educational Consultant for 101 Financial and Cambium Assessment

Community and Professional Organizations/Activities:

Member of Hawaiian Dance Club and Hawaii State Teachers Association

Previous County Experience (employment or board member):

NA

Educational Background:

Bachelors of Science in Communications Management from University of Portland Portland Oregon Teacher Certification from University of Guam Mangilao Guam Masters of Science in Special Education at San Francisco State University Teacher Licensure for English Language Arts, Teacher Leadership and Special Education from Hawaii Teachers Standards Board

BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION PREFERENCES:

Please indicate, in order of priority, the boards, committees, or commissions, you are interested in serving on. Please indicate if no preference.

- Council of Aging
- Cost of Government Commission
- Maui Redevelopment Agency
- Maui Planning Commission
- Urban Design Review Board
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Consent to be Nominated and Certification of Truthfulness and Accuracy of Information and Commitment to Attendance:

I declare that the above statements are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and will commit to attending all regularly scheduled board, committee, and commission meetings to the best of my ability.

For more details and requirements on County boards/committees/commissions, please visit: https://www.mauicounty.gov/167/Boards-Commissions

Signature: Michelle Cerizo Date: 2/28/2024

Most board, committee, and commission appointments are subject to confirmation by the Maui County Council. Board terms vary and can range from one-, two-, three-, or five-year terms. The information contained on this form will be made available to the public.

Please email your completed application by 12:00 p.m. noon on February 29, 2024, to: great.committee@mauicounty.us, with a reference to GREAT-2(22). You may also fax your application to (808) 270-7686; mail your application to Office of Council Services, 200 South High Street, #703, Wailuku, HI 96793; drop your application in a drop box located outside the entrance to the Kalana O Maui Building, or hand deliver to any Council residency area office located in Pā'ia, Kihei, East Maui, Lāna'i, or Molokai during operational hours. For further information, call GREAT Committee staff at (808) 270-7665 or (808) 270-8039.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR
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STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
HENRY PERRINE BALDWIN HIGH SCHOOL
1850 KAAHUMANU AVENUE
WAILUKU, HAWAII 96783
PHONE: (808) 727-3200

Feb. 27, 2024

To whom it may concern,

This is a letter of endorsement for Ms. Michelle Cerizo. I have known and worked with Ms. Cerizo for over nine years at both Kahului Elementary and now at Henry Perrine Baldwin High School, in which I served as her Principal.

Throughout this time, Ms. Cerizo has consistently demonstrated her genuine commitment to educating all students. Ms. Cerizo has shown an earnest desire to promote collaboration and cooperation with students, colleagues, and parents in supporting our goals related to student learning. I believe this ability to build relationships will support positive results for those currently involved in our school and is the foundation for her personal and professional connections in the future.

Ms. Cerizo has leader. As a Vice-Principal working directly under me, she was able to develop, monitor, sustain, follow through and reflect on assignments given to her. Take for example in 2021-2022 school year at H.P. Baldwin High School. Her work with school facilities improved drastically with work with school custodians, district employees and state officials. Our roofing at Baldwin and checks for compliance were done with accuracy and excellence.

Ms. Cerizo is a systems thinker and implementer. She was able to turn around a budget request of over a million dollars by thinking through what students and teachers would need utilizing Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds. She often cross checked the budget with the Academic and Financial plan to ensure items were listed and accounted for throughout the system of finances.

Ms. Cerizo is a collaborator. She works well on a team by being honest, tenacious, and reflective. Take her work with the Academics team. She is able to work with students, teachers, classified staff members, Administrators, district and state personnel and outside agencies. Ms. Cerizo finds ways by advocating what would work for all. I have witnessed her interactions with others where it has been very positive.

Ms. Cerizo is a risk taker who wants to grow and improve her professional practice. She supported all students with providing data to leadership to make good decisions for student growth. She follows through with tasks assigned to her and takes initiative on those that create opportunities to help all stakeholders, businesses and community partnerships.

Ms. Cerizo is dedicated, knowledgeable, and enthusiastic about teaching, learning and leading. She is a strong leader, systems thinker and collaborator and would make a great team member in any capacity.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call me at (808) 727-3212.

Sincerely,


Keoni Wilhelm
H.P. Baldwin Principal

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