

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 25, 2020, the Mayor transmitted a proposed resolution, entitled "APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE MAUI COUNTY CULTURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION," with a completed application for the nominee. The purpose of the proposed resolution is to approve or disapprove the Mayor's nomination of Andrew de la Cruz to the Maui County Cultural Resources Commission, for a term expiring on March 31, 2025.

Your Committee notes this is the second nomination received from the Mayor for this vacancy. Your Committee previously recommended the disapproval of Marinel Yumol to the Maui County Cultural Resources Commission by Governance, Ethics, and Transparency Committee Report 20-35. The recommendation was adopted by the Council at its meeting of March 13, 2020 (Resolution 20-47).

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, and Chapter 2.41, Maui County Code ("MCC").

Your Committee further notes specific provisions for the Maui County Cultural Resources Commission are located in Sections 2.40.110 and 2.88.030, MCC.

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The Council needed to approve or disapprove Mr. de la Cruz's nomination to the Maui County Cultural Resources Commission by May 24, 2020, or the nomination would be deemed approved.

Your Committee did not request to interview Mr. de la Cruz.

Your Committee discussed Mr. de la Cruz's nomination to the Maui County Cultural Resources Commission.

A representative of the Mayor said Mr. de la Cruz is a lifelong Lanai resident. He is also a retired business professional who previously served on the County's Fire and Public Safety Commission and Police Commission.

Your Committee described Mr. de la Cruz as a retired military veteran who is knowledgeable of the cultural resources on Lanai. He comes from a family with a long-standing history on the island. Although he is retired, he wants to continue to give back and serve his community.

Your Committee noted the Council was unable to meet the May 24, 2020, deadline to approve or disapprove Mr. de la Cruz's nomination because the next Council meeting was scheduled for May 26, 2020. Therefore, Mr. de la Cruz was deemed approved effective May 24, 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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