

Resolution

No. 25-208

APPOINTING KELSON KAUANOE BATANGAN TO FILL THE VACANCY ON THE COUNCIL FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE 2025-2027 TERM

WHEREAS, Councilmember Natalie “Tasha” Kama passed away on October 26, 2025, creating a vacancy on the Council for the 2025-2027 term; and

WHEREAS, under Section 3-4, Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended, if a vacancy in the office of any councilmember occurs and the unexpired term is less than 15 months, the remaining members of the Council shall appoint a person by resolution adopted by a majority of its remaining members to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 3-4 requires that the person appointed by the Council to fill the vacancy have the same qualifications required of a candidate elected by the voters; and

WHEREAS, the Council adopted Resolution 25-202, FD1, on November 3, 2025, outlining the process to fill the Council vacancy for the Kahului residency area for the remainder of the 2025-2027 Council term; and

WHEREAS, Kelson Kauanoë Batangan has submitted a completed Financial Disclosure Statement form and Application for a Nomination Paper by the stated deadline; now, therefore,

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

1. That Kelson Kauanoë Batangan meets the requirements provided by law to fill the Council vacancy under Section 3-4, Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended;
2. That Kelson Kauanoë Batangan is appointed to fill the vacancy in the office of Councilmember Natalie “Tasha” Kama, for the current unexpired term ending on January 2, 2027; and

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3. That certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor and County Clerk.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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