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April 11, 2019



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The Honorable Kelly King And Members of the Council 200 South High Street Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair King:

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VACANCY

In accordance with Maui County Code, Section 2.41.010, I would like to inform you of the following vacancy:

**Liquor Control Commission**, due to the resignation of Jonathan Todd on April 10, 2019.

I have attached a copy of his resignation letter.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please contact Community Liaison Gladys Baisa at 270-8211 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL P. VICTORINO

Mayor

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Honorable Michael P. Victorino Mayor, County of Maui 200 South High Street Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Mayor Victorino,

This is to inform you that I am resigning from my position as a member of the Maui County Liquor Control Commission due to personal health reasons which are beyond my control. I have truly enjoyed serving as a commissioner. I do not want to leave but I cannot work for the County at the level needed to continue as a commissioner at this time. It is unfair to not step down and allow you to replace my seat with a person of your choice and reflecting your views as our incoming Mayor, to maintain continuity of the Commission.

I believe I have made a positive difference for our community during my service through the past two years. The primary job is to manage the department through oversight and to assist in the approval or denying of applications based on the law and also the commissioners' feelings of safety for our Ohana and our Visitors. I have personally led initiatives to deny licenses for individuals, often coming form off island, who had drinking and driving convictions or other confirmed criminal records. I have always ignored arrests without convictions. I believe I have helped save lives for our county despite the fact that my actions caused me to become a target of some very powerful people and businesses on and off Island.

I have, during my commission tenure, had to repeatedly defend myself against false allegations meant to take me down or take me out. I have had to retain legal assistance at my own cost to fight allegations to ethics charges and I have won every single battle. I believe that to attract great commissioners there must be a blanket paid defense against such frivolous allegations or the seats will get harder and harder to fill by good men and women in our community. I have paid to defend my actions on behalf of our community because this community has been fantastic to me. When asked by the past mayor to serve, I knew I owed the Valley Isle this service and felt it my kuleana to serve, even if at a cost to me personally or financially. I love Maui. We still let people pass in front of our cars and barely hear a horn used in anger.

Liquor Commissioner is community service, without pay, and has occupied significant time. I have not claimed or accepted any income or even reimbursement for my expenses, mileage or other costs I am entitled to. As a commissioner, appointed by the past Mayor and unanimously confirmed by the County Council after their background of me and interviews of me in public chambers, I have done the best job possible. I have been able assist with events needing liquor waivers or rule changes which we have been told added hundreds of thousands of dollars in revenue to support our community charities. I have led the cause to raise rates for our liquor control officers and employees of the department and I have stopped the abuse of repeat violators of our rules to protect the community, time and time again.

The other commissioners are exceptional people and consummate professionals. I know that you will fill my chair with another member of our community who will protect, serve and give back to our county for the bounty it provides us as we enjoy the best lifestyle in the world.

The effective date of my resignation is April 10, 2019.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve this community.

**Jonathan Todd** 

April 10, 2019