

**COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI**

# **GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, ETHICS, AND TRANSPARENCY COMMITTEE**

March 10, 2023

**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 February 21, 2023, and reconvened on February 22, 2023, makes reference to Resolution 23-39, entitled "APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF SCOTT TERUYA AS THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE."

Resolution 23-39's purpose is to approve the appointment of Scott Teruya as Director of Finance, in accordance with Sections 6-2(5) and 8-4.2 of the Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended ("Charter").

Your Committee notes Charter Section 8-4.2 provides that the Director of Finance be appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the Council. In addition, Charter Section 6-2(5) provides that the Council confirm or deny the confirmation within 60 days after receiving notice of the appointment by the Mayor, or the appointment will be deemed confirmed. Accordingly, the deadline for the Council to confirm or deny the appointment of Mr. Teruya as Director of Finance is March 13, 2023.

By correspondence dated January 12, 2023, the Mayor transmitted the County of Maui job description for the Director of Finance and a resume for the appointee.

Your Committee notes Section 2.14.080, Maui County Code, lists minimum qualifications for the position, including five years of experience in a public or private financial position, of which at least three years must be in an administrative capacity; three years of managerial and budgetary experience; and three years of experience in issuing, selling, paying interest on, and redeeming bonds.

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Your Committee received comments from the Mayor and Mr. Teruya regarding the appointment before interviewing Mr. Teruya.

The Mayor said Mr. Teruya's combined experience as the County's prior Real Property Tax Administrator, and as the prior Administration's Director of Finance has provided him with the necessary skills to lead the Department of Finance. The Mayor also said Mr. Teruya's professional certifications and affiliations, including as a Designated Member of the International Association of Assessing Officers highlights his knowledge of and dedication to the intricacies of the Department.

Mr. Teruya said, if confirmed, he would like to incorporate the Mayor's vision of Kama'aina prosperity in the upcoming term. His priorities will be to analyze opportunities for purchasing office space, land acquisitions for housing needs, addressing Other Post-Employment Benefits liabilities, increasing allocations to the County's Emergency Fund, and exploring the possibility of a third-party billing system.

Your Committee expressed support for Mr. Teruya's appointment.

Your Committee voted 9-0 to recommend adoption of Resolution 23-37. Committee Chair U'u-Hodgins, Vice-Chair Paltin, and members Cook, Johnson, Kama, Lee, Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, and Sugimura voted "aye."

Your Committee notes the resolution required renumbering from Resolution 23-39 to Resolution 23-72.

Your Committee is in receipt of Resolution 23-72, CD1, approved as to form and legality by the Department of the Corporation Counsel, incorporating your Committee's nonsubstantive revisions.

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Your Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee RECOMMENDS that Resolution 23-72, CD1, as revised herein and attached hereto, entitled "APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF SCOTT TERUYA AS THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE," be ADOPTED.

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

  
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NOHELANI U'U-HODGINS, Chair

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# Resolution

**No. 23-72, CD1**

## APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF SCOTT TERUYA AS THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

WHEREAS, by letter dated January 12, 2023, Mayor Richard T. Bissen, Jr. notified the Council that he appointed Scott Teruya as the Director of Finance; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 8-4.2 states that, "The director of finance shall be appointed by the mayor with the approval of the council and may be removed by the mayor."; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 6-2(5) requires that the Council 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 approves the appointment of Scott Teruya as the Director of Finance; and
2. That certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor and Managing Director.

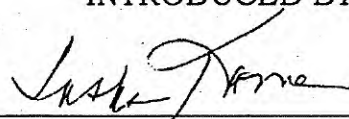
APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY



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INTRODUCED BY:



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Upon the request of the Mayor.