

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, ETHICS, AND TRANSPARENCY COMMITTEE

December 17, 2021

**Committee
Report No. _____**

Honorable Chair and Members
of the County Council
County of Maui
Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii

Chair and Members:

Your Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee, having met on July 20, 2021, August 31, 2021, October 19, 2021, and November 30, 2021, makes reference to County Communication 21-228, from Councilmember Michael J. Molina, relating to appointments to South Maui Advisory Committee.

By correspondence dated October 13, 2021, the Chair of your Committee transmitted a proposed resolution entitled "APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES TO THE SOUTH MAUI ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE MAUI PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI."

The purpose of the proposed resolution is to appoint residents of the Kihei-Makena Community Plan Area to the new South Maui Advisory Committee. The Council appoints five members to serve staggered terms of three or five years each, as selected by lot, and two alternates serve for three-year terms, in accordance with Section 2.28.050, Maui County Code. The Mayor selects the other two members.

Your Committee noted 13 applicants applied for consideration to the South Maui Advisory Committee, as noted on Exhibit "B" to the proposed resolution: Bruce Bond, Patrick Borge, Thomas Cook, Alejandro (Alex) Cortez, Debra Hughes, Robin Knox, Mike Moran, Bonnie Newman, Raymond Phillips, Phyllis Robinson, Mary Trotto, Robert Weltman, and Michael Wildberger.

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After a review of the applications and the applicants' background and experience, your Committee interviewed Bruce Bond, Debra Hughes, Robin Knox, Mike Moran, Bonnie Newman, Raymond Phillips, and Robert Weltman.

Mr. Bond is interested in intelligent, sustainable, and equitable growth. He has experience working on ecological restoration and has served as a volunteer with The Nature Conservancy and Auwahi Forest Restoration Project.

Ms. Hughes is a retired nurse manager. She is interested in participating in decisions and making recommendations that affect the community and serve the best interests of Maui.

Ms. Knox is the owner of a water consulting firm on Maui and is interested in water and environmental issues. She served as a member of South Maui Save the Wetlands and Hawaii Water Environment Association.

Mr. Moran is retired, but is active in community organizations including as President of Kihei Community Association and a representative of Oneloa Coalition. He is also the Co-Founder of the Pump Don't Dump initiative. He is an avid participant in County government issues.

Ms. Newman is a realtor-salesperson and a board member of the REALTORS Association of Maui and Kihei Community Association. She was also an attorney in California for 16 years.

Mr. Phillips has experience in development, urban planning, and housing. He has served on the County's Urban Design Review Board, Maui Redevelopment Agency, and Maui County Arborist Committee.

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Mr. Weltman is retired, but remains active in community issues as the Vice-President of Kihei Community Association and a member of the Climate Action Advisory Committee. He is interested in environmental issues and protection.

Your Committee was satisfied with the interviewees and felt that each would be an asset to the South Maui Advisory Committee.

In accordance with Section 2.28.070, Maui County Code, at least one member must have demonstrated expertise in native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices and another member must have a background in conservation, natural resources, or climate change.

Your Committee decided to leave one of the seats vacant and will seek additional applications to fill the seat reserved for an expert in native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices.

Your Committee noted Robert Weltman's background would satisfy the conservation expert requirement.

Your Committee supported the Planning Director determining, by lot, terms for the Mayor's and Council's initial appointments to the South Maui Advisory Committee.

Your Committee noted the Mayor appointed Thomas Cook and Frank Pikrone to the South Maui Advisory Committee at the Council meeting of November 5, 2021 (Resolution 21-506).

Your Committee supported placing the names of Debra Hughes, Robin Knox, Mike Moran, and Robert Weltman as Members; and Bruce Bond and Raymond Phillips as Alternates, to the South Maui Advisory Committee by revising Exhibit "A" accordingly.

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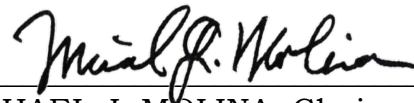
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Your Committee voted 8-0 to recommend adoption of the revised proposed resolution. Committee Chair Molina, Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, and members Johnson, King, Lee, Paltin, Sinenci, and Sugimura voted “aye.” Committee member Kama was excused.

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 revisions.

Your Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee RECOMMENDS that Resolution _____, attached hereto, entitled “APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES TO THE SOUTH MAUI ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE MAUI PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI,” be ADOPTED.

This report is submitted in accordance with Rule 8 of the Rules of the Council.



MICHAEL J. MOLINA, Chair

Resolution

No. _____

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES TO THE SOUTH MAUI ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE MAUI PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI

WHEREAS, under Section 2.28.050, Maui County Code, the South Maui Advisory Committee to the Maui Planning Commission, consists of seven members, where five members are appointed by the Council by resolution, and two members are appointed by the Mayor, and up to two alternates appointed by the Council by resolution; and

WHEREAS, each Advisory Committee member must be a resident of the Kihei-Makena Community Plan Area for a period of at least 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the person's appointment; and

WHEREAS, the terms of Advisory Committee members are five years, except initial terms must be staggered, with four members receiving five-year terms and three members receiving three-year terms, as selected by lot, and except that alternates have three-year terms; and

WHEREAS, the South Maui Advisory Committee is authorized to provide recommendations to the Maui Planning Commission on matters within the Kihei-Makena Community Plan Area, hold public hearings on behalf of the Maui Planning Commission on matters pertaining to the Kihei-Makena Community Plan Area, and carry out duties as delegated by the Maui Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Council's deadline to receive applications for consideration to the South Maui Advisory Committee was 4:30 p.m. on September 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Council received 13 applications from individuals from the Kihei-Makena Community Plan Area, as listed in Exhibit "B"; now, therefore,

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

1. That it approves the appointment of the seven persons listed in Exhibit "A," as members and alternates, respectively, to the South Maui Advisory Committee to the Maui Planning Commission for terms to be selected by lot, commencing upon this Resolution's adoption;
2. That it requests that the Planning Director perform the term selection by lot and inform the Council of the resulting terms;
3. That the Council expresses its gratitude and appreciation to the 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 Planning Director, Mayor, Managing Director, and the Corporation Counsel.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:



Deputy Corporation Counsel
County of Maui

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**APPOINTED MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES TO THE SOUTH MAUI
ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE MAUI PLANNING COMMISSION**

Advisory Committee Members

Debra Hughes

Robin Knox

Mike Moran

Robert Weltman

Alternates

Bruce Bond

Raymond Phillips

APPLICANTS

Bruce Bond
Patrick Borge
Thomas Cook
Alejandro (Alex) Cortez
Debra Hughes
Robin Knox
Mike Moran
Bonnie Newman
Raymond Phillips
Phyllis Robinson
Mary Trotto
Robert Weltman
Michael Wildberger