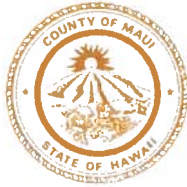


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January 5, 2024

Honorable Alice Lee, Chair
and Members of the Maui County Council
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair Lee and Council Members:

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF KATE BLYSTONE AS THE PLANNING DIRECTOR

Pursuant to Section 8-8.2 of the Charter of the County of Maui (2023), please consider this my formal notice of appointment of Kate Blystone as Planning Director.

Attached is the resolution approving this appointment to made effective January 22, 2024. In support of the resolution, attached is Kate Blystone's resume.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard T. Bissen, Jr." in a cursive style.

RICHARD T. BISSEN, JR.
Mayor, County of Maui

Attachments



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KATIE LK BLYSTONE

OBJECTIVE

I seek to use my skills and experience to support my community as we work together to build a better future for Maui Nui.

SKILLS & ABILITIES

More than 20 years of experience as a land use planner and community engagement specialist in the public, private, nonprofit, and education sectors of the planning profession in Hawai'i and the Pacific Northwest.

EDUCATION

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| 2012 | Master of Urban & Regional Planning
Eastern Washington University; <i>Emphasis in small town planning</i> |
| 2006 | Bachelor of Arts, General Studies
Western Washington University; <i>Minor in environmental studies</i> |

RECENT EXPERIENCE

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| 2022 – present | Program Officer
Hawai'i Community Foundation House Maui Initiative (HMI)
Worked as part of team to implement the three pillars of HMI: align resources, educate and empower, and remake systems. Responsibilities included budgeting and contracting; consultant coordination and management; strategy development and work planning; policy research and development; housing project research and coordination with proponents, the County, and state agencies; developing and updating regional workforce and affordable housing plans for Central, South, and West Maui; grantmaking, grant prospecting, grantwriting, and grant management for HMI and with our nonprofit partners; post-disaster coordination with nonprofit organizations, and state and federal agencies to address housing needs; and creative and adaptive problem solving in evolving situations. (Maui County, Hawai'i) |
| 2022 | Project Manager
Bowers + Kubota Consulting
Managed multiple projects for various clients across the pae 'āina, including preparing regional plans for Hawai'i Community Foundation's House Maui Initiative. Responsibilities included project management; writing proposals, scopes and budgets; invoicing and budget management; working directly with existing and prospective clients; public engagement; permitting; research and report writing and editing, directing the work of junior staff and mentoring them through difficult assignments; and building relationships across departments and with agencies and organizations on all islands. (Hawai'i) |

2018 – 2022

Senior Planner (Planner V)
[Maui County Department of Planning](#)

Lead planner for the South Maui Community Plan update and public engagement lead for the West Maui Community Plan update. Responsibilities included project management; designing and facilitating public engagement efforts; collecting, organizing, and translating public comment into meaningful policies and actions in the community plan; building and maintaining relationships with community members including underrepresented groups; representing the project in community meetings and to County leadership; tracking development projects and maintaining contact with developers; reviewing and commenting on development proposals and proposed code revisions; and coordinating the work of the planning team. (Maui County, Hawai'i)

2016 – 2018

Outreach Manager
[Pipeline Safety Trust](#)

Led public outreach and education, focused on public safety and hazardous liquid and gas pipelines. Responsibilities included being the contact for general questions about pipeline safety; advocating for more protective rules at the federal level; lobbying oil/gas pipeline executives to improve their practices; coordinating an annual national conference in New Orleans; and implementing an advocate training program with a grant from the U.S. Dept. of Transportation. (Bellingham, Washington)

2013 – 2016

Program Director
[RE Sources for Sustainable Communities](#)

Responsible for leading the work of three program areas: Clean Energy, Clean Water, and Sustainable Schools. Responsibilities included prospecting, writing, and managing \$500k in grants from federal, state, and local grantors; annual budget development, defense and monitoring; assisting with fundraising and donor relationship development; collaborating with the leadership team to create innovative and effective projects to advance the organization's mission; drafting and advocating for legislation to protect public health and the environment; mentoring and advocating for staff; cultivating relationships with community partners including local sovereign indigenous nations; and constantly innovating to meet the changing needs of our community. (Bellingham, Washington)

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

2013 & 2016
Washington)

Lecturer, Urban Planning | Western Washington University (Bellingham,

2012-2013

Whatcom Chapter Director | Futurewise (Bellingham, Washington)

2011-2012

Environmental Planner/Public Engagement Specialist | BergerABAM (Vancouver, Washington)

2008-2011

Planner | Whatcom County Planning & Development Services (Bellingham, Washington)

2006-2008

Assistant Planner | Studio Cascade, Inc. (Spokane, Washington)

2005-2006

Development Coordinator | Center for Justice (Spokane, Washington)

2001-2005

Assistant Planner | Cornerstone Strategies/Paul Schissler Associates (Bellingham, Washington)