

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, ETHICS, AND TRANSPARENCY COMMITTEE

June 4, 2021

**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 May 18, 2021, makes reference to County Communication 21-42, from Council Chair Alice L. Lee, relating to nominations to boards, committees, and commissions.

By correspondence dated April 12, 2021, and received on April 13, 2021, the Mayor transmitted a proposed resolution, entitled "RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF JAMES APANA TO THE REAL PROPERTY TAX REVIEW BOARD," with a completed application for the nominee.

The purpose of the proposed resolution is to approve or disapprove the Mayor's nomination of James Apana to the Real Property Tax Review Board, for a term expiring on March 31, 2024, to fill a vacancy due to the resignation of Thomas Croly.

Your Committee notes general appointment procedures for boards, committees, and commissions are outlined in Section 13-2, Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended, and Chapter 2.41, Maui County Code.

Your Committee further notes specific provisions for the Real Property Tax Review Board are located in Sections 2.40.170 and 3.48.620, Maui County Code.

The Council must approve or disapprove the nomination by June 12, 2021, or the nomination will be deemed approved.

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Your Committee discussed the nomination.

A representative from the Office of the Mayor said Mr. Apana would like to give back to the community by serving on the board. He has continued to be active in the community and volunteers at various events.

According to his application, Mr. Apana is a retired County elected official having served the community from 1992 to 2002.

Your Committee noted Mr. Apana is a former Maui County Mayor and Councilmember. Your Committee further noted Mr. Apana's experience provides him with practical experience relating to the County's real property tax system.

Your Committee expressed concerns with Mr. Apana's application that appeared brief and incomplete. Your Committee requested additional information from the Administration and requested Mr. Apana attend the June 4, 2021 Council meeting.

Your Committee concluded Mr. Apana would be an asset to the Real Property Tax Review Board, if selected, based on his experience working for the County.

Your Committee was satisfied with the nomination and recommended Mr. Apana be approved.

Your Committee voted 8-0 to recommend adoption of a proposed resolution approving the nomination. Committee Chair Molina, Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, and members Johnson, King, Lee, Paltin, Sinenci, and Sugimura voted "aye." Committee member Kama was excused.

Your Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee RECOMMENDS that Resolution _____, attached hereto, entitled "RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF JAMES APANA TO THE REAL PROPERTY TAX REVIEW BOARD," be ADOPTED.

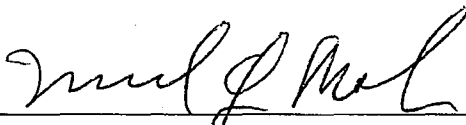
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This report is submitted in accordance with Rule 8 of the Rules of the Council.



MICHAEL J. MOLINA, Chair

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Resolution

No. _____

RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF JAMES APANA TO THE REAL PROPERTY TAX REVIEW BOARD

WHEREAS, by correspondence dated April 12, 2021, Mayor Michael P. Victorino notified the Council he nominated James Apana to the Real Property Tax Review Board for a term expiring on March 31, 2024, to fill a vacancy replacing Thomas Croly, pursuant to Sections 2.40.170 and 3.48.620, Maui County Code ("MCC"), and Section 13-2, Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended ("Charter"); and

WHEREAS, Section 13-2 of the Charter requires the Mayor's nominee to be approved by the Council; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 13-2(17), requires the Council to approve or disapprove the nomination within sixty days after the Mayor submits the name of the nominee to the Council because of the death, resignation, or removal of a member; now, therefore,

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

1. That it approves the appointment of James Apana to serve on the Real Property Tax Review Board for a term expiring March 31, 2024; and
2. That the Council expresses its gratitude and appreciation to James Apana for his willingness to be considered for public service and actively participate in County government; and
3. That certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Managing Director, and the Corporation Counsel.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

/s/ Mimi Desjardins

MIMI DESJARDINS

Department of the Corporation Counsel

County of Maui

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RPTRB Apana replace Croly