

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

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 30, 2021, and received on May 3, 2021, the Mayor transmitted a proposed resolution, entitled "RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF ERIC CUOMO TO THE COST OF GOVERNMENT COMMISSION," with a completed application for the nominee.

The purpose of the proposed resolution is to approve or disapprove the Mayor's nomination of Eric Cuomo to the Cost of Government Commission, for a term expiring on March 31, 2023, to fill a vacancy due to the resignation of Hannah Werth.

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 ("Charter"), and Chapter 2.41, Maui County Code.

Your Committee further notes specific provisions for the Cost of Government Commission are located in the Charter Section 3-9.3.

The Council must approve or disapprove the nomination by July 2, 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. Cuomo is a graduate of the University of Hawaii at Manoa. He is currently a realtor and property manager, and also serves as Chair of Kamali'i Elementary School Community Council.

According to his application, management level roles have helped him develop his communication and leadership skills. Mr. Cuomo also previously served on the County's Commission on Naming Streets, Parks, and Facilities.

Your Committee noted Mr. Cuomo's commitment to attend meetings. Your Committee believes Mr. Cuomo would be an asset to the Cost of Government Commission, if selected, based on his experience serving on community-based organizations.

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

Your Committee voted 9-0 to recommend adoption of the revised 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 Committee is in receipt of a revised proposed resolution, approved as to form and legality by the Department of the Corporation Counsel, incorporating nonsubstantive revisions.

Your Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee **RECOMMENDS** that Resolution _____, attached hereto, entitled "RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF ERIC CUOMO TO THE COST OF GOVERNMENT COMMISSION," 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 ERIC CUOMO TO THE COST OF GOVERNMENT COMMISSION

WHEREAS, by correspondence dated April 30, 2021, Mayor Michael P. Victorino notified the Council he nominated Eric Cuomo to the Cost of Government Commission for a term expiring March 31, 2023, to fill a vacancy replacing Hannah Werth, in accordance with Sections 3-9.3 and 13-2, Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended, ("Charter"); and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 13-2, 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 Eric Cuomo to serve on the Cost of Government Commission for a term expiring March 31, 2023;
2. That the Council expresses its gratitude and appreciation to Eric Cuomo 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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