

# Resolution

No. 24-166

## APPOINTING HEATHER MAKANANI PLACE TO THE MOLOKAI PLANNING COMMISSION

WHEREAS, a vacancy on the Molokai Planning Commission for a term expiring March 31, 2029, remains vacant following the 2024 “mass nomination” process where seats on various boards and commissions expire on March 31<sup>st</sup>; and

WHEREAS, by correspondence dated January 31, 2024, the Mayor nominated Jessica Wai Han Parker to fill the vacancy; and

WHEREAS, by correspondence dated June 16, 2024, the Mayor notified the Council that Jessica Wai Han Parker withdrew herself from consideration; and

WHEREAS, Section 13-2(19) of the Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended, does not recognize withdrawals and requires the Council to approve or disapprove Mayoral nominees; and

WHEREAS, Jessica Wai Han Parker’s withdrawal resulted in the Council voting to disapprove her on August 13, 2024; and

WHEREAS, under Charter Section 13-2(19), the Mayor has ten days to submit the name of a second nominee to fill the vacancy, subject to Council approval; and

WHEREAS, by correspondence dated August 19, 2024, the Council was notified of the Mayor’s nomination of Zelia E. Wills to fill the Molokai Planning Commission’s vacancy; and

WHEREAS, Council was notified at the Council meeting on August 27, 2024, that Zelia E. Wills had withdrawn from consideration, resulting in her disapproval by the Council; and

WHEREAS, by correspondence dated September 3, 2024, the Council notified the Mayor that Zelia E. Wills had been disapproved; and

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WHEREAS, under Charter Section 13-2(19), the Mayor has ten days to submit the name of another nominee, subject to Council approval, and this process continues until the vacancy is filled; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor did not provide another nomination by the September 13, 2024, deadline; and

WHEREAS, under Charter Section 13-2(19), the Council, as the remaining appointing authority, next has 30 days, or until October 13, 2024, to fill the vacancy; now, therefore,

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

1. That under Charter Section 13-2, it appoints Heather Makanani Place to the Molokai Planning Commission, for a term expiring March 31, 2029; and
2. That certified copies of the Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Corporation Counsel, and Heather Makanani Place.

INTRODUCED BY:

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