

**COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI**

**POLICY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,  
AND AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE**

November 3, 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 October 16, 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 September 7, 2017, the Mayor transmitted a proposed resolution entitled "RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF ALALANI HILL AS THE NATIVE HAWAIIAN TRADITIONAL AND CUSTOMARY PRACTICES EXPERT TO THE MAUI PLANNING COMMISSION," 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 Alalani Hill to the Maui Planning Commission, for a term expiring on March 31, 2018, to fill a vacancy due to the resignation of Doreen Canto.

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 also notes specific provisions for the Maui Planning Commission are located in Sections 2.28.010 and 2.28.070, MCC, and Charter Section 8-8.4.

Your Committee further notes at least one member of the Maui Planning Commission shall possess demonstrated expertise in native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices, pursuant to Ordinance 4431 (2017).

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The Council must approve or disapprove Ms. Hill's nomination to the Maui Planning Commission by November 6, 2017, or the nomination will be deemed approved.

Your Committee notes Ms. Hill's nomination to the Commission was the Mayor's second nomination to fill the vacancy. The prior nominee was interviewed by your Committee at a previous meeting, but later decided to withdraw her name from further consideration.

In an interview with your Committee, Ms. Hill noted her background and training in native Hawaiian cultural practices and her commitment to serving the Maui community. Ms. Hill is also a deacon of the Aloha O Kalani Ministry. She is well-versed in performing sacred ceremonies and is known for her spiritual work.

A representative of the Mayor added the nominee currently resides in Kihei and will provide geographical and gender balance on the Commission.

Your Committee voted 8-1 to recommend adoption of the proposed resolution approving Ms. Hill's nomination. Committee Chair Sugimura, Vice-Chair Crivello, and members Atay, Carroll, Guzman, Hokama, King, and White voted "aye." Committee Member Cochran voted "no."

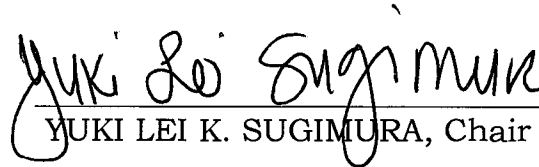
Your Policy, Economic Development, and Agriculture Committee **RECOMMENDS** that Resolution \_\_\_\_\_, attached hereto, entitled "RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF ALALANI HILL AS THE NATIVE HAWAIIAN TRADITIONAL AND CUSTOMARY PRACTICES EXPERT TO THE MAUI PLANNING COMMISSION," be **ADOPTED**.

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

  
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YUKI LEI K. SUGIMURA, Chair

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# Resolution

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

## RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF ALALANI HILL AS THE NATIVE HAWAIIAN TRADITIONAL AND CUSTOMARY PRACTICES EXPERT TO THE MAUI PLANNING COMMISSION

WHEREAS, by correspondence dated September 7, 2017, Mayor Alan M. Arakawa notified the Council he nominated Alalani Hill to the Maui Planning Commission for a term expiring on March 31, 2018, to fill a vacancy replacing Doreen Canto, pursuant to Sections 2.28.010 and 2.28.070, Maui County Code, and Sections 8-8.4 and 13-2, Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended, ("Charter"); and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 13-2, 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; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 8-8.4 contains specific provisions relating to the Maui Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.28.070, Maui County Code, requires each planning commission and the Hana advisory committee to have at least one member to have demonstrated expertise in native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices, as evidenced by one or more of the following credentials:

1. A college degree in a relevant field, such as Hawaiian studies, native Hawaiian law, native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices, including traditional environmental practices, or related subject area.
2. Work history that demonstrates an appropriate level of knowledge in native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices, including traditional environmental practices.
3. Substantial experience as a native Hawaiian traditional and customary practitioner; now, therefore,

**Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_**

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

1. That it approves the appointment of Alalani Hill to serve on the Maui Planning Commission for a term expiring March 31, 2018;
2. That it approves and designates the said Alalani Hill as the Maui planning commission member that possesses the required expertise in native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices;
3. That the Council expresses its gratitude and appreciation to Alalani Hill 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.

Department of the Corporation Counsel  
County of Maui

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