

**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 23-41, entitled "APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF JORDAN MOLINA AS THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS."

Resolution 23-41's purpose is to approve the appointment of Jordan Molina as Director of Public Works, in accordance with Sections 6-2(5) and 8-5.2 of the Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended ("Charter").

Your Committee notes Charter Section 8-5.2 provides that the Director of Public Works 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. Molina as Director of Public Works is March 13, 2023.

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

Your Committee notes Section 2.14.020, Maui County Code, lists minimum qualifications for the position, including five years of administrative experience, and three years of managerial and budgetary experience.

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

The Mayor said as Director of Public Works for the prior Administration, Mr. Molina was responsible for 300 employees and a \$100 million budget. He also said Mr. Molina's previous experience as a Project Engineer for T.J. Gomes Trucking Co., Inc., Civil Engineer in the County's Department of Water Supply, and Legislative Analyst in the Office of Council Services provided him with a well-rounded understanding of County operations, project and budget management, and the legislative process.

Mr. Molina expressed his connection and dedication to Maui and making it a better and safer place to call home. He said he holds the work of the County, and especially the Department of Public Works, in high regard. Mr. Molina noted his ability to understand the County's issues and find opportunities for solutions, his work ethic, and his ability to gain respect from his peers and subordinates as skills necessary for the position.

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

Your Committee voted 9-0 to recommend adoption of Resolution 23-41. 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 23-41 to Resolution 23-74.

Your Committee is in receipt of Resolution 23-74, 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 23-74, CD1, as revised herein and attached hereto, entitled "APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF JORDAN MOLINA AS THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS," 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. 23-74, CD1**

## APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF JORDAN MOLINA AS THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

WHEREAS, by letter dated January 12, 2023, Mayor Richard T. Bissen, Jr. notified the Council that he appointed Jordan Molina as the Director of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 8-5.2 states that, "The director of public works 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 Jordan Molina as the Director of Public Works; and
2. That certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor and Managing Director.

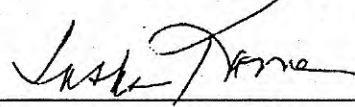
APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY



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VICTORIA J. TAKAYESU  
Acting Corporation Counsel  
County of Maui  
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INTRODUCED BY:

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Upon the request of the Mayor.