

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, ETHICS, AND TRANSPARENCY COMMITTEE

June 7, 2024

**Committee
Report No.** _____

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

Chair and Members:

Your Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee, having met on May 1, 2024, makes reference to Resolution 24-83, entitled “APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF MARIA ZIELINSKI AS THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE.”

Resolution 24-83’s purpose is to approve the appointment of Maria Zielinski as Director of Finance, under Sections 6-2(5) and 8-4.2 of the Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended (“Charter”).

Your Committee notes Charter Section 8-4.2 provides that the Director of Finance be appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the Council. In addition, Charter Section 6-2(5) provides that the Council confirm or deny the appointment within 60 days after receiving notice of the appointment by the Mayor. Accordingly, the deadline for the Council to confirm or deny the appointment of Ms. Zielinski as Director of Finance is June 11, 2024.

By correspondence dated April 30, 2024, the Mayor notified your Committee that Ms. Zielinski withdrew her name from consideration for Director of Finance.

Your Committee noted Charter Section 6-2(5) provides that if the Council does not act within the 60-day period, the appointment will be deemed to be confirmed. Accordingly, your Committee recommended Ms. Zielinski’s appointment be disapproved to accommodate her request for withdrawal and Resolution 24-83 be revised.

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Your Committee thanked Ms. Zielinski for her willingness to serve and expressed support for her future endeavors.

Your Committee notes that if the Council disapproves Ms. Zielinski's appointment during its meeting of June 7, 2024, Charter Section 6-2(5) provides that the appointee may not continue in office. Further, Charter Section 6-2(5) requires the Mayor make a new appointment within 60 days of the Council's denial. The Mayor's deadline to provide notice of a new appointment would be August 6, 2024.

Your Committee voted 9-0 to recommend adoption of Resolution 24-83, CD1. Committee Chair U'u-Hodgins, Vice-Chair Paltin, and members Cook, Johnson, Kama, Lee, Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, and Sugimura voted "aye."

Your Committee is in receipt of Resolution 24-83, CD1, entitled "DISAPPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF MARIA ZIELINSKI AS THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE," approved as to form and legality by the Department of the Corporation Counsel, incorporating your Committee's recommended revisions and nonsubstantive revisions.

Your Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee **RECOMMENDS** that Resolution 24-83, CD1, as revised herein and attached hereto, entitled "DISAPPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF MARIA ZIELINSKI AS THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE," be **ADOPTED**.

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



NOHELANI U'U-HODGINS, Chair

Resolution

No. 24-83, CD1

DISAPPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF MARIA ZIELINSKI
AS THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

WHEREAS, by letter dated April 12, 2024, Mayor Richard T. Bissen, Jr. notified the Council that he appointed Maria Zielinski as the director of Finance; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 8-4.2 states that, “The director of Finance shall be appointed by the mayor with the approval of the council and may be removed by the mayor”; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 6-2.5 provides that the Council shall confirm or deny the appointment within 60 days after receiving notice of the appointment by the Mayor; now; therefore,

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

1. That it hereby disapproves the appointment of Maria Zielinski as the director of Finance; and
2. That certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor and Managing Director.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

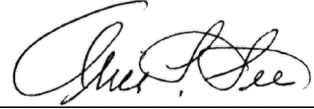


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INTRODUCED BY:

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ALICE L. LEE

Upon the request of the Mayor.