

# **GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, ETHICS, AND TRANSPARENCY COMMITTEE**

**Council of the County of Maui**

## **M I N U T E S**

**Online Only via BlueJeans Link**

**February 10, 2021**

**RECONVENE: 9:01 a.m.**

**PRESENT:** Councilmember Michael J. Molina, Chair  
Councilmember Keani N.W. Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair  
Councilmember Gabe Johnson, Member  
Councilmember Tasha Kama, Member (left at 12:27 p.m.)  
Councilmember Kelly T. King, Member  
Councilmember Alice L. Lee, Member (left at 12:04 p.m.)  
Councilmember Tamara Paltin, Member  
Councilmember Shane M. Sinenci, Member  
Councilmember Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, Member (arrived at 9:04 a.m.)

**STAFF:** Shelly Espeleta, Legislative Analyst  
James Forrest, Legislative Attorney  
Wilton Leauanae, Legislative Analyst  
Pauline Martins, Committee Secretary

Evan Dust, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Kama  
Axel Beers, Executive Assistant to Councilmember King  
Jordan Helle, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Sugimura  
Keisa Liu, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Johnson  
Lois Whitney, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Kama  
Michelle Del Rosario, Executive Assistant to Councilmember King  
Sarah Pajimola, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Rawlins-Fernandez

**ADMIN.:** Gary Murai, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the Corporation Counsel  
Ipo Mossman, Executive Assistant, Office of the Mayor  
LeeAnn Nomura Matsui, Secretary, Office of the Mayor

**OTHERS:** Louella Albino  
Collete Machado  
Sylvia Ho  
Travis Tancayo  
Jeffrey Ueoka  
Nohelani U'u-Hodgins

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Louella Albino  
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CHAIR MOLINA:   ... *(gavel)* ... The Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee meeting for...recessed meeting, I should say, of February 2nd, 2021, has now reconvened. The date today is Wednesday, February 10th, 9:00 a.m. Sorry for that little pause, Members, trying to collect my mind here this morning. Been quite busy, as we all know. I'm the Committee Chair, Mike Molina. It's now time for Committee Member roll call. Let's start out first with our...our cultural specialist, especially in the areas of morning greetings, our Council Chair, Alice Lee. Good morning, Alice.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Mr. Chair, okay, I don't know if you've been to Southeast Asia, Cambodia, but over there, they'll say arun suasdey. Arun suasdey.

CHAIR MOLINA: Arun suasdey. All right. Sounds easy enough. Thank you. And that's from Cambodia?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yes.

CHAIR MOLINA: All right. Very good. All right. Now, let's go to my Committee Vice-Chair, and let's go out yonder to Moloka'i, and check in on Committee Vice-Chair Keani Rawlins-Fernandez. Good morning.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha kakahiaka, Chair, mai yonder Moloka'i nui Ahina. And arun suasdey kākou.

CHAIR MOLINA: All right. Arun suasdey and good morning, and everything else back at you, Committee Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez. All right. Let's go over to Lāna'i and check in on Councilmember Gabe Johnson. Good morning.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Good morning, Chair. Good morning, everyone. Arun suasdey. I visited Cambodia in, like, the '90s, and I checked out Angkor Wat, and it was...it was a life-changing experience. Beautiful country, beautiful place, friendly people, great food.

CHAIR MOLINA: Wow, good to know that, Gabe. Thank you. All right, let's go out to the beautiful, verdant valley and shoreline of West Maui and check in on Councilmember Paltin. Good morning.

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Arun suasdey kākou and aloha kakahiaka mai Maui komohana.

CHAIR MOLINA: All right. Good morning, Member Paltin. Well stated. And let's go out to South Maui and check in on Councilmember King. Good morning.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Arun suasdey and aloha kakahiaka from...I've got my socks on. It's actually not snowing like this, like my background, but it's really cold here in Kihei this morning.

CHAIR MOLINA: All right. Well, we know that feeling up here in Makawao. Thank you, Member King. And let's check in on Councilmember Sinenci out in East Maui. Good morning.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Aloha kakahiaka, Chair. Malalo ka mauna ka iho a kalā, and arun suasdey.

CHAIR MOLINA: All right. Fantastic, Mr. Sinenci. And finally, let's see how the old neighborhood is doing, and check in on Councilmember Kama. Good morning.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Aloha kakahiaka, Chair and Members, and arun suasdey to each and every one of you. And it is still a beautiful day, a beautiful, beautiful day in this neighborhood of Kahului.

**GREAT-2(1) NOMINATIONS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND COMMISSIONS (VARIOUS)**  
**(CC 19-24)**

CHAIR MOLINA: Mahalo, Member Kama. And once again, good morning and arun suasdey, to you, my colleagues, and to administration, and everyone viewing in today on our recessed meeting of February 2nd for the GREAT Committee meeting, in which we are doing...continuing our vetting and interviewing of nominees to our various boards and commissions. I'd like to recognize from Administration, Mr. Mossman, who is the Mayor's representative for Boards and Commissions, and also Mr. Murai from Corporation Counsel, who is here, and of course our hard-working Committee staff, Pauline Martins, Jean Pokipala, Shelly Espeleta, Wilson Leauanae, and James Forrest. So Members, we have no public testimony because this is a recessed meeting, and we'd like to advise everybody that the chat function, from what I've been told, is still disabled. So please be patient with us as we try to rectify that situation. And we did have, I believe at the last meetings, I...I mentioned that there were two individuals that withdrew their nominations. Karalyn Tukuafu for the Board of Water Supply, and Naomi Kusachi to the Liquor Control Board. And we were just informed yesterday that Mr. Rick Nava has withdrawn his nomination for the Liquor Commission, and I believe we also will have a resignation from the Maui Planning Commission, one of the nominees, Ms. Sherrilee Dodson, which Mr. Mossman will elaborate a little bit later

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this morning. So with that said, first...first order of business, I'd like to take a vote on Mr. Nava. Again, it's a procedural matter. The Chair will entertain a motion to disapprove the nomination of Mr. Rick Nava to the Liquor Control Commission.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So moved.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Second.

CHAIR MOLINA: All right. Who made the motion? I'm sorry.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yuki.

CHAIR MOLINA: I missed that.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I'm here.

CHAIR MOLINA: Oh, there you are. Yeah, yeah. Good morning. I'm sorry, we missed you this morning.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah.

CHAIR MOLINA: Well, welcome to the proceedings.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay, motion made by Member Sugimura, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez. Any discussion on the motion to disapprove Mr. Nava? Okay, seeing none, all those in favor, signify by saying aye and raising your hand.

COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED AYE.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay. All those opposed?

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**VOTE: AYES: Chair Molina, Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Councilmembers Johnson, Kama, King, Lee, Paltin, Sinenci, and Sugimura.**

**EXC.: None.**

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COUNCILMEMBER KING: Chair?

CHAIR MOLINA: Yes, Member King?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Quick question, if we do have questions of Mr. Mossman, is he still available?

CHAIR MOLINA: Yes. Good point. Yeah, Mr. Mossman will still be around for any questions for Administration.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

CHAIR MOLINA: By all means, yes. Please feel free to ask him if you have any questions. Okay. I'd like to call upon Ms. Ho. Sylvia Ho, who is the nominee for the Liquor Control Commission. Ms. Ho, if you're there? I see she's online. If you could --

MS. HO: Hi.

CHAIR MOLINA: -- turn on your video?

MS. HO: We actually...can you see me now, actually? I'm on. I can see you --

CHAIR MOLINA: Yeah, we --

CHAIR MOLINA: -- on.

CHAIR MOLINA: Yeah, we...we can hear you, but we can't see you. Oh, there we go. Okay, now you're on.

MS. HO: Okay.

CHAIR MOLINA: You're...good morning.

MS. HO: Internet connection.

CHAIR MOLINA: All right.

MS. HO: Good morning.

CHAIR MOLINA: Good morning. Ms. Ho, what we'd like you to do first, take up to two minutes and just tell the Committee why you would like to be selected to serve on the Liquor Commission.

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MS. HO: Okay. First of all, I enjoy listening to you guys' conversations. Very, very fun, you guys. Not so stressed, and I like the how you...the opening on the meeting, you know, and everyone says something. By the way, I would like to say "gong hei fat choy", because Chinese New Year this Friday, and I love to see the background of Yuki, that...the Great Wall, as a background. So happy new...happy Chinese new year. Okay. So I would like to...to serve on the...the Liquor Department, is because...first of all, I'm not a...a...I'm a non-alcohol person, so...but I do feel that, you know, I would like to be involved in this...this board, because I can give my...my volunteer experience because I truly feel that each board should have a different background of...of volunteers, so that we will actually have kind of the balance of the...of the Committee or that different insights, right? So that would be my...my...my...my...my thinking of joining the...the Department of Liquor Commission. And also, I am a . . . *(inaudible)*. . . because my work also involves a lot of wellness education, so I think...for alcohol as well, so I think we should have also...and have that...we should have, what do you call, opinion, what do you call, the thinking of different perspective, and then so...so I think to promote the wellness of alcohol consumption, that would be something that I like to do, and I like to...to...to provide, and I would like to work with people from all walks of life and work together to find something that will be good . . . *(timer sounds)*. . . overall for all...for the Committee. For the Committee. That would be my thinking of . . . *(inaudible)*. . . on this board. Is the two minutes up?

CHAIR MOLINA: Thank you very much --

MS. HO: I heard some music.

CHAIR MOLINA: Yep. No, you hit it right on time. That was the...the two-minute bell. So --

MS. HO: Oh, that is so fast. The two minutes really, really short, then. Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR MOLINA: You did a very good job. So I'm going to open up the floor for questions from the Members now. I'll...I'll start first, by asking you one...one question. About a year or two ago, the Liquor Department had an audit done on them. And there were some recommendations for some changes. If you're confirmed to be on the Liquor Commission, what would you to do to maybe improve the Department, and have you had a chance to look at the audit?

MS. HO: Honestly, I know there's...there was an audit. That's why I'm kind of interested to be involved because with my line of work, we don't have gray area. So we either is black or white. But of course, you know, I will listen...no, no, work as a group, you know, on.. on.. because not just me or any particular person. So we should have to...we should take consideration from all sides, right? So I think a transparency is actually...is...is a key to, I think, to any organization. And then with my background, actually compliance and legality, regulations, I am so used to it because I...I work in a financial industry. So what I would commit is, actually to provide to be transparent, to try to, you know, make sure that we understand what's...as I said, you know,

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anything, it has the pros and cons. How are we going to actually make the right decision, actually is right for the community? It's not just for myself or for you, it's actually is...we are actually working...what we are doing is actually for the community. It's not just for one particular person, myself or anybody else. That would be my thinking.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay. Thank you very much for your responses. Okay, Members, the floor's open for questions. Just signify to the Chair by raising your hand if you would like to ask Ms. Ho questions. Okay, Member Paltin, you have three minutes. Go ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair Molina. Thank you, Ms. Ho, for your willingness to serve, and gong hei fat choy.

MS. HO: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I just was wondering, the last time I watched the Liquor Commission, they were discussing about home delivery that had been allowed by the Governor, I guess, due to the pandemic. And I was wondering if you could share with me, from your perspective, some of the pros and cons about home delivery.

MS. HO: Well --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

MS. HO: -- I was thinking. Okay, so home delivery, actually, is a...is a method, right? Is for delivering liquor. I think it's a good thing. But where is it going? So we need to take into consideration. And then so just like...I...I would say the same rule should apply to, say, want to go to a supermarket and buy alcohol. They should still check your ID, right? So and then I...I think, for me, alcohol consumption actually could be a very joyful thing for social gathering. I think this is a...it is.. is a nice thing to do, but where is it going? Is it going to a group of teenager's home, or you know, those are the...that would be a concern. I mean, it's just . . .*(inaudible)*. . . just...okay, so I'm place this order. I'm going to deliver it. But where's it going? Are we still, you know, have the same, what you call, same rules? It doesn't matter, you go to a supermarket to purchase the alcohol or it's going to be delivered just like pizza, you know. It...it should be just...it...it...it's...it's consumption. But I think as long as we have rules in place, I think just like any other shopping, you know, it could be, you know, shampoo, could be, you know, takeout, whatever. So that would be my thinking. So of course, you know, I think the Board of Alcohol...Liquor Commission should have discussion on that. You know, need to have...we need a set rules, you know. Rules, I mean, those are the things that should be in place.



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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And...and the qualifications of the delivery person, you know, what...what would you think that they would need to have? Like, most likely, the delivery person needs to be over 21?

MS. HO: If you ask me personally, I think that needs to be a...it cannot be a minor because that needs to be...that person needs to be as a legal age to consume alcohol. Cannot be just some 16-year-old or, you know. So I think those kind of things that the...the Board actually should have some sort of a discussion to, you know, instead of...I mean, definitely cannot be a minor to deliver that. That would be my up front, you know, response.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you so much for your thought into that answer and your willingness to serve. Thank you, Member Molina.

MS. HO: Thank you.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay. Thank you, Councilmember Paltin. Anyone else with questions for our nominee, Ms. Ho, for the Liquor Control Commission? Committee Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, you have the floor.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. Aloha, Ms. Ho. Gong hei fat choy, and mahalo for your willingness to serve and being here today to answer our questions. I really like your...the succulents in your background. In your virtual background.

MS. HO: Yeah, they are my favorites.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So my first question is regarding attendance. Do you anticipate any concerns with being able to regularly attend scheduled meetings?

MS. HO: That such a good question. So we're all...well, this is...will be my volunteer work, but actually, I always...if I commit to do it, you have my commitment. And of course, you know, occasionally there may be some conflict with my schedule. Say if I'm on the road, I have to try...I mean, right now is good. Attendance has no problem because it's online. I can just get it done, I can, you know, could be doing some work on my desk. So in the future, if there's a...a...a meeting needs to be in person, then maybe I will have to...I think nowadays, you know, virtual is another method for these. So I don't see I will have any concern about that. But of course, sometimes occasionally if I need to be absent, I would say, just being honest, I may miss one or two meetings, that's for sure because of work. So other than that, I don't foresee any...any problems at all. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for your...your honesty, your candidness, with your response. My second question is regarding your experience with the Liquor Commission. Have you ever attended or watched any of the meetings or reviewed any of the minutes?

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MS. HO: I only watched when there is some sort of, what you call, public discussion and some...something like that. Like the audit, and they...I don't go into great details, because, you know, actually I'm just one of the person in the community. Well, I...I actually watch...I actually have watched...I'm a funny kind of person, I watch Channel 53 *Akakū*, so I actually, I miss the minute, but I'm interested what you folks are talking about, and I would definitely go on, because I can watch at midnight and, you know, things like that. No need to be like, okay, the meetings at 12 o'clock, I have to be on. You know, I can actually watch afterwards, or could be a week later, whatever. So I do, and then of course, after I submitted my application, I did go to the Maui County website to look at some of the minutes and see exactly what you guys are talking about, you know. What's going on. So see really what's...what's the discussion, you know, things like that. But yeah, I actually have watched all of you guys' meetings. Some...some could be very interesting, some could be okay. I just wanted to see . . . *(timer sounds)*. . . what these guys are discussing, you know, so. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Ho, and mahalo for helping our ratings go up. We appreciate it. Mahalo, Chair.

MS. HO: Thank you.

CHAIR MOLINA: Thank you, Committee Vice-Chair Rawlins, and thank you, Ms. Ho, for being such a loyal viewer of *Akakū*. All right, and Members, any more questions for our nominee to the Liquor Commission, Ms. Ho? Councilmember Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you. I just want to welcome Sylvia. I have...I have had the opportunity of working with her in the community through Chinese New Year's events, and that you helped coordinate it. So I know that you are a doer, and your very valuable time, you always give back to the community, and I totally support you stepping up to be on the Liquor Control Commission. And thank you very much. I support you.

CHAIR MOLINA: Thank you very much.

MS. HO: Thank you, Yuki.

CHAIR MOLINA: Thank you, Councilmember Sugimura. Members, any other questions for Ms. Ho? Okay, seeing none. Thank you very much, Ms. Ho, for taking the time to be interviewed, and at a later point this morning we will take a Committee vote, and should you pass out of this Committee, one final vote will be taken at the Council level in a couple of weeks, I think. So thank you very much.

MS. HO: Thank you. Thanks everybody.

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CHAIR MOLINA: Thank you. All right, Members, moving on to the nominees for the Planning Commission. I'd like to recognize Mr. Mossman, from the Mayor's office, to update us on the nominee, Ms. Sherrilee Dodson. Mr. Mossman?

MR. MOSSMAN: Good morning, Chair Mike and Vice-Chair Rawlins, and the Committee Members and Council. I got a call this morning from Miss...from Ms. Sherrilee Dodson, saying that due to an overload of some...some...some of her work with Humanity Habitat [sic], she was not able to feel that she would do a job for us, so decided to withdraw her name from the nomination. And so you know, we by all means accepted that, and I wanted to share that with you, Mike, as we did today, Chair.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay. Thank you very much, Mr. Mossman. So with that being said, Members, since Ms. Dodson has withdrew her nomination, so again we have to take a procedural vote to disapprove. And again, has...it has nothing to do with her character, as well as earlier with Mr. Nava's vote. Nothing to do with their character, it's just a procedural part of the process to officially, I guess, notify the public that these individuals are no longer under consideration. So with that said, the Chair will entertain a motion to disapprove the nomination of Sherrilee Dodson to the Maui Planning Commission.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So moved.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Second.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay, it's been moved by Committee Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, seconded by Chair Lee. Any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor, signify by saying aye and raising your hand.

COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED AYE.

CHAIR MOLINA: Any opposition?

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**VOTE: AYES: Chair Molina, Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Councilmembers Johnson, Kama, King, Lee, Paltin, Sinenci, and Sugimura.**

**NOES:   None.**

**ABSTAIN:   None.**

**ABSENT: None.**

**EXC.: None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION: ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION TO DISAPPROVE SHERRILEE DODSON TO THE MAUI PLANNING COMMISSION.**

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay. Chair will mark it unanimous. The disapproval passes 9-0. All right. Thank you very much for that business. All right, Members. Now moving onto our...our next nominee for the Planning Commission, and that would be Ashley Lindsey. Ms. Lindsey, if you're on the line, if you could put on your video, we'd like to welcome you to the Committee's proceedings this morning.

MS. LINDSEY: Hi.

CHAIR MOLINA: There you are.

MS. LINDSEY: Aloha.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay. Aloha. Good morning, Ms. Lindsey. What we'd like to do first is give you up to two minutes to just share your thoughts with the Committee as to why you would like to be selected to the Maui Planning Commission. So please go ahead.

MS. LINDSEY: Okay. I was just going to start with an intro because that's what you guys were doing the last meeting. My name is Ashley Lindsey. Some people know me as Awakea Lindsey, either is fine with me. I was born on O'ahu, raised since two years old on Maui. Went to Kula El, then Seabury Hall. Went to college on O'ahu for business. At the time, I was already in property management, so I kind of felt...so I felt like I needed to move home and just work. So I moved home. I was taking business at the college, along with Hawaiian studies at the college, and I fully went into property management. And then I ended up just taking Hawaiian studies classes, as many as I could, as much as I could, from everyone that I could. I moved to Hilo, went to UH-Hilo for business, and Hawai'i Community College for Hawaiian studies because they have a bigger Hawaiian studies program. Hilo has a language program.

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I...while I was there, I ran a restaurant, I kept in Hawaiian...in...in...kept up my Hawaiian studies, and then I was still doing property management. So I've been in property management for about a little bit short of 20 years now, and I've taken maybe 10 years' worth of Hawaiian studies classes, all at the same time. Ran a restaurant, did some large events, and then kind of just did general paperwork stuff in property and real estate. My family on my mother's side has been in real estate for four generations, I am fifth generation, in Hawai'i. And we have just kind of been doing that for four generations now. I...that's pretty much it. As far as the Planning Commission, I am currently the Chair of the Maui Redevelopment Agency, which kind of gave me a little intro into these Boards and Commissions and time and planning, and really, what it really takes to do this, what you guys do, kind of, and started paying attention. And I feel like what I offer to the Planning Commission is kind of a balance, because I have both backgrounds in the Hawaiian studies and in real estate. I feel like it's a...a balance between the two. I think I have more experience than anyone my age in management, being almost...being in it for almost 20 years. That's pretty much it. Any questions?

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay. Thank you very much, Ms. Lindsey. I'll start with the first question. You mentioned you're the Chair of the Maui Redevelopment Agency. And the Planning Commission typically meets twice a month. Timewise, you're still available to attend both Planning Commission meetings per month, along with your responsibilities with the MRA?

MS. LINDSEY: I think that my MRA term ends in April.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay.

MS. LINDSEY: So I'm not sure exactly when this term ends, but I was assuming that it ended and started around the same time.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay. Good. I'm glad you made that clarification. You're near the end of your MRA term, and you can start fresh on the Planning Commission. Okay, good. Because that was my one major question I had for you. So I believe we had Councilmember King with questions for you. Councilmember King.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you, Chair. I actually had the same question because it seems like a little bit of a conflict to me to be on both of those agencies at the same time. So you know, I'm not sure when this...it's just that this one, Chair, starts in March, this term.

MS. LINDSEY: Yeah, I think my last...my last MRA meeting term, it ends in March, and it's.... and I'm done as of April.

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COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. And so you know, the...the Maui Redevelopment Agency has kind of gotten...become known to a lot of people on the island as pro-development, and I just wondered what your take on that is, since you're Chair.

MS. LINDSEY: I feel...well, so I've been on now almost five years, and I think a lot of the members who have been on the Maui Redevelopment Agency have represented a development perspective. I've felt like I tried to do everything I could to put in Hawaiian things, like being the host culture here in whatever was going on. I think a lot of the momentum for the MRA was to kind of get more people into Wailuku, get some, you know, get something going that locals could enjoy and appreciate, and kind of keep Wailuku its own identity of Wailuku, but still get traffic there, alleviate, you know, let people get to government and all...you know, there was...I feel like it's a special place in Maui that it's like town, you know? Like, I grew up as Wailuku as town.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: I just...I just...Ms. Lindsey, yeah. I...I appreciate that. I just wanted to get your perspective on how...do you consider yourself pro-development, you know, going on to the Planning Commission?

MS. LINDSEY: I want to say I would be neutral.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

MS. LINDSEY: I don't consider myself pro-development or anti-development. There...I definitely see where development is good in Maui, and where I, you know, wish it didn't happen. But I do not consider myself pro or anti either.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay --

MS. LINDSEY: Development.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay, great. So...so now maybe an agreement...smart growth is what you're...

MS. LINDSEY: Yeah, smart growth, long-term plan, you know, something that works for everybody. Balance in the community. I am probably a little bit for the multi-generational people who live here, but...but like, I'm from Maui. You know, everybody from Maui feels the same way.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Great. Well, thank you for your response today. I appreciate it.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay, thank you very much, Member King. Now we have a question from Mr. Sinenci, followed by Mr. Johnson.

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COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Mahalo, Ms. Lindsey, and mahalo for being with us today. Yeah, I just had a question of more from the East side of Maui, you know, you...if you're serving on the Planning Commission, you'll get a lot of short-term rental requests, and for us in East Maui, our housing inventory is very limited. We have majority agriculture zoning, so many of these short-term rental requests will be in areas within...within Hāna, so I was just wondering what is your take on the proliferation of short-term rentals within our small neighborhoods or on agriculture lands?

MS. LINDSEY: I am probably biased towards...well, I'm...I think short-term rentals should be consolidated in certain areas or limited in areas where they are allowed, you know? Like the B&B permits and stuff, the short-term. I think they...neighborhoods should be neighborhoods. They should be part of where people live, you know your neighbor. I...the...I feel like it is kind of...I...I've used Airbnb and loved being in neighborhoods where it's neighborhoods and not a bunch of rentals. So I see that perspective, but as in...in Maui, I want to say I prefer to keep short-term rentals where short-term rentals are existing. And kind of...and where they aren't existing, maybe limit it a little bit, so there's a little bit, but enough for our people to live there.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. Mahalo, Ms. Lindsey, for your response. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay. Thank you, Councilmember Sinenci. Councilmember Johnson?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. Aloha, Ms. Lindsey. Just a real quick question. You...you were the Chair for the Maui Redevelopment Agency for how long?

MS. LINDSEY: It's...it will be a calendar year.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay.

MS. LINDSEY: So I was Vice-Chair last year, but...and it'll be a year.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. Thank you. That's...that's all my questions.

MS. LINDSEY: You're welcome.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay. Thank you, Councilmember Johnson. Questions? We have Member Paltin, followed by Committee Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez. Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Ms. Lindsey, for your willingness to serve multiple years. My first question is, if you had an immediate family have a project in front of the Maui Planning Commission, what would be your action?

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MS. LINDSEY: I would probably recluse [sic] myself. I don't know the right word, is that the right word? I would recluse [sic] myself. Yep. I...I don't anticipate more than one time that I would need to do that in my term, if --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. And then I...I do see the similarities between the Redevelopment Agency and the Planning Commission. The biggest change, or difference, in my opinion, besides not just focusing on Wailuku, focusing island-wide, is the shoreline management area and those types of issues. And so I just was wondering your experience in dealing it...with it, and if you know, you know, like, what SLR-XA means, and...and those types of things, and like, when the community plan is law, in terms of the Planning Commission?

MS. LINDSEY: I do not know what SLR-XA means. One of the properties that I manage is in the SMA zone, so that is my experience there. It's probably different than most of the things that is put forward in the Planning Commission. But I will educate myself, and read. I read maybe ten meetings or so since I was nominated, so I'm not worried about the time commitment that it would take to understand this.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Are you worried at all about the time commitment? I've seen, like, we've...when the Planning Commission was reviewing our West Maui Community Plan, we watched it from my office, and sometimes we were driving home late at night, and...you know, with the contested case hearings and stuff. So the two...not only the two times a month, but like sometimes it's all day, into the night, two times as...two times a month as a volunteer. Like, we do it on the regular, but where...where...that's a good job that we get paid for.

MS. LINDSEY: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: And I just was wondering, like, if you understood the volume of time, in...in opposed to just the two...two days a month. Like, it's sometimes all day, kine.

MS. LINDSEY: Yeah, I'm pretty familiar. What I do mostly in the management side is the contracts. So I'm pretty familiar with reading 200-page documents often. I see that there is a lot to . . . *(timer sounds)*. . . know, understand, but I don't...I'm not worried about the time commitment right now. My management is kind of allowing me the time for this. And I think it's important for Maui that the people get involved. So here I am.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you so much. Thank you Member Molina, and thank you, Ms. Lindsey, I'm...I'm really stoked to see someone of your generation to be nominated because we haven't seen that in a while.

CHAIR MOLINA: Thank you very much, Councilmember --



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MS. LINDSEY: That's one of the reasons I'm here.

CHAIR MOLINA: -- Paltin. Thank you Councilmember Paltin, who's long been an advocate for getting, you know, our next generations into some very key positions on our Boards and Commissions, so you know, thank you for that. Let's go to Committee Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez. You have the floor.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. Aloha, Ms. Lindsey. Mahalo for being with us today, answering our questions, and for being willing to continue to serve our County on Boards and Commissions. So I...some of my questions were kind of asked by Member Paltin in different ways, so I'll just reconfirm. So you don't foresee your attendance being a concern?

MS. LINDSEY: No. I...I expect to make all meetings, within reason, of course. But yeah, and I...I plan on being prepared for everything, reading it, doing what it takes.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And it sounds like you do have experience with the Maui Planning Commission, like, you've attended meetings, watched videos, or reviewed minutes?

MS. LINDSEY: I've reviewed minutes and read some of the things that went on. I...I've never physically watched an entire meeting, but I'm not one to go in to the Planning Department and...go into the meeting and sit and watch. If it...if it's on TV, I'll watch it, but I'm not going to go and watch it. So I...so I'll read all the minutes. So I went through, like, ten, when...since I've been appointed. I mean, not appointed, nominated. So yeah, I...I don't foresee a time issue right now.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. And what do you foresee your...or how do you foresee yourself contributing to the Maui Planning Commission?

MS. LINDSEY: I feel like I have a unique perspective, being a multi-generational landowner, and person in real estate. I'm young, so I will see out these plans that we are creating, which is kind of what is my problem with what's going on. Like, somebody planned something ten years ago, and now we are living it today, and now we're all online, and we don't need certain things. So there's a lot that can happen. Technology advances quickly, and I...I plan on seeing it. I'm tired of people, older people, retirees, that spent their time and now they have extra time to give to the community, but they're not going to see this plan come out. They're not going to see what they voted for in ten years. They're not going to see it. So I...I...I feel like younger people should be involved, and...because we will see it. We're...we have children who are going to see it and grow up in it and be part of it.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. And more than just see it, but feel the impacts of those decisions today. So I...I agree with your position that a lot more of the

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upcoming leaders (*audio interference*) members should get involved. . . . (*timer sounds*). . . Chair, I had two more questions, but --

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay, what...what we'll do, Committee Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, we'll do a...a follow-up round if anybody has...I've given...we have a request for a follow-up question. Before I do the follow-up, any other Members who have not asked Ms. Lindsey a question that would like a round? A three-minute round? Okay, seeing none, I'll go ahead and recognize Member King, and then we'll come back to you, Committee Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez. Member King?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you, Chair. And thank you again, Ms. Lindsey. I've...the questioning isn't really...I hope you're not taking it personally, because we just see this as a very important position, the Planning Commission is really impactful on the community, so that's why we take more of our time, I think, on this...this Commission. My...my follow-up question is, how do you feel about...do you support the idea of community advisory committees throughout the island? You know, we've been discussing, aside from the Hāna Advisory Committee, adding on South Maui and a North Shore Community Advisory...Community Advisory Committees, and also giving them a little more teeth to decision making, that we could take some things off the Planning Commission's, you know, purview, and bring it down to the community level for the decision making. So can you give me your thoughts, and do you support that concept?

MS. LINDSEY: I...I definitely support them as an advisory committee. I'm not sure the impacts of...Maui is a small place, and what happens in North Maui, South Maui, affects the entire island. So with that in mind, yes, there needs some more advisory...advice to the Planning would be great. But it's still a small place. We, like, Kahului and Wailuku are touching, you know? Same with Pukalani and Makawao. They are...they're in the same...one person heads the council in that district, but it's still its own place. You know, Pukalani and Makawao is different. Kahului and Wailuku is different. But what happens in Wailuku affects what happens in Kahului, and I feel that for the whole island. South Maui is kind of isolated, so I could see that there; South Maui, Hana, Lānaʻi and Molokaʻi, of course. So yes, I --

COUNCILMEMBER KING: So --

MS. LINDSEY: -- support.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: So beyond the advisory, you know, there is...there's a group that's been meeting on this legislation, wanting to start with giving the advisory committees the authority over short-term rentals and bed and breakfast permits because they know their community best. So are you saying that you would be against them having that authority and you want it to stay at the Planning Commission level? Or would you be open --

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MS. LINDSEY: I think...I would definitely be open to them handling their own areas in that...definitely for short-term rentals.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

MS. LINDSEY: Because if they're neighborhoods.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Thank you. Appreciate that.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay. Thank you very much, Member King. Committee Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, followed by...followed up by...followed up with Councilmember Sinenci. Go ahead, Ms. Rawlins-Fernandez.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. Mahalo again, for answering all my earlier questions, Ms. Lindsey. So I have two more questions. One, you kind of touched upon with Member King's question in that everything is connected. Are you familiar with the Eight Realms of Decision Making with the 'Aha Moku, first reiterated by Kumu John Ka'imikawa?

MS. LINDSEY: No. Maybe? I need more information.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

MS. LINDSEY: So no.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. I can send that to you. And what is your position on community plans?

MS. LINDSEY: Some of the community plans, I feel, need to be updated. I think we're...you...you've gone through some already and all of them need to be updated. I think a lot of it needs to be revisited, based on what is going on in Maui. All their plans were created when it was created, but there definitely...a comprehensive community plan, I'm in support of. How...yeah.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I'll...I'll...I'll help to clarify my question.

MS. LINDSEY: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: What...what kind of guidance and deference would you give to community plans in decision making?

MS. LINDSEY: I feel like I still offer the balance between the two. I think...I think currently on the Planning Commission, I've seen a lot more on the, like, pro-development side, and not enough balance on the other side. But I know that there is a middle ground. There is a gray area between the two. There is black...there is...it is not black and

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white, and there needs to be a kind of a meeting of everything because we're all going to deal with it in the end. Yeah. I don't...sorry, I don't know if I totally answered your question.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. And then the last thing I wanted to share, was...so yesterday we talked about SLR-XA, and Member Paltin asked you about SLR-XA, but I just...I wanted, since you said...you said you didn't know what it was, I just...I wanted to let you know what the acronym stood for, and then that way, those that are...the public that's watching, we...you know, we're...we're trying to be proponents of education of the SLR-XA, and soon it'll be more of a common term that people will understand when we say it. So SLR-XA is sea level rise exposure area.

MS. LINDSEY: Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. Mahalo, Ms. Lindsey. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR MOLINA: Mahalo, Committee Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez. Let's go to Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Good morning, Ms. Lindsey. I really like most of your answers, and I hope you don't feel that...a need to have to answer every single question because some of the questions relate to after you have been a member, and after you have gone through meetings, and after you have gained experience. You know, without experience, all you're getting your information from is reading something, yeah. So I have a lot of confidence that you're going to do very well, just from your demeanor and...and how you present yourself, and I...I really appreciate that. So my expectations of you are based on more integrity than on knowledge because you will soon have the knowledge that you need to make good decisions. And what I really like about you is your balanced attitude. It's very important. You know, I tell our young Councilmembers all the time, when you're elected, you no longer only represent your friends and family. You...you represent everyone; people who like you, who don't like you, who agree with you, who don't agree with you. And that's pretty much, you know, something that you will find out. You know, you...you...you're going to have to let go of your own agenda and be open to all points of view. So I feel very confident in how you will be on the...on the Commission, and I will certainly support you. Thank you.

MS. LINDSEY: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay. Thank you, Chair Lee, and thank you for those words of wisdom, spoken so well and eloquently. Okay. I don't see any other hands going up for any more questions. Oh, oh, oh, oh, I...I'm sorry, I think I missed Member Sinenci, and then Member Paltin. Follow-up round. Okay, go ahead, Mr. Sinenci.

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COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Mahalo, Chair. Real quickly for Ashley. So Ashley, in the November elections, the electorate voted to create a Department of Agriculture, the first of its kind for our County. So what's your position on, you know, continuing to...to keep agriculture-zoned lands for food production and to...to make certain that we...we have enough water for agriculture?

MS. LINDSEY: I, 100 percent, support food independence of Hawai'i. I believe we are importing far too much. This year, I personally only have bought local meat. I...sorry, I'm, like, crying because this, like, this is the one that, like, hits me right here. But definitely, I support the...the agriculture committee, or whatever, that we voted for in November. It's so important. So okay. That's all I got.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Mahalo. Mahalo, for your response. Thank you.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay. Okay, thank you very much, Member Sinenci. Member Paltin, follow-up round.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, I just had one last question that I...I needed to know the answer to. Do you believe the sea level is rising?

MS. LINDSEY: Yes, climate change is real. The sea levels...I feel like if you look at the old maps and stuff, I was the president of Maui Historical Society a couple years ago, and we got to see some maps. Some, you know, insider...and it's different. The coasts are different. The things are changing. The wind patterns are changing because of things that were...are within our control. So yes, I do.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you. I just had to make sure, because not everyone agrees with that. So thank you.

CHAIR MOLINA: Thank you very much --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: You have my support.

CHAIR MOLINA: Thank you very much --

MS. LINDSEY: Thank you.

CHAIR MOLINA: -- Member Paltin. Okay. This concludes our follow-up round. I want to...I believe we're ready to move forward. So I'd like to thank Ms. Lindsey for spending time with the Committee this morning, and we'll make a decision on your nomination at a later point this morning. And should you --

MS. LINDSEY: Thank you.

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CHAIR MOLINA: Thank you. And should you be approved, it will go to the full Council in about two weeks for a final vote, so.

MS. LINDSEY: Okay.

CHAIR MOLINA: Thank you.

MS. LINDSEY: Mahalo. A hui hou.

CHAIR MOLINA: Mahalo. Thank you. Okay, Members, that concludes the interviews for our Maui Planning Commission. Now we have our nominees for the Moloka'i Planning Commission. I'd like to call upon Ms. Louella Albino. I hope I pronounced your last name correctly. Ms. Albino, if you're out there in...in the midst of our virtual world...electronic world, please let us know. If you could give us a wave. Oh, there you are. Okay. Good morning. Aloha.

MS. ALBINO: . . . *(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR MOLINA: Could unmute yourself? Have...have we...oh, there we go.

MS. ALBINO: Aloha.

CHAIR MOLINA: Aloha. Good morning.

MS. ALBINO: Aloha kakahiaka.

CHAIR MOLINA: Thank you for making yourself available for interview with the Committee for the Moloka'i Planning Commission. We'd like to start off first by asking you to take up to two minutes to tell us a little bit about yourself, and why you would like to be a part of the Moloka'i Planning Commission. So please proceed.

MS. ALBINO: Mahalo nui for the opportunity. I am Louella 'O Pu'ulani . . . *(clears throat)*. . . excuse me, I have a cold--Albino. I'm born and raised on Moloka'i, and I've...I've been a...I am...I am a farmer, living on homestead land. And I'm fifth generation homesteader. However, most of my life has been in education, Hawaiian language. The first Hawaiian language teacher for Punana Leo 'o Moloka'i here on Moloka'i. And so my education and...and...and my focus on education has been a big part of my life, especially in the Hawaiian immersion education area. And raised by kūpuna who are from Maui, first homesteaders here in Ho'olehua, Moloka'i from Nā Wai 'Ehā 'o Maui. So being a lifelong resident of Moloka'i, I love Moloka'i, and I'm very concerned about its future, interested in the past that brings us here, and I'm very involved in watching our community grow. And aware of the elements that make our island what it is, unique, as well as every other island, but we have a special focus on sustainability here on Moloka'i, to keep our future open to possibilities. And we are concerned with limited growth, because of all of the environmental changes that are happening

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around us. So my love for Molokaʻi and my training as a child of Molokaʻi up to this point gives me a perspective that I'm willing to keep sacred and...and also be open to new views and ideas to make Molokaʻi better. . . . *(timer sounds)*. . .

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay. Thank you very much for your opening statements, Ms. Albino. I'd like to...to start off the round off questions, I'd like to start off with our Committee Vice-Chair Keani Rawlins-Fernandez, the island representative. If you could...would like to start with the round of questions for Ms. Albino.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. Aloha, Auntie 'O Pu'ulani.

MS. ALBINO: Aloha.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for your willingness to always serve Molokaʻi. I don't have any questions for Ms. Albino. I know that whenever she commits to doing something, she shows up. So I have no question about her attendance. I know what kind of experience she has with the Planning Commission and with proposed projects. She does bring a wealth of knowledge, both cultural and historical. And I know how she would contribute to the Molokaʻi Planning Commission, and I think that her voice would be very community based and comes with so much wisdom. She is a respected kūpuna on our island, and I wholeheartedly support Ms. Albino's nomination to the Molokaʻi Planning Commission.

MS. ALBINO: Aloha.

CHAIR MOLINA: Mahalo, Committee Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez. Members, the floor is open for questions for our Molokaʻi Planning Commission nominee. I'll just go ahead and throw in my comments as well. Thank you for volunteering, and I appreciate you as a retired educator. Myself, and I think Mr. Sinenci, and Ms. King, we've had ties to education, and we certainly appreciate individuals like yourself who are willing to step up to the plate in your time of retirement, where you could be doing other things, and willing on to take on a great responsibility like this. So I just want to thank you for making yourself available to serve on this Committee.

MS. ALBINO: Mahalo.

CHAIR MOLINA: So Members, any other questions? Councilmember Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you very much for putting yourself out there for the community. And looking at your credentials, I definitely support you. I...I would like to just ask you. One of the things you just said, and correct me if I'm wrong, but you said for the limited growth on Molokaʻi, and I wonder if you could explain that with all your years of wisdom.

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MS. ALBINO: What I really meant was that the sources. People call most of the resources on the island resources. But we believe that these are sources of life that are limited, and so we want to be able to maintain these sources of life for the people who live here, and for the future. Because of the unique conditions and...and dependence on these sources for life, being in a situation that we...when I view COVID's experiences that I've had living here on Moloka'i, and the way we sustain ourselves as a people depends largely on our ability to maintain our infrastructure. And if the population growth exceeds what we can produce or sustainably contain . . . *(audio interference)*. . . for me. Tourism and development are great sources of income for the State, and I realize that. But as far as for Moloka'i, we have a limited infrastructure, with water and the sources of how we limit it. And due to the changes in environment and the world, or the Earth as we see it, we need to be very careful in what we allow to become part of our infrastructure and our uses of what we have.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you very much for the clarification. Very beautiful. Thank you.

CHAIR MOLINA: Thank you, Councilmember Sugimura. Councilmember Paltin, followed by Councilmember King.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair Molina. Thank you, Ms. Albino, for your willingness to serve on the Moloka'i Planning Commission. Similar question that I asked to the previous nominee. You know, the Planning Commissions have the authority in the shoreline management area, and I'm just wondering, do you believe that the sea level is rising?

MS. ALBINO: Definitely. We see that, not visibly from the land, watching the shorelines and looking at the changes that have occurred, but the continuous changes. Not only in what we see, but being part of a study that has been going on for over 30 years, watching the curves change. The actual shoreline's changing its features with...with the...the limu, the fish habitations that are all changing because of what's happening. And so in this period of time, we've watched the environment, our...our 'āina, and it's connection the kai change. And even in the weather, the atmosphere's changing, and so these things are real. They're not perceived. They're . . . *(audio interference)*. . . lifetime. And so I support any . . . *(audio interference)*. . . with these issues, so that we can preserve what we have. In the eyes of development and tourism, it's . . . *(audio interference)*. . . little, but for us, and have been able to maintain it because we've been . . . *(audio interference)*. . . aware in our 'āina, and how it affects us as Kanaka.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Ms. Albino. Thank you, Member Molina. You have my support, Ms. Albino.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair?

CHAIR MOLINA: Member Paltin.



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MS. ALBINO: Thank you.

CHAIR MOLINA: Yes, Committee Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez?

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member, perhaps we can ask Ms. Albino to turn off her video, and then maybe it won't glitch as much.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay, good suggestion. Ms. Albino, if you could turn off your video, then most likely your volume or your audio will be much improved.

MS. ALBINO: Okay.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay. All righty, let's go to Member King for questions.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you, Chair. Mine was sort of along the lines of Member Paltin's question. The...the issue of climate change in general has...there's a proposal to make that a priority in our general plan, and that's coming to the Planning Commission next. So I just wondered if you support that. But I think you've pretty much answered that yes, you do. You believe in climate change, and I would expect that that's part of why you got a glowing recommendation from your Councilmember on your island. So that --

MS. ALBINO: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Is that a correct assumption?

MS. ALBINO: Yes. Yes, it is. Yes, it is. Mahalo.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. I don't want to take up too much more time. So I just...thank you so much for stepping up, and I...you have my full support.

MS. ALBINO: Thank you.

CHAIR MOLINA: Thank you, Member King. Just...Ms. Albino, just...I just have this morning, more of a philosophical question. Now, you know, as a retired educator, you've had many opportunities to exchange ideas with the youth of Moloka'i, especially about their future, whether, you know, the future of the island and what they want economically or opportunities to stay on the island. Now, in your role as a future Moloka'i Planning Commissioner, what's your thoughts on that? What type of opportunities do you feel may be needed for the youth of Moloka'i to continue to stay on Moloka'i and not move elsewhere?

MS. ALBINO: That is a situation we have, and probably in this time frame, when we're looking at the pandemic and where it's going to take us, I just, in my last semester

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with my class here on Moloka'i, in the...in the fall of 2020, I really wanted to look deeper into that exact question. Because we have a lot of youth that come and get educated to the point where they have to go off island and . . . (*audio interference*). . . the college...the university system has allowed us to continue some of their studies here on Moloka'i, but unless they know who they really are and where they're going, their futures are...are really up in the air. And so that's my main concern, is to let them see who you really are. Identify with who you are. Because when I was young and I was being raised, Kūpuna would always say, in English, "Who you?" and from that point, and it...it was repeated often to me. And you know, at one point, depending on the inflection of the voice, it was either a nice question or you better know "who you", because if you don't know who you are, you don't know where to turn and how to go forward. And that has been what I've been stuck with all my life. And it grounds you. When you know who you are, and if you take control of your 'āina...because 'āina 'i Kanaka and Akua are the foundation. If you cannot make that connection and that balance, we're going to be subject to the elements always. And if you don't know who you are, someone else is going to tell you who you are. So you must have a very grounded connection with who you are. Because our land on Moloka'i is mainly agricultural. It's always been that way. And we have a future and sustainability, and our future plans for sustainability, rather than tourism or development. And so that's what I've seen, but I'm open to comments, you know, from our community when some...some interesting or . . . (*timer sounds*). . . or positive development is in...in...in front of us, and...but always listening to...to the youth. Listen to them and see what...help them to see what's valuable and the road...the long road, rather than oh, I want to get off this rock. Because it's all, you know, slow and there's so much excitement out there. But at some point, you're going to reach a point in your life when you're going to be matured beyond your...your young years, and so we need to listen to them and carry conversations and relate to them. Be there for them. Answer questions, and then...and then we let them go. Let them choose, but give them the tools, give them knowledge and give them 'ike from the past, so they know how to go on to the future.

CHAIR MOLINA: Very good. Mahalo for your response. Thank you. Members, follow-up round for Ms. Albino? Any other additional questions before we excuse her? Okay, seeing no other requests for questions, I want to thank you very much, Ms. Albino, for taking the time to respond to questions and share your thoughts as it relates to being a nominee to the Moloka'i Planning Commission. Mahalo.

MS. ALBINO: I humbly thank you for the opportunity to serve. Mahalo.

CHAIR MOLINA: Mahalo. Okay. Members, we're on to our next nominee for the Moloka'i Planning Commission, and that is Ms. Colette Machado. Ms. Machado, if you're online, which I believe you are, please, if you could turn on your video or your audio to let us know you're ready to share your thoughts with the Committee this morning.

MS. MACHADO: Aloha mai, and I'm present.

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CHAIR MOLINA: All right. Aloha --

MS. MACHADO: This is Colette Machado --

CHAIR MOLINA: Good morning.

MS. MACHADO: -- waiting in the wings.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay. Well, we're ready to go. How'd I'd like to start first, is give you about up to two minutes to share...tell us something about yourself or share your thoughts as to why you would like to be selected to serve on the Moloka'i Planning Commission. So please go ahead and proceed.

MS. MACHADO: I submitted my application to serve on the Moloka'i Planning Commission because I have 24 years of experience as an elected official. Prior to that, I served close to 20 years on various boards and State commissions with the State of Hawai'i. So I felt like, okay, now I'm retired because I ran...I...I was unsuccessfully re-elected back in November 2020 as the OHA Trustee for Moloka'i. So I'm looking back now that I'm effectively retired as of December 31st, 2020, and I told myself and I talked to my husband, how can I contribute or give back to our community? So the most of my term as an elected official, I did a lot of commuting to O'ahu, but in addition to that, for seven years, I was the board of trustee's chairperson. And when you became the chairperson, you actually were obligated to serve all of Hawai'i. So now I have the privilege to just be specifically able to serve for the Moloka'i Planning Commission purposes. So I thought about that long and hard, and I felt very obligated to do my service as a retiree now. And I've reviewed your ordinance relating to attendance of Boards and Commissions. I understand that you have 48 hours to notify your chairperson if you're not going to be attending. You have a requirement that reflects your six months, if you're not in 50 percent compliance of attendance, you would be obligated to be considered as somebody to be replaced. I have seen over the course of the government appointees, because you're a volunteer, people don't take it so serious, and the attendance become sporadic and you cannot conduct in quorum. But now it's a little bit easier because you can do it by virtual meeting. So . . . *(timer sounds)*. . . I just wanted to acknowledge that I'm committed to serving the...meeting the compliance . . . *(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay. Mahalo for your opening statement, Ms. Machado. I'm going to turn matters over to the Committee for questions. And again, I'd like to recognize Moloka'i representative Committee Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez to lead off.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. I fully support Ms. Machado to the Moloka'i Planning Commission. As you heard, she doesn't foresee any concerns with attendance. We know, you know, I mean, her reputation precedes her. So we know how hard she works. Her heart is always with the community. And so when she

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makes a commitment, she follows through on her commitment. So I'm not concerned about her attendance. She has so much experience that she'll be bringing to the Moloka'i Planning Commission, and she has the Roberts Rules of Order down. So that'll be helpful with some of the Planning Commission members. And it'll be wonderful to have Ms. Machado at home more, and I look forward to having her on the Moloka'i Planning Commission. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR MOLINA: Mahalo, Committee Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez. Questions for Ms. Machado? Councilmember Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, thank you. I'm not sure, is the Moloka'i Planning Commission meeting in person or remotely? And if remotely, do you have devices that would allow you to see the other members?

MS. MACHADO: I chose to connect with you folks on this GREAT Committee meeting on my phone. But I have a...I have an iPad, I have a full setup here with my computer --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. Thank you.

MS. MACHADO: -- I have a printer, I have capacity to do virtual meetings.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you.

MS. MACHADO: I have also . . . *(inaudible)*. . . into some of the meetings. The last one was with the Planning Commission, which was five hours, which was over a Moloka'i Land Trust and their fencing project. And it was very exciting to hear the question that flowed from the Commission members and also the conduct about Chair Lori Buchanan and her Vice-Chair La'a Poepoe. So I feel that I can be compatible to them. Just so you know, that I am equipped adequately, but I chose to use the phone today to connect --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. My next --

MS. MACHADO: -- with this Committee meeting.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- question is, you know that the Planning Commissions have the full authority over the Special Management Areas and, you know, I'd like to know your feelings about the Special Management Areas development, if you believe in sea level rise.

MS. MACHADO: I think that's something already that's a high priority for our people on Moloka'i, the sea level rise. Because of the subsistence activity that is ongoing and some of the caution that we have about development on the shoreline to protect not only the resources there, but to allow the next generation for participatory involvement. I've been working with the Keawanui project because they've been doing

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some organic small farming on our little property here. But we've been helping with the children on the worms and how it impacts organic growing, and how important it is to maintain this source of availability to produce and make lands more productive for them in an organic fashion. So I've seen so much good going on with the learning center there at Keawanui and the fish pond restoration, that's very common here. So working compatibly with the community and working on high priority projects can bring about those kinds of protective measures we're talking about on sea level rise and to protect our shoreline. SMA is critical, although it's a Federal mandate, but the way the Planning Department interprets that and also the Planning Commission gives a lot of authority for review and permit applicants to come before the Planning Commission for a more detailed response as to how they want to develop along the shoreline. So that's a very positive thing before you trigger the feds to come in, which is Army Corps.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And my last question is, what role do you see community plans having in the shoreline . . . *(timer sounds)* . . . management area?

MS. MACHADO: It's very critical. Without the involvement from the community plan for any kind of feedback review, how are you going to be able to move forward, make the appropriate amendments and change it, or to enforce certain things that we may have overlooked in the past. So it's very critical.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Ms. Machado, for your willingness to serve. Thank you, Chair Molina.

CHAIR MOLINA: Thank you very much, Member Paltin. We have questions for you, Ms. Machado, from Councilmember Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you, Chair. Ms. Machado, I, I...when I saw your name, I thought, finally. So thank you very much for being willing to serve on the Moloka'i Planning Commission. And really, I just wanted to...over the years I have known you though your affiliation...and your work actually is probably the best word...with U.S. Senator Daniel K. Akaka, when you were his Moloka'i rep, and seeing your work --

MS. MACHADO: Yuki.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah.

MS. MACHADO: Yuki, I served as the field representative for Senator Daniel Inouye, not...you were Senator Akaka's rep.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, I'm sorry. Did I say Akaka? I meant Inouye.

MS. MACHADO: Yeah.

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Sorry.

MS. MACHADO: I served as...yeah, I was the field rep for Senator Inouye.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yes, yes, yes. Yes, I'm sorry. I said the wrong Daniel, and they both have a same initial. But yeah, so --

MS. MACHADO: That's okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: -- with Inouye for many, many years, and I saw your good work through that and then, of course, through OHA. So I'm really grateful that you're bringing your wealth of experience to Maui County. So thank you very much. I fully support this. Finally, finally, Collete.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay. Thank you very much, Councilmember Sugimura. Members, any other requests, or questions to Ms. Machado? Let me just give...offer my thoughts on Ms. Machado. Certainly, you have definitely very strong name recognition and great service to our community throughout all of these years. So we're very fortunate to have you as a nominee to serve on the Moloka'i Planning Commission. And especially now that you're retired, and like our other nominee, Ms. Albino, you could've done other things in your retirement, but you...both of you are stepping up to plate to serve your community, and will certainly have an impact on Moloka'i's future as far as the next generation goes as well. So I just want to thank you for making yourself available. Okay. Members, last call. Any last follow up or comments before we excuse Ms. Machado? Okay. Seeing none. I want to thank you very much for being here, Collete. We --

MS. MACHADO: Mr. Chairman Molina, I just wanted to acknowledge it would be a pleasure to serve with kūpuna Louella Albino. I am aware, like our representative to the Council Keani Rawlins, how qualified she is. She is also trained in not only under her language and her 'ōlelo and culture, but under...directly under John Ka'imikaua. So maybe I foresee her doing some training across the board for all of our Boards and Commissions on Kumu John Ka'imikaua's practices and his critical understanding of developing direction and how to manage our 'āina. So it is a privilege to be on the same agenda with her and to be considered as a Planning Commissioner for Moloka'i. And like her, we love our island so much. And like Keani Rawlins, this is our beloved home, and we want to make sure that it is protected, amama, which means forever. So mahalo nui, all of you, and thank you for your time.

CHAIR MOLINA: Aloha, Ms. Machado, and thank you for your thoughts and for being here today. Well, Committee Vice-Chair Fernandez, we'll have to add some more things to your plate for, you know, responsibilities. We appreciate what...all what you do as well on top of your Councilmember duties. Okay. Members, with...I muted myself here. Okay. We have...we've completed our interview process for Members of the

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Moloka'i Planning Commission. We're on to the nominees for Maui Police Commission. Members, would you like a short break or you want to power through with the two nominees for Police Commission and then take a break? What is the pleasure of the body?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Short break.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Short break.

CHAIR MOLINA: Short break? All right, so ordered. All right. Members, let's take a recess until 10:30. Okay. The recessed GREAT meeting of February 2, 2021 is now in recess until 10:30 a.m. . . .*(gavel)*. . .

**RECESS: 10:20 a.m.**

**RECONVENE: 10:35 a.m.**

CHAIR MOLINA: . . .*(gavel)*. . . The recessed GREAT Committee meeting of Tuesday, February 2, 2021 is now back in session. The time is 10:35. The date is February 10, 2021 and the weather outside is just gorgeous and beautiful. It sounds like a radio announcement here, Members. And we're on live on *Akakū* channel 53. We are continuing our interviews of the various nominees to our Boards and Commissions. Right now we have the nominees up for the Maui Police Commission and we'd like to start off first with Mr. Travis Tancayo from Moloka'i. Mr. Tancayo, if you're on the line please let us know you're there. I see your name up there. Mr. Tancayo, can you...there you go. We see you there. Aloha, Travis. Good morning. If you could unmute yourself so we can hear that great voice of yours. Aloha.

MR. TANCAYO: Good morning.

CHAIR MOLINA: Good morning. So Travis, I would like to start...we'll give you up to two minutes to share with the Committee why you'd like to be selected to the Police Commission, and a little bit about yourself. So go ahead, Mr. Tancayo.

MR. TANCAYO: Aloha, good morning, everyone. Thank you for your time and . . .*(inaudible)*. . . A little bit about myself, I'm 55 years old, lived on Moloka'i on the same homestead that I grew up on. I'm a retired firefighter. I got into the Fire Department in 1989, moved back to Moloka'i. I have a wife of 32 years, high school sweetheart, in fact, the only girlfriend I ever had is my wife. I have two children, adult children. They live on O'ahu, went to school on the mainland and living on O'ahu and doing their thing there. Let me see...I got into the Fire Department, served for 25 years. I've worked in all corners of Maui County, all the three stations on Moloka'i, Hāna, Nāpili, Lāhainā, Lāna'i, and Wailuku, and maybe not so much Upcountry and on the East Side...I did Hāna, but not so much in Kihei, but I am familiar with the areas. I...while I served in those districts, I just didn't go to work. If there was a

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community meeting and so forth, I used to attend. My dad was really strong on community public safety, and he always told me that, you know, you need to be aware of what's going on in your community so you can help properly because everybody turns to the Fire and the Police when people need the help. So I'm encouraged by my dad to participate in Commissions like this. At first, I thought nah, maybe not so much. But after serving in the Fire Commission, I think I can continue to help the community of Maui because I have . . . *(timer sounds)*. . . knowledge of the community and I know the challenges of the County.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay. Thank you very much, Mr. Tancayo, for your opening statements. And what I'd like to do right now is recognize our Committee Vice-Chair, and of course our Moloka'i representative, Ms. Keani Rawlins-Fernandez, to start off the round of questions for you, and any additional comments you would like to share. Go ahead, Ms. Rawlins-Fernandez.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. Like our other two nominees, I fully support Mr. Tancayo, and thank him for continuing to serve our community, and upholding his family legacy. As a retired emergency responder, I think that proves already that his ability to respond to the community's needs. When he makes a commitment, he follows through on his commitment, so I'm not concerned about his attendance. He brings with him experience from the Fire and Public Safety Commission, and I think that his decision-making ability would be an asset on the Police Commission. And I'm excited for his contributions and representing Moloka'i on the Police Commission. So mahalo, Mr. Tancayo, for your continued service. Mahalo, Chair.

MR. TANCAYO: Thank you.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay. Mahalo, Ms. Rawlins-Fernandez. Before I recognize other Members for questions, Mr. Tancayo, you know, in the news recently in other cities across nation, there's been talk of, you know, defunding the Police Department. And of course, as you know, one of your responsibilities as a Police Commissioner is to discuss or make recommendations to the management of the Police Department as it relates to Budget. Any thoughts on what's being discussed about defunding the Police and...yeah, just...if you could just share your mana'o on that?

MR. TANCAYO: Public safety, community safety is really huge, and a lot of times Fire and Police goes hand in hand in the way the community needs the Police and needs the Fire. So I...I'm not...I'm for the Police Department and having it funded. It's a mainstay in the community. So maybe it needs adjustments or things need to be changed to better satisfy the community. But not defunding and taking away, no, not at all.



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CHAIR MOLINA: Okay. Thank you very much for your response. Okay. Members, the floor is open for questions for Mr. Tancayo. Okay. We have...Member Paltin, you have the floor.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair Molina, and thank you, Mr. Tancayo, for your willingness to continue on serving. I just was wondering, based on your knowledge obviously about the Fire Commission, I was wondering how you see the difference between the Fire Commission and the Police Commission, and the role that you will play as a Police Commissioner as opposed to a Fire Commissioner.

MR. TANCAYO: First thing I'd like to say, when there's an emergency, us and the Police are going to the danger and everybody's going away. So we do share that right off the bat. But then again, the Police plays a different role, you know, they get pulled into, how can I say, domestic issues, protecting the public, they have weapons, so to speak. They're more of a stabilizer of the community, so to speak, and interactions between people, where the fire is different. Both of them are...have a military type structure, so I'm familiar with that, but it's different. There are differences.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So recently in Lāhainā there was an incident involving a citizen arrest by police officers. And in watching that Police Commission meeting, it was clear that the Police came to the scene with a predetermined judgment of who was in the wrong. And I just was wondering if you could share with me your thoughts about how...if that is appropriate or not.

MR. TANCAYO: Generally, it's not appropriate. We should always look as a...I was taught that the community is our customer, so to speak. So you want the community, the customer, to be treated well. And we should look at people on a day to day, event by event basis. However, there are terms that are called frequent flyers in the Fire and the Police where they, you have constant calls, you know, to the same incident or to the same person. But that person also still be...deserves to be treated well and just. If that answers your question.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And if there's land disputes, do you think it's within the Police purview to make the decision, or is it a civil matter that should be handled by the courts.

MR. TANCAYO: I think the Police at that point is just to stabilize the safety of the people at the incident. I think that is their number one thing. If there's hostile, it needs to be stabilized. I think that's their first job in the immediate community, to stabilize that event. And, you know, it's a civil matter, and that it needs to be decided at a higher level.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Mr. Tancayo. Thank you, Chair Molina.

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CHAIR MOLINA: Thank you, Member Paltin. Members, questions for Mr. Tancayo as it relates to his nomination to the Maui Police Commission? Don't raise your...all raise your hands up at once now. It seems like, Mr. Tancayo, everybody knows you real well. Okay. We have a question from Committee Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez. Go ahead.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. I just...I wanted to follow up on one of the questions that you had asked, which was defund the Police. And it is a misnomer that the intention of defunding the Police isn't so much to take away funds from the Police, rather it's to fund social services where it's more appropriately placed. And the Police has served as kind of a dumping ground for where the lack of social services, particularly from the State, has kind of failed. And so the Police Department has thankfully picked up the slack where the State failed. And so, you know, responding to individuals that are currently houseless or domestic violence, that is more loud than, you know, having like weapons or like really violent, it's just disrupting the neighborhood. Do you think like those types of situations would be more appropriately handled by social services rather than Police who, as we know, you know, when you see a Police, I mean, it, depending on who you are in the situation, it can deescalate, but it could also escalate the situation because now, you know, the authorities are here.

MR. TANCAYO: To answer that question I think I understand what you mean. There is a...when you have those frequent calls, and those people, and you end up servicing them, assisting them, whatever their need, after a point...you know, if it was a one-time thing it's okay, but after...if it starts happening a lot, something needs to be done at another level through programs and stuff like...just like what you're speaking of. And I do believe at that point, that's what we need to do...direct monies to alleviate that problem, or assist people getting out of those frequent caller situations.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for responding to that. And then we recently passed a Social Host Liability bill, which is now an ordinance. And it's going to...appeals in the bill, it states that appeals will be taken up by the Police Commission, which means that you'll be the...well, if confirmed, that the Police Commission will be reviewing appeals of the Social Host ordinance violations. And so this will be the first time the Police Commission will be adjudicating these types of appeals. How prepared do you feel for that type of required activity?

MR. TANCAYO: I hope I'm prepared, and I hope the Commission will be prepared, not just myself, but the rest of them to deal with stuff like that. But I think as far as the person that I am, I like to make...I don't...I make the . . . *(timer sounds)*. . . unpopular decisions. If it's better for the community, that's the decision I go with. Even if it's hard, that's the way. Maybe not be popular, but it's the right thing for the community, and that's the way I would go.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Tancayo. Mahalo, Chair.

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CHAIR MOLINA: Okay. Mahalo, Committee Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez. Members, any other questions for Mr. Tancayo? Councilmember Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Mahalo, Chair. Aloha, Mr. Tancayo. I have a quick question about...some of the concerns communities have is when we come across a police officer who has kind of done something that is either illegal or has upset the community, and there's a lack of transparency on the community's part to know what has happened, or is there going to be consequences, further actions. So I kind of want to just get your feeling on can...you know, what is the best way to make the consequences be known to the community of...let's say, for example, a police officer did something that everyone's upset about. What...how do we explain to the community that this is the consequence that they've received? Because I know there's a lot of kind of lack of transparency, and people just don't know. So can you address that?

MR. TANCAYO: I know exactly what you're talking about, and I think we see that kind of behavior across the country, not only...you know, and we see it locally. And I honestly have witnessed that at emergency scene. You know, everybody's different, people come into the call different. So I do acknowledge exactly what you're talking about. I want it out in the open. But at the same time, we need to assist that person, or make sure there's checks and balances through that person's career that if there's a problem, we can identify it right away, and then work with it. I like to think people can be fixed and then...you know, and work with that person. A lot of times, people just go through things every day, everybody's going through hardships, it may have been a bad day. But if there's consistency where that person is not on par with what we...the Police Department represents, we need to address it, identify it, and do what we can to help that person. And then if not, if we need to, sorry to say remove. If he's not cut out to be a police officer, then, you know, we'll do the steps to remove him. I...that's what I'm thinking and that, I think that's what the community expects.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you for your answer, Mr. Tancayo. I have no further questions, Chair. Mahalo.

CHAIR MOLINA: Thank you very much, Councilmember Johnson. Committee Members, any other questions for Mr. Tancayo before we excuse him? And forgive my birds, they're squawking in the background, Mr. Tancayo, I think they probably want to ask you questions, but you know...language barrier, yeah. Okay. I don't see any hands going up so we will go ahead and excuse you from the proceedings this morning, Mr. Tancayo. Thank you very, very much for making yourself available to the Committee, and you certainly have my support. Thank you.

MR. TANCAYO: Thank you.

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CHAIR MOLINA: Aloha. Okay. Moving on to our next nominee for the Maui Police Commission, I'd like to call upon Mr. Jeff Ueoka. Mr. Ueoka, please make yourself known. There we go, I see you, and good morning.

MR. UEOKA: Good morning, Chair.

CHAIR MOLINA: Good morning. So like we did for Mr. Tancayo, we'd like to give you up to two minutes to . . . *(inaudible)*. . . the Committee why you would like to be considered for the Police Commission and of course, something about yourself. But many of us already know who you are, but go ahead and have at it.

MR. UEOKA: Thank you, Chair. Good morning, Members. I was a Deputy Corporation Counsel for a few years with the County. I now work in private practice. I don't have any criminal...I don't do any criminal law. I guess for years, one of my assignments was the Police Commission, I was the Deputy Corp. Counsel assigned. And I always thought it was very interesting, but as a Deputy Corp. Counsel, you don't necessarily get to participate in the discussion or the deliberations. And I always thought it was interesting and when given the opportunity now, I'd like to try and, you know, add to the discussion, and help the Committee...the Commission in carrying out its duties. I am familiar with their Administrative Rules and generally, the structure of the Commission. I don't...not overly familiar with the Department and its function itself. I was never directly involved, was not really directly involved with advising the Department, more I did the Commission stuff. So generally, I just want to try and participate and be a part of the conversation and hopefully help. The Department, I think, does a pretty good job now, so maintain or, you know, always can get better. So thank you, Chair.

CHAIR MOLINA: Thank you very much, Mr. Ueoka. Okay. We have questions from the floor for you. We have Councilmember King.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you, Chair. Aloha, Jeff. I haven't seen you for a long time. Interesting to see you, and thank you for stepping up for this position. So I just wondered if you could share with us...you mentioned that there could always be improvement. Do you have any ideas on what things need to change...perspective on the Police Department?

MR. UEOKA: Well, you guys brought up with Mr. Tancayo about social justice issues. I don't think there is a problem with the Department with it right now, but it's always something that needs to be developed. And fortunately for MPD, they are accredited, so there's already a very high standard that they're, you know, forced to meet to get their annual...or I'm not sure if it's annual, or their accreditation. So they do a very good job of that. But generally speaking, there's always room for improvement. As I was speaking to you earlier, I'm not overly familiar with the specifics of the Department itself. I know the Commission pretty well. But I guess listening to the

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Department, their presentations, and kind of learn there. And maybe if I can contribute anything, I would try and do that.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. So nothing specific, but --

MR. UEOKA: No.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. So I'm going to assume that you...as you were serving on Corp. Counsel, you were extremely envious of those of us on the Council who got to interact directly with the public.

MR. UEOKA: Yes, that was the word...envy.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: You don't have to answer that. Thank you. Thank you, Chair. I appreciate it. Thanks, Jeff.

MR. UEOKA: Thank you.

CHAIR MOLINA: Thank you, Councilmember King. Let's go to Councilmember Sinenci, questions for Mr. Ueoka?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Aloha, Jeff, nice to see you. I just had a question about...I was looking for the email that I had received from one of our residents about body cams. I don't know if the Police are currently using them, but how do you personally feel about going through using body cams when, I guess, for review.

MR. UEOKA: I believe Maui MPD does use body cams. There was a lot of discussion about it when I was still with the County. I always thought it was a good tool, and it works both ways. It shows what the officer did, it shows what the other side did also. It's recorded, so it's a good thing, I believe it's a good tool. The only thing about it it's costly, but I think some things are worth paying for. But we have...you know, we've reviewed the appropriation per Charter for the Department. So I'm sure that would be a recommendation every year to fund that expense. But ultimately, as I know, it's up to you guys whether or not you want to fund things because that's the Budget.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Especially this Budget, right. Mahalo. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay. Thank you, Councilmember Sinenci. Chair Lee, you have the floor.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Hi Jeff. Jeff, I'm glad to see that you are...were nominated for this position for the Commission. You know, unfortunately, I've heard in the past that sometimes, Commissioners can be like rubber stamps to the Chief, and with you there, I know that is not going to happen. So I am glad to support your nomination, and thank you for stepping up. I appreciate it.

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MR. UEOKA: Thank you.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay. Thank you, Chair Lee. Councilmember Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you, Chair Molina. Jeff Ueoka, I'm so glad to see you volunteering for this important Commission, and I do remember that you were...you know, in Corp. Counsel, this was your Commission. I know that going forward, the Social Host ordinance, liability ordinance, which one of the Members mentioned earlier, is going to come before the Commission and would have to establish rules and take it through the process. So would you be able to do that with your Corp. Counsel experience and understand what the processes might be?

MR. UEOKA: Thank you, Councilmember. I do know the process for the creation and adoption of Administrative Rules. I probably shouldn't touch it too much. I'll have input, of course, if you guys do put me on the Commission, but it would probably be inappropriate for me to go much beyond that. But I would definitely be able to...I'm opinionated, so I'm sure I will put in my two cents when we're drafting the rules.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you. I fully support you, and I just want to say that this is my memory of Jeff Ueoka is Valedictorian, Baldwin High School graduate, and I always say he memorized Maui County Code. So thank you very much for serving, and I know that whatever you decide to do, you do an awesome job. So thank you.

CHAIR MOLINA: Thank you, Member Sugimura. Committee Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. Aloha, Mr. Ueoka. Mahalo for your willingness to continue serving our County. Opinionated, that was the word. Just kidding. Okay. So you were my Committee's Corporation Counsel, and very familiar with the Budget, and one of the responsibilities of the Commission will be to review the Budget. How confident do you feel that you'll be able to provide necessary insight to ensure that the Budget is ready for this session?

MR. UEOKA: You know, it's tough...it's going to be a tough year for you guys. Good luck. But generally speaking, the time frames involved for the Commission to review the Department's draft and then to get it over to the Mayor, it's really tight and hard. But I think as a Commission, we'll definite...or if you put me on, of course, we'll definitely have to look long and hard at everything, especially this year, to make sure that what's sent to you guys...or actually I'm sorry, what's sent to the Mayor, because it's ultimately the Mayor that transmits to you guys is, you know, reasonable and sound. Because I think the Community expects some accountability and transparency in these tough times. It's rough right now. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Yes, unlike O'ahu, I hope there won't be any roadblocks in the Budget. So the Commission will be hiring the next Chief. What kind of qualities will you be looking for in the next Chief?

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MR. UEOKA: If you put me on, I'd like to see someone very open. One thing, Chief Tivo, he had a good plan coming in. I remember that process, and that was good, you know, he had a plan. I believe he followed through on it well. I like the openness and transparency. I'd like to see that in a Chief. A willingness to listen and meet with people, I think that's important. Support of the Department, I believe, you know, someone who's got the support of the Department will do better leading the Department, of course, but like anything else, you can't have everyone supporting you, so...but those are the kinds of things, openness, transparency, a plan is always very nice. But we'll see, you know...if I'm on, we'll see and . . .*(timer sounds)*. . . hopefully Chief hangs on for a long time.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Ueoka. I'll be happy to support your nomination.

MR. UEOKA: Thank you.

CHAIR MOLINA: Thank you very much, Committee Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez. Councilmember Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Mahalo, Chair. Good morning, Mr. Ueoka. Thank you for signing up. I'm looking at the...the Members on the Commission. There's nine...seven males and two females. That's a concern for me, as far as gender equality. Is that a concern for you?

MR. UEOKA: Yeah, it's always good to have gender equality, I agree. I'm looking at the roster right now. I know Ms. Patnode very...well, not very well, but I know her pretty well. She will represent very, very strongly. She's a strong, good lady, so...I'm not familiar with Ms. Kuwahara. It's sad that I see Sharen Sylva is leaving the Commission. She was a very good Commissioner...and also, Mr. Santiago was a great Commissioner also. But yeah, the...I do understand what you're talking about. It's going to be a seven, two, it's going to stand...or it's going to lose one female and gain an additional male. So I understand what you're talking about, Councilmember.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. And just...I am going to ask you one more different question that I asked Mr. Tancayo is, so if a lot of the community members have asked me about the transparency when it comes to complaints for our police officers. Now granted, I live under the umbrella of their protections and I respect them, of course. So what do we do...how do we help with the transparency when it comes to the police officers who are getting complaints?

MR. UEOKA: I think...it's a very tough issue. It's State law regarding privacy rights balanced with the need for transparency, of course, and people should...people need to know what's going on. Union issues and, you know, it's employee/employer types in addition, so there's a lot of moving parts. I think what it really comes down to is there

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needs to be information out from the Department. And I know that's hard, they only can...they only can talk about what they can talk about without violating someone's privacy rights. But I think the more information you get out there...whether or not everyone always agrees with it, whether or not they think you made the right decision, I think at least if the information is out there, people can understand that a little better. Whether or not they agree, of course, it's different, but they can understand it a little better. So I think the biggest issue is there's certain State...you know, the UIPA, the Uniform Information Practices Act, Hawai'i's Freedom of Information Act, which kind of limits disclosure. There's a significant privacy interest in certain items for government employees. But you're right, more information needs to be out there to make people feel more comfortable.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: I'm sorry, to clarify you said . . . *(timer sounds)*. . . the Freedom of Information Act is restricted?

MR. UEOKA: Yeah, certain items in there...you should probably talk to your Deputy Corporation Counsel about this, not some random guy, of course. But there are certain items that people have a significant privacy interest in, employees, and that information is...you know, you can't necessarily release it or, you know, publicize it. But I'm not sure. The law might have changed, I haven't checked it in a while, but just that's one of the limitations I remember when I was still advising.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Ueoka. Chair, I have no further questions.

CHAIR MOLINA: Thank you, Mr. Johnson. We have Member Paltin, questions for Mr. Ueoka?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Mr. Ueoka, for your willingness to serve. And just to disclose, I did...was able to question you at length on the phone as well and, you know, I'm sure we're all sad you couldn't be a woman from Lāhainā to fill the need. But I just wanted to get it on the record, you know, you said you weren't in criminal law practice. But if there was a land use situation where your client had a stake in it, you would recuse yourself?

MR. UEOKA: Oh, yes, yes. On one end or the other, I wouldn't participate, right.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. And you know, maybe next time we can get a woman from Lāhainā as well. Thank you.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay. Thank you, Member Paltin. And I'm sure Mayor's representative, Mr. Mossman is listening quite closely, and certainly we would encourage him and the Administration to consider for future vacancies female candidates as well. So okay.

MR. MOSSMAN: Absolutely.



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CHAIR MOLINA: All right. Okay. Thank you, Mr. Mossman. Members, any other questions for Mr. Ueoka before we excuse him? Okay. Seeing none. Thank you very much, Mr. Ueoka. I know you very well, so I've kind of done, did a pre-interview with you early...early on. So I want to thank you for stepping up. And I'm sure your experience with the County and the inner workings will certainly be an asset on the Police Commission as well. So thank you very much for making yourself available to the Committee Members for a Q&A.

MR. UEOKA: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Members.

CHAIR MOLINA: Thank you. Okay. Members, we are on our last two interviewees list for the Police, excuse me, Fire Commission. And initially, the Chair did not ask them to be present for the February 2nd meeting. However, upon hearing comments from the public, I felt it would be appropriate and only fair to invite them to share their thoughts as to why they would like to be on the Fire Commission, and to respond to comments from the public as it relates to their nomination to the Fire Commission. So first of all, I'd like to call upon Mr. Dylan Payne. Mr. Payne, if you're available, we'd like to have you join us for the Committee meeting. There you go. Okay. Thank you so much --

MR. PAYNE: Howzit.

CHAIR MOLINA: -- thank you, Mr. Payne, and thank you for making yourself available to answer questions from the Committee. Like with all of our nominees, I'd like you to take up to two minutes to share your thoughts with the Committee as to why you would like to serve, and anything about yourself that you would like the Committee to know. Go ahead.

MR. PAYNE: All right. Good afternoon, Councilmembers, and Chair Molina. Thank you for having me here this morning. I appreciate your time. My name is Dylan. I grew up here on Maui. When I was younger, we lived up in Ha'ikū. I attended Makawao School and Kalama, and then my family moved to Lāhainā when I was about 15 years old. So I attended most of high school at Lahainaluna, and graduated from there in 2003. I went to university on the mainland, where I majored in Urban Planning. I had the opportunity to do an internship with the County of Maui during that...the course of my studies, and that was a really educational experience. I moved back to Maui in 2010 with my wife Kristin, who is from O'ahu. And now we live in Olowalu and we have three young children. Our daughter Bryn just turned eight, and then we have a little boy named Knox, he's five, and our son, Ace, had his third birthday yesterday. So that's a little bit about me. I work as a real estate professional, so I'm a realtor. My license is hung with West Maui Land Company, but I have clients all over the island, and I represent clients from all over the place. So I...my desire to serve on the Fire and Public Safety Commission comes from being a little bit envious, I guess, of firefighters. If I was smarter, I would have become a firefighter because I think they

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have the...probably the best job on the island. So I just...I want to help serve and support them best I can. . . .*(timer sounds)*. . . I feel like I do have a unique perspective, being that I'm in real estate. I have a lot of experience all over the island, so I want to just bring that to serve on the Fire Commission in the best way I can. And that's a little bit about me.

CHAIR MOLINA: All right. Thank you very much for your opening statements, Mr. Payne. I'm going to recognize...being that you're a West Maui resident, I'd like to recognize Member Paltin to see if she has any questions for you. Please proceed, Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I did ask a lot of my questions to Mr. Payne over the phone. Maybe if he can just address some of the emails that we have received, concern that you have advocated for development in the fire prone areas that we've seen kind of devastating fires in.

MR. PAYNE: Sure. Yeah. I...do you want me to just address that particular issue, or all of the emails?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: As far as you can get in two minutes.

MR. PAYNE: Okay. Two minutes. I'm a proponent of housing wherever we can get it. I served recently on the West Maui Community Plan Advisory Committee, and I think...I did recuse myself from votes that were specifically related to West Maui Land, so I didn't vote there. But I was very supportive of housing in areas like Olowalu and Makila. I was also very supportive of housing in Kahana and, again, wherever we can get it. Lāhainā and, to be quite frank, I think just about everywhere on Maui is a fire prone area. We've seen recently that we've had very large wildfires in Central Maui, some very large fires in the Kahana area, where there's some significant development planned. So I would push back on that a little bit and saying that, I...almost everywhere is a fire prone area except for maybe the East Side where it rains a lot. That being...and on top of that, there's a lot of vacant land and ag land on Maui. And so you have what's called the WUI, or the wildland urban interface, where that vacant ag land butts up to developed areas. So I am a proponent of housing for local families just about wherever we can get it, and I do think that we can develop and build in a intelligent, smart, safe way to protect against the dangers of fire. And to comment or to add on to that, my family, when we moved to Lāhainā, we moved...they built a home in Launiupoko in 2000. They were one of the first homes up there, and we've lived through several wildfires in that area. My parents had a garage that burned down, I think in 2009. And it was one of the only structures, really, in Launiupoko that has ever burned down in a wildfire. There was a few homes that burned down in 2008 . . .*(timer sounds)*. . . but the scale for how big these fires are, if we can...if we can kind of create fire-safe areas, then we can plan for that sort of thing. So that's...that would be my comment.

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And just...have you experienced the Kauaʻula Winds since being there, and how a fire-safe area can withstand Kauaʻula Winds?

MR. PAYNE: Absolutely, yeah. I've lived in the Launiupoko and Lāhainā area for the last 20 years, so experienced those winds a lot. And again, I think if you create defensible space on your property, like we've seen in these massive fires, you can protect against damage from those wildfires.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Sorry, I'm not sure if that was a trick question on my part, because in the generational knowledge, we haven't had the Kauaʻula Winds in...within the last 20 years. But --

CHAIR MOLINA: Sorry, Member Paltin --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- it does...

CHAIR MOLINA: -- I'll come back to you for a follow up...if you have a follow-up question for Mr. Payne. I'd like to just offer the other Members first if they have questions for him, and I'll come back to you. Okay. Committee Members, any questions for Mr. Payne before I go back to Member Paltin? Okay. Member King?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you, Chair. Thank you for being here, Mr. Payne. Appreciate your willingness to serve. I didn't see a lot of, on your resume or your application, experience with public safety. So my concern is you seem to be looking at decisions through the lens of getting more affordable housing rather than safety first, which I think if you're on the Commission, you need to set aside all of that and think about fire and public safety first. So can you speak to that?

MR. PAYNE: Yeah, I would absolutely agree with you, Councilmember King. As a Fire Commissioner, if I'm confirmed by you folks, I would...that would be the lens through which I would make my decisions. Like most of you, like all of us, we all wear a lot of different hats, and kind of have a lot of different lenses through which we view and make decisions. And being an advocate for housing is one of the perspectives that I bring, but it's not the only one. Being a...like I said, a lifetime resident of Maui, my family lives here, my parents, my brother, sisters, my children, I'm raising them here, so I absolutely want to create a safe environment for them. I don't have a ton of experience in public safety, that's true, but I think that I see that as a strength where I can learn from members of the Fire Department. I can take input from them, and learn and grow while I'm on the Commission. I...the only experience I have was I went through the Junior Lifeguard Program here on Maui when I was a teenager, and that was great. But yeah, that's it as far as personal direct experience within the public safety sector.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. So you feel like you would be able to set aside your personal business interests? I mean...and I'm asking you this because you spent a lot

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of time in your introduction talking about affordable housing and how every place is justified --

MR. PAYNE: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: -- I personally think that...you know, I'm for appropriate affordable housing, and I don't think that...that's where you and I differ, and I just want to make sure that --

MR. PAYNE: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: -- that perspective is not going to influence, you know, your thinking as far as what areas are safe and not safe. Because I do feel that there are certain areas that are more fire prone and, you know, that would lead to some of the projects that we've looked at are...don't make sense to me because they're sprawl, on top of being fire hazards. So I just wouldn't want that to influence your decisions about, you know, fire safety when you're looking at bringing somebody on, for instance . . . *(timer sounds)* . . .

MR. PAYNE: Understood, and I agree with you. I don't want to turn this into a housing discussion, but for the sake of public safety, yeah, I do...I agree with you, Councilmember King, and I would focus primarily on public safety. And I don't believe the Commission would really make that many decisions or recommendations relative to land use anyway, but I could be mistaken. But I appreciate your comment.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. All right. Thank you. I think my time's up. Thanks.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay. Thank you, Member King. Members, any other questions for Mr. Payne before I go back to Member Paltin? Okay, seeing none. Member Paltin, you have the floor for follow-up questions for Mr. Payne.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Just if you wanted to address the testimony about the three members on the Fire Commission that have ties to Olowalu Development.

MR. PAYNE: I don't think there are...maybe there's one member and then two nominees. Is that what you mean?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah.

MR. PAYNE: Yeah. Sure. I...so we all work for different companies. They're all, I guess, affiliated in really roundabout ways with Olowalu. I...like I said, I live in Olowalu, and I do sales, real estate sales, island-wide, so I don't really see how it's a major issue. Again, if there was something specific to one of my clients, be it West Maui Land, or Olowalu 'Elua, or a client in Ha'ikū, or Makawao, or Wailuku, I would recuse myself from voting on that type of thing. But yeah, to speak into that though, I obviously

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knew that Chair Ginoza was on the Fire Commission. I know Kyle. I...that was definitely not one of the reasons I applied. I don't...I'd prefer not to spend more time with him if possible. And then, quite honestly, I had no idea that Nohe was applying for the Commission, and I can't recall the last time that she and I spoke. I don't think anybody knew that I was applying for the Fire Commission. So there's not really...yeah, I'm not quite sure how...what else to say there. But it...there's not much there, I guess.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And if you were to select the next Fire Chief, what kind of criteria are you looking for in a Fire Chief?

MR. PAYNE: You know, I heard what Mr. Ueoka said in a similar question when asked about selecting the Police Chief, and I think a lot of those same qualities are what you would look for in a Fire Chief. Somebody who is a good communicator, somebody who is able to build consensus, and work together, and be a representative and an advocate for the entire community, not just factions of the community. And also, somebody who has the support of the Department, of the rank-and-file members and firefighters. And that's kind of how...what would lead and dictate my vetting of potential candidates.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And if the choice were between someone with more of the paper credentials and schooling versus on the ground knowledge of the specific community, which way would you lean towards?

MR. PAYNE: That's a interesting question. I don't know if I could answer that without having more context about the individual candidate. If you...if that's all the information...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: All other things being equal?

MR. PAYNE: Sorry?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: If all other things were equal?

MR. PAYNE: Oh. Probably the person that had more personal experience within the Department and better relationships throughout the Department, with the people that are serving there and has more experience on the ground, I suppose. So probably the latter of what you suggested.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Payne, for your willingness to serve. Thank you, Chair Molina.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay. Thank you, Councilmember Paltin. Okay, Members, last call for questions for Mr. Payne. I see Councilmember Sinenci.

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COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Mahalo, Chair. And aloha, Dylan, for being with us today. I guess my question was oftentimes fire *(audio interference)* the areas of nearby fire *(audio interference)* that having fire stations *(audio interference)*...

CHAIR MOLINA: Mr. Sinenci, maybe if you turn off your video --

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: That should be near --

CHAIR MOLINA: -- I think you're having --

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: -- housing.

CHAIR MOLINA: -- technology issues.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Did you guys hear that? Sorry.

CHAIR MOLINA: Oh. No, go ahead.

MR. PAYNE: Can you repeat the question?

CHAIR MOLINA: Would you like that repeated? Okay, Mr. Sinenci, if you could repeat the question for Mr. Payne.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Sorry, I've got some connectivity issues. What I said was oftentimes, fire insurance is denied to residents who live outside of the radius of fire stations. So do you feel that housing in fire prone areas *(audio interference)* fire stations?

MR. PAYNE: I kind of missed the end of your question, Councilmember, but I think I got the gist of it. And I think in general, you would want to support, I guess, further development that is closer to and within the geographic area of, yeah, the fire station.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. And then I was just curious, are you aware if West Maui Land Company is, I guess, planning to build a fire station in Olowalu?

MR. PAYNE: No --

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Or at --

MR. PAYNE: -- I'm not aware of that.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: -- least donate the land for such a station?

MR. PAYNE: I know there's been some discussion about, you know, siting a future fire station in Olowalu when I sat on the CPAC. I believe we have a policy that says we

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want to have another fire station somewhere south of Lāhainā. When we had Battalion Chief Kaulana Kino present to the CPAC, they asked him specifically where he thought a new fire station should go in West Maui, and I think he said Olowalu would probably be the best place. But again, I don't have...I don't really care. I think you would, you know, defer to the Department on where they think the most appropriate place for growth would be. I know that Ha'ikū really needs one as well. So...and again, budget constraints are always an issue, so you kind of got to balance all of those factors.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. And I only bring it up because I don't think it's just about (*audio interference*) believe that section of West Maui just had water pressure issues and the availability of water. So...okay, I appreciate your time. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay. Thank you, Councilmember Sinenci. Committee Members...okay. We have Committee Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, followed by Councilmember King.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. Aloha, Mr. Payne. Mahalo for your willingness to serve the community. Okay, someone's got to mute. Let's see. Okay. Hopefully it stops echoing. Okay. I heard some of your responses to the previous Members' questions, and so there's a couple questions that I...or responses that I guess I would like to clarify. You mentioned to Member Paltin that you think that most of the island is fire prone areas. What background or expertise do you have in making that kind of determination?

MR. PAYNE: Thanks, Councilmember Rawlins-Fernandez. When I see a big fire, I consider it a fire prone area. I don't have background or expertise, but just living here, I know we've had some massive wildfires in the Puunene, North Kihei areas recently. We've had some really big fires up near Kahana and Nāpili, and we've had some big fires in Olowalu and Ukumehame. So a lot of our island is prone to fires, especially when we have significant drought conditions. So I don't have any expertise, but just, again, growing up and living here and seeing where we have big fires on a regular basis.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo. How familiar are you with the Fire Department or Department of Fire and Public Safety?

MR. PAYNE: I'm not very familiar with the inner workings or the structure of the Fire Department. I have a lot of friends, and classmates, and peers who work in the Fire Department, and I have a lot of admiration for the work that they do. So I would want to support them, but I don't...I'm not super familiar with how the Department functions.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo. How do you see yourself contributing on the Fire Commission based on your experience and skillset?

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MR. PAYNE: I think being a lifetime resident of Maui and having the unique perspective of being in the real estate profession, and again, working with homeowners, and buyers, and sellers of land and homes all throughout the island gives me a unique perspective that I think I can add to the Fire Commission. And then also, being from Lāhainā, we don't have a member on the Fire Commission from Lāhainā, so I think that would be of benefit to the Commission as well . . . *(timer sounds)* . . .

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Last question is, the Commission reviews and gives feedback on the Department's Budget, and also and receives and investigates complaints regarding the Department. How confident do you feel about taking on that kuleana?

MR. PAYNE: I feel confident. I feel like I would have a lot to learn about the specifics of those things, but I'm confident in my ability to learn and help contribute to that discussion on both the budget and potential complaints.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Payne. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay. Thank you, Committee Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez. Okay, Members, any...okay, requests for questions for Mr. Payne? I believe...was it Member King, you were following up?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yes.

CHAIR MOLINA: Member King, followed by Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Thank you, Chair. Actually, Member Sugimura hasn't asked any questions on the first round. So if you want to go first, I can go after you.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I'm fine. I can wait.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I'm fine.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you. So Mr. Payne, the one question I forgot to ask you and I think it's pertinent to the Fire Department because, you know, we are seeing the climate related fires. And so what are your thoughts on...do you believe in climate change? Do you understand sea level rise and some of the climate-related disasters that we're having? I mean, basically, I don't expect you to be a scientist but, you know, I've been in NACo meetings and environmental meetings and heard people snicker when climate change was mentioned. So, you know, it's important to me that people understand and believe that that's what's happening, and understand the dangers of climate-related disasters, especially for public safety.



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MR. PAYNE: Definitely. I do believe in climate change. I know that that's a really significant subject that's affecting the entire world, but especially our unique community, being that we live on an island and we're so impacted by nature, right? So when you mention things like sea level rise, that affects all of us. And I think both climate change and sea level rise will likely bring on additional natural disasters that the Fire Department and other first responders have to deal with moving forward in the future. And so trying to...yeah, I'm not a scientist, like you said, but trying to position the Department and deploy the finite resources that they have in a way that will help to, I guess, be in the right place at the right time for...to address these issues that are exacerbated by climate change is a big challenge that we're all going to be facing looking to the future. And I think it's...nobody knows exactly how this is all going to turn out but, I mean, just from when I was a kid to now, there's...it seems like...and again, I don't have data to back this up, but it seems like there's less rain. It seems like there's more drought. It seems like, you know, all of those things are happening. So --

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yeah.

MR. PAYNE: -- does that answer your question?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yeah, that does. And I appreciate the answer, and I think it's really important that...none of us are scientists. Nobody you're looking at on the screen is a scientist, but we spend a lot of time reading reports and listening to the scientists and, you know, trying to understand what's going on. So that's what I would hope for someone in your position, if you get appointed to the Commission, that that would be, you know, front and center as well, and those kind of things.

MR. PAYNE: Definitely. I...if I am appointed, and I don't know if I will be or not, but I see it as a Commission . . . *(timer sounds)*. . . to learn a lot and a mandate, really, to just continue learning and...as the science progresses and as there's more to learn. So yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Thank you for...thank you, Chair. Thank you for my second opportunity.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay. Thank you, Member King. Councilmember Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah. Thank you, Chair. Dylan, I'm so glad to see you here and wanting to put yourself up for this Commission. I will honestly say that I was part of the process to help you get into the CPAC for West Maui, and I remember your enthusiasm at that time, and your energy and interest. Your family has grown, now you have...you know, it's...you have more children, so that's good. And I think that what I hear from all the...you know, I don't really have a question for you. I just wanted to express my support and just say that your lifetime of experience, once a luna always a luna, I think that's really important. And your love for your community,

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which is putting you forward again. I wanted to just thank you, and I fully support your nomination. Thank you.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay. Thank you --

MR. PAYNE: Thank you.

CHAIR MOLINA: -- Councilmember Sugimura, and imua. All right. Any last questions for Mr. Payne before we excuse him? Seeing none. Thank you very much for making yourself available to the Committee, Mr. Payne.

MR. PAYNE: Thank you.

CHAIR MOLINA: Thank you. Okay. I'd like to call up our next nominee for the Fire Commission...Fire and Public Safety Commission, I should say, and that's Ms. Nohelani U'u-Hodgins. Ms. U'u-Hodgins, if you're available, please unmute.

MS. U'U-HODGINS: Hi.

CHAIR MOLINA: Hi, how are you?

MS. U'U-HODGINS: Give me a second.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay. Great.

MS. U'U-HODGINS: I'm good, how are you guys?

CHAIR MOLINA: Good, good.

MS. U'U-HODGINS: Good morning.

CHAIR MOLINA: Fantastic.

MS. U'U-HODGINS: I think I...

CHAIR MOLINA: Thank you for waiting patiently. Okay.

MS. U'U-HODGINS: Yeah.

CHAIR MOLINA: Ms. U'u-Hodgins, how we would like to start is again, give you a minute or two to share with the Committee why you would like to serve on this Commission, and anything about yourself that you would like everyone to know. So please proceed.

MS. U'U-HODGINS: Okay. I've been watching you guys all morning, and I think I'm the last person. You know, we had Kupuna Albino, I think she spoke about who are you. And

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I swear if I haven't been asked that question so many times in my life, so I guess I'll start with that. My name is Nohelani U'u-Hodgins. Hodgins is my married last name. My last name is U'u. I'm from Pā'ia from many, many, many generations. I'm a wife, a mother of four, a daughter, a granddaughter, and I think those are very important to me. I think the other question you guys have been asking is why we want to serve. I have a lot of respect for the Fire Department. My family has had ties to the Department, both past and present. I've used their services before. Thankfully, they've been there within minutes of my calling. My grandma, my dad...and I just really respect the Department. My husband is a fireman. He's on the bottom of the totem pole, but he's there. And I think they have great family values, and hopefully I can contribute to that.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay. Thank you very much for your opening statements. Members, questions for Ms. U'u-Hodgins. And, again, the reason I asked you to be here, there was some comments made by the public with regards to your nomination, which is why I thought the fair thing to do was to provide you an opportunity to respond to any potential concerns out there as it relates to your nomination. So --

MS. U'U-HODGINS: Sure, sure.

CHAIR MOLINA: -- Members, questions for Ms. U'u-Hodgins? Okay, we'll go with Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez. Proceed.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha, Ms. U'u-Hodgins. Mahalo --

MS. U'U-HODGINS: Hi.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- for your willingness to serve.

MS. U'U-HODGINS: Thanks.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Real quick, since you touched upon who are you. At the PSLU meeting that we held at the...I think it was at the Pā'ia Community Center, yeah?

MS. U'U-HODGINS: Uh-huh. Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I'm kind of losing you, what was that? Was that you that testified?

MS. U'U-HODGINS: Yeah, yeah. That was.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, I remember your testimony. It was --

MS. U'U-HODGINS: Thank you.

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VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- well-researched and passionate. I appreciated that testimony at the meeting.

MS. U'U-HODGINS: Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So my first question is about attendance. Do you foresee any concerns with attending the Commission meetings?

MS. U'U-HODGINS: I don't. I think they're every third Thursday at 10:00 in the morning, which is a good time for me. Right now they're via BlueJeans, so this is not too bad. And if ever we see any sort of normalcy again, it'll be in Waikapu, which is pretty convenient for me.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo.

MS. U'U-HODGINS: I think I'll be okay.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And have you ever attended, or watched a recording, or reviewed the minutes of the Commission?

MS. U'U-HODGINS: I watched a couple meetings a while ago. And then after I applied, I read, I want to say, five, or six, or seven minutes of the last few meetings. And then a couple random ones from 2009 just...or 2019, sorry, just to get a overview of what they talk about outside of the coronavirus issues.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. And how do you foresee yourself contributing to the Commission?

MS. U'U-HODGINS: So I think one, I have a lot of respect, so that's a good place to start with when we're discussing a Department of 400. I think I really like to learn, and I really like to read, and I really like to have an opinion on things sometimes. So I think it'll be a good learning experience for me and so...I don't know. I think I'm just willing to learn and participate.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. And last question. So I think it's, you know, mahalo to Mr. Mossman and the Mayor for ensuring gender balance on this Commission. And so part of your kuleana on this Commission would be to review and provide feedback on the Department's budget --

MS. U'U-HODGINS: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- to investigate complaints, and to hire the next Fire Chief.

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MS. U‘U-HODGINS: Uh-huh.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: How confident do you feel about taking on that kuleana?

MS. U‘U-HODGINS: Pretty confident. In reading some of the minutes, I was . . . *(timer sounds)*. . . not necessarily shocked because I know things are a lot more expensive than you can imagine being in safety. So I learned how expensive trucks are, and I learned how important relief trucks are. I know how important the little things like a good walkie-talkie is, and all of that stuff, so I’m pretty confident. And in reviewing complaints from the public, I’ll be okay with that, I guess. I’m a mother of four, so I get to hear complaints all the time. And then selecting the Fire Chief, if he retires during my tenure, I could do that. I think it would be important to select somebody that the Department supports, so that would be good, and the County and the community itself. And somebody who’s transparent and has good local values.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. U‘u-Hodgins.

MS. U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay. Thank you very much, Committee Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez. Members, any other requests for questions from Ms. U‘u-Hodgins? Councilmember Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair Molina. Thank you, Ms. U‘u-Hodgins, for your willingness to serve. I just was wondering, you know, recently that Ocean Safety come...came under the Department of Fire and Public Safety. And as far as both Ocean Safety and Fire and Public Safety, you know, if you don’t...aren’t aware of the situation, whatever it may be on the agenda, who would you look to for resource to find out the information that you don’t know if it comes up?

MS. U‘U-HODGINS: For Ocean Safety?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Either Fire or Ocean Safety --

MS. U‘U-HODGINS: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- or both.

MS. U‘U-HODGINS: Okay. So I guess I would try to do whatever research I could. You can look up nearly anything on the internet these days. And then I have a few friends who are firemen, and I have a few friends who are lifeguards for a really long time. Like I said, I’m from Pā‘iā, so I went to the beach every other day in Pā‘iā and know the

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lifeguards there. So I guess I would do my due diligence, and ask the people who really know what it's like in the Department, and then try my best to also look up what I can myself online if I needed to.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And...thank you. And, you know, I think there was some comment about placing of fire stations, Ha'ikū as well as possibly another one in West Maui. And just wondering your thoughts as to how the placement of fire stations should be determined.

MS. U'U-HODGINS: Okay. Definitely think there's not going to be too much harm in creating more fire stations. I think safety is really important, and the safer the better. I know the Ha'ikū one has been in talks for a long time, and they definitely deserve a station. And I think I would leave it to the public and as well as the Department to figure out what and where would be best for Ha'ikū and for the West Maui. I think people from West Maui should have a say in where they would want a fire department. I think there's one in Nāpili and Lāhainā, and there should probably be one a little bit closer to Ma'alaea and all in that area since that's a fire prone area.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Is it important to you that fire stations be built for long-term, so they wouldn't be in, like, in SMA, sea level rise area?

MS. U'U-HODGINS: Definitely. So most of our fire stations have been around for . . . *(timer sounds)*. . . quite a while, so it takes great planning to do so. And you want...I would assume you would want the firemen and the Department to be well-versed in their area. So not...having a station, rather, that would need to be moved in the future is just not very financially smart, or smart planning in general. The Pā'ia Fire Station used to be the courthouse and has been there forever.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Ms. U'u-Hodgins. Thank you, Chair.

MS. U'U-HODGINS: Thanks.

CHAIR MOLINA: Thank you very much, Member Paltin. Before the Chair makes one last call for questions for you, I'd just like to say I appreciate you as the next generation of young --

MS. U'U-HODGINS: Thank you.

CHAIR MOLINA: -- adult community members coming up. Earlier we had a nominee for the Planning Commission who did a very outstanding job, and showed a lot of --

MS. U'U-HODGINS: He did.

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CHAIR MOLINA: -- enthusiasm to serve on some of our very critical commissions and boards. And I note that on your application, you're a fellow -- 2016 Ka Ipu Kukui graduate, much like our Councilmember Paltin.

MS. U'U-HODGINS: I am. Yeah. I had a good time there.

CHAIR MOLINA: Well, thank you for stepping up. And just a quick personal question, your dad is Bruce?

MS. U'U-HODGINS: Bruce.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay.

MS. U'U-HODGINS: Bruce. Yes.

CHAIR MOLINA: I ask that because your father is...

MS. U'U-HODGINS: I know, we look so much alike.

CHAIR MOLINA: Yeah. He certainly served our community on various boards and commissions throughout the years very honorably. So I'm very appreciative of you stepping up. Okay.

MS. U'U-HODGINS: Thank you.

CHAIR MOLINA: And I see Chair Lee has a question for you. Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Hello, Nohelani. Thank you for --

MS. U'U-HODGINS: Hi.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- signing up for this commission. You actually meet two important qualifications. You're not only a female, but you're also young, so that's good. And because you're young --

MS. U'U-HODGINS: Thanks.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- because you're younger than some...most of the others, keep in mind that, you know, when you ask some tough questions, you don't have to try and be specific because when it comes to decision making, you're going to need a lot more facts and information than just your personal opinion. You know --

MS. U'U-HODGINS: Right.

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- like the fire station. What's the cost, what's the location, what's...you know, there are many, many more things that come into play in deciding, you know, what the final decision should be. So I like...I still like your answers. I think you are going to bring fresh eyes to the Commission. And here's...I'll give you a historical fact.

MS. U'U-HODGINS: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Who was the first chairperson, man or woman, of the Public Safety Commission?

MS. U'U-HODGINS: I don't know, but it sounds like you're asking that for a reason --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay, wait, wait, wait.

MS. U'U-HODGINS: -- am I supposed to...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. That wasn't Abraham Lincoln, okay? It was me. It was me.

MS. U'U-HODGINS: Oh.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: And you know something, I will...I would have voted for you but Mr. Chairman, I have to jump off the call at 12:00. Pretty sure you not going to get to the votes by then, right?

CHAIR MOLINA: Just depends how fast we get --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, okay.

CHAIR MOLINA: -- through this last nominee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Anyway, good luck to you, Nohelani.

MS. U'U-HODGINS: Thank you.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay. Thank you, Chair Lee. Members, any final questions for Ms. U'u-Hodgins before we excuse her? Okay. Seeing no other questions. Thank you, Ms. U'u-Hodgins --

MS. U'U-HODGINS: Thanks.

CHAIR MOLINA: -- I know you're the last nominee, and we appreciate your patience and thank you --

MS. U'U-HODGINS: Thank you.



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CHAIR MOLINA: -- for responding to questions from the Committee.

MS. UʻU-HODGINS: Thank you.

CHAIR MOLINA: Mahalo. Okay, Members, it is time for action. Chair would like to first address...if we could go back on the agenda to the first agenda item, which is GREAT Item 2(3) having to do with the appointment of Scott Parker to the Board of Ethics for the County of Maui. Again, this would be...oh, excuse me, I'm sorry. We deferred that and that matter, I believe, we took action on. Sorry about that. He will be on the next item, which we will address, of course, GREAT Item 2(1), and that is, of course, the resolution with all of the various names to the various boards and commissions for consideration. So what I'd like to do procedurally first, I'd like to ask my Analyst, give him the honors, Mr. Wilton Leauanae...you have a tongue-twisting name, I apologize, Wilton.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Leauanae.

CHAIR MOLINA: Thank you. Thank you for that clarification, Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez. If you could go ahead and read into the record all of the names and the respective boards and commissions they are being considered for. And after that, then the Chair will ask for a motion to approve, and then I'll open up the floor for any request for separation of names off of that resolution for a separate vote. Okay. So Wilton, go ahead and please read the names into the record and the commissions.

MR. LEAUANA: Thank you, Chair. Affirmative Action Advisory Council, Judy Egger. Board of Ethics, Scott Parker, Steven Sturdevant. Board of Variances and Appeals, Charlene Shibuya and Luigi Manera. Board of Water Supply, Christine Kajiwar-Gusman. Civil Service Commission, Megan Moniz. Commission on Children and Youth, Nirvana Dillingham, Alexandria Domingo. Council on Aging, James Diegel, Teana Kaho'ohanohano, Leonardo Sequeira, Laura Vo, Dorothy Yoza. Fire and Public Safety Commission, Dylan Payne, Nohelani U'u-Hodgins. And Hāna Advisory Committee, Mary Ann Kahana, Becky Lind. Lānaʻi Planning Commission, Elisabeth Ann Grove. Liquor Control Adjudication Board, Janice Kalanihuia. Liquor Control Commission, Sylvia Ho. Maui County on Persons with Disabilities, Sarah Collins and Susan Lussier. Maui County Cultural Resources Commission, Leonora Espaniola. Maui Planning Commission, Ashley Lindsey. Molokaʻi Planning Commission, Louella Albino and Collette Machado. Police Commission, Travis Tancayo and Jeffrey Ueoka. Public Works Commission, Joshua Burlien, Alberta deJetley, Pelenatita Namoa-Hanusa, Derek Ono. Real Property Tax Review Board, Russell Johnson. And Salary Commission, Andrew Ho and Grant Nakama.

CHAIR MOLINA: Thank you, Mr. Leauanae. And with that being said, the Chair will entertain a motion to approve all of the names to be placed on Exhibit B for approval.

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So moved.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Second.

CHAIR MOLINA: Moved by Member Lee. Is there a second?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Second.

CHAIR MOLINA: Seconded by Member Sugimura. Okay. Members, the floor is now open. If you would like to request separation of any names from Exhibit B, please make it known to the Chair. We'll go down...okay. I'll start with Committee Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, any requests for separation?

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I do, but I don't have that list right in front of me at this moment.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And I...

CHAIR MOLINA: I can come back to you if you'd like.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Sorry.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay. All right. Chair Lee, any requests for separation of names?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No, thank you.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay. Moving forward. Councilmember King?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: I don't have a list for separation --

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: -- but I'm open to the other Members' lists.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay. Councilmember Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: I have no names for separation, Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR MOLINA: Thank you. Okay, Councilmember Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: No names for separation.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay. Very good. Councilmember Johnson?

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COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: No names with separation. Mahalo.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay, Councilmember Sinenci? Councilmember Sinenci, any requests for separation of names from the...from Exhibit B?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yeah. Thank you, Chair. Request separation for the...let me find that one.

CHAIR MOLINA: Would you like me to come back...

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Mr. Payne.

CHAIR MOLINA: Oh, go ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Mr. Payne for the Fire and Safety Committee...Commission, Chair.

CHAIR MOLINA: Request for separation of Dylan Payne, nominee for the Fire and Public Safety Commission. Okay, any other names, Mr. Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: That's it.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay. Let's go back to Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez. Requests for separation? Oh, I'm sorry, Member Paltin. Sorry, go ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I'd like to request separation for the Board of Water Supply.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay. And could you state the name?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Christy Kajiwarra-Gusman.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay, request for separation made for Christy Kajiwarra-Gusman, nominee for Board of Water Supply. Any other names, Member Paltin, at this time?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: We already disapproved Ms. Dodson because she withdrew, right?

CHAIR MOLINA: Yes. Yeah, that's right.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. Yeah, no other names.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay, thank you. Okay, we're back to Committee Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez. Requests for separation?

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VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. Board of Variance and Appeals, Luigi Manera.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Maui County Cultural Resource Commission, my understanding is Ms. Espaniola withdrew her application. Perhaps we can get confirmation from Mr. Mossman.

CHAIR MOLINA: Yes. Sure, Mr. Mossman, can you confirm Ms. Espaniola's withdrawal for Cultural Resources Commission.

MR. MOSSMAN: I did have a conversation with Ms. Espaniola, and she wanted clarity if she could do two different boards. She was interested in doing the Status of Women, which is one of the Mayor's, you know, boards. So she decided because she could do the two, and she would have all the time in the world to do that, that she withdrew her withdrawal. So she basically said that she would stay onboard per a conversation I had with her over the phone.

CHAIR MOLINA: So...

MR. MOSSMAN: So I'm sorry that hasn't been relayed to you.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay, so she has officially...

MR. MOSSMAN: So she did not withdraw.

CHAIR MOLINA: Oh. Okay, okay.

MR. MOSSMAN: She did not withdraw.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay. Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, would you still like her name separated?

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay. So noted. Okay. Any other names for separation from Exhibit B before we take the vote on Exhibit B minus the names that have been requested for a separate vote? Okay. Seeing none then, the Chair will call for the vote for approval of the names on Exhibit B for approval to be moved forward to Council for one final vote on February 19th, I believe. All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED AYE.

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CHAIR MOLINA: Okay. All those opposed? Oh. Okay. I'm sorry, that's an aye on my part. Sorry, it was a little late. Okay, we have one, two, three, four...make sure I got all the counts right. Okay. Eight Members who are on, are we missing one Member? Oh, I can't see Mr. Sinenci. Mr. Sinenci, I can't see your video. So you're still onboard with us? Mr. Sinenci? Anybody see Mr. Sinenci? I heard him earlier. I see him, he's online. Can you confirm by voice? Okay. There you are. Okay. All right. Okay. Chair will mark it nine-zero. The measure passes.

**VOTE: AYES: Chair Molina, Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Councilmembers Johnson, Kama, King, Lee, Paltin, Sinenci, and Sugimura.**

**NOES:**     **None.**

**ABSTAIN:** None.

**ABSENT: None.**

**EXC.: None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION: ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION TO APPROVE NOMINATIONS TO  
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CHAIR MOLINA: Okay. Now...well, let's do this procedurally. Now we did have a...oh, okay. Sorry about that. Let's go now to the Fire Commission nominee. A request for separation was made by you, Mr. Sinenci, with regards to Mr. Payne. Is there a consideration, or the Chair can offer a recommendation. Would you like to make a recommendation from the floor, Mr. Sinenci, regarding Mr. Payne's nomination? Mr. Sinenci, could you unmute?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: I am unmuted.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Can you hear me?

CHAIR MOLINA: Go ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yeah, and I move to remove Mr. Payne from the Commission for Fire and Public Safety Commission. If I get a second, I can speak to it.

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CHAIR MOLINA: Okay. So just to clarify, so this is a motion to disapprove Mr. Payne's nomination?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Correct.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay, is there a second?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Second.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay. Seconded made by Member Paltin. Mr. Sinenci, you have the floor for discussion.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Mahalo, Chair. And just to be clear, I don't have any qualms with Mr. Payne as he...I believe he's a fine young lad, and I wish him and his family all the best. I just think that his work may...work affiliation may cause for some...just a conflict of interest. So that was my main concern. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay, any other discussion on the motion to disapprove Mr. Payne for the Fire and Public Safety Commission? Okay, seeing no other discussions, Chair will call for the vote. All those in favor of the disapproval for Dylan Payne to the Maui Fire and Public Safety Commission, signify by saying aye. Okay, raise your hands please if you support the motion. We have one, Mr. Sinenci, Ms. Paltin, Ms. Rawlins-Fernandez, Mr. Johnson, okay. Vote is four there. All those in favor of opposing the motion to disapprove Mr. Payne, signify by saying, aye and raising your hands.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Aye.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay. We have one, two, three. I guess we're two...one, two, three, four, five. We have eight. We have one Member short, or...I'm sorry. Could...again, could we hold that vote up for those opposing. We have myself, Member Kama, Member Sugimura...Member King, did you vote to oppose the motion?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: No, I didn't. I'd actually like to vote to approve the motion.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay. So for the record, we...I mentioned four, so now we have five to support the motion to disapprove, am I clear? Okay. And then we have three voting against the motion. I know Chair Lee had to leave the meeting. So we have three votes, myself, Member Sugimura, and Member Kama. Okay? So the final tally is the motion passes to disapprove by a vote of five to three, and one excusal, Chair Lee.

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**VOTE: AYES: Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Councilmembers Johnson, King, Paltin, and Sinenci.**

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VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. I speak in favor of the motion. During my questioning with Ms. Kajiwar-Gusman, in response to testimony that we received that we haven't had representation from Moloka'i on the Board of Water Supply since 2008, I asked if she would be willing to allow representation from Moloka'i, and she was agreeable. And I did find a woman from Moloka'i who is...has a very solid background in water systems, and her reputation of understanding water systems...she's probably one of the...she has probably the most expertise...one of the most expertise on this island. So I was super thrilled that she was willing to serve. And so I would really like to have representation on Moloka'i from Moloka'i on this Board. And she's also a woman, we also heard in the testimony that...about the, you know, challenge of getting gender balance on the boards. So I checked both boxes and not just those two, but someone who is so community-centered and comes so qualified that I can't speak high enough about her. So mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay. Thank you, Member Rawlins-Fernandez. Chair recognizes Member Kama as it relates to the motion on the floor, which is to disapprove the nomination of Christy Kajiwar-Gusman. Ms. Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair. Chair, I support the motion by Member Paltin and what was echoed by Member Rawlins-Fernandez, that Ms. Gusman did say that although she would like to serve on the Board, that if it meant that she could give it up to somebody who would probably want more experience, who's probably younger, who would be the representative from the district that's needed, that she would be able to do that. And it is only in that context that I would continue to support this motion. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay. Thank you, Member Kama. Members, any other discussion as it relates to the motion on the floor? Okay, seeing none, the Chair, again, will call for the vote, which is to disapprove the nomination of Christy Kajiwar-Gusman to the Board of Water Supply. All those in favor, signify by raising your hand and saying aye.

COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED AYE.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay, the Chair will count. One, two, three, four, five, six ayes. All those opposed to the motion on the floor, signify by saying "aye" and raising your hands. Okay, Chair will mark it two noes, myself and Member Sugimura. The motion passes by a vote of six to two, with one excusal, Chair Lee.



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**Johnson, Kama, King, Paltin, and Sinenci.**

**NOES: Chair Molina and Sugimura.**

**ABSTAIN:   None.**

**ABSENT: None.**

**EXC.: Councilmember Lee.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION: ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION TO DISAPPROVE CHRISTY KAJIWARA-GUSMAN TO THE BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY.**

CHAIR MOLINA: All right. Moving on to our last nominee considered for separation, and that is Mr. Luigi Manera for the Board of Variances. Request was made by Committee Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez. Chair recognizes the Committee Vice-Chair for this consideration.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. I wish we could have had Mr. Manera come before us for questions, but since we didn't get that opportunity, I don't feel confident about having Mr. Manera on the Board because of a perceived and potential conflict of interest. In 2017, the community had asked one of his employees/consultants to step down as Chair of the Moloka'i Planning Commission. And immediately upon his resignation, about almost half of the Moloka'i Planning Commission also stepped down because of the conflicts in decisions that were being made, and so they were all associated. And so I don't feel confident in having this nominee on the Board of Variances because of potential conflict. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay, thank you. Did you formally make the motion to disapprove?

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I didn't. But I want to do that now.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay. Go ahead.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I move to pass...or adopt the resolution disapproving Mr. Luigi Manera.

CHAIR MOLINA: To the Board of Variances. Okay. All right. Is there a second?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Second.

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CHAIR MOLINA: Okay, seconded by Member King. Ms. Rawlins-Fernandez, any additional discussion on the motion as it relates to Mr. Manera? Okay. Members, any other discussion? Okay...oops, I'm sorry. Okay. We'll recognize Member Sugimura, followed by Member King. Sorry, Member Sugimura, could you unmute?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, sorry. So I just to understand, Keani, what you're saying is because he was on the...he was on...what disturbance was there? I don't understand what the connection is. What happened for you to disapprove him?

CHAIR MOLINA: Ms. Rawlins-Fernandez, if you would like to respond.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. So he's one of the only, like, consultants for building permits and developments on Moloka'i. And there was just a lot of questionable operations that occurred on our island. It's a small island, so...

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, I understand. So we're going to trust your evaluation of that because we don't know the details. But thank you.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR MOLINA: Yeah. Thank you, Member Sugimura. Member King?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you, Chair. Yeah, I...you know, I don't know this person personally. I do...I've seen the background, so I do agree that there's a potential conflict of interest. But I also want to share with you, I respect Member Rawlins-Fernandez's opinion, and she knows her community well. And I just wanted to share that we had this issue come up in my first term on the Council with a Moloka'i person, and she and several other Moloka'i residents came out against a nominee, saying that this person has a really bad reputation for attendance. The Council ended up approving that person anyway, and that person never came to a single meeting. So we had to...you know, I think the Mayor let him go after that happened, like, five times. But I just think it goes to the fact that...well, personally for me, I won't speak for anybody else, but why I trust the...you know, our Member from Moloka'i's opinion because, you know, the history of her recommendations even before she got on the Council, you know, I...has bore [sic] out. You know, that's why I support the motion on the floor.

CHAIR MOLINA: Thank you, Member King. Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I'll speak in support of the motion. My only experience with Mr. Manera is when we went to Moloka'i to hear the various issues in the PSLU Committee. And based on comments that he had made during that meeting, I think that it isn't far-fetched that there could be a conflict of interest. So I'll support the motion.

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CHAIR MOLINA: Thank you, Member Paltin. Members, any other...oh, I see Member Sugimura had her hand up. Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I got a text message from Rob Stevenson. I think he's the Moloka'i Chamber person, and he said that he's worked with him since 2009, and he's one of...you know, he's one of the, I don't know, good guys, I guess is what he said, on the Board. Is he a reappointment? Is Ipo there?

CHAIR MOLINA: Mr. Mossman, care to respond to Member Sugimura's question?

MR. MOSSMAN: Yes. Yes, I'm here. But what was that, Council Chair...I mean, Member?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Board of Variances and Appeals, is he a reappointment? I'm sorry, I don't have my list out.

MR. MOSSMAN: No, not at all. No.

CHAIR MOLINA: No.

MR. MOSSMAN: He is not a reappointment. No.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, okay. So he's just speaking to him in general as a person. Okay.

CHAIR MOLINA: Thank you, Member Sugimura. Committee Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez?

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. So the person that Member Sugimura mentioned that she got information from --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- was the same Chair of the Moloka'i Planning Commission who was asked by a group from the majority from the community to step down from the Moloka'i Planning Commission because he is...he does work with the nominee. And both have financial interest heavily...heavy financial interest in the outcomes of decisions on the Moloka'i Planning Commission, and potentially Board of Variance. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay. Mahalo. Thank you. Mr. Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair, for my opportunity. Yeah, looking at Mr. Louie [sic] Manera's application, it looks like it's incomplete and it doesn't indicate what kinds of skills or why he wanted to be part of this Commission. So I'll support the motion. Thank you, Chair.

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CHAIR MOLINA: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Sinenci. Members, any other discussion as it relates to the motion to disapprove the nomination of Luigi Manera to the Board of Variances and Appeals? Seeing none, the Chair will call for the vote. All those in favor, signify by saying aye and raising your hand. Okay, that is one, two, three, four, five, six. All those opposed, signify by raising your hand for the motion, which is to disapprove Mr. Manera. I didn't see the hands of Member Sugimura or Member Kama go up for either supporting the motion or not supporting the motion.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: I kanaloa [sic]. Can I kanaloa [sic], Chair?

CHAIR MOLINA: Kanaloa [sic], in other words, pass. Not take a vote?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yeah.

CHAIR MOLINA: Can we ask why?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Because I don't know. I don't know either/or.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: When I did kānalua last time, they said it counts as a yes.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay. Yeah. So Member Kama, a kanaloa [sic]...that's right. Thank you for refreshing our memories. Kanaloa [sic], I recall, like Member Paltin said, it would count as a yes unless you're opposed to the motion, then you vote accordingly.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: I thought if you did that...okay, so the kanaloa [sic] is the interpretation of a hold.

CHAIR MOLINA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Is that Corp. Counsel or is that OCS?

CHAIR MOLINA: I recall kanaloa [sic] also is a way of passing. Like say if I call...if I did a roll call vote --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yeah.

CHAIR MOLINA: -- kanaloa means pass, so go on to the next person for the vote, then eventually come back to you.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Oh.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Point of order, Chair.

CHAIR MOLINA: Go ahead, Member Rawlins-Fernandez.

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VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. So first, it's kānalua with a "u" --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- because kānalua is two.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Right. Two times.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: It's kānalua, not kanaloa, kānalua. And then so in our Council Rules, all Members must vote yes or no. Anyone not voting indicating either way would be counted with the majority. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay. Thank you for that clarification. So Member Kama --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: I'll say no --

CHAIR MOLINA: -- are you going to still stay with your kānalua or...

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: -- thank you.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay. You'll still stay with your kānalua stance?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: No, I'm going to...instead of kānalua, I'll vote no.

CHAIR MOLINA: No. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I'm going to vote no.

CHAIR MOLINA: And Member Sugimura --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you.

CHAIR MOLINA: -- you're also a no?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I'm going to vote no.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay. Very good.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah. I don't know.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay. The final result is six in favor of the disapproval, and two noes, Member Sugimura and Member Kama, and one excusal, Chair Lee.

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**VOTE:**       **AYES:**   Chair     Molina,     Vice-Chair   Rawlins-Fernandez,  
                    Councilmembers Johnson, King, Paltin, and Sinenci.

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VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. So prior to the meeting when the nominations were posted, I had my office reach out to Ms. Espaniola to understand her qualifications for serving on the Cultural Resource Commission. Some of the questions that were asked of her were why do you want to serve on the Commission, your...the Cultural Resource Commission; what qualifies you to sit on this Commission; what do you feel would be...that you would be able to bring to the Commission; what do you know about the Commission or Board and the work that the Commission does; what kind of cultural expertise do you have...and particularly, the last question, what kind of cultural expertise does she have, she answered that she doesn't have cultural expertise. And I think that that's something that's really important to be on the Cultural Resource Commission. And so I...my office did follow up with her and encouraged her to look at other, you know, boards and commissions that would be more her strengths, and we found the Women's Commission that she could potentially serve on, and I think she would be amazing on. And we are missing a Moloka'i representative on the Commission on the Status of Women. And so it was a better fit for her. And so I really don't want to disapprove her, you know, it has that kind of connotation because she is a really good person and I'm so thankful for her willingness to continue to serve our community, but I just don't think that the Cultural Resource Commission is a good fit for her. And I would've wished that Mr. Mossman would've, you know, just allowed her to share those comments without kind of leading her to keep her name on and let her just withdraw instead of us having this discussion publicly like this. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay. Thank you, Member Rawlins-Fernandez. Any other discussion as it relates to the motion on the floor to disapprove the nomination of Leonora Espaniola to the Cultural Resources Commission? Okay, seeing none, the Chair will call for the vote. All in favor of the motion, signify by saying aye and raising your hand. All those opposed? Okay. Chair will mark it eight ayes with one excusal, Chair Lee.

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**VOTE: AYES: Chair Molina, Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Councilmembers Johnson, Kama, King, Paltin, Sinenci, and Sugimura.**

**ACTION: ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION TO DISAPPROVE LEONORA ESPANIOLA TO THE MAUI COUNTY CULTURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION.**

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for a term beginning on April 1, 2021 and expiring on March 31, 2026. I'd like to call upon Mr. Mossman to give us a brief overview of Mr. Ota's nomination. Mr. Mossman.

MR. MOSSMAN: Let me get my paperwork here.

CHAIR MOLINA: While Mr. Mossman is...

MR. MOSSMAN: Chair, I'm sorry, I don't have that with me right now. Could I get back to you on...

CHAIR MOLINA: Well, let me just ask the Committee...or state to the Committee, there were no requests for Mr. Ota's appearance, so in case anyone is wondering. And I guess all of you have his application and access to that information. If you have any questions for Mr. Mossman at this time with regards to Mr. Ota, the floor is now open. Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I thought that Mr. Ota, Ken Ota, was on the last time because he was hanging in there to see his name throughout our whole meeting, thinking that we might call him. I've known Ken Ota for many, many years, and he is hard working, he gives a lot back to the community in the sports world as well as, you know, the general community. And this is the MRA, which is the Maui Redevelopment Authority [sic]. And basically, I think he lives in Wailuku, he understands the community, which I think is important in this role, and I think he would do a good job. So I just would like to advocate for him, and too bad he's not on the call as he was the last one, our last meeting. But...

CHAIR MOLINA: Thank you very much, Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah.

CHAIR MOLINA: Mr. Mossman, you go ahead.

MR. MOSSMAN: Yeah, sorry, Chair Molina. That's...I apologize because we did not get Mister...get in touch with Mr. Ota, but we had had the conversation. And as Councilwoman Yuki Lei said, Ken comes on with some really, really good qualifications, that we selected him based on his qualifications for this job. And I apologize, again, for not having him on the call.

CHAIR MOLINA: Thank you, Mr. Mossman. Members, any other questions for Mr. Mossman as it relates to Mr. Ota's nomination? Okay. Committee Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez?

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. Yeah, it's unfortunate that Mr. Ota couldn't be on the call with us today. I did also see his name at the last meeting. Because I understand that he...his business may be relocating back into the

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redevelopment area, and State Statute HRS 53-3 says that interest in project prohibited disclosure of interest. No member or employee of the redevelopment area...agency shall acquire any interest, direct or indirect, in any redevelopment project or in any property included or planned to be included in any such project, nor shall the member or employee have any interest, direct or indirect, in any contract or proposed contract for materials or services to be furnished or used in connection with the project. And so if Mr. Ota's business is going to relocate back to Wailuku, as it was before, then I think this may be triggered.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay. Any other Members before I recognize Member Sugimura? Okay. Member Sugimura, you have the floor. Oh, I'm sorry, I'm sorry. Member Sugimura, if you could wait, Member Kama would like to speak. Go ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Sorry, Chair, but I have a 12:30 meeting, and I'd like to be able to let you know that because I don't think we're going to...I'm going to get off this until late. So I'd like to ask to be dismissed.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay. So noted, and thank you for informing the Chair. I think you originally had planned to leave at 12:00, so I think you overextended your stay, so Chair appreciates that. Okay. Members, we're operating with seven Members. All righty. Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, just kind of for your information, and too bad Ken's not here, but Maui Pipe Company, which is his company, is...his business is situated by the new service center in the industrial park, so I don't think he's going to...I don't know if he is or not, but I don't think he can move that business into Wailuku. And it's kind of a new building in relationship to...that he built. But I don't see how he is going to move. I've never heard that, that he was going to move his business into Wailuku. So --

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: -- maybe Mr. Mossman knows.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay, thank you. All right. Member King, followed by Member Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yeah, Chair, I don't know I was looking in my materials and I can't find his application for that. But is it one of the updated applications?

CHAIR MOLINA: Mr. Mossman, the application that you sent to the Committee --

COUNCILMEMBER KING: It's not...

CHAIR MOLINA: -- was that an updated application?

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COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yeah, it's not attached to that whole list of applications, I don't think.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, point of information. It's under the other GREAT item --

CHAIR MOLINA: Yeah, this is a different item...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- the Maui Redevelopment Agency has its own item, and it's attached to that. It's the sixth page on the third item on the agenda.

CHAIR MOLINA: GREAT Item 2(2).

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yes, I don't have that. I'll have to look it up. Yeah, but Chair, I just...you know, since we don't have Mr. Ota here and I don't want to presuppose his intentions for his business, but can we just defer this? It says in the agenda that it's not urgent, that there's no deadline for this.

CHAIR MOLINA: Correct, yeah. Yeah. There is no Council deadline, we could always repost this for another time or if an option even is to recess into February 16th, which is my normal Committee meeting week, we could have a separate recessed meeting that day, and then take up other items for the regularly scheduled meeting. I mean, that's an option. But, yeah, I'm kind of getting a sense you prefer to have a...and since the MRA has been getting a lot of attention lately, certainly any, you know, nominees for this Commission should be present. Although we didn't, in fairness to Mr. Ota, there was no request for his presence for today. But the Chair certainly respects your positions and why you feel now that there may be a need for Mr. Ota to be present. And it's unfortunate he had to sign off because, you know, we were scheduled to go to 1:00. But...

COUNCILMEMBER KING: But I think also, Chair, there's...with the new information that, you know, that the Vice-Chair, Committee Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez just read off to us, there also could be the issue of, I think it was suppliers for developments that are happening in the area. And so having a company that might even be supplying that proposed hotel or something might be an issue as well. So I think it's good if we can talk to him directly and just --

CHAIR MOLINA: Sure.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: -- make sure there's time. Yeah.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay. Members, Chair would like to just take a five-minute break to confer with Staff on a procedural matter. So the recessed GREAT Committee meeting of February 2, 2021 is now in recess until 12:35 . . . *(gavel)* . . .

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**RECESS: 12:31 p.m.**

**RECONVENE: 12:35 p.m.**

CHAIR MOLINA: . . . (*gavel*) . . . The recessed GREAT Committee meeting of February 2nd, 2021, is now back in session. The time is 12:35 and the date is February 10th, 2021. We last left off discussing Committee item...GREAT Committee Item 2(2) related to the nomination of Ken Ota to the Maui Redevelopment Agency. Chair's recommendation will be to defer this matter, and have this matter reposted at a future date for discussion and decision making, and since the Council has no deadline on this as well. So Chair will certainly try to get it on a future agenda in the near future. Any objections to the deferral?

**COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS**

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay. Very good. And of course, Mr. Mossman, the Chair and also some Committee Members would request the presence of Mr. Ota to our future meeting, whenever that date is decided upon.

MR. MOSSMAN: Yeah. Yes, sir.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay.

MR. MOSSMAN: Will do, Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR MOLINA: Very good. All right, we've come to the end of all of our proceedings today. Chair again would like to thank all of you for making yourselves available in your off week when you could be meeting with your constituents or dealing with other matters in your community. So thank you for again, voluntarily giving up your time to address these very important matters that the GREAT Committee has to offer. Mr. Leauanae, any other thing the Chair has to be made aware of before we adjourn for today?

MR. LEAUANAE: No, Chair. Thank you.

**ACTION: DEFER.**

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay, with that said, Chair wishes, again, Councilmember Sugimura, very happy birthday, as well as your Executive Assistant Miki Yokouchi, a belated happy birthday to her as well. I believe it was February 1st, so I wanted to state that for the record. All righty. The recessed GREAT Committee meeting of February 2nd, 2021 will now be adjourning. The time is 12:37, the date is February 10th, 2021. This meeting is adjourned . . . (*gavel*) . . .

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I, Kaliko Reed, hereby certify that pages 1 through 27 of the foregoing represents, to the best of my ability, a true and correct transcript of the proceedings. I further certify that I am not in any way concerned with the cause.


DATED the 9th day of March 2021, in Wailuku, Hawai'i



Kaliko Reed

I, Marie Tesoro, hereby certify that pages 27 through 41 of the foregoing represents, to the best of my ability, a true and correct transcript of the proceedings. I further certify that I am not in any way concerned with the cause.

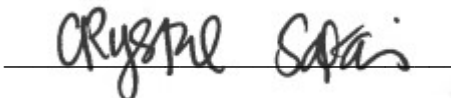
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