

# Resolution 21-126 Testimony

**MISC. COM. 344**

May 26, 2021

Honorable, Tommy Waters, Honolulu City Council, Chair & Presiding Officer  
Honorable, Esther Kiaaina, Honolulu City Council, Vice Chair  
Honorable, members of the Honolulu City Council

RE: RESOLUTION 21-126 – Relating to the appointment of Mr. Pane Meatoga III to serve on the planning commission of the city and county of Honolulu.

Aloha Chair Waters and members of the Honolulu City Council,

The Laie Community Association Board of Directors has known and worked with the appointee Mr. Pane Meatoga III for at least 20 years.

We support the appointment of Mr. Pane Meatoga III to serve on the Planning Commission of the City and County of Honolulu.

Mr. Meatoga has a wealth of experience of community involvement, and he can related to many sides of many issues. He is fair, deliberate, and measured in his approach to issues. He doesn't get ruffled, and he can state his opinion without hyperbole. He can bring much to the Commission.

Sincerely,

The Laie Community Association Board of Directors



Kevin Schlag, President

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 27, 2021 1:41 PM  
**Subject:** Zoning and Planning Testimony

## Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 06-02-2021  
Council/PH Committee Zoning and Planning  
Agenda Item RESOLUTION 21-126  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

I respectfully support Pane Meatoga, III.

Written Testimony As fellow Koolauloa Neighborhood Board members; I have learned a lot from him as we continue to serve our communities together. I know he will be a trustworthy asset to our City & County Of Honolulu. Mahalo for your consideration.

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June 2, 2021

Honorable, Tommy Waters, Honolulu City Council, Chair & Presiding Officer  
Honorable, Esther Kiaaina, Honolulu City Council, Vice Chair  
Honorable, members of the Honolulu City Council

RE: RESOLUTION 21-126 – Relating to the appointment of Mr. Pane Meatoga III to serve on the planning commission of the city and county of Honolulu.

Aloha Chair Waters and members of the Honolulu City Council,

My name is Alfred Grace. I have known the appointee Mr. Pane Meatoga III for approximately 20 years.

I strongly support the appointment of Mr. Pane Meatoga II to serve on the Planning Commission of the City and County of Honolulu.

During Mr. Meatoga's employment at the Polynesian Cultural Center, I had the opportunity to work directly or indirectly with him on numerous initiatives that required a lot of strategic thinking, a high level of teamwork (often-times between individuals with disparate views and/or significant cultural differences) and a tremendous work ethic. Under these circumstances I cannot recall any occasion that Mr. Meatoga did not meet or exceed my expectations.

Further more, in all my years of knowing Mr. Meatoga, I cannot recall a single person who has made disparaging remarks or expressed concerns regarding his character or integrity.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you need additional information regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

President & CEO

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Testimony of  
Pacific Resource Partnership

City Council  
City & County of Honolulu  
Councilmember Tommy Waters, Chair  
Councilmember Esther Kia'āina, Vice Chair

Resolution 21-126—Appointment of Mr. Pane Meatoga III to serve on the Planning Commission

Wednesday, June 2, 2021  
10:00 A.M.  
City Council Chamber

Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'āina, and Members of the Council.

Pacific Resource Partnership (PRP) writes its strong support of Resolution 21-126, confirming the appointment of Mr. Pane Meatoga III to serve on the Planning Commission of the City and County of Honolulu.

Mr. Meatoga is deeply rooted in his community on the North Shore of Oahu and has served his community through church and community associations. His commitment to public service; patience and ability to understand and work with people from diverse backgrounds; and his commitment to make Oahu a better place for all residents renders him well suited to serve on the Planning Commission.

Therefore, PRP is pleased to offer our strong support for Mr. Meatoga's appointment to serve on the Planning Commission.

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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**Subject:** Council Testimony

## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council  
Agenda Item Res21-126  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

June 2, 2021

Honorable, Tommy Waters, Honolulu City Council, Chair & Presiding Officer

Honorable, Esther Kia'aina, Honolulu City Council, Vice Chair  
Honorable, members of the Honolulu City Council

Written  
Testimony

RE: RESOLUTION 21-126 – Relating to the appointment of Mr. Pane Meatoga III to serve on the Planning Commission of the City and County of Honolulu.

Aloha Chair Waters and members of the Honolulu City Council, My name is Amy Hennessey, and I support the appointment of Mr. Pane Meatoga III to serve on the Planning Commission of the City & County of Honolulu. I have known the appointee for 20 years since we first met working in the travel industry. Since then, we have remained in touch over the years despite our careers taking us in different directions. Recently, we've collaborated on shared interests and issues, though we are sometimes on different sides. I've found him to be thoughtful, shrewd, and fair in his approach to our discussions. He's always willing to listen and try to find common ground. In my opinion, he is a lifelong learner who seeks to gain a deeper understanding to find the right path forward. I believe he will bring that same sense of fairness to his responsibilities as a Planning Commission member. Thank you for your consideration of this testimony.

Sincerely,  
Amy Hennessey



May 31, 2021

The Honorable Tommy Waters, Chair  
The Honorable Esther Kia`āina, Vice-Chair  
Members of the Honolulu City Council  
City Council, City and County of Honolulu  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813-3077

RE: **Resolution 21-126 – Nomination of Pane Meatoga III to serve on the Planning Commission of the City and County of Honolulu**  
Hearing Date: June 2, 2021 at 10:00am

Aloha Chair Waters, Vice-Chair Kia`āina and Members of the Honolulu City Council,

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony on behalf of D.R. Horton offering our support for the nomination of Pane Meatoga III to serve on the Planning Commission of the City and County of Honolulu.

D.R. Horton is one of Hawaii's largest home builders and has been providing affordable housing, "first time buyer" and "first time step up" homes for Hawaii's families throughout Oahu for over forty years. Hoopili, our large master planned community in East Kapolei, is currently home to over 1,200 of Hawaii's families. Hoopili was rezoned through the Planning Commission so we are well aware of the responsibilities, trust and integrity it's members must possess. Pane Meatoga III embodies these values.

I have known Pane for many years, working closely with him the last 3 years exploring solutions that will provide much needed housing for Hawaii's families. Pane is fair, highly collaborative and always willing to learn the views of those on both sides of the table. Most importantly, Pane is a listener. His unassuming demeanor, mindful contemplation and thoughtful discussion allows Pane to open himself to differing opinions and identify areas of common ground, all with the goal of collectively moving forward together. Pane would be an outstanding Planning Commissioner, he will serve our community well.

Mahalo for your time and favorable consideration of Pane Meatoga III to serve on the Planning Commission of the City and County of Honolulu. It is very much appreciated. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at #782-4109 or [ttonaki@drhorton.com](mailto:ttonaki@drhorton.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "T. Tonaki".

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The Honorable Tommy Waters, Chair  
The Honorable Esther Kia'aina, Vice Chair  
Honolulu City Council

Wednesday, June 2, 2021  
10:00 a.m.; City Council Chamber

**RE: Resolution 21-126 Relating to the appointment of Mr. Pane Meatoga III to serve on the Planning Commission of the City and County of Honolulu**

Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'aina and members of the Council:

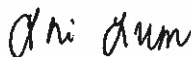
I am submitting testimony in support of the appointment of Pane Meatoga III to serve on the Planning Commission,

I have known Pane for many years and have had the pleasure of working with him in his capacity as Community Liaison for the Hawaii Operating Engineers Industry Stabilization Fund. He is fair, collaborative and an excellent communicator. He is willing to meet with others of differing opinions and finds areas of common ground.

Pane cares deeply for his community. He serves on the Koolauloa Neighborhood Board and is a member of the Laie Community Association.

I'm confident he will serve the Planning Commission well and ask for your favorable consideration of his appointment. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments in support.

Sincerely,



Lori Lum  
Director, Government Relations and Public Affairs





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June 2, 2021

Councilmember Brandon Elefante, Chair  
Councilmember Esther Kia'aina Vice Chair  
Members of the Zoning and Planning Committee  
City & County of Honolulu  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813-3077

**RE: Resolution 21-126 – Relating to the Appointment of Mr. Pane Meatoga III to Serve on the Planning Commission of the City and County of Honolulu**

**Hearing Date: June 2, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.**

Aloha Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Kia'aina and Members of the Zoning and Planning Committee,

Mahalo for the opportunity to express my support for Resolution 21-126, appointing Mr. Pane Meatoga to serve on the Planning Commission of the City and County of Honolulu. As a Native Hawaiian and leader in the construction industry, Pane is deeply committed to ensuring adequate long term planning goals are met, and Honolulu achieves a sustainable future. His greatest asset is his ability to be collaborative, and to find common ground with all parties in a respectful manner, including those with whom he may disagree with.

Having spent several years in public service, both professionally and as an active community member and volunteer, Pane is well qualified substantively to serve on the Planning Commission.

Pane will be an asset to the Planning Commission and in achieving the board's mission. For these reasons, I strongly urge you to support Resolution 21-126 and confirm Pane's appointment.

Mahalo,

Kimberley Yoshimoto, Partner  
Imanaka Asato, LLLC

June 1, 2021

Honorable Tommy Waters, Honolulu City Council Chair  
Honorable Esther Kia'aina, Honolulu City Council Vice Chair  
Honorable Members of the Honolulu City Council

**RE: Resolution 21-126: Relating to the Appointment of Mr. Pane Meatoga III to serve on the Planning Commission of the City and County of Honolulu**

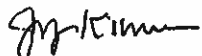
Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'aina and Members of the Honolulu City Council:

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in **Strong Support of Resolution 21-126**, Relating to the Appointment of Mr. Pane Meatoga III to serve on the Planning Commission of the City and County of Honolulu.

I have known Pane III for many years and have had the privilege of working with him in his capacity as the Community Liaison for the Hawaii Operating Engineers Industry Stabilization Fund. I have always been impressed with his ability to appraise a situation and offer recommendations and solutions, a skill that will be of considerable benefit to the Planning Commission. Having worked alongside Pane III on a multitude of issues, I can attest to his integrity, good moral character and strong work ethic. He puts in the time to thoroughly research all sides of an issue and is able to maintain grace and communicate well, even under the most stressful of situations. His knowledge of the intricacies involved regarding development and construction will be an asset to the Planning Commission as he can provide a viewpoint that is often overlooked.

Despite his busy work schedule and family responsibilities, Pane III is committed to public service and currently serves on the Koolauloa Neighborhood Board. He is also a member of the Laie Community Association. Pane III is very congenial and it is always a pleasure to work with him. His experience working with various government agencies and departments is invaluable and his commitment to serving the community is commendable. I strongly believe Pane Meatoga III will be an excellent addition to the Honolulu Planning Commission and humbly ask for your support and consideration. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



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**From:** CLK Council Info  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 1, 2021 9:24 AM  
**Subject:** Zoning and Planning Testimony

## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Zoning and Planning  
Agenda Item Resolution 21-126 Appointment of Pane Meatoga  
Your position on the matter Oppose  
Representing Organization  
Organization Ka'a'awa Community Association  
Aloha Honorable Councilmembers,

### Written Testimony

My name is Robert Kealoha Domingo and I am the current president of the Ka'a'awa Community Association. I am submitting testimony on behalf of the Association and the community of Ka'a'awa which we represent.

We strongly oppose the appointment of Mr. Pane Meatoga III to sit on the Planning Commission of the City and County of Honolulu. Mr. Meatoga has stood in a stance of special interest in favor of developments which have been adamantly opposed by the general community of Ko'olauloa and we do not feel he can be a non subjective member of this committee.

We urge you to consider a candidate who will stand for the true voice of ALL community members, and who will not be tempted and subjected to a select handful of voices which he is known to be connected to. There are certainly many better candidates out there and we hope that you as our elected representatives will take the time and do the research to find an appropriate representative to fill this seat.

Me ka ha'a ha'a,  
Robert Kealoha Domingo  
Ka'a'awa Community Association President

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 1, 2021 10:07 AM  
**Subject:** Council Testimony

## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Council  
Committee  
Agenda Item RESO 21-  
Your position on the matter Comment  
Representing Self  
Organization

Resolution 21-126 (Zoning and Planning)  
Relating to the appointment of Mr. Pane Meatoga III to serve on the  
Planning Commission of the City and County of Honolulu.

It's very unfortunate that the status quo and lack of diversity  
continues with these appointment.

This nominee represents the building industry. Majority of the  
Planning Commission represents  
the status quo and "Oligarchy".

Written  
Testimony

Where are the other voices that represent Oahu in land-use and  
planning decision-making. Where are the authentic local residents  
who advocate for this island's sustainability and interests?

Appointing another similar industry person with similar motives to the  
decision-making commission as important as the Planning  
Commission is not in the best public interest.

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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**Subject:** Zoning and Planning Testimony

## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Zoning and Planning
Agenda Item	Resolution 21-126
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing	Organization
Organization	Imanaka Asato
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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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**Subject:** Council Testimony

## Written Testimony

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**Council/PH Committee** Council  
**Agenda Item** Resolution 21-126  
**Your position on the matter** Oppose  
**Representing Organization** Self

Over the past 15 years, many of the problems and community conflicts in the Ko'olaupua region have been caused by the major powers in Laie (HRI, BYUH, PCC) seeking to expand their commercial and tourist-oriented activities beyond the well-established parameters for development in the region.

**Written Testimony** Mr. Meatoga represents such interests and I am **STRONGLY OPPOSED** to the City Council's effort to elevate him to a position on the Planning Commission.

Such an action will only serve to fuel these simmering community tensions at a time when more constructive and harmonizing solutions are needed to the serious challenges facing O'ahu.

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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**Subject:** Council Testimony

## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Council
Agenda Item	20-126
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing	Organization
Organization	Laborers' Union; Local 368
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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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**Subject:** Zoning and Planning Testimony

## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Zoning and Planning  
Agenda Item Resolution 21-126: Honolulu City Council- VOTE on new PLANNING Commission member  
Your position on the matter Oppose  
Representing Self  
Organization

Written Testimony

Aloha,  
I am opposed to Resolution 21-126: the nomination of Pane Meatoga to the Planning Commission, due to his apparent association with development entities including but not limited to Envision Laie, the Polynesian Cultural Center, and the new large wind farm development in Kahuku. These connections represent clear special interests that, if nothing else, could at least have the impression of effecting his judgement while serving on the Commission. These ties could be seen as a potential conflict of interest, and would in turn give the appearance of special consideration to such development entities over the greater public interest of all Koolauloa residents.  
I am sure there is a vast pool of alternate qualified individuals on the island, and the commission should strive to nominate a neutral, objective, non-industry related, hopefully conservation-minded candidate, to effectively represent the peoples best interest in the future of sustainable development, and a focus on growing the agricultural and conservation needs of our shrinking open lands here in Koolauloa--actions which will be crucial in the goal of increased self-sufficiency of our islands in the future, and be consistent with the goals and provisions related to preserving open spaces in the Oahu General Plan and Ko'olauloa Sustainable Communities Plan.  
Mahalo nui,  
Chris G.

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June 2, 2021

Honorable, Tommy Waters, Honolulu City Council, Chair & Presiding Officer  
Honorable, Esther Kiaaina, Honolulu City Council, Vice Chair  
Honorable, members of the Honolulu City Council

RE: RESOLUTION 21-126 – Relating to the appointment of Mr. Pane Meatoga III to serve on the planning commission of the city and county of Honolulu.

Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'aina and members of the Honolulu City Council:

I am submitting testimony in support of the appointment of Pane Meatoga III to serve on the Planning Commission.

In the four years that I have know Mr. Meatoga, I have seen him work collaboratively with his coworkers and establish himself within our industry. He has carried himself with honesty and integrity. He is big on teamwork and collaboration. He is a listener and a life long learner who is willing to look at new ideas and approaches to issues.

I am confident he will serve the Planning Commission week and ask for your favorable consideration of his appointment.

Mahalo,

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 1, 2021 5:56 PM  
**Subject:** Zoning and Planning Testimony

## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Zoning and Planning  
Agenda Item 21-126  
Your position on the matter Oppose  
Representing Self  
Organization

As much as we like Pane Meatoga II, people in Ko'olauloa who have been adversely affected by the entities bias and their actions favoring their special interest group must oppose this appointment.

Mr Meatoga is part of that group whose development goals and expansions are bad for Ko'olauloa:  
doubling of students at BYU-HAWAII,  
Now building 1,000 'married students ' housing units in Laie,  
and the seemingly endless tour buses and cars to their newly expanding Polynesian 'Cultural Center' until late at night through our neighborhoods.

Written  
Testimony

This all creates still more against OUR best interests in all the surrounding communities; and are NOT for the highest and best use of the Important Agricultural Lands in Ko'olauloa.

This development push has been dividing the community since before the KO'OLAULOA SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY PLAN was being changed (2005 starting). There was supposed to be no population growth in the Ko'olauloa district per the O'ahu General Plan. The same 2 lane highway is still the only thru road from Kahalu'u to Haleiwa. Now that much of that road is eroding into the ocean and work on it thru Ka'a'awa puts our very narrow lane width private roads into service as a detour frequently.

NO MORE TRAFFIC means no more of these entities interests replacing the rest of the population's interests.

It is irresponsible and dangerous for us especially tour buses and heavy trucks on our small sole state highway...

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 1, 2021 10:13 PM  
**Subject:** Council Testimony

## Written Testimony

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**Council/PH Committee** Council  
**Agenda Item** 21-126  
**Your position on the matter** Support  
**Representing Organization** Self

Dear Chair Waters and Members,  
I wish to submit testimony in support of the appointment of Pane Meatoga III to the Honolulu Planning Commission.

I have worked closely with Pane for several years and I have found him to be deeply committed to his community, positive, collaborative, and willing to see both sides of contentious issues.

**Written Testimony**

Pane's amiable personality and his willingness to lend a helping hand make him an excellent fit for the Commission.

I have had the chance to observe Pane balance the needs of both craftsman and management, while consistently searching for outcomes that benefit both sides of the bargaining table.

Mahalo for your time.

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