

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, ETHICS, AND TRANSPARENCY COMMITTEE

August 6, 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 January 26, 2021, March 2, 2021 (reconvened on March 9, 2021), and July 20, 2021, makes reference to County Communication 20-502, from Councilmember Michael J. Molina, relating to the Council's appointments to the Commission on Healing Solutions for Homelessness.

Your Committee notes that the Council's Governance, Ethics, and Transparency Committee (2019-2021 Council term) previously met on this matter on October 20, 2020, December 1, 2020, and December 9, 2020.

Your Committee further notes it previously reported on this matter through Committee Report 21-22, which recommended adoption of the proposed resolution approving eight of the nine Council-appointed Commission members representing various residency areas, except West Maui. At its meeting of March 19, 2021, the Council adopted the recommendation in Committee Report 21-22 (Resolution 21-59).

In addition to the eight Council-appointed members, the Mayor appointed two Commission members, as reported in County Communication 21-131.

Your Committee notes Ordinance 5230 (2021) amended Section 2.31.020, Maui County Code, to require each of the Council's nine appointees to demonstrate experience relevant to the Commission in one of the Councilmember residency areas.

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By correspondence dated July 14, 2021, the Chair of your Committee transmitted a proposed resolution entitled “APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER TO THE COMMISSION ON HEALING SOLUTIONS FOR HOMELESSNESS FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI.”

The purpose of the proposed resolution is to appoint a member to fill the West Maui seat on the Commission on Healing Solutions for Homelessness, for a three-year term expiring on March 31, 2024.

Your Committee notes the resolution listed Jelena Dackovic, Scott Hansen, Michelle Lelle, Kevin Nagasaki, and Laurie Ridle as applicants.

Your Committee notes that of the five applicants, all are West Maui residents, with the exception of Scott Hansen. Mr. Hansen resides in Haiku, but has demonstrated work experience with the homeless community in West Maui.

By email correspondence dated July 18, 2021, your Committee was notified of Laurie Ridle’s withdrawal of her application.

By email correspondence dated July 19, 2021, your Committee was notified of Kevin Nagasaki’s withdrawal of his application.

The Chair of your Committee was informed of Jelena Dackovic’s withdrawal prior to its meeting. By email correspondence dated July 22, 2021, Ms. Dackovic confirmed her withdrawal.

Your Committee met with the two remaining applicants, Scott Hansen and Michelle Lelle.

Mr. Hansen is the Executive Director of the Maui Rescue Mission, which focuses on addressing homeless issues in West Maui. He relocated from New York to Maui two years ago to work with the Maui Rescue Mission.

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Ms. Lelle owns and operates a spa and wellness center in West Maui and has seen the impacts homelessness has had on the community. She is a founding member of Hawaii Hemp Farmers Association and was a board member of Hawaii Farmers Union United. Ms. Lelle said she understands the mental health and food support needs necessary to assist the homeless.

Your Committee was impressed by the qualifications of both final applicants and expressed gratitude to all community members who applied and were willing to dedicate their time to address and find healing solutions for homelessness in Maui County.

Your Committee concluded Mr. Hansen's resources and networking skills with the homeless community on Maui, combined with his experience working with unhoused residents in New York, would help to further the Commission's growth and success.

Your Committee was satisfied with the application of Scott Hansen, expressed support for his nomination, and revised the resolution accordingly.

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

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

Your Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee **RECOMMENDS** that Resolution _____, attached hereto, entitled "APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER TO THE COMMISSION ON HEALING SOLUTIONS FOR HOMELESSNESS FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI," be **ADOPTED**.

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

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MICHAEL J. MOLINA, Chair

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Resolution

No. _____

APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER TO THE COMMISSION ON HEALING SOLUTIONS FOR HOMELESSNESS FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI

WHEREAS, of the 11 members appointed to the Commission on Healing Solutions for Homelessness, two members were appointed by the Mayor through County Communication 21-131, and eight of the nine remaining members were appointed by the Council through the adoption of Resolution 21-59, with the exception of the member representing the West Maui residency area; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 5230 (2021) amended Chapter 2.31, Maui County Code, to require each of the Council's nine appointees to demonstrate experience relevant to the Commission in one of the Councilmember residency areas; and

WHEREAS, the Council received a total of five applications from individuals who reside in or perform work in the West Maui residency area relating to the Commission, as listed in Exhibit "B"; now, therefore,

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

1. That it approves the appointment of the individual listed in Exhibit "A," as attached, as the West Maui member to the Commission on Healing Solutions for Homelessness for a term expiring on March 31, 2024;
2. That the Council expresses its gratitude and appreciation to the applicants for their 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

Department of the Corporation Counsel
County of Maui

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APPOINTED COMMISSION ON HEALING SOLUTIONS FOR HOMELESSNESS
MEMBER

<u>Commission Member/Residency Area</u>	<u>Term</u>
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Scott Hansen/West Maui	
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	Term expiring on 3/31/24
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** demonstrated expertise in native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices;*

*** clergy member or faith-based leader;*

**** representative from the Maui Homeless Alliance; and*

***** experienced or experiencing homelessness*

APPLICANTS

Jelena Dackovic
Scott Hansen
Michelle Lelle
Kevin Nagasaki
Laurie Ridle