

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, ETHICS, AND TRANSPARENCY COMMITTEE

September 20, 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 August 30, 2022, and reconvened on August 31, 2022, makes reference to Resolution 22-178 entitled "APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF ROGERENE "KALI" ARCE AS THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE."

Resolution 22-178's purpose is to approve the appointment of Rogerene "Kali" Arce as the Director of Agriculture, in accordance with Sections 6-2.5 and 8-18.2 of the Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended ("Charter").

Your Committee notes Charter Section 8-18.2 requires the Director of Agriculture be appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the Council, and Charter Section 6-2.5 requires the Council confirm or deny the appointment within 60 days after receiving notice of the appointment by the Mayor.

Your Committee noted the Council must approve or disapprove the appointment by September 20, 2022, or the appointment will be deemed approved.

By correspondence dated July 22, 2022, the Mayor transmitted the following:

1. The job description for the Director, Department of Agriculture, County of Maui;

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2. Ordinance 5371 (2022) entitled “A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE DIRECTOR AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE;” and
3. A redacted resume for Rogerene “Kali” Arce.

Your Committee notes Ordinance 5371 establishes additional qualifications for the Director and Deputy Director of Agriculture, in accordance with Section 6-4 of the Charter.

The Deputy Managing Director provided a timeline for the recruitment of the appointee.

Your Committee interviewed Ms. Arce.

Since being appointed by the Mayor as the Acting Director of Agriculture, Ms. Arce has already met with agricultural groups in each district to receive input on the types of support they need. Together with the Deputy Director of Agriculture, they are working on filling the Department positions funded in the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget.

She acknowledged the task of building a new County department from the ground up. Her goal is to provide balanced and unbiased support to all farms throughout Maui County.

As noted in her resume, Ms. Arce was Acting Program Manager of the Natural Resources Management Division of Kalaupapa National Park. In addition, she is a Hawai'i Farm to School AmeriCorps Planner for the Pacific American Foundation and an experienced lecturer in agriculture, natural resources, and Hawaiian ecosystems at the University of Hawai'i Maui College. Her experience with developing successful programs and securing funding, knowledge of certifications and licenses, and voluntary service provide a comprehensive understanding of various agricultural sectors.

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After considering the voluminous oral and written testimony received in support of her appointment, your Committee was satisfied Ms. Arce met the minimum qualifications for the Director of Agriculture position and recommended her appointment be approved.

Your Committee voted 9-0 to recommend adoption of Resolution 22-178. 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 22-178, attached hereto, entitled “APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF ROGERENE “KALI” ARCE AS THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE,” be ADOPTED.

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



MICHAEL J. MOLINA, Chair

Resolution

No. 22-178

APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF ROGERENE “KALI” ARCE AS THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE

WHEREAS, by letter dated July 22, 2022, Mayor Michael P. Victorino notified the Council that he appointed Rogerene “Kali” Arce as the Director of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 8-18.2 provides that the director of agriculture shall be appointed by the mayor with the approval of the council and may be removed by the mayor with the approval of the council, specifically, “[t]he director and deputy director of agriculture are appointed in the same manner as the director and deputy director of water supply, respectively.”; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 6-2.5 provides that the Council shall confirm or deny the appointment within 60 days after receiving notice of the appointment by the mayor; now, therefore,

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

1. That it hereby approves the appointment of Rogerene “Kali” Arce as the Director of Agriculture; and
2. That certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGALITY



RICHELLE M. THOMSON
First Deputy Corporation Counsel
County of Maui

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INTRODUCED BY:

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Upon the request of the Mayor.