

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, ETHICS, AND TRANSPARENCY COMMITTEE

December 2, 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 November 15, 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 22-225 entitled "APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER TO THE URBAN DESIGN REVIEW BOARD FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI."

Resolution 22-225's purpose is to approve or disapprove the Mayor's nomination of Ashley Noelani Mikie Otomo to the Urban Design Review Board, for a term expiring March 31, 2027.

By correspondence dated October 10, 2022, the County Clerk transmitted a letter from the Mayor, dated September 19, 2022, and received on September 20, 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, and Chapter 2.41, Maui County Code.

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Your Committee further notes specific provisions for the Urban Design Review Board are located in Sections 2.26.030 and 2.40.100, Maui County Code.

There is no time limit for the Council to approve or disapprove the nomination.

Your Committee interviewed Ms. Otomo.

According to her application, Ms. Otomo is the Executive Vice President of Otomo Engineering, Inc. and is a member of the National Association of Realtors, National Society of Professional Engineers, and Girl Scouts of America.

Her application also notes she received a Master of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of California, Los Angeles ("UCLA") and a Master of Business Administration from UCLA's Anderson School of Management.

Ms. Otomo feels that serving on the Urban Design Review Board is a way to give back to the community. As a civil engineer, her projects have gone through the Urban Design Review Board process and she is familiar with the issues the Board faces.

Your Committee expressed concern with possible conflicts of interest. Ms. Otomo said she is willing to recuse herself, if needed.

A representative from the Office of the Mayor said it has been challenging to find registered civil engineers to fill vacancies. Section 2.26.030(B) requires that of the board's nine members and four alternates, two members must be registered civil engineers. If approved, Ms. Otomo would fulfill this requirement.

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Your Committee expressed appreciation for Ms. Otomo's willingness to serve the community. Your Committee recommended her nomination to the Urban Design Review Board be approved and Exhibit "B" to Resolution 22-225, be revised accordingly.

Your Committee voted 7-0 to recommend adoption of Resolution 22-225, CD1. Committee Chair Molina, Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, and members Johnson, Kama, Lee, Paltin, and Sinenci voted "aye." Committee members King and Sugimura were excused.

Your Committee is in receipt of Resolution 22-225, CD1, approved as to form and legality by the Department of the Corporation Counsel, incorporating your Committee's recommended revisions and nonsubstantive revisions.

Your Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee RECOMMENDS that Resolution 22-225, CD1, as revised herein and attached hereto, entitled "APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER TO THE URBAN DESIGN REVIEW BOARD 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

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Resolution

No. 22-225, CD1

APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER TO THE URBAN DESIGN REVIEW BOARD FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI

WHEREAS, by correspondence dated September 19, 2022, Mayor Michael P. Victorino notified the Council he nominated the person listed in Exhibit "A", as attached, as a member to the Urban Design Review Board for the County of Maui, in accordance with Sections 2.26.030 and 2.40.100, Maui County Code, and Section 13-2(1), Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended ("Charter"); and

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

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

1. That it approves the appointment of the person listed in Exhibit "B", as attached, as a member to the Urban Design Review Board for the term specified;
2. That it disapproves the appointment of the person listed in Exhibit "C" as a member to the Urban Design Review Board as nominated by the Mayor;
3. That the Council expresses its gratitude and appreciation to the appointed member for her 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, and the Managing Director.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:



Department of the Corporation Counsel
County of Maui

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NOMINATED MEMBER AND TERM

URBAN DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

Ashley Noelani Mikie Otomo (Civil Engineer)

Term Expiration 3/31/27

APPROVED MEMBER AND TERM

URBAN DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

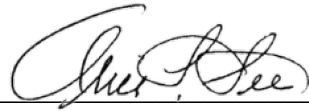
Ashley Noelani Mikie Otomo (Civil Engineer)

Term Expiration 3/31/27

DISAPPROVED MEMBER

URBAN DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

INTRODUCED BY:

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ALICE L. LEE

Upon the request of the Mayor