

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, ETHICS, AND TRANSPARENCY COMMITTEE

July 15, 2022

**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 June 28, 2022, makes reference to the following:

1. County Communication 21-42, from Council Chair Alice L. Lee, relating to nominations to boards, committees, and commissions.
2. Resolution 22-148 entitled "RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF EDWARD JAMES RICKORD TO THE BOARD OF VARIANCES AND APPEALS FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI."

Resolution 22-148's purpose is to approve or disapprove the Mayor's nomination of Edward James Rickord to the Board of Variances and Appeals, for a term expiring on March 31, 2024, to fill a vacancy replacing Emmanuel Baltazar.

By correspondence dated June 8, 2022, the County Clerk transmitted a letter from the Mayor, dated and received on May 31, 2022, with a completed application for the nominee.

Your Committee notes general appointment procedures for boards, committees, and commissions are outlined in Section 13-2, Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended ("Charter"), and Chapter 2.41, Maui County Code.

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Your Committee further notes specific provisions for the Board of Variances and Appeals are located in Section 2.41.080, Maui County Code, and Charter Section 8-8.7.

The Council must approve or disapprove the nomination by July 30, 2022, or the nomination will be deemed approved. Your Committee interviewed Mr. Rickord.

Mr. Rickord is a resident of Kahakuloa. He said he is interested in protecting Maui County's interests by serving on the Board of Variances and Appeals. He is committed to attending board meetings twice a month.

As a self-employed contractor, he believes integrity is important, and he would recuse himself if there was a conflict of interest.

According to his application, Mr. Rickord has served on community boards with a focus on Kahakuloa. He is also a youth kajukenbo instructor.

Based on his background and experience, your Committee was satisfied with the nomination and recommended Mr. Rickord be approved.

Your Committee voted 9-0 to recommend adoption of Resolution 22-148. Committee Chair Molina, Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, and members Johnson, Kama, King, Lee, Paltin, Sinenci, and Sugimura voted "aye."

Your Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee **RECOMMENDS** that Resolution 22-148, attached hereto, entitled "RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF EDWARD JAMES RICKORD TO THE BOARD OF VARIANCES AND APPEALS FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI," be **ADOPTED**.

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



MICHAEL J. MOLINA, Chair

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Resolution

No. 22-148

RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF EDWARD JAMES RICKORD
TO THE BOARD OF VARIANCES AND APPEALS FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI

WHEREAS, by correspondence dated May 31, 2022, Mayor Michael P. Victorino notified the Council that he nominated Edward James Rickord to the Board of Variances and Appeals for the County of Maui for a term expiring March 31, 2024, to fill a vacancy replacing Emmanuel Baltazar, pursuant to Sections 8-8.7 and 13-2, Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended, ("Charter"); and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 13-2, requires the Mayor's nominee to be approved by the Council; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 13-2(17), requires the Council to approve or disapprove the nomination within sixty days after the Mayor submits the name of the nominee to the Council because of death, resignation, or removal of a member; now, therefore,

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

1. That it approves the appointment of Edward James Rickord to serve on the Board of Variances and Appeals for the County of Maui for a term expiring March 31, 2024;
2. That the Council expresses its gratitude and appreciation to Edward James Rickord for his willingness to be considered for public service and actively participate in County government; and
3. That certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Managing Director, and the Corporation Counsel.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:



MIMI DESJARDINS
Department of the Corporation Counsel
County of Maui
2022-0020

2022-05-31 BVA Rickord replace Baltazar term expire 3/31/2024

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INTRODUCED BY:

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Upon the request of the Mayor.