

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI
POLICY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,
AND AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

September 22, 2017

Committee
Report No. _____

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

Chair and Members:

Your Policy, Economic Development, and Agriculture Committee, having met on September 5, 2017, makes reference to County Communication 17-7, from Council Chair Mike White, relating to nominations to boards, committees, and commissions.

By correspondence dated and received on August 22, 2017, the Mayor transmitted a proposed resolution entitled "RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF WAYNE HEDANI TO THE REAL PROPERTY TAX REVIEW BOARD," along with a completed application form for the nominee. The purpose of the proposed resolution is to approve or disapprove the Mayor's nomination of Wayne Hedani to the Real Property Tax Review Board, for a term expiring on March 31, 2019, to fill a vacancy due to the resignation of Stephanie Stucky.

Your Committee notes general appointment procedures for boards and commissions are outlined in Section 13-2, Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended (Charter), and Chapter 2.41, Maui County Code (MCC).

Your Committee further notes specific provisions for the Real Property Tax Review Board are located in Sections 2.40.170 and 3.48.620, MCC.

The Council must approve or disapprove Mr. Hedani's nomination to the Real Property Tax Review Board by October 21, 2017, or the nomination will be deemed approved.

Your Committee did not request to interview the nominee.

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The representative of the Mayor said Mr. Hedani has previously served on various boards and commissions, is highly involved in the community, and wants to continue to give back.

Pursuant to Section 3.48.620, MCC, no more than two real estate agents or brokers shall serve as members of the Board at any one time to accommodate a more balanced range of professions on the Board. Mr. Hedani has an advanced certificate in real estate, but is not a licensed real estate agent or broker.

Your Committee expressed concern relating to the transparency of the application process and inquired as to the number of applications the Mayor received to fill the Real Property Tax Review Board vacancy. Your Committee notes pursuant to Section 13-2 of the Charter, the Mayor has jurisdiction to submit the name of a nominee to the Council for approval, to fill a vacancy not more than 70 days nor less than 60 days before the vacancy is to occur. Your Committee further notes if the Mayor fails to submit the name of a nominee within the times provided for, the Council then has the jurisdiction within 60 days to nominate and approve the appointment of an individual to fill the vacancy.

Your Committee also expressed a desire for balanced geographic and demographic representation on boards and commissions, in general.

Your Committee voted 5-3 to recommend adoption of the proposed resolution. Committee Chair Sugimura, Vice-Chair Crivello, and members Carroll, Guzman, and White voted "aye." Committee members Atay, Cochran, and King voted "no." Committee member Hokama was excused.

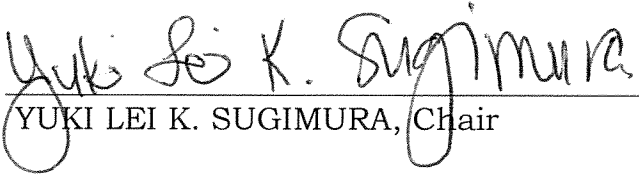
Your Policy, Economic Development, and Agriculture Committee RECOMMENDS that Resolution _____, attached hereto, entitled "RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF WAYNE HEDANI TO THE REAL PROPERTY TAX REVIEW BOARD," be ADOPTED.

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



YUKI LEI K. SUGIMURA, Chair

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Resolution

No. _____

RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF WAYNE HEDANI TO THE REAL PROPERTY TAX REVIEW BOARD

WHEREAS, by correspondence dated August 22, 2017, Mayor Alan M. Arakawa notified the Council that he nominated Wayne Hedani to the Real Property Tax Review Board for a term expiring March 31, 2019, to fill a vacancy replacing Stephanie Stucky, pursuant to Sections 2.40.170 and 3.48.620, Maui County Code (“MCC”), and Section 13-2, Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended, (“Charter”); and

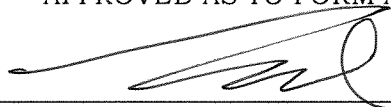
WHEREAS, Section 13-2, Charter, requires the Mayor’s nominee to be approved by the Council; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 13-2(17), requires the Council to approve or disapprove the nomination within sixty days after the Mayor submits the name of the nominee to the Council because of the death, resignation, or removal of a member; now, therefore,

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

1. That it approves the appointment of Wayne Hedani to serve on the Real Property Tax Review Board for a term expiring March 31, 2019; and
2. That the Council expresses its gratitude and appreciation to Wayne Hedani for his willingness to be considered for public service and actively participate in County government; and
3. That certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Managing Director, and the Corporation Counsel.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:



EDWARD S. KUSHI, JR.

Department of the Corporation Counsel
County of Maui
2017-0072

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