

Testimony on Nominees for Boards and Committees
by Clare Apana

A proposed resolution, entitled "APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE MAUI PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI," with completed applications for the nominees. The purpose of the proposed resolution is to approve or disapprove the Mayor's nominations of Sherrilee Dodson and Ashley Lindsey to the Maui Planning Commission for terms beginning on April 1, 2021, and expiring on March 31, 2026."

Testimony of Clare Apana. I testified before the Maui County Council(MCC) relating the difficulties in being appointed to a board or commission for a person such as myself. I followed the advise I was given at that meeting and signed and delivered an application for :Planning commission

Board of ethics

Board of Variances

I was not nominated. Below is the letter from the mayor stating my app is on file.

Below is Bill 91 passed in October 2020. Please follow the bill and vet candidates who qualify with a background in conservation, natural resources or climate change. From Bill 97.

1. I am uniquely qualified with this background. I have studied with a papakilohoku(Hawaiian Star Priest or expert of stars astronomy and 'aina as a la'aulapaau, various kumu in traditional Hawaiian practices which is not a degree but. in some ways if you care to be connected to your Kanaka roots, my birthright and customs as a Hawaiian(Kanaka mail) are at least as good and in many ways superior to a degree.
2. I have been an 'aina warrior and student and practitioner on Maui since 2006. This advocacy and traditional practice in land resources such as ocean resources, sacred and cultural sites, protection of iwi kupuna and prevention of illegal sand mining have been a duty that I happily accept without pay.
3. I founded Malama Kakanilua in 2007 and in 2020 , it was accepted as a 501c3 organization. I am the president. I also have been on the Maui Sierra Club board for 5 years and on the State Sierra Club board for 3 years. Both of these non profit groups advocate for conservation of land, natural resources and cultural historical resources.

Thank you for passing Bil 97. It will make good improvements to the Boards and Commissions. I am an example of someone uniquely qualified with background experience in conservation, natural resources and climate change. The mayor did not choose me but I am positive that I am not the only one who had qualifications who were not chosen. Council shall thoroughly vet these candidates today, because people like myself with no income induced special interest such as realtors or even a 501c that relies on developers would recuse

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themselves from voting but rarely do. So we depend upon you to keep going until unbiased qualified candidates are appointed.

Bill 97(attached) was enacted in Oct 2020.

“At least one member of each planning commission, except the Lana'i planning commission, and each advisory committee must have a background in conservation, natural resources, or climate change, as evidenced by one or more of the following credentials:

- 1. A college degree in a relevant field, including forestry, wildlife conservation, geology, environmental science, or marine biology.***
- 2. Work history sufficient to demonstrate an appropriate level of knowledge in land and natural resources, including parks and recreation, public lands management, natural area reserves, aquatic resources, forestry and wildlife, water resources management, or conservation and resources.***
- 3. A dedicated leadership position in a nonprofit organization sufficient to demonstrate an appropriate level of knowledge in land and natural resources, including parks and recreation, public lands management, natural area reserves, aquatic resources, boating and recreation, forestry and wildlife, water resources management, or conservation and resources.***

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