

**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 23-46, entitled "APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF ROGERENE "KALI" ARCE AS THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE."

Resolution 23-46's purpose is to approve the appointment of Rogerene "Kali" Arce as 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 provides that the Director of Agriculture 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 Ms. Arce as Director of Agriculture is March 13, 2023.

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

Your Committee notes Section 2.14.130, Maui County Code, lists minimum qualifications for the position, including five years of administrative experience in the field of agriculture, five years of experience with agricultural production or food distribution systems in Hawai'i, and three years of managerial and budgetary experience.

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Your Committee received comments from the Mayor and Ms. Arce regarding the appointment before interviewing Ms. Arce.

The Mayor said Ms. Arce's background as Monsanto's Natural Resources Management Division Chief and her accomplishments with setting up a Hawaiian Homestead New Farmer Program and obtaining conservation certification for Monsanto, in addition to over 30 years experience with agricultural and conservation industries highlight her ability to serve as Director.

Ms. Arce said as Director under the prior Administration, she has filled vacancies within the Department of Agriculture and drafted additional expansion position requests, such as that for an Agricultural Park Manager, after seeing the need for additional support and an opportunity for better community engagement.

Ms. Arce also said her simple upbringing of growing food and lei making plants, paired with her understanding of business structure, experience in the agriculture industry, connections to community stakeholders, and her ability to build relationships provide her with the experience necessary to run the Department.

Your Committee expressed support for Ms. Arce's appointment.

Your Committee voted 9-0 to recommend adoption of Resolution 23-46. Committee Chair U'u-Hodgins, Vice-Chair Paltin, and members Cook, Johnson, Kama, Lee, Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, and Sugimura voted "aye."

Your Committee is in receipt of Resolution 23-46, 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 23-46, CD1, as revised herein and 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.

  
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NOHELANI U'U-HODGINS, Chair

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# Resolution

**No. 23-46, CD1**

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

WHEREAS, by letter dated January 12, 2023, Mayor Richard T. Bissen, Jr. notified the Council that he appointed Rogerene “Kali” Arce as the Director of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 8-18.2 states that, “The 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 8-11.5 states that, “The director of water supply 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.”; 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 Rogerene “Kali” Arce as the Director of Agriculture; and
2. That certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor and Managing Director.

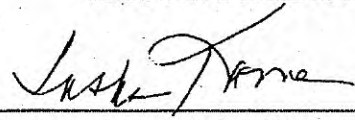
APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY



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INTRODUCED BY:



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Upon the request of the Mayor.