

**COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI**

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

December 11, 2018

**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 September 11, 2018, September 17, 2018, and November 20, 2018, makes reference to County Communication 18-134, from the Planning Director, relating to the Council's initiation of the West Maui Community Plan Advisory Committee ("West Maui CPAC") selection process.

Your Committee notes Section 2.80B.080, Maui County Code, establishes the procedure by which the Mayor and the Council shall appoint members to the West Maui CPAC. The procedures include the Department of Planning's request to initiate the establishment of a community plan advisory committee and the requested deadline for appointment of the members; the establishment of a community plan advisory committee information sheet, application, and nominee contact information form; issuance of a press release seeking applications for a community plan advisory committee by a requested deadline; the possible extension of the deadline in the event a sufficient number of qualified applicants are not received; and a resolution appointing the Council's nine community plan advisory committee members.

Your Committee noted the Council is tasked with appointing 9 of the 13 members to the West Maui CPAC, with the remaining 4 members appointed by the Mayor.

Your Committee further noted the process to solicit applications for the West Maui CPAC began on June 1, 2018. The West Maui CPAC application form was made available on the Department of Planning's [wearemaui.org](http://wearemaui.org) website and the Council's [mauicounty.us](http://mauicounty.us) website. A press

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release was issued to inform the public of the opportunity to serve on the West Maui CPAC, and announcements were published in *The Maui News* and *Lahaina News*.

Your Committee noted timely applications were received by the July 6, 2018, deadline from: Joseph Aquino, Ravi Bugga, Yvette Joyce Celiz, Lee Allen Chamberlain, Karen J. Comcowich, Donald Robert Gerbig, Dawn Hegger-Nordblom, Paul I. Laub, Michele L. Lincoln, Rick Mejia Nava, Kai Nishiki, Dylan G. Payne, Joseph D. Pluta, Leilani Reyes Pulmano, and Leo Joseph Thiner-Brickey.

At the request of your Committee Chair, the Department of the Corporation Counsel transmitted a proposed resolution entitled "APPOINTMENTS TO THE WEST MAUI COMMUNITY PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE." The purpose of the proposed resolution is to approve or disapprove applicants for the nine Council-appointed positions on the West Maui CPAC. The names of the 15 applicants were included on Exhibit "A" attached to the proposed resolution.

Your Committee individually interviewed each applicant to assess their background, qualifications, and availability to serve on the West Maui CPAC. Eleven applicants were interviewed at the September 11, 2018, meeting. The matter was deferred at the September 17, 2018, meeting to allow the remaining four applicants to be interviewed, two of whom were traveling out-of-state. The remaining applicants were interviewed at the November 20, 2018, meeting, with the exception of Leo Joseph Thiner-Brickey who did not attend.

The Chair of your Committee requested a recommendation from the Councilmember residing in West Maui on the nine Council-appointed positions. Because the West Maui representative was unable to provide a recommendation, the Chair of your Committee put forth a slate of nine names to be considered.

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Your Committee discussed replacing one of the nine names to provide diversity and balance on the West Maui CPAC.

Your Committee recommended Exhibits "B" and "C" to the proposed resolution be revised accordingly.

Your Committee recommended disapproval of Leo Joseph Thiner-Brickey's nomination because he failed to attend the September 11, 2018, September 17, 2018, and November 20, 2018, meetings to be interviewed.

Your Committee voted 6-0 to recommend disapproval of the nomination of Leo Joseph Thiner-Brickey to the West Maui CPAC. Committee Chair Sugimura and members Atay, Carroll, Cochran, King, and White voted "aye." Committee Vice-Chair Crivello and members Guzman and Hokama were excused.

Your Committee voted 5-0 to recommend approval of the nominations of Joseph Aquino, Ravi Bugga, Yvette Joyce Celiz, Donald Robert Gerbig, Dawn Hegger-Nordblom, Rick Mejia Nava, Kai Nishiki, Joseph D. Pluta, and Leilani Reyes Pulmano to the West Maui CPAC; and disapproval of the nominations of Lee Allen Chamberlain, Karen J. Comcowich, Paul I. Laub, Michele L. Lincoln, and Dylan G. Payne to the West Maui CPAC. Committee Chair Sugimura, Vice-Chair Crivello, and members Carroll, Hokama, and White voted "aye." Committee members Atay, Cochran, Guzman, and King were excused.

Your Committee is in receipt of a revised proposed resolution, approved as to form and legality by the Department of the Corporation Counsel, incorporating your Committee's recommended revisions.

Your Policy, Economic Development, and Agriculture Committee **RECOMMENDS** the following:

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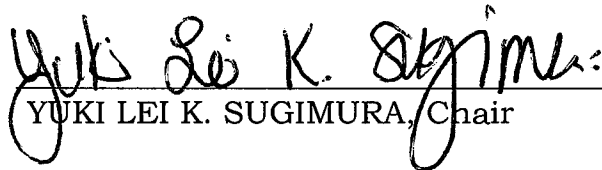
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1. That Resolution \_\_\_\_\_, attached hereto, entitled "APPOINTMENTS TO THE WEST MAUI COMMUNITY PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE," be ADOPTED; and
2. That County Communication 18-134 be FILED.

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. \_\_\_\_\_

## APPOINTMENTS TO THE WEST MAUI COMMUNITY PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, Section 2.80B.080, Maui County Code, provides as follows:

“A. Each of the County's nine community plans shall, to the extent practicable, be updated within ten years (decennially) of the respective plan's adoption. The decision as to the order of updating the nine community plans shall be decided by the council.

B. There shall be a community plan advisory committee for each community plan area set forth in section 2.80B.070.B. Except for the community plan advisory committee for the Kahoolawe community plan, each community plan advisory committee shall consist of residents of the corresponding community plan area and shall hold all meetings in the corresponding community plan area.

C. Each community plan advisory committee shall be composed of thirteen members, nine appointed by the council and four by the mayor. In making such appointments, the council and the mayor shall strive for diversity and balance of age, gender, background, profession, heritage, experience, and ideology on each committee. The council and the mayor shall give priority to people who have a strong connection to all parts of the corresponding community plan area and have expressed a strong commitment to participate in and attend all committee meetings. Prior or current service as a member of a general plan advisory committee shall not disqualify an individual from serving on a community plan advisory committee. Each community plan advisory committee is charged with reviewing and recommending revisions to the community plan for its community plan area. The mayor and council shall appoint the members of each community plan advisory committee in accordance with the timing established in subsection A and the following procedure:

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1. The department of planning shall submit to the council a request to initiate the establishment of a community plan advisory committee, including the requested deadline for appointment of the members.

2. The council shall establish a community plan advisory committee information sheet, application, and nominee contact information form.

3. The council shall issue a press release seeking applications for a community plan advisory committee by a requested deadline.

4. The council may extend the deadline for applications in the event it does not receive a sufficient number of qualified applicants.

5. The council shall appoint nine community plan advisory committee members by resolution.”; and

WHEREAS, the West Maui Community Plan - Ordinance 2476 (1996), as amended, is the current community plan for West Maui; and

WHEREAS, by County Communication 18-134, the Planning Director requested the Council initiate the establishment of the West Maui Community Plan Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Council sought applications for community plan committee member nominees, issued a press release, and set a deadline for applications; and

WHEREAS, the persons listed in Exhibit “A,” attached hereto, submitted an application form to be considered by the Council for a position on the West Maui Community Plan Advisory Committee by the applicable deadline; and

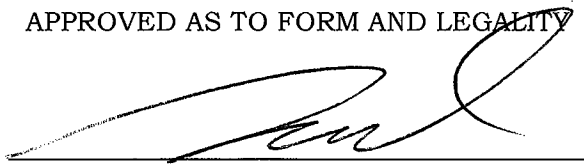
WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2.80B.080(F), Maui County Code, the West Maui Community Plan Advisory Committee shall remain in existence until the enactment of an ordinance adopting the decennial revision to the West Maui Community Plan; now, therefore,

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

1. That it hereby approves the appointment of the persons listed in Exhibit "B," attached hereto, as members to the West Maui Community Plan Advisory Committee; and
2. That it hereby disapproves the appointment of the persons listed in Exhibit "C" as members to the West Maui Community Plan Advisory Committee; and
3. That the Council expresses its gratitude and appreciation to all applicants for their 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, the Planning Director, the Corporation Counsel, and each of the Council's appointed members to the West Maui Community Plan Advisory Committee.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY



EDWARD S. KUSHI, JR.  
First Deputy Corporation Counsel  
County of Maui

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**NOMINATED MEMBERS**

**WEST MAUI COMMUNITY PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Joseph Aquino  
Ravi Bugga  
Yvette Joyce Celiz  
Lee Allen Chamberlain  
Karen J. Comcowich  
Donald Robert Gerbig  
Dawn Hegger-Nordblom  
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Leo Joseph Thiner-Brickey

**EXHIBIT "A"**



**APPROVED MEMBERS**

**WEST MAUI COMMUNITY PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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Ravi Bugga  
Yvette Joyce Celiz  
Donald Robert Gerbig  
Dawn Hegger-Nordblom  
Rick Mejia Nava  
Kai Nishiki  
Joseph D. Pluta  
Leilani Reyes Pulmano

**EXHIBIT "B"**

**DISAPPROVED MEMBERS**

**WEST MAUI COMMUNITY PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Lee Allen Chamberlain  
Karen J. Comcowich  
Paul I. Laub  
Michele L. Lincoln  
Dylan G. Payne  
Leo Joseph Thiner-Brickey

**EXHIBIT "C"**