

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI
GOVERNANCE, ETHICS, AND
TRANSPARENCY COMMITTEE

February 15, 2019

Committee
Report No. _____

Honorable Chair and Members
of the County Council
County of Maui
Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii

Chair and Members:

Your Governance, Ethics, and Transparency Committee, having met on January 23, 2019, and reconvened on January 30, 2019, and February 5, 2019, makes reference to County Communication 19-1, from Council Chair Mike White, relating to the appointment and removal of administrative heads of departments.

By correspondence dated January 2, 2019 (received on January 8, 2019), the Mayor notified the Council Chair of his appointments of the Managing Director, Corporation Counsel, Prosecuting Attorney, Director of Water Supply, Director of Finance, Director of Public Works, Director of Environmental Management, Planning Director, Director of Housing and Human Concerns, Director of Transportation, and Director of Parks and Recreation, pursuant to Section 6-2(5) of the Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended ("Charter").

By correspondence dated January 14, 2019, the Mayor transmitted proposed resolutions for each administrative head to your Committee, including a proposed resolution entitled "APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF MARC TAKAMORI AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION." The purpose of the proposed resolution is to approve the Mayor's appointment of Marc Takamori as Director of Transportation, pursuant to Charter Sections 6-2(5) and 8-14.2.

Your Committee notes Charter Section 8-14.2 provides that the Director of Transportation shall be appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the Council. In addition, Charter Section 6-2(5) provides that the Council shall confirm or deny the confirmation within 60 days after receiving notice of the appointment by the Mayor, or the appointment shall

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be deemed confirmed. Accordingly, the deadline for the Council to confirm or deny the appointment of Mr. Takamori as the Director of Transportation is March 9, 2019.

By correspondence dated January 14, 2019, the Mayor transmitted the following: 1) County of Maui Job Description for the Director of Transportation; 2) Ordinance 4840 (2018), relating to the minimum qualifications of the Director of Transportation; and 3) Marc Takamori's resume.

At the request of the Chair of your Committee, the Department of the Corporation Counsel transmitted a revised proposed resolution, entitled "APPROVING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT FOR DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION," approved as to form and legality, incorporating the minimum qualifications for the position and nonsubstantive revisions. The Department also transmitted a proposed resolution entitled "DISAPPROVING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT FOR DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION." The purpose of the proposed resolution is to disapprove the appointment.

Your Committee notes by Resolution 16-96, the Council proposed an amendment to the Charter be placed on the General Election ballot to require Council approval of the Mayor's appointment of administrative heads of departments and allow additional qualifications for administrative heads appointed by the Mayor to be established by ordinance. The proposed Charter amendment was approved at the 2016 General Election.

Ordinances 4803, 4840, 4841, 4847, 4848, and 4864, respectively, established additional qualifications for administrative heads appointed by the Mayor in Chapter 2.14, Maui County Code. The effective date of the ordinances was January 2, 2019.

As noted in his resume, Mr. Takamori served as Deputy Director of Transportation from January 2011 to February 2018 under the prior

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Administration. More recently, he was the Department's Transportation System Analyst from March 1, 2018 to January 2, 2019.

Your Committee met with Mr. Takamori. In his opening remarks, Mr. Takamori said a goal of his as Deputy Director was to bring technology to the County's Maui Bus system. The "Maui Bus Routes" mobile application enables riders to locate and track buses in real time, and provides up-to-date information on bus detours and delays.

Mr. Takamori told your Committee that, if confirmed as Director, he would prioritize the relocation of the Central Maui transit hub from the Queen Kaahumanu Center. The lease with the Queen Kaahumanu Center expires on January 31, 2020. The Department is working with the State government to relocate the transit hub to a parcel located near Kane and Vevau Streets in Kahului.

Your Committee received numerous written testimonies in support of Mr. Takamori's appointment.

After reviewing Mr. Takamori's experience and capabilities and giving due consideration to public testimony, your Committee was satisfied Mr. Takamori met the minimum qualifications for the Director of Transportation position and recommended his appointment be approved. Your Committee was particularly impressed with Mr. Takamori's ability to incorporate technology into County transportation with the use of mobile applications and the possibility of using electric alternatives for buses to improve reliability.

Your Committee voted 5-0 to recommend adoption of the revised proposed resolution to approve the appointment of Marc Takamori as Director of Transportation and filing of the proposed resolution to disapprove the appointment. Committee Chair Molina, Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, and members Lee, Sinenci, and Sugimura voted "aye." Committee members Hokama, Kama, King, and Paltin were excused.

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Your Governance, Ethics, and Transparency Committee
RECOMMENDS the following:

1. That Resolution _____, attached hereto, entitled
"APPROVING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT FOR DIRECTOR
OF TRANSPORTATION," be ADOPTED; and
2. That the proposed resolution, attached hereto, entitled
"DISAPPROVING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT FOR
DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION," be FILED.


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

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MICHAEL J. MOLINA, Chair

Resolution

No. _____

APPROVING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT FOR DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION

WHEREAS, by letter dated January 2, 2019, received by the Council on January 8, 2019, Mayor Michael P. Victorino notified the Council he appointed Marc Takamori as the Director of Transportation, pursuant to Sections 6-2(5) and 8-14.2 of the Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 6-4 authorized the Council to establish specific qualifications for administrative heads appointed by the Mayor in addition to any set forth in the Charter; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.14.050, Maui County Code, attached hereto as Exhibit "A," establishes additional qualifications for the Director of Transportation effective January 2, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 6-2(5) requires the Council to confirm or deny the appointment within sixty days after receiving notice of the appointment by the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 8-14.2 states: "The director of transportation shall be appointed by the mayor with the approval of the council"; now, therefore,

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

1. That it deems Marc Takamori to have satisfied the minimum qualifications for the position of Director of Transportation;
2. That it hereby approves the appointment of Marc Takamori as the Director of Transportation; and
3. That a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

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Department of the Corporation Counsel
County of Maui

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2.14.050 - Director of transportation.

The director of transportation shall have the following minimum qualifications:

1. As set forth in the charter, five years of experience in an administrative capacity, either in public service or private business, or both.
2. As a part of or in addition to the five years of administrative experience, three years of responsible managerial and budgetary experience.
3. As a part of or in addition to the five years of administrative experience, three years of experience in one or more of the following functions:
 - a. Planning and implementation of one or more modes of transportation, including those in the air, water, and land.
 - b. Planning and developing an efficient program to facilitate the rapid, safe, and economical movement of people and goods.
 - c. Coordination of transportation programs by and between private, county, state or federal agencies.
4. A bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university in urban planning, environmental planning, business administration, public administration, or other relevant discipline, or a combination of education and work experience substantially equivalent to such a bachelor's degree.

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DISAPPROVING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT FOR DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION

WHEREAS, by letter dated January 2, 2019, received by the Council on January 8, 2019, Mayor Michael P. Victorino notified the Council he appointed Marc Takamori as the Director of Transportation, pursuant to Sections 6-2(5) and 8-14.2 of the Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended; and

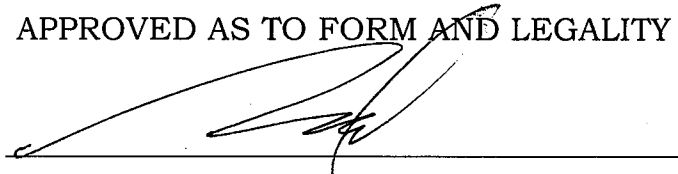
WHEREAS, Charter Section 6-2(5) requires the Council to confirm or deny the appointment within sixty days after receiving notice of the appointment by the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 8-14.2 states: "The director of transportation shall be appointed by the mayor with the approval of the council"; now, therefore,

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

1. That it hereby disapproves the appointment of Marc Takamori as the Director of Transportation; and
2. That a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY



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