

# Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee (2023-2025) on 2023-02-21 9:00 AM

Meeting Time: 02-21-23 09:00

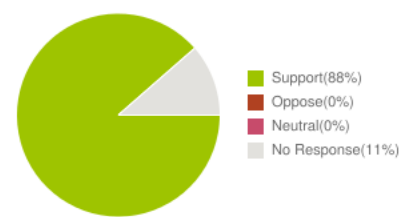
## eComments Report

Meetings	Meeting Time	Agenda Items	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee (2023-2025) on 2023-02-21 9:00 AM	02-21-23 09:00	13	35	31	0	0

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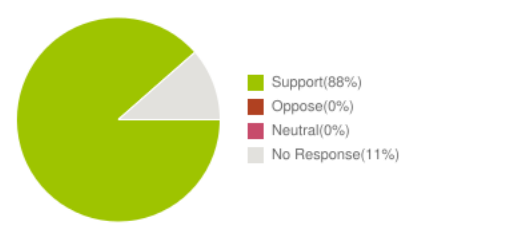


Agenda Name	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
A G E N D A	2	2	0	0
GREAT-1(1) Reso 23-35 APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS (RESOLUTION 23-35, RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF KEKUHAUPIO AKANA AS MANAGING DIRECTOR) (GREAT-1(1))	2	2	0	0
GREAT-1(2) Reso 23-36 APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS (RESOLUTION 23-36, RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF VICTORIA J. TAKAYESU AS CORPORATION COUNSEL) (GREAT-1(2))	10	8	0	0
GREAT-1(3) Reso 23-37 APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS (RESOLUTION 23-37, RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF ANDREW MARTIN AS PROSECUTING ATTORNEY) (GREAT-1(3))	1	1	0	0
GREAT-1(8) Reso 23-42 APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS (RESOLUTION 23-42, RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF SHAYNE AGAWA AS DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT) (GREAT-1(8))	1	1	0	0
GREAT-1(9) Reso 23-43 APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS (RESOLUTION 23-43, RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF LORI TSUHAKE AS DIRECTOR OF HOUSING AND HUMAN CONCERNS) (GREAT-1(9))	2	1	0	0
GREAT-1(10) Reso 23-44 APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS (RESOLUTION 23-44, RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MARC TAKAMORI AS DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION) (GREAT-1(10))	16	15	0	0
GREAT-1(11) Reso 23-45 APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS (RESOLUTION 23-45, RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF PATRICK McCALL AS DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION) (GREAT-1(11))	1	1	0	0

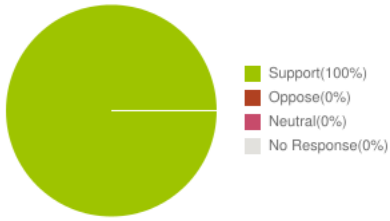
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Location:

Submitted At: 9:42am 02-21-23

Maui County Council

Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee

Nohelani U'u-Hodgins, Chair

Tamara Paltin, Vice Chair

Members of the Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee

SUPPORT all resolutions for Appointments of Directors for the Bissen Administration

Aloha Chair U'u-Hodgins, Vice Chair Paltin and members of the Committee,

The Maui Chamber of Commerce would like to offer our strong support for all resolutions on the agenda today which proposes to nominate Mayor Bissen's cabinet of Directors.

The Chamber fully supports the slate of nominees submitted by Mayor Bissen for the directors of the departments of the County of Maui's administration. We are certain that Mayor Bissen has fully vetted his nominees. We support his decisions of who should be on his cabinet.

We have worked with nominees Tsuhako and Aoki and feel that they truly have the best interests of Maui County in their actions.

For these reasons we respectfully request that all resolutions submitted by Mayor Bissen be passed.

Sincerely,  
Pamela Tumpap  
President  
Maui Chamber of Commerce

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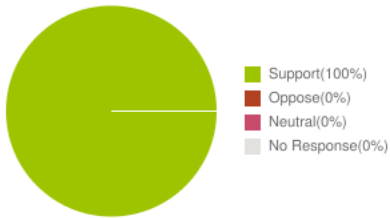
Submitted At: 11:42am 02-20-23

My name is Jean Yotsuya and proud to offer my recommendation of Victoria Takayesu for Corporation Counsel. Victoria has tremendously helped me while she was the Deputy at Child Support Enforcement Agency. During my hardship as a single abused parent, Vitoria Takayesu was very responsive and helpful in my case. Victoria always remained calm, collective and professional when meeting her in person and via phone. I HIGHLY recommend Victoria Takayesu for Corporation Counsel. I feel that Victoria will be a great asset to the Counsel as well as the community with her knowledge and expertise.

Thank you,  
Jean Yotsuya

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Location:

Submitted At: 11:11pm 02-20-23

This letter is being submitted in support of Victoria Takayesu-Hamilton for the position of Corporation Counsel for the County of Maui. I have known her for 12 years in her capacity as the supervising Deputy Attorney General for the Maui Child Support Enforcement Agency. She demonstrated that she has the administrative skills to lead an office effectively and efficiently. In my experience, Victoria is a practical leader. In addition, she is very humble and fair.

The Maui office of the Child Support Enforcement Agency is the only blended office combining legal operations and branch case management operations. Victoria was able to successfully manage both aspects of the office. After Victoria left the office to retire, it became quickly apparent that her absence had a negative effect on the operations and morale of the office. I was grateful and pleased when she returned to her position full time with the agency as the supervising Deputy Attorney General. After her return, the office has once again become stable.

I support her nomination without reservation. If you have any questions, I am available. Thank you for your consideration of this letter.

Sincerely,  
Lynette Lau

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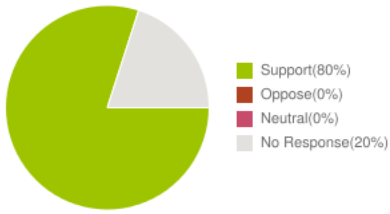
Submitted At: 8:56pm 02-20-23

Aloha Council Chair and Members of the Council.

I have known Keku Akana for 44 years and it is with great honor to fully support his appointment as Maui County's Managing Director. He is honest, fair but firm on decision making and treats everyone equally and with respect. I have known him to have stellar working relationships as well as a profound intensity to resolve issues. His organizational skills, intelligence and undeniable dedication will be integral in this administrative role. I believe he will work for the Greater Good of Maui County! Respectfully, Keith Moniz

Agenda Item: eComments for GREAT-1(2) Reso 23-36 APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS (RESOLUTION 23-36, RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF VICTORIA J. TAKAYESU AS CORPORATION COUNSEL) (GREAT-1(2))

## Overall Sentiment



### Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 10:42am 02-21-23

Aloha! This submission is in support of Victoria J. Takeyasu for the position of Corporation Counsel for the County of Maui. I have known Ms. Takeyasu for three years as the supervising Deputy Attorney General for the Child Support Enforcement Agency-Maui Branch.

As a manager, she set a fantastic work ethic for all of us to follow. Ms. Takeyasu always started her day with a smile. Her positive attitude stayed with her throughout the day no matter what happened. One of the things I admire most about Ms. Takeyasu is her ability to stay calm and collected, especially in a crisis. I would like to thank her for all of her guidance, she is humble, empathetic, and fair. As Corporation Counsel, Ms. Takeyasu will serve the County of Maui well.

Sincerely,

Dale M. Mole-Blaisdell

### Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 9:05am 02-21-23

Aloha, this submission is in support of Victoria "Tori" Takayesu-Hamilton for the position of Corporation Counsel for the County of Maui.

The start of my career with Maui CSEA was an easy and pleasant transition thanks to Tori. Her kindness and compassion made for an amazing work environment. She was always a fair and just supervisor to the entire staff.

Her absence was greatly felt when she retired. Anyone who has the privilege of working with her in any capacity would be fortunate.

Mahalo,

Anonymous-(CSEA Maui Staff)

### Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 8:47am 02-21-23

Aloha, my name is Lisa Kahuhu and I am the Admin Asst II, aka Office Manager for the Department of the Corporation Counsel. When I found out that my previous bosses would not be kept on, in my sadness, I prayed. I prayed that we would get someone who was kind and compassionate, who understands County government, and who truly cares for our community. My prayers were answered when Victoria "Tori" Takayesu was selected. Not only is Tori a kind, compassionate, and loving person who truly cares about others, but she has been a deputy corporation counsel previously and is knowledgeable about the duties of the Corporation Counsel position and the mission of the office overall. She is a brilliant attorney and can do this job. Tori is an amazing heart, a hard worker, and I am praying now that you all will see that and approve her appointment as Corporation Counsel for the County of Maui. I'm excited to see her move our office along! Mahalo for your time and consideration!

### Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 11:13pm 02-20-23

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Sincerely,  
Lynette Lau

### **Brandon Flores**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:29pm 02-20-23

I am writing in strong support for Victoria Takayesu. I am the Assistant Administrator for the Hawaii Child Support Enforcement Agency, so I was able to work alongside Tori for many years. As a Deputy Attorney General, she supervised the agency's Maui operations and did so in an extraordinary manner. Not only did she oversee the legal operations of the branch, she also managed its operations, which was a unique position in all of CSEA. She oversaw an office of approximately twenty people and was able to guide them in both the legal matters as well as the day-to-day case management work. No other attorney at CSEA holds such a dual role. Since she has left, it has been very difficult to find a replacement as good as her.

Tori also helped with larger policy issues. She was a part of the executive committee that discussed and implemented new policies and procedures for the agency. She helped with the review of legislation every session, including a more than 100 page bill proposing to repeal and replace an entire chapter of the Hawaii Revised Statutes with a model uniform law. She also helped rewrite the paternity section of the 2022 Hawaii Divorce Manual. Her ability to analyze, spot issues, determine impacts, and suggest possible solutions was an enormous help to the agency.

Additionally, I was able to witness the way she operated in Family Court as the legal representative of the agency. Her approachable and patient manner allowed her to successfully deal with the parties, explain complex legal issues in a simple and understandable way, and reach resolutions before trial. When cases did go to hearing, she strongly and firmly advocated for the State of Hawaii. She has a good rapport with judges, but more importantly she is very friendly and respectful to court staff.

I believe that these qualities make Tori a great candidate for Corporation Counsel. The county of Maui will benefit from her years of experience. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of Victoria Takayesu.

### **Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:13pm 02-20-23

Testimony of Lloyd A. Poelman in Support

I am writing and commenting in support of the appointment of Victoria J. Takayesu as Corporation Counsel for Maui County.

SECTION 2. Chapter 2.14.100 of the County Code (as well as the County Charter) provides minimum requirements for Corporation Counsel. Beyond practicing law for five years, three years of civil litigation, and

three years of managerial experience are also required.

Ms. Takeyesu has extensive experience in all required areas-- at least triple the minimum time requirements, if not more.

I became familiar with Ms. Takeyesu when she appeared before me as a Family Court Judge. She represented the Attorney General in Child Support paternity and child support establishment cases, including forensic evidence presentation to establish her cases. I saw Ms. Takeyesu perform well as a litigator, representing the Child Support Enforcement Agency in contested adversarial cases and motions.

I saw her present herself as an attorney with a pleasant personality and a backbone. Exactly the type of attorney that most judges appreciate.

Now that I am a private citizen, it is so refreshing to be able to exercise my first amendment right and publicly declare my one hundred percent support in favor of the appointment of Victoria J. Takayesu as County of Maui's next Corporation Counsel. I find her highly qualified.

Please feel free to contact with any questions. My telephone number is (808) 276-0080.

Thank you,

Lloyd A. Poelman

**Joseph Toma**

Location:

Submitted At: 2:07pm 02-20-23

I am writing and commenting in support of the appointment of Victoria Takayesu as Corporation Counsel for Maui County. I have known Ms. Takayesu since 1992 when I first arrived on Maui to work as the supervising attorney for the statewide Office of the Public Defender. At the time Ms. Takayesu was working as a deputy prosecutor in the family law section where she was a zealous and effective advocate in prosecuting accused wrongdoers. Later in our respective careers I received training from her (she was part of the training staff) before I became a parent advocate in Child Welfare cases. While I also had an extensive family court practice for several years, Ms. Takayesu would often appear in court on behalf of the Child Support Enforcement Agency where she would fairly advocate for custodial and responsible parents as well as the State of Hawaii..

In court Ms. Takayesu was always well prepared and knowledgeable regarding the applicable law and facts of a given case and always advocated her legal position articulately and effectively. She has had extensive management and supervisory experience while serving as the managing deputy attorney general at the the Child Support Enforcement Agency on Maui for over twenty years. She has also served a deputy corporation counsel for Maui for several years earlier in her legal career.

I believe that Ms. Takayesu would make an excellent Corporation Counsel and that she would serve that office and Maui County well.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 3:59pm 02-19-23

Aloha,

Just taking a moment to write in support of Tori. I've only known her a short time but she's served diligently as the secretary of a non-profit I'm the current director of. I have been impressed with her personal character and work ethic, and hope you find it appropriate to approve her to be the new Corporate Counsel.

Much mahalo for your consideration,

Douglas Levin, CPA

**Roy Whitney**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:58pm 02-19-23

I support the appointment of Victoria J. Takayasu as Corporation Council.

Thank you,  
Roy Whitney

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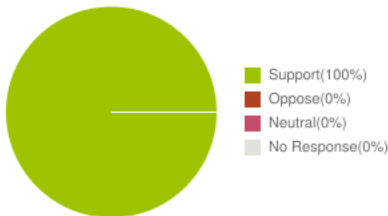
Submitted At: 12:26pm 02-19-23

I support the appointment of Victoria J. Takayasu as Corporation Council.

Thank you.

Vannassa S. Au-Hapu

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**Overall Sentiment****Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:19am 02-21-23

I am writing in support of Andrew Martin's appointment to the position of Prosecuting Attorney for Maui County.

I currently serve as the Victim/Witness Director for the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney. It is because of Andy's victim centric focus that I accepted this position in January of 2022 and relocated to Maui from the mainland. Andy's unwavering commitment to serving victims in Maui County and ensuring they are treated with dignity and compassion throughout the criminal justice process is an example for prosecutors nationwide. Andy has encouraged his team to research innovative programs and strategies for providing victims with comprehensive and effective resources for recovery. Currently, the Victim/Witness Program is exploring two such pilot projects to enhance services to victims.

Another area in which Andy has stepped up to lead is preparation for mass violence incidents. Across the country, hundreds of Counties have had to respond to countless victims and help rebuild their communities in the aftermath of senseless shootings. Last September, in conjunction with State victim services, Andy convened the Prosecutors from the Hawaiian Islands, Victim/Witness teams and prosecutorial staff for training on how to respond to mass violence incidents. The training was well-received and the group will convene again to build on the skills learned in the initial training session.

Andy is also dedicated to the well-being of his team and has devoted considerable effort to strategic planning,



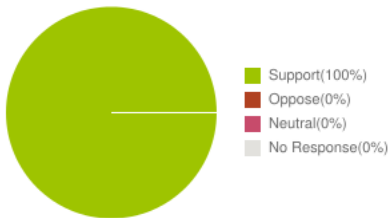
training on a variety of topics with notable subject matter experts and wellness in the workplace.

Andy's inspirational leadership, his incredible work ethic and his commitment to striving for the best make him an excellent candidate for Prosecuting Attorney.

Sincerely,  
Anita Ahuja  
Victim/Witness Program Director  
County of Maui  
anita.ahuja@co.maui.hi.us

Agenda Item: eComments for GREAT-1(8) Reso 23-42 APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS (RESOLUTION 23-42, RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF SHAYNE AGAWA AS DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT) (GREAT-1(8))

#### Overall Sentiment



#### Melanie Padgett

Location:

Submitted At: 8:26am 02-21-23

Aloha County Council Members,

My name is Melanie Padgett and I am testifying in strong support of the appointment of Lori Tsuhako as the Director of the Department of Housing and Human Concerns. I am an employee of Maui Family Support Services Inc., working at the Maui County Early Child Resource Center. I help families of young children access the childcare subsidies they are eligible for, including the subsidies provided by the county, so they are able to work and provide for their families and have the security their children are in safe and dependable care. I have known Lori Tsuhako since 2007 and have respected and appreciated the strong leadership skills and understanding of community needs, especially for families of young children, that she has demonstrated throughout her previous 8 years in this position under two mayors. The fact that a third mayor has asked her to continue serving as the county's leader in providing resources to improve the quality of life for all community members, is testament to Ms. Tsuhako's exemplary job performance and strong evidence that she has earned another appointment to the position.

I have had many opportunities to observe Ms. Tsuhako's skills as an administrator. She has fostered a supportive relationship among staff and non-profit partners that also promotes responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars. For example, under her leadership the Grants Management Division, which oversees the grant which provides funds to my agency to operate the Maui County Early Childhood Resource Center, has revised the grant application, approval and reporting processes so that they are clearer, more efficient, and increase accountability for measurable results. This has helped us design a better program that reaches more families with the financial aid needed to pay the high, but very necessary, cost of licensed childcare, as well as the other services the Center provides to families and childcare providers. This year our program is on track to assist hundreds of families to apply for state or federal childcare assistance and other supports and provide County Child Care Subsidy to at least 120 families who fall into gap groups that don't qualify for other programs. The aid the county provides these families means they can work and pay their rent and other bills. Lori Tsuhako understands the

needs of Maui County families and I hope we'll all benefit from her continued selfless public service to the community in the role of Director of DHHC.

Respectfully,

Melanie Padgett

Maui County Early Childhood Resource Center Project Specialist

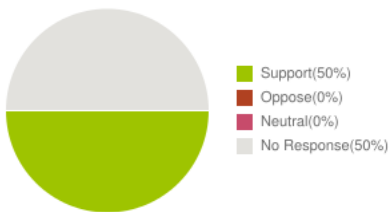
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#### Overall Sentiment



#### Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 1:17pm 02-21-23

Honorable Council members -

I join you in the confirmation of Ms. Lori Tsuhako as our Department of Housing Director.

This department has the greatest impact on personal lives, the vibrancy of our community, the future of Maui. The Director executes the legislative vision of the council to assure accountability.

Ms. Tsuhako has adeptly managed and fortified department duties during a pivotal era.

Yes, Covid. However, her leadership has tracked compliance for County Council approved workforce housing in greater numbers than Maui experienced in the previous 20 years.

This has led to hundreds of Maui county citizens owning their own homes. The housing department activities are largely invisible to the homeowner.

Ms. Tsuhako further demonstrated her velocity in implementing the Maui County first time homebuyer/down payment assistance program.

A new program approved by the county council.

This, too, has led to hundreds of new homeowners.

As monumental as these accomplishments are, the housing department is charged with much much more.

The relocation of Amala Place residents, pointed out how creative use of community resources to smooth the transition works well.

Ms. Tsuhako has shown a steady hand, a firm grasp of community preference, and reliable resource information.

As we enter change over to the bifurcation, wisdom and strong, managerial skills will become essential.

Ms. Tsuhako engenders goodwill without obsequious behavior.

She is the most qualified based on our future needs to move the department forward without reservations.

Thank you for your time and courtesy

Carolann Guy  
NMLS 609790  
Direct 808.871.8898

**Melanie Padgett**

Location:  
Submitted At: 8:45am 02-21-23

Aloha County Council Members,

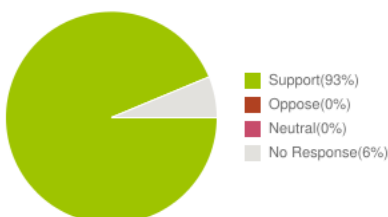
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Agenda Item: eComments for GREAT-1(10) Reso 23-44 APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS (RESOLUTION 23-44, RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MARC TAKAMORI AS DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION) (GREAT-1(10))

Overall Sentiment



**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:28am 02-22-23

I support Marc Takamori as the Director for Transportation. Mr. Tamamori has proved his skill set as a valuable asset to the County of Maui during the last four years where he has served as Director.

**Jon Nouchi**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:41am 02-21-23

Aloha esteemed members of the Maui County Council,

I am writing in strong support of the appointment of Marc Takamori as Director of Maui County's Department of Transportation.

In my capacity as the current Deputy Director of the City and County of Honolulu's Department of Transportation Services, I have had the privilege of working directly with Marc on transit and transportation initiatives affecting Maui and our whole state. He is an effective leader and a consummate professional, drawing collaborative citizens, strong government leaders, and progressive minds to work together towards thoughtful island sustainability.

Specifically, Marc's past work brings constant and consistent positive change to Maui's bus and parking programs. He has been a steady hand progressing his department forward through his tenure at Maui County. Although his kuleana is firstly rooted in Maui Nui, he is a notable piece of the interconnected leadership between county and state transportation partners, both with my department, Kaua'i and Hawai'i Counties, and extending to the State Department of Transportation.

With my strong support of Marc Takamori, I pledge to continue the City and County of Honolulu's strong relationship with Maui County under Marc's leadership so we may progress forward together for many years to come. If anyone has any questions, please do email me at jon.nouchi@gmail.com.

Me ka \_oia\_i\_o,

Jon Nouchi  
Deputy Director  
Department of Transportation Services  
City and County of Honolulu

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:42am 02-21-23

SUPPORT FOR MARC TAKAMORI GREAT-1(10) Reso 23-44

Dear members of the Maui County Council:

I am writing to express my support for Mr. Marc Takamori to be re-appointed to serve as the Maui County Director of Transportation.

As the Hawai'i State Representative for House District 10, which encompasses the community of Waikap\_ to Wailuku to Sand Hills on Maui along with the newly elected chair of the Maui Metropolitan Organization, it is important to have a director of Transportation that can work closely with the State.

I have worked with Mr. Takamori on the Maui Metropolitan Organization as he serves as vice-chair and also in the most recent executive director search temporary investigative group. His connections and roots on Maui make him an ideal candidate.

I also know Mr. Takamori through my volunteer work serving on the Board of Directors of the Ka Ipu Kukui fellowship program, in which he graduated with the 2015 cohort and now serves on the Board of Directors. The

fellowship is a yearlong immersive experience which exposes working professionals to Maui County's various challenges in hopes of them growing and expanding their horizons as they take on community leadership roles. I am continually impressed with Mr. Takamori's knowledge and understanding of issues facing Maui nui.

I fully support and recommend Mr. Marc Takamori. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at (808) 281-3906 or by email at troyhashimoto@gmail.com.

Best,  
Troy Hashimoto

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 6:55am 02-21-23

February 21, 2023

9:00 AM

Council Chamber, Kalana O Maui - 8th Floor

Resolution 23-44

Relating to the Appointment of Marc Takamori as Director of Transportation

Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee

The Department of Transportation (HDOT) supports Mayor Bissen's appointment of Marc Takamori as Director of Transportation.

HDOT works with the Maui Department of Transportation to facilitate and coordinate the expenditure of Federal Transit Authority funds to support Maui's transit system. Mr. Takamori is a solid partner and an effective leader, and we look forward to continuing our collaborative efforts over the next four years.

Public transit is a critically important component of our state's transportation system as it provides needed options to connect between home, work, and school, while reducing gasoline consumption and the overall carbon footprint of transportation, contributes to alleviating congestion, and provides economic opportunities. With his extensive experience at the Maui Department of Transportation, HDOT is confident that Mr. Takamori is the right person for the tremendous responsibility in leading this department.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 2:40pm 02-20-23

I SUPPORT Marc Takamori's appointment as the Director of Transportation of Maui County. I provided testimony 4 years ago, and since that time Marc continues to be the same Marc, a kind, steady, dependable, incredibly smart, analytical and humble human being...except that now he has more knowledge and experience gained while working as the Director of Transportation for the last four years.

Marc went through the KIK Future Leaders of Maui Program eight years ago. I met him while participating on the interview panel as a Board member that was selecting the Fellows. Marc appeared as a standout talent.

Marc was born and raised on Maui and was a kama'aina who actually came home after attending college and working in the field of Computer Engineering in the mainland. Marc initially worked on DoD programs in the Maui Research and Tech Park, specifically ones that deployed robotic telescopes around the world for use as sensors for Space Situational Awareness.

He then went on to obtain his Master's in Business Administration, and his interest transitioned from computers to transportation systems/infrastructure focusing on safe, and economical movement of people and goods for Maui County.

Marc and I have worked together serving on the KIK Future Leaders of Maui Board now for the last 7 years. We

have also worked collaboratively together when I was employed as the Chief HR Officer for a non-profit that provided transportation services in alignment with the County of Maui Department of Transportation.

Through these past years, Marc continues to be someone who I respect. I have observed him to be calm, analytical and thoughtful under pressure. When he is quiet, it just means that his brains are working extremely hard. Marc is always well prepared and organized. He provides logical, well thought out solutions, and is very considerate in his communication style.

Marc is someone who I know will continue to provide solid dependable leadership for Maui County. Thank you for your consideration. Regards, Lianne Yoshida

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:34am 02-20-23

I SUPPORT Marc Takamori as the Director for Transportation. I have known Mr. Takamori for over ten years and have consistently found him to be one of the most capable, thoughtful, consistent, and ethical people I know. I would have no problem at all trusting Marc with any task or sensitive piece of information.

Aloha

Scot Kleinman

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:37pm 02-19-23

I SUPPORT Marc Takamori as the Director for Transportation! I have known Mr. Takamori for 16 years and fully support him without reservation as the Director of Transportation. We are fortunate to have people like Marc in service of our community.

Respectfully submitted.

Michael Bush

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:26pm 02-19-23

I support Marc Takamori's appointment as Director of Transportation for County of Maui.

I have known Marc for over 22 years now in both a personal and professional capacity. As a former college classmate and colleague, I can testify to his work ethic, commitment to continued development and growth and his genuine character. Marc's recent experience, contributions and accomplishments as Director as well as his previous experiences in various roles within the Department of Transportation demonstrate his qualifications and dedication to the success of his team and the best interest of our community.

**Irina Constantinescu**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:39pm 02-18-23

Aloha, as a resident of Maui County, a licensed engineer, and as a parent, I support Marc Takamori as Director of the Department of Transportation.

I've known Marc for almost a decade and he is highly qualified for this position. He is a strong advocate for our County, and he exhibits the competency and integrity needed in our government. He is committed to our community and i look forward to seeing the impact he will have through his leadership.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:52am 02-18-23

Aloha Members of the Council,

I am in support of Marc I. Takamori as the Director of Transportation. I have known Marc in both a professional and personal capacity for over 10 years. He is hard working, reliable, honest, knowledgeable and fiscally

responsible. Please confirm Marc as the Director of Transportation.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:17pm 02-17-23

I have known Marc Takamori for 15 years, both as a coworker at the county, and in the community doing charity work together. Marc is one of the hardest working and ethical employees at the county, as well as being highly intelligent. Marc works very hard to craft solutions that optimize positive outcomes, and was a pleasure to interact with. In my humble opinion, you can find no better choice for this position than Marc. Thank you for your time. Pete Gehring, Kula

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:13pm 02-17-23

To whom it may concern:

I SUPPORT the appointment of Marc Takamori as Director of Transportation for the County of Maui.

I have known Marc for 13 years. He is a man of integrity and great character. He possesses qualities of an effective leader. He is competent, honest, loyal, organized, resourceful, a great communicator, team builder, and hard worker. In addition to all of his skills and talents, he is a genuine person with a good heart who cares about others. Any organization would be fortunate to have him at the helm.

Please confirm Marc Takamori, or you're missing the bus. (Pun intended.)

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 4:45pm 02-17-23

I am in SUPPORT of approving the appointment of Marc Takamori as Director of Transportation. Maui County is fortunate to have Marc Takamori leading a department that is so vital to the residents of Maui County. Over the past four years Marc has proven himself to be an effective leader accomplishing the goals and projects set for his team. He is dedicated and works with a sense of energy, passion, and personal responsibility, and does what it takes to get things done. He is great at making his team feel appreciated, valued, and included. He is humble, compassionate, and courageous when tough decisions and conversations must occur. He is a great communicator and seeks to understand others with a differing opinion and strives to find solutions that are beneficial for all involved. He is highly respected and a great leader for Maui County. I strongly encourage your support in approving the appointment of Marc Takamori as Director of Transportation. Thank you for this opportunity to provide my testimony. Lori Teragawachi, EdD

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 4:05pm 02-17-23

I support Marc Takamori's appointment. He's a solid public servant and has excellent communication and business acumen.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 3:55pm 02-17-23

It is my pleasure to SUPPORT the appointment of Marc Takamori as Director of Transportation for the County of Maui.

I have known Marc since 2012 when we were in the MBA program at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. I was fortunate to get to know Marc when we were partners on various projects during the program. Not only were his technological skills impressive but his patience and ability to work with others was outstanding.

We have also worked together in the Kiwanis Club of the Valley Isle since 2015. Marc has held various leadership

roles in the club including President and Treasurer, and he is a valued member of the club giving his management expertise, generous spirit, and dedication in giving back to the community.

Marc has proven himself to be a man of integrity and honesty, hardworking and smart, yet he also remains humble.

Although his resume and experience at the County of Maui speak for themselves, I would like to add my endorsement of Marc Takamori's appointment as Director of Transportation for the County of Maui.

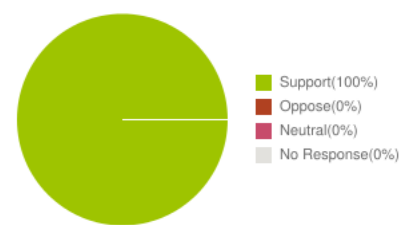
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Location:  
Submitted At: 3:15pm 02-17-23

I support Marc Takamori as Director of Transportation

Agenda Item: eComments for GREAT-1(11) Reso 23-45 APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS (RESOLUTION 23-45, RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF PATRICK McCALL AS DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION) (GREAT-1(11))

Overall Sentiment



**Guest User**

Location:  
Submitted At: 8:02pm 02-21-23

Aloha Council Chair and Members of the Council

I am in full support of Pat McCall for his appointment as Director of Parks and Recreation. I have know Pat since the high school days of the late 70's.

In his professional career I have come to know his commitment to helping and guiding youth through activities as well as coaching, mentoring and implementing athletic programs. More recently ( the last 6 years) while working together at Kula Elementary School, I have witnessed his ability to work with a cross section of families in the community often resulting in positive outcomes. He is hard working, task oriented, communicates effectively and recognizes the importance of equality for all.

Respectfully, Keith Moniz