

MICHAEL P. VICTORINO
Mayor

SANANDA K. BAZ
Managing Director



COUNTY OF MAUI
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
200 SOUTH HIGH STREET
WAILUKU, MAUI, HAWAII 96793

September 23, 2021

Honorable Michael J. Molina, Committee Chair
Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair Molina:

**SUBJECT: NOMINEES TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND
COMMISSIONS (GREAT-2)**

In accordance with Section 13-2(17) of the Charter of the County of Maui,
I am pleased to submit the following nomination, along with their completed
application, for your review and consideration:

Commission on Children and Youth

Mercedes-Nicole Ritte (replacing Elizabeth Fujii)

Term Expiration 3/31/25

If you have any questions on this matter, please contact Ipo Mossman,
Community Liaison, Office of the Mayor, at 270-8211.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL P. VICTORINO
Mayor

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Attachments

Resolution

No. _____

RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MERCEDES-NICOLE RITTE TO THE COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH

WHEREAS, by correspondence dated September 23, 2021, Mayor Michael P. Victorino notified the Council that he nominated Mercedes-Nicole Ritte to the Commission on Children and Youth for a term expiring March 31, 2025, to fill a vacancy replacing Elizabeth Fujii, pursuant to Section 2.39.010, Maui County Code, 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 Mercedes-Nicole Ritte to serve on the Commission on Children and Youth for a term expiring March 31, 2025; and
2. That the Council expresses its gratitude and appreciation to Mercedes-Nicole Ritte for her 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
2018-0105
2021-09-23 CCY Ritte replacing Fujii



BOARD AND COMMISSION APPLICATION FORM

RECEIVED

(Please print or type)

Name: Ritte Mercedes-Nicole '21 SEP 21 A9:16 K.
(Last) (First) (Full Middle Name)

City of Residence: Ho'olehua Island: Molokai

Current Employer & Position: 'Aina Momona - Molokai Program Co-Director **OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

Business Phone: (808) 558-0111 Business Fax: Business Email (optional): mercyrutte@gmail.com

Please indicate why you are interested in serving and what skills you may have to contribute:

Having been raised on Molokai and now with four children of my own (one more on the way) I understand and have experienced the hardships our Molokai keiki/upio face. I am completely invested in their present & future well-being, especially in the area of health. My children vary in ages from 19, 10, 7, 2, and newborn which offers me insight to quite broad areas of development, interests, and needs. I am interested in serving on the Commission of Children and Youth to provide a much needed voice for our community and youth-based organizations/entities. My skill sets include: organization, open-mindedness, and the ability to establish, connect & build relationships in the community.

Employment History:

| From | To | |
|------|---------|--|
| 2020 | Present | 'Aina Momona - Molokai Program Co-Director |
| 2019 | 2021 | 'Aiaola LLC - Former Owner |
| 2018 | 2019 | Molokai Middle School (LIVE program) - Plant-Based Cook Instructor |
| 2004 | 2011 | Partners in Development Foundation - Teacher's Assistant & Assessment Specialist |

Political Affiliation: N/A

Section 13-2(2) of the Charter, County of Maui, requires that not more than a bare majority of members of a board or commission belong to the same political party; therefore, please indicate if you are a registered/card carrying member of a political party. If not, indicate "None."

Community and Professional Organizations/Activities:

Founder & volunteer director of lifestyle & health improvement education program for adults - Ahonaulu; Founder & director of home school program - ROOTED; Former Hawaii state ambassador for Home School Legal Defense Association (served 1 year from 2020-2021)

Previous County Experience (employment or board member):

N/A

Educational Background:

DEGREE CANDIDATE: M.S. in Original Medicine & Doctorate in Naturopathy in Original Medicine (International Institute of Original Medicine)
EARNED: Bachelor's in Psychology (University of Hawaii at Hilo)
Certified Holistic Nutritionist (American Fitness Professionals & Associates)

Consent to be Nominated and Certification of Truthfulness and Accuracy of Information:

I declare that the above statements are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Mercedes-Nicole K. Ritte Date: 9/20/21

Most board/commission appointments are subject to confirmation by the Maui County Council. Most of these positions are for five-year terms. If you are selected as a nominee, the information contained on this form will be provided to the public upon request.

Please send completed forms to **OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, 200 SOUTH HIGH STREET, WAILUKU, HAWAII 96793**; or email to Ipo.Mossman@mauicounty.gov. For further information, call 270-8211; on Lana'i, call 1-800-272-0125; on Moloka'i, call 1-800-272-0117.

B&C app 6/25/20:pn

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