

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, ETHICS, AND TRANSPARENCY COMMITTEE

July 23, 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 February 2, 2021, February 10, 2021 (reconvened), May 4, 2021, and June 29, 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 May 26, 2021, and received on May 27, 2021, the Mayor transmitted a proposed resolution, entitled "APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF VARIANCES AND APPEALS FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI," with a completed application for the nominee.

The purpose of the proposed resolution is to approve or disapprove the Mayor's nomination of Ross Takashima to the Board of Variances and Appeals, for a term expiring on March 31, 2026.

By correspondence dated May 26, 2021, and received on May 27, 2021, the Mayor transmitted a proposed resolution, entitled "APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI," with a completed application for the nominee.

The purpose of the proposed resolution is to approve or disapprove the Mayor's nomination of Juanita Reyher-Colon to the Board of Water Supply, for a term expiring on March 31, 2026.

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By correspondence dated May 26, 2021, and received on May 27, 2021, the Mayor transmitted a proposed resolution, entitled "APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER TO THE FIRE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI," with a completed application for the nominee.

The purpose of the proposed resolution is to approve or disapprove the Mayor's nomination of Doradeen Makalapua Kanuha to the Fire and Public Safety Commission, for a term expiring on March 31, 2026.

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 notes it previously reported on this matter through Committee Report 21-13, which recommended adoption of the proposed resolutions approving and disapproving appointments to various boards, committees, and commissions with a 60-day deadline, in accordance with Charter Section 13-2(16). At its meeting of March 5, 2021, the Council adopted the recommendations in Committee Report 21-13 (Resolutions 21-34 through 21-51; Resolution 21-52, as amended; and Resolution 21-61, as amended).

Your Committee further notes the Council, at its meeting of May 7, 2021, adopted Resolutions 21-73 through 21-81, as amended, approving and disapproving additional appointments to various boards, committees, and commissions with a 60-day deadline.

Your Committee further notes if the Council disapproves a nominee, the Mayor will be immediately notified. The Mayor must then submit the name of another nominee to the Council within 10 days and the Council must act within 60 days to approve or disapprove the nominee.

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Accordingly, the Council has until July 26, 2021, to approve or disapprove the Mayor's nominations of Ross Takashima to the Board of Variances and Appeals, Juanita Reyher-Colon to the Board of Water Supply, and Doradeen Makalapua Kanuha to the Fire and Public Safety Commission, or they will be deemed appointed.

Your Committee interviewed the nominees.

Born and raised on Molokai, Mr. Takashima is a self-employed civil engineer whose firm is also located on Molokai. He stated his goal is to give back and serve the community. He feels his civil engineering background would be an asset to the Board of Variances and Appeals.

Mr. Takashima does not feel his employment would create a conflict of interest as most of his clients and related projects are located on the Mainland. He said he would be willing to recuse himself, if needed, on particular matters.

Mr. Takashima said he is available to attend meetings.

A representative of the Mayor said Ms. Reyher-Colon is a resident of Molokai and employed as an Executive Director with the Hawaii Rural Water Association.

According to her application, she has over 12 years of industry experience in operations, managerial, and technical matters related to water issues. She is a member of the American Water Works Association currently serving as Director on the Hawaii Section Executive Board. She was previously a member of Molokai's Habitat for Humanity and served a five-year term on the County's Board of Variances and Appeals.

Ms. Reyher-Colon said serving on the Board of Water Supply would be another way of giving back to the community.

Your Committee agreed she would provide a much-needed voice on water issues for Molokai and other rural areas of the County, if appointed.

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A representative of the Mayor said Ms. Kanuha is a longstanding resident of West Maui. She has County board experience having served a five-year term on the Maui County Cultural Resources Commission.

Ms. Kanuha is employed as a cultural director at a West Maui hotel. She has served on various community organizations, including Friends of Pu`u Kukui Watershed and Kaupo Community Association. She acknowledged the support of her family and employer to attend meetings.

Your Committee was satisfied with the background of the nominees and expressed gratitude to them for volunteering to serve the community.

Your Committee recommended the nominees be approved for the boards and terms for which they have been nominated. Your Committee recommended Exhibit "B" to the proposed resolutions be revised accordingly.

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

Your Committee is in receipt of revised proposed resolutions, approved as to form and legality by the Department of the Corporation Counsel, incorporating your Committee's recommended revisions and nonsubstantive revisions.

Your Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee RECOMMENDS the following:

1. That Resolution _____, attached hereto, entitled "APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF VARIANCES AND APPEALS FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI," be ADOPTED;

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2. That Resolution _____, attached hereto, entitled "APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI," be ADOPTED; and
3. That Resolution _____, attached hereto, entitled "APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER TO THE FIRE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI," be ADOPTED.

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. _____

APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF VARIANCES AND APPEALS FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI

WHEREAS, by letter dated May 26, 2021, Mayor Michael P. Victorino notified the Council that he nominated the person listed in Exhibit "A," as attached, as a member to the Board of Variances and Appeals for the County of Maui, in accordance with Section 2.41.080, Maui County Code, and Sections 8-8.7 and 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, Section 13-2(16) of the Charter requires the Council to approve or disapprove the nomination within sixty days after the Mayor submits the name of the nominee to the Council; now, therefore,

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

1. That it hereby approves the appointment of the person listed in Exhibit "B," as attached, as a member to the Board of Variances and Appeals for the term specified;
2. That it disapproves the appointment of the person listed in Exhibit "C," as attached, as a member to the Board of Variances and Appeals as nominated by the Mayor;
3. That the Council expresses its gratitude and appreciation to the appointed member for his willingness to be considered for public service and actively participate in County government; and
4. 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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NOMINATED MEMBER AND TERM

BOARD OF VARIANCES AND APPEALS

Ross Takashima

Term Expiration 3/31/26

APPROVED MEMBER AND TERM

BOARD OF VARIANCES AND APPEALS

Ross Takashima

Term Expiration 3/31/26

DISAPPROVED MEMBER

BOARD OF VARIANCES AND APPEALS

Resolution

No. _____

APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI

WHEREAS, by letter dated May 26, 2021, Mayor Michael P. Victorino notified the Council that he nominated the person listed in Exhibit "A," as attached, as a member to the Board of Water Supply for the County of Maui, in accordance with Sections 8-11.3 and 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, Section 13-2(16) of the Charter requires the Council to approve or disapprove the nomination within sixty days after the Mayor submits the name of 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 the person listed in Exhibit "B," as attached, as a member to the Board of Water Supply for the term specified;
2. That it disapproves the appointment of the person listed in Exhibit "C," as attached, as a member to the Board of Water Supply as nominated by the Mayor;
3. That the Council expresses its gratitude and appreciation to the appointed member for her willingness to be considered for public service and actively participate in County government; and
4. 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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NOMINATED MEMBER AND TERM

BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY

Juanita Reyher-Colon

Term Expiration 3/31/26

APPROVED MEMBER AND TERM

BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY

Juanita Reyher-Colon

Term Expiration 3/31/26

DISAPPROVED MEMBER

BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY

Resolution

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APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER TO THE FIRE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI

WHEREAS, by letter dated May 26, 2021, Mayor Michael P. Victorino notified the Council that he nominated the person listed in Exhibit "A," as attached, as a member to the Fire and Public Safety Commission for the County of Maui, in accordance with Section 2.40.120, Maui County Code, and Sections 8-7.2 and 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, Section 13-2(16) of the Charter requires the Council to approve or disapprove the nomination within sixty days after the Mayor submits the name of 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 the person listed in Exhibit "B," as attached, as a member to the Fire and Public Safety Commission for the term specified;
2. That it disapproves the appointment of the person listed in Exhibit "C," as attached, as a member to the Fire and Public Safety Commission as nominated by the Mayor;
3. That the Council expresses its gratitude and appreciation to the appointed member for her willingness to be considered for public service and actively participate in County government; and
4. 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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NOMINATED MEMBER AND TERM

FIRE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

Doradeen Makalapua Kanuha

Term Expiration 3/31/26

APPROVED MEMBER AND TERM

FIRE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

Doradeen Makalapua Kanuha

Term Expiration 3/31/26

DISAPPROVED MEMBER

FIRE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION