GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, ETHICS, AND TRANSPARENCY COMMITTEE

June 18, 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 June 1, 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 21, 2021, and received on April 22, 2021, the Mayor transmitted a proposed resolution, entitled "RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF EDWARD ROMSON TO THE COUNCIL ON AGING," with a completed application for the nominee.

The purpose of the proposed resolution is to approve or disapprove the Mayor's nomination of Edward Romson to the Council on Aging, for a term expiring on March 31, 2023, to fill a vacancy due to the resignation of Susan Lussier.

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 Council on Aging are located in Sections 2.34.020, 2.34.030, and 2.40.010, Maui County Code.

The Council must approve or disapprove the nomination by June 21, 2021, or the nomination will be deemed approved.

Your Committee discussed the nomination.

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A representative from the Office of the Mayor said Mr. Romson previously served as a member on the Mayor's Council on Aging.

According to his application, Mr. Romson has served on the Board of Directors at Hale Makua Health Services since 2017. He was elected as Chair in 2019. He has a long affiliation with kupuna in the community and brings experience and unique insights to the County's elder-care system.

Your Committee was impressed with Mr. Romson's application and believes he would be an asset to the Council on Aging, if selected, based on his strong commitment and care for the aging community.

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

Your Committee voted 9-0 to recommend adoption of a proposed resolution approving the nomination. Committee Chair Molina, Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, and members Johnson, Kama, King, Lee, Paltin, Sinenci, and Sugimura voted "aye."

Your Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee RECOMMENDS that Resolution ______, attached hereto, entitled "RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF EDWARD ROMSON TO THE COUNCIL ON AGING," 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 EDWARD ROMSON TO THE COUNCIL ON AGING

WHEREAS, by correspondence dated April 21, 2021, Mayor Michael P. Victorino notified the Council that he nominated Edward Romson to the Council on Aging for a term expiring March 31, 2023, to fill a vacancy replacing Susan Lussier, pursuant to Sections 2.34.020, 2.34.030 and 2.40.010, Maui County Code ("MCC"), and Section 13-2, Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended, ("Charter"); and

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

WHEREAS, Section 13-2(17), Charter, requires the Council to approve or disapprove the nominee within sixty (60) days after the Mayor submits the nominee to the Council; now, therefore,

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

- 1. That it approves the appointment of Edward Romson to serve on the Council on Aging for a term expiring March 31, 2023; and
- 2. That the Council expresses its gratitude and appreciation to Edward Romson 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 2021-0029 2021-04-21 COA Romson replace Lussier