

**COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI**  
**GOVERNANCE, ETHICS, AND**  
**TRANSPARENCY COMMITTEE**

April 5, 2019

**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 February 12, 2019, and March 21, 2019, makes reference to County Communication 19-24, from Council Chair Kelly T. King, relating to nominations to boards, committees, and commissions ("boards").

By correspondence dated January 28, 2019 (received on January 29, 2019), the Acting Mayor transmitted the following:

1. A proposed resolution, entitled "APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI," with a completed application for the nominee. The purpose of the proposed resolution is to approve or disapprove the Mayor's nomination of Michael Gurat to the Affirmative Action Advisory Council for a term beginning on April 1, 2019, and expiring on March 31, 2024.
2. A proposed resolution, entitled "APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF ETHICS FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI," with a completed application for the nominee. The purpose of the proposed resolution is to approve or disapprove the Mayor's nomination of Geraldine Lewis to the Board of Ethics for a term beginning on April 1, 2019, and expiring on March 31, 2024.

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3. A proposed resolution, entitled "APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF VARIANCES AND APPEALS FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI," with a completed application for the nominee. The purpose of the proposed resolution is to approve or disapprove the Mayor's nomination of Emmanuel Baltazar to the Board of Variances and Appeals for a term beginning on April 1, 2019, and expiring on March 31, 2024.
4. A proposed resolution, entitled "APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI," with completed applications for the nominees. The purpose of the proposed resolution is to approve or disapprove the Mayor's nominations of Yarrow Flower, Hanna Mounce, and Buddy James Nobriga to the Board of Water Supply for terms beginning on April 1, 2019, and expiring on March 31, 2024.
5. A proposed resolution, entitled "APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI," with a completed application for the nominee. The purpose of the proposed resolution is to approve or disapprove the Mayor's nomination of Blake Takayama to the Civil Service Commission for a term beginning on April 1, 2019, and expiring on March 31, 2024.
6. A proposed resolution, entitled "APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE MAUI COUNTY COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES," with completed applications for the nominees. The purpose of the proposed resolution is to approve or disapprove the Mayor's nominations of Joseph D'Alessandro and Evalina "Nani" Watanabe to the Maui County Commission on Persons with Disabilities for terms beginning on April 1, 2019, and expiring on March 31, 2024.

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7. A proposed resolution, entitled "APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI," with completed applications for the nominees. The purpose of the proposed resolution is to approve or disapprove the Mayor's nominations of Sheron Bissen and Jessica Crouse to the Committee on the Status of Women for terms beginning on April 1, 2019, and expiring on March 31, 2024.
8. A proposed resolution, entitled "APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE COST OF GOVERNMENT COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI," with completed applications for the nominees. The purpose of the proposed resolution is to approve or disapprove the Mayor's nominations of Bonnie De Rose (Reappoint), Paula Heiskell (Reappoint), Barbara Mattson (Reappoint), Brenda "Michelle" Del Rosario, and Sarah Simmons to the Cost of Government Commission for terms beginning on April 1, 2019, and expiring on March 31, 2024.
9. A proposed resolution, entitled "APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE COUNCIL ON AGING FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI," with a completed application for the nominee. The purpose of the proposed resolution is to approve or disapprove the Mayor's nomination of Debra Cabebe to the Council on Aging for a term beginning on April 1, 2019, and expiring on March 31, 2024.
10. A proposed resolution, entitled "APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE FIRE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI," with completed applications for the nominees. The purpose of the proposed resolution is to approve or disapprove the Mayor's nominations of Dwight Burns and Lisa Vares to the Fire and Public Safety Commission for terms beginning on April 1, 2019, and expiring on March 31, 2024.

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11. A proposed resolution, entitled "APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE KULA AGRICULTURAL PARK COMMITTEE FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI," with a completed application for the nominee. The purpose of the proposed resolution is to approve or disapprove the Mayor's nomination of Isla Young to the Kula Agricultural Park Committee for a term beginning on April 1, 2019, and expiring on March 31, 2024.
12. A proposed resolution, entitled "APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE LIQUOR CONTROL ADJUDICATION BOARD FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI," with a completed application for the nominee. The purpose of the proposed resolution is to approve or disapprove the Mayor's nomination of Allan Almeida to the Liquor Control Adjudication Board for a term beginning on April 1, 2019, and expiring on March 31, 2024.
13. A proposed resolution, entitled "APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI," with a completed application for the nominee. The purpose of the proposed resolution is to approve or disapprove the Mayor's nomination of Jerrybeth De Mello to the Liquor Control Commission for a term beginning on April 1, 2019, and expiring on March 31, 2024.
14. A proposed resolution, entitled "APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE MAUI COUNTY CULTURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION," with completed applications for the nominees. The purpose of the proposed resolution is to approve or disapprove the Mayor's nominations of Thomas Cannon (Architect) and Daniel Kanahale (Hawaiian culture/ethnic history) to the Maui County Cultural Resources Commission for terms beginning on April 1, 2019, and expiring on March 31, 2024.

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15. A proposed resolution, entitled "APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE MAUI PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI," with a completed application for the nominee. The purpose of the proposed resolution is to approve or disapprove the Mayor's nomination of Kellie Pali (Reappoint) to the Maui Planning Commission for a term beginning on April 1, 2019, and expiring on March 31, 2024.
16. A proposed resolution, entitled "APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE MAUI REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY," with a completed application for the nominee. The purpose of the proposed resolution is to approve or disapprove the Mayor's nomination of Jo-Ann Ridao (Reappoint) to the Maui Redevelopment Agency for a term beginning on April 1, 2019, and expiring on March 31, 2024.
17. A proposed resolution, entitled "APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE MOLOKAI PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI," with completed applications for the nominees. The purpose of the proposed resolution is to approve or disapprove the Mayor's nominations of Laakea Poepoe (Reappoint), Julie-Ann Bicoy, and Bridget Mowat to the Molokai Planning Commission for terms beginning on April 1, 2019, and expiring on March 31, 2024.
18. A proposed resolution, entitled "APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE POLICE COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI," with a completed application for the nominee. The purpose of the proposed resolution is to approve or disapprove the Mayor's nomination of Matthew Mano to the Police Commission for a term beginning on April 1, 2019, and expiring on March 31, 2024.
19. A proposed resolution, entitled "APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI," with completed applications for the

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nominees. The purpose of the proposed resolution is to approve or disapprove the Mayor's nominations of Brooks Aoki (Engineer) (from alternate member to regular member), Harry Hecht (Engineer) (from alternate member to regular member), and Luana Kawa`a (Hawaiian language) to the Public Works Commission. Mr. Aoki and Mr. Hecht will each continue their current term expiring on March 31, 2021. Ms. Kawa`a's term will begin on April 1, 2019, and expire on March 31, 2024.

20. A proposed resolution, entitled "APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE REAL PROPERTY TAX REVIEW BOARD FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI," with a completed application for the nominee. The purpose of the proposed resolution is to approve or disapprove the Mayor's nomination of Thomas Croly to the Real Property Tax Review Board for a term beginning on April 1, 2019, and expiring on March 31, 2024.
21. A proposed resolution, entitled "APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE SALARY COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI," with completed applications for the nominees. The purpose of the proposed resolution is to approve or disapprove the Mayor's nominations of Scott Parker and Stanford Lantias to the Salary Commission for terms beginning on April 1, 2019, and expiring on March 31, 2024.
22. A proposed resolution, entitled "APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE URBAN DESIGN REVIEW BOARD FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI," with completed applications for the nominees. The purpose of the proposed resolution is to approve or disapprove the Mayor's nominations of Peter Niess (Architect) and Darren Okimoto (Civil Engineer) to the Urban Design Review Board for terms beginning on April 1, 2019, and expiring on March 31, 2024.

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

The Mayor is required to submit names of nominees to the Council not less than 60 days and not more than 70 days before the prior members' terms expire.

There is no time limit for the Council to approve or disapprove nominations to the Kula Agricultural Park Committee, Maui Redevelopment Agency, and Urban Design Review Board.

Your Committee notes it previously reported on this matter through Committee Report 19-24, which recommended adoption of the proposed resolutions approving and disapproving appointments to various boards, committees, and commissions with a 60-day deadline, pursuant to Charter Section 13-2(16). At its meeting of March 8, 2019, the Council adopted the recommendations in Committee Report 19-24 (Resolutions 19-42 through 19-58, and Resolution 19-59, as amended).

By correspondence dated February 7, 2019, the Acting Mayor transmitted a revised proposed resolution relating to the appointment of Isla Young to the Kula Agricultural Park Committee. The revised proposed resolution reflects Ms. Young filling a "General Public" seat on the board. Pursuant to Ordinance 4336 (2016), the Kula Agricultural Park Committee shall consist of nine members, of which at least two members shall represent the general public.

By correspondence dated March 5, 2019, the Mayor transmitted a revised proposed resolution relating to the appointment of Darren Okimoto (Civil Engineer) to the Urban Design Review Board. The revised proposed resolution corrects Mr. Okimoto's term date to expire on March 31, 2023.

Your Committee did not request to interview the nominees.

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Your Committee discussed Ms. Young's nomination to the Kula Agricultural Park Committee. The representative of the Mayor said Ms. Young is a Director at the Maui Economic Development Board, Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Education and Workforce Development Program. In this capacity, she works with agriculture-related issues, such as school programs and agriculture-based internships. As noted in her board application, Ms. Young believes agriculture is important for our island community.

Your Committee discussed Ms. Ridao's nomination to the Maui Redevelopment Agency. The Mayor's representative said Ms. Ridao brings a wealth of experience to the board and is involved in the community. She is interested in seeing how the work of the Maui Redevelopment Agency will affect the town of Wailuku, where she was born and raised.

Your Committee discussed Mr. Niess's nomination to the Urban Design Review Board. The Mayor's representative said Mr. Niess has been employed as an Architect with the Maui Architectural Group since 2007. As noted in his board application, Mr. Niess has a Bachelor of Science degree in Urban Planning and a Master's degree in Architecture. Having been born and raised on Maui, he feels it is essential for the island and small towns to keep their own identity and sense of place.

Your Committee discussed Mr. Okimoto's nomination to the Urban Design Review Board. The Mayor's representative said Mr. Okimoto is a Senior Project Engineer with Warren S. Unemori Engineering, Inc. As noted in his board application, he has a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering and a Master's degree in Structural Engineering. Mr. Okimoto is currently an Alternate member on the Urban Design Review Board.

Your Committee voted 6-0 to recommend approval of the nomination of Isla Young (General Public) to the Kula Agricultural Park Committee. Committee Chair Molina and members Hokama, Kama, Paltin, Sinenci, and Sugimura voted "aye." Committee Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez and members King and Lee were excused.



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Your Committee voted 6-1 to recommend approval of the nomination of Jo-Ann Ridao to the Maui Redevelopment Agency. Committee Chair Molina, Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, and members Hokama, Kama, Sinenci, and Sugimura voted "aye." Committee member Paltin voted "no." Committee members King and Lee were excused.

Your Committee voted 7-0 to recommend approval of the nominations of Peter Niess (Architect) and Darren Okimoto (Civil Engineer) to the Urban Design Review Board. Committee Chair Molina, Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, and members Hokama, Kama, Paltin, Sinenci, and Sugimura voted "aye." Committee members King and Lee were excused.

Your Committee is in receipt of revised proposed resolutions, approved as to form and legality by the Department of the Corporation Counsel, incorporating your Committee's recommended revisions and nonsubstantive revisions.

Your Governance, Ethics, and Transparency Committee **RECOMMENDS** the following:

1. That Resolution \_\_\_\_\_, attached hereto, entitled "APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER TO THE KULA AGRICULTURAL PARK COMMITTEE FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI," be ADOPTED;
2. That Resolution \_\_\_\_\_, attached hereto, entitled "APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER TO THE MAUI REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY," be ADOPTED; and
3. That Resolution \_\_\_\_\_, attached hereto, entitled "APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE URBAN DESIGN REVIEW BOARD FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI," be ADOPTED.

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

  
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MICHAEL J. MOLINA, Chair

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# Resolution

No. \_\_\_\_\_

## APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER TO THE KULA AGRICULTURAL PARK COMMITTEE FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI

WHEREAS, by letter dated January 28, 2019, Acting Mayor Sananda K. Baz notified the Council that he nominated the person listed in Exhibit "A", attached hereto, as a member to the Kula Agricultural Park Committee for the County of Maui, pursuant to Sections 2.40.180 and 22.04A.070, Maui County Code ("MCC"); and

WHEREAS, Sections 2.40.180 and 22.04A.070 of the MCC require the Mayor's nominee to be approved by the Council; now, therefore,

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

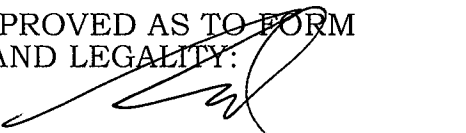
1. That it hereby approves the appointment of the person listed in Exhibit "B", attached hereto, as a member to the Kula Agricultural Park Committee for the term as specified therein; and

2. That it hereby disapproves the appointment of the person listed in Exhibit "C" as a member to the Kula Agricultural Park Committee as nominated by the Mayor; and

3. That the Council expresses its gratitude and appreciation to the appointed member for her willingness to be considered for public service and actively participate in County government; and

4. That certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Managing Director, and the Corporation Counsel.

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND LEGALITY:

  
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EDWARD S. KUSHI, JR.  
First Deputy Corporation Counsel  
County of Maui

2019-0065/2019-0122

**NOMINATED MEMBER AND TERM**

**KULA AGRICULTURAL PARK COMMITTEE**

Isla Young (General Public)

Term 4/1/19 through 3/31/24

**APPROVED MEMBER AND TERM**

**KULA AGRICULTURAL PARK COMMITTEE**

Isla Young (General Public)

Term expiring 3/31/24

**DISAPPROVED MEMBER**

**KULA AGRICULTURAL PARK COMMITTEE**

# Resolution

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## APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER TO THE MAUI REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

WHEREAS, by letter dated January 28, 2019, Acting Mayor Sananda K. Baz notified the Council that he nominated the person listed in Exhibit "A", attached hereto, as a member to the Maui Redevelopment Agency, pursuant to Section 2.40.050, Maui County Code ("MCC"), and Section 53-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS"); and

WHEREAS, Section 53-2 of the HRS requires the Mayor's nominee to be approved by the Council; now, therefore,

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

1. That it hereby approves the appointment of the person listed in Exhibit "B", attached hereto, as a member to the Maui Redevelopment Agency for the term as specified therein; and

2. That it hereby disapproves the appointment of the person listed in Exhibit "C" as a member to the Maui Redevelopment Agency as nominated by the Mayor; and

3. That the Council expresses its gratitude and appreciation to the appointed member for her willingness to be considered for public service and actively participate in County government; and

4. 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.  
First Deputy Corporation Counsel  
County of Maui  
2019-0065/2019-0122

**NOMINATED MEMBER AND TERM**

**MAUI REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

Jo-Ann Ridao (Reappoint)

Term 4/1/19 through 3/31/24



**APPROVED MEMBER AND TERM**

**MAUI REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

Jo-Ann Ridaao (Reappoint)

Term expiring 3/31/24

**DISAPPROVED MEMBER**

**MAUI REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

# Resolution

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## APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE URBAN DESIGN REVIEW BOARD FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI

WHEREAS, by letter dated January 28, 2019, Acting Mayor Sananda K. Baz notified the Council that he nominated the persons listed in Exhibit "A", attached hereto, as members to the Urban Design Review Board for the County of Maui, pursuant to Sections 2.26.030 and 2.40.100, Maui County Code ("MCC"), and Section 13-2(1), Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended ("Charter"); and

WHEREAS, Sections 2.26.030 and 2.40.100 of the MCC and Section 13-2(1) of the Charter require the Mayor's nominees to be approved by the Council; now, therefore,

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

1. That it hereby approves the appointment of the persons listed in Exhibit "B", attached hereto, as members to the Urban Design Review Board for the terms as specified therein; and

2. That it hereby disapproves the appointment of the persons listed in Exhibit "C" as members to the Urban Design Review Board as nominated by the Mayor; and

3. That the Council expresses its gratitude and appreciation to the appointed members for their willingness to be considered for public service and actively participate in County government; and

4. That certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Managing Director, and the Corporation Counsel.

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND LEGALITY

  
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EDWARD S. KUSHI, JR.  
First Deputy Corporation Counsel  
County of Maui  
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**NOMINATED MEMBERS AND TERMS**

**URBAN DESIGN REVIEW BOARD**

Peter Niess (Architect)

Term 4/1/19 through 3/31/24

Darren Okimoto (Civil Engineer)

Term 4/1/19 through 3/31/23

**APPROVED MEMBERS AND TERMS**

**URBAN DESIGN REVIEW BOARD**

Peter Niess (Architect)	Term expiring 3/31/24
Darren Okimoto (Civil Engineer) (alternate member to regular member)	Term expiring 3/31/23

**DISAPPROVED MEMBERS**

**URBAN DESIGN REVIEW BOARD**