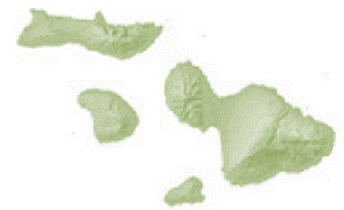


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May 7, 2025

Nohelani U'u-Hodgins, Chair
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County of Maui
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawai'i 96793

Re: Response Regarding Nominations to Boards, Committees and
Commissions (Resolution 25-108)
(GREAT-2(2))

Dear Chair U'u -Hodgins:

This is in response to your inquiry of May 2, 2025, regarding the explanation of the calculation of time for the Mayor's submission of names for the Planning Commission vacant seats.

During the 2025 Mass Nominations, Mayor submitted one name from the list provided by the Independent Nominations Board ("INB") for the Maui Planning Commission. The Council disapproved that nominee at the 02/21/2025 Council meeting, pursuant to Maui County Charter ("Charter") 13-2(17). Accordingly, Mayor notified INB via a letter, to provide a new list of names for the Commission. INB, pursuant to the aforementioned Charter section, had 75 days to provide a new list of applicants, which it did via letter dated 04/24/2025. Mayor then submitted the two new nominees for the Planning Commission's 2025 mass nominations seats.

In this instance, Ordinance 5779 does not apply to this submission deadline because the two new names submitted by Mayor are a part of the mass nominations process under Charter section 13-2(17). Ordinance 5779 applies to other open vacancies on a board or commission and is separate from the mass nomination process. Thus, the nominations for the current open Maui Planning

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Commission (mass nomination) seats should originate from the Mayor's list of possible candidates.

I will be attending the May 13, 2025 GREAT Committee meeting and will be able to answer any additional questions on the floor regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



YUKARI MURAKAMI
Deputy Corporation Counsel

cc. Independent Nomination Board
Jody Yoshida, Board Secretary/Boards and Commissions Liaison
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Please see attached response to your request dated May 2, 2025.

Thank you,
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