

Resolution 21-126 Testimony

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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Friday, June 4, 2021 5:55 AM
Subject: Council Testimony

Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 06-04-2021
Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item Pane Meatoga III confirmation
Your position on the matter Comment
Representing Organization Self

Res 21-126

Written Testimony

Pane M. Should not be considered for planning as he has too many connections which bias his consideration of projects, specifically in his home area. Recently La'ie residents were upset by his pushing approval of a zip line with no discussion to the community. He is a patriarchal decision maker and does not act under Sunshine law directives. He a behind the closed door player

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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Friday, June 4, 2021 10:16 AM
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 Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony

I oppose the nomination of Pane Meatoga III to the Planning Commission due to conflict of interest. The Planning Commission must have diversity of members to reflect the make-up of Oahu's population and needs. It cannot continued to be stacked with only the oligarchy consisting of union representatives lobbyists, developers and big business. Where is the representation for other land-use issues? Where are the sustainability kanakas, the farmers, the environmentalists, the economists, the architects and so on? Please act in the best interest of ALL OF US, not only those in Hawaii who have the biggest pockets.

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From: CLK Council Info
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Subject: Zoning and Planning Testimony

Written Testimony

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Meeting Date	06-02-2021
Council/PH Committee	Zoning and Planning
Agenda Item	21-126
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	We need independent people in the planning department, and not people that will be paid by construction industry to do their bidding.
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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 9:14 AM
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

Written Testimony As a Kahuku resident, I strongly oppose the appointment of a developer that fails to take the community's safety concerns into consideration as he failed to do in promoting the largest wind turbines to be placed the closest ever to public schools and residences. The commission fails to be balanced in favor of considering development concerns of local residents and must appoint those who are able to provide scrutiny in terms of preserving what is left of Oahu's natural beauty and listening to the concerns of the residents the projects will directly effect.

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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 Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

I write in Strong Opposition to Resolution 21-126 and the appointment of Pane Meatoga III to the Honolulu Planning Commission, an important PUBLIC body established under the Charter of the City and County of Honolulu "to advise the Mayor, Council, and Director of the Department of Planning and Permitting on planning programs; to hold public hearings and to make recommendations on revisions and amendments to the General Plan, Development Plans, and zoning ordinances."

Over the past many years, Mr. Meatoga has promoted private interests over the public interest, prioritizing the commercial and tourist-focused activities of Hawaii Reserves, Inc., Brigham Young University Hawaii and the Polynesian Cultural Center rather than uplifting the long-held community values established in the region's sustainable communities plans and the Oahu General Plan.

Written Testimony The agendas of these private (largely tax-exempt) interests that he represents are at the heart of the conflicts that continue to tear our communities apart, threaten sensitive cultural sites and agricultural lands, and burden already-crumbling infrastructure. And the only testimonies offered in support of his nomination during Council's First Reading of Resolution 21-126, came from representatives and/or behind-the-scenes allies of these special interests.

The appointment of Mr. Meatoga would only add fuel to a fire that many people in the region are working hard to extinguish.

Rather than put yet another advocate for special interests on a commission already comprised primarily, if not solely, of industry representatives, it's time to nominate and approve candidates who reflect the broader needs of our communities and the environment, those generating more constructive and harmonizing solutions toward a more just and equitable Oahu.

Please oppose this appointment and then support efforts to establish truly diverse advisory commissions and decision-making bodies that serve the public interest.

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Written Testimony

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

Aloha Council Members,

I am opposed to the appointment of Pane Meatoga III to the Planning Commission as there are just way too many red flags and conflicts of interest. Thank you for considering these statements made by Choon James, an avid community advocate for transparency and ending corruption in the city. Here are Choon's remarks: "Pane Meatoga III is a lobbyist for the Operating Engineers Union Local 3, member of the Laie Community Association (LCA) and board member of Ko'olauloa Neighborhood Board. He has testified for the Rail, Envision Laie, Kahuku Turbines, and so on.

Written Testimony His father, Pane Meatoga II, was the LCA President for 20 years and recently resigned after the community found out that LCA had negotiated a \$20,000 community benefit for Laie to help with "Laie Day Celebrations". The controversy again highlighted the ongoing conflicts of interest as to whether LCA was representing the residents of Laie or unions and other special interests. The Kahuku industrial turbines are NOT located in Laie. Community Benefits are "blood money". It's unethical for LCA to throw its Kahuku neighbors under the bus for money. It's the people in Kahuku who are bearing the impacts of these industrial turbines."

Respectfullly,
Jessica dos Santos

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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 11:12 AM
Subject: Zoning and Planning Testimony
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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Zoning and Planning
Agenda Item 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.
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization
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June 17, 2021

Honorable, Brandon J.C. Elefante, Committee on Zoning and Planning, Chair
Honorable, Esther Kia'aina, Committee on Zoning and Planning, Vice Chair
Honorable Members of the Committee on Zoning and Planning

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 Elefante, Vice Chair Kia'aina and members of the Zoning and Planning Committee:

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

I have known Pane for over 10 years. I have had the opportunity to work with him on various projects during his time at the Polynesian Cultural Center while I was serving as Director of Expedia in Hawai'i. Pane has carried himself with honesty and integrity, and his authenticity always shines through showing his commitment beyond the financial success of a project to the welfare of the team members he represents. His willingness to work together and collaborate lead to years of successful partnership. Pane showed in many instances that he is a listener and a lifelong learner who is willing to look at new ideas and approaches to solve issues.

I am confident that he will do well and be a great addition to the Planning Commission. I sincerely ask for your favorable consideration of his appointment.

Mahalo for this opportunity to provide testimony and thank you for your service on the Committee on Zoning and Planning,

Julie Morikawa

Julie Morikawa

President
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June 14, 2021

TO: HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON ZONING AND PLANNING

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 Honorable Chair Elefante, Honorable Vice Chair Kia'aina and Members of the
Committee on Zoning and Planning:**

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,


Joy Kimura

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Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 10:01 AM
Subject: Zoning and Planning Testimony
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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Zoning and Planning
Committee
Agenda Item Resolution 21-126
Your position on the Support
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Representing Self
Organization
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I am confident that Pane will do extremely well to bring together the community and the hospitality industry. He will be a great addition to the Planning Commission. I sincerely ask for your favorable consideration of his appointment.

Mahalo,

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Mary Pa'ahana
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Aulani, A Disney Resort & Spa

From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 11:01 AM
Subject: Zoning and Planning Testimony

Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Zoning and Planning
Agenda Item Resolution 21-126 Nominating Pane Meatoga to PLANNING COMMISSION for OAHU
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

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<https://hnl.doc.ehawaii.gov/hnl/doc/measure/browse/1867> RESOLUTION 21-126

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Zoning and Planning
Agenda Item Resolution 21-126 Nominating Pane Meatoga to PLANNING COMMISSION for OAHU
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Aloha members of the Zoning and Planning Committee,

I am submitting testimony in strong support of the appointment of Pane Meatoga III to serve on the Planning Commission. I have known Pane his whole life and we both currently serve as members of the Ko'olauloa Neighborhood board. In his capacity as a Neighborhood Board member, he has demonstrated a remarkable ability to quickly identify community root issues. He then expertly leverages his superb knowledge of the inner workings of State and County government inter-departmental processes to inform community members of the correct procedures for a viable solution. His calm demeanor, methodical fact finding to find workable solutions to complex community problems, and his ability to tacitly explain the complexities of the problem can be a real benefit to the Zoning and Planning Committee. Moreover, because of his profession, he has garnered relationships and routinely collaborates across multiple local and state departments, and other Federal Agencies which he uses to gather information so communities can make informed decisions vice making decisions based on hearsay or that of the loudest or uninformed community-voices.

I have also witnessed Pane's sincere devotion to his town for which he has served many years in a leadership position at the local church. His selfless dedication with no compensation best demonstrates his personal ethic to serve others. His homelife also exemplifies a father who works extremely hard to provide a happy and stable home for his family within the Ko'olauloa Area. Additionally, his past actions to team with others to solve extraordinarily complex problems, and his facts-based decisions have consistently proven his real dedication for Hawaii, Oahu, the Ko'olauloa Area, and Laie which will benefit to the diversity of the Planning Commission.

I respectfully ask for your favorable consideration of his appointment.

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Written Testimony

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

The public trust interest is NOT served by Mr Meatoga's being put on the Planning Commission!

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Although lip service has been given to keeping the designated RURAL agricultural areas of Ko'olauloa COUNTRY in the O'ahu General Plan and the Ko'olauloa 'Sustainable Communities' Plan, you need to consider the way this special interest group has gotten No Population Growth in Ko'olauloa to be rampant development instead.

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Written
Testimony

1,000 housing units approved in Laie beyond new dorms for the big increase in students from elsewhere;
plus population increases wherever in Laie and Ko'olauloa, by converting family housing to multiple rental units;

Expanding the Polynesian ' Cultural Center' tourist trap greatly - just now getting approval to add an additional eight (8) Zip Lines and ATV activities to the 'Cultural' experience...even arrogantly not showing up to the Ko'olauloa Neighborhood Board meeting last Thursday as this was on the Agenda. It was already a done deal for them! How did that happen? Ask why it was approved of yourself please.

Affected neighboring Community Associations are against these gridlock traffic additions to our crumbling-into- the- ocean ONLY 2 lane thru road for 40 miles from Kahalu'u to Haleiwa. Why are they being passed?

Unfortunately Mr Meatoga will only seek to increase all this islandwide if appointed.

Ka'a'awa is adversely affected more than other towns because our tiny private road parrallel to Kamehameha Highway becomes the only detour for all DOT roadwork on the MOST eroding places in the islands Coastal Report. Consider doing this to Kailu, to a Lanikai sized road (actually smaller)! As a Board Member of the KCA and the Ka'a'awa Beach Owner's (road) Association, I assure you we all object to further population on this lifeline road. This whole side of O'ahu needs climate/infrastructure/ sustainable reality people on land use boards and commissions the most!

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Subject: Zoning and Planning Testimony
Attachments: 20210616070608_Pane_Meatoga_-Zoning__Plannng_Commission_Mtg._6.17.2021.pdf

Written Testimony

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Meeting Date	06-17-2021
Council/PH Committee	Zoning and Planning
Agenda Item	Resolution 21-126
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing Organization	Self
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A LIMITED LIABILITY LAW PARTNERSHIP

DATE: June 16, 2021

TO: Councilmember Brandon J.C. Elefante
Chair, Committee on Zoning and Planning

FROM: Rick Tsujimura

RE: **RESOLUTION 21-126** - Confirming the appointment of Mr. Pane Meatoga III to serve on the Planning Commission of the City and County of Honolulu for a term to expire on June 30, 2022.

Hearing Date: Thursday, June 17, 2021

Conference Room: City Council Chamber

Dear Chair Elefante, Vice-Chair Kia'aina, and members of the Committee on Zoning and Planning:

I am writing in support of the nomination of Pane Meatoga III to serve on the Honolulu Planning Commission. Joining me in strong support of Pane's nomination is Gary Slovin and Luis Salaveria.

I have known Pane for some time and have come not only to respect his acumen but his humility and dedication to the people of Honolulu and the State of Hawaii. His life has been one of service and I know that Pane will serve the people of this city well. He is the type of person we need in public service.

I urge you to affirm his nomination and allow Pane to serve the people of this city. Thank you for the opportunity to submit this written testimony.

From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 6:38 AM
Subject: Zoning and Planning Testimony

Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Zoning and Planning
Agenda Item	1. Resolution 21-126
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Self
Organization	
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Testimony of
Pacific Resource Partnership

City Council
City & County of Honolulu
Committee On Zoning And Planning
Councilmember Brandon J.C Elefante, Chair
Councilmember Esther Kia'āina, Vice Chair

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

Thursday, June 17, 2021
9:00 A.M.
City Council Chamber

Aloha Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Kia'āina, and Members of the Committee.

Pacific Resource Partnership (PRP) writes is 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.



From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 11:58 AM
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

Written Testimony Aloha Council Members
There is already way too much pro-development representation on the Planning Commission.
Adding a clearly biased construction union lobbyist would only further undermine the public's interests.
Thank you,
Larry McElheny

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From: CLK Council Info
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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Zoning and Planning
Agenda Item Resolution 21-126 appointment of Pane Meatoga III
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

June 16, 2021

Honorable Tommy Waters, Honolulu City Council, Chair & Presiding Officer
Honorable Esther Kia'aina, Honolulu City Council, Vice Chair
Honorable Heidi Tsuneyoshi, District 2 Councilmember
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 for the City and County of Honolulu.
Aloha Chair Waters and Members of the Honolulu City Council,
My name is Kela Miller and I have known the appointee, Mr. Pane Meatoga III, all of his life.

Written
Testimony

As a former member and VP of the Ko'olauloa Neighborhood Board and the current VP of the Laie Community Association, I have had the privilege of working with Pane on numerous projects throughout Ko'olauloa, especially as it relates to our Laie community. Pane has always displayed the ability to be fair and deliberate in his approach to pressing issues. He is cool and composed under pressure and is able to present his opinion (s) without embellishing his position.

I strongly support the appointment of Pane to serve on the Planning Commission of the City and County of Honolulu, as he has proven time and again his ability to grasp the concerns of the community and execute a formidable plan in which to resolve issues.

I humbly ask members of the Honolulu City Council to support the appointment of Mr. Pane Meatoga, III.

Sincerely,
Kela Miller

From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 1:47 PM
Subject: Zoning and Planning Testimony

Written Testimony

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Testimony

1,000 housing units approved in Laie beyond new dorms for the big increase in students from elsewhere;
plus population increases wherever in Laie and Ko'olauloa, by converting family housing to multiple rental units;

Expanding the Polynesian ' Cultural Center' tourist trap greatly - just now getting approval to add an additional eight (8) Zip Lines and ATV activities to the 'Cultural' experience...even arrogantly not showing up to the Ko'olauloa Neighborhood Board meeting last Thursday as this was on the Agenda. It was already a done deal for them! How did that happen? Ask why it was approved of yourself please.

Affected neighboring Community Associations are against these gridlock traffic additions to our crumbling-into- the- ocean ONLY 2 lane thru road for 40 miles from Kahalu'u to Haleiwa. Why are they being passed?

Unfortunately Mr Meatoga will only seek to increase all this islandwide if appointed.

Ka'a'awa is adversely affected more than other towns because our tiny private road parrallel to Kamehameha Highway becomes the only detour for all DOT roadwork on the MOST eroding places in the islands Coastal Report. Consider doing this to Kailu, to a Lanikai sized road (actually smaller)! As a Board Member of the KCA and the Ka'a'awa Beach Owner's (road) Association, I assure you we all object to further population on this lifeline road. This whole side of O'ahu needs climate/infrastructure/ sustainable reality people on land use boards and commissions the most!

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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 12:13 AM
Subject: Zoning and Planning Testimony

Written Testimony

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Meeting Date	06-17-2021
Council/PH Committee	Zoning and Planning
Agenda Item	21-126
Your position on the matter	Support
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Written Testimony	See attachment. Thank you.
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Honorable Chair, Presiding Officers and City Council Members,

My name is Darroll Kahuena, I am a resident of Laie on the Windward side.

I have served with Mr. Pane Meatoga for the past 2-year as members of the **Koolauloa Neighborhood Board**. I also server as board member of the **Laie Community Association**, we both love and care for our community.

After looking over the Resolution 21-126 and the Mayors Message, I wanted to point out a small finding that most of us may have overlooked in Mr. Meatoga's resume, under 'Skill'. The last note, which simply states: **"Earned the rank of Eagle Scout"**.

He's an Eagle Scout. The highest honor in Scouting, where only 4-6 young men out of every 100 attain this award. After being a scout leader for over 25 years, I just wanted to point this out and bring this to your attention; **I know he is prepared (Scout Motto)** to serve and will put forth due-diligence, I think our city needs that at this time.

Many of us have friends & neighbors, and I know it's not easy for anyone to say, BUT I would trust the keys to my home to Mr. Pane Meatoga, III. Why? You might say – it's because he is:

1-TRUSTWORTHY

2-LOYAL

3-HELPFUL

4-FRIENDLY

5-COURTEOUS

6-KIND

7-OBEDIENT

8-CHEERFULL

9-THRIFTY

10-BRAVE

11-CLEAN

12-REVERENT

(Scout Law)

I know like each of you, through your consideration - he will proudly continue to serve his community and now our city - **efficiently**. Thank you for your time – Aloha!!

From: CLK Council Info
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Written Testimony

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

As a Laie resident, I write in strong opposition to Resolution 21-126 and the appointment of Pane Meatoga III to the Honolulu Planning Commission.

Reason being, his past and present experiences and involvement in decisions made in our community on a smaller scale. It concerns me that Pane Meatoga III, who sits on the Ko'olau Loa Neighborhood Board, would choose to not share his knowledge of a development in his own community that would adversely impact many residents as well as communities within the Windward side of the island. He had knowledge of a group in his hometown that filed an appeal to stop a zipline project in Laie but chose not relay or encourage a discussion with other board members nor invite the developers to produce a presentation for our community to have a say. Reason being is Pane "personally" supported this project that his own father openly and single handedly supported (against the knowledge of other board and association members in our community). As a citizen I am concerned that personal choices and agendas will continue to be made and continue to go against the voices of the people and big entities and corporations will continue to control how our communities are developed. We need someone who is unbiased and someone who literally cares about our environment and the people who live in it.

I strongly OPPOSE Resolution 21-126 and the appointment of Pane Meatoga III. I am concerned as to what truly qualifies him to possess such a critical position that should ALWAYS cater to what the people and community's needs are as oppose to what he "personally" thinks we need. Such a position should be awarded to someone who understands that their sole responsibility in this government capacity is to "help" "develop plans and implementation policies that affect how their community manages changes in growth and development" and NEVER to utilize personal or biased agendas to satisfy development projects that go against the people.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Zoning and Planning
Agenda Item Resolution 21-126
Your position on the matter Oppose
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The key point is the PLANNING COMMISSION is already stacked with special interests. The PLANNING COMMISSION must reflect Oahu more fairly.

For the Record:
by Andrew Walden

With federal agents preparing to unveil bribery indictments against five Honolulu Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) employees and a local architect, the employees' onetime boss, the former acting director of DPP, quietly quit his plum position as Chair of the Honolulu Planning Commission.

Written Testimony Arthur D. Challacombe's term was to expire June 30, 2022. He had been elected Planning Commission Chair at its January 6, 2021 meeting, but suddenly resigned prior to the February 17, 2021 Commission meeting. There was no public announcement. Minutes of the February 17 meeting note Challacombe's absence only as "9th commissioner [vacant]". Laborers Union lobbyist Brian Lee was then elected chair.

Federal authorities, March 30, 2021, unsealed indictments charging six suspects in a DPP bribery scheme going back as far as 2012. Challacombe had been Deputy Director of the Honolulu Department of Planning and Permitting from 2013-2016, and then Acting Director in 2016-17.

The indictments should have come as no surprise to DPP insiders since the investigation had been revealed in open Federal Court records showing DPP employees' court-appointed lawyer requests dating back to June, 2020.

A May 18, 2021, message informs the Honolulu Council that Mayor Blangiardi is appointing Mr. Pane Meatoga III to the Planning Commission. Council Resolution 21-126 seeks council

approval of the nomination. Meatoga is “Community Liaison representing of the Hawaii Operating Engineers Industry Stabilization Fund” and has testified before the Council in favor of numerous development projects. As a member of the Koolauloa Neighborhood Board and the Laie Community Association, he backed installation of the controversial Kahuku wind turbines.

Meatoga’s father, Pane Meatoga Jr, is District Representative for Operating Engineers Local 3 and a Hanabusa endorser in the recent Mayoral elections.

The appointment is on the June 17, 2021 Zoning Committee agenda and is already drawing opposition from the Kahuku community. Christopher Goody writes:

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.

Unlike city elected officials, candidates, cabinet members and department heads, financial disclosures for members of City Boards and Commissions are confidential.

If confirmed, Meatoga will be one of three Building Trades union representatives on the Planning Commission. Currently there are two vacancies. The seven current Honolulu Planning Commissioners include:

Brian Lee Chair Term Exp. 6-30-24 – Lobbyist for ‘Hawaii Laborers-Employers Cooperation and Education Trust’

Ken K. Hayashida Vice Chair Term Exp. 6-30-24 – “President and founder of KAI Hawaii (structural and forensic engineers)”

Steven S. L. Lim Commissioner Term Exp 6-30-22 – Lawyer, Carlsmith Ball: “Mr. Lim concentrates in advising clients on real property due diligence reviews, land use entitlements and administrative issues, including litigation of land use and real property disputes.... Steven Lim is a revered real estate attorney who is skilled at handling contentious and regulatory matters concerning land use and zoning. His experience includes complex redevelopment projects.”

Arthur B. Tolentino Commissioner Term Exp 6-30-23 – Hawaii Sheet Metal Workers Business Manager/Financial Secretary-Treasurer

Gifford K. F. Chang Commissioner Term Exp. 6-30-21 – Realtor, Ideal Properties, Inc.

Aki Marceau Commissioner Term Exp. 6-30-21 -- “Director - Electrification of Transportation at Hawaiian Electric”

Ryan Kamo Commissioner Term Exp. 6-30-22 – Employee of “Design Partners Incorporated” which, on its website, explains: “The strength of the firm lies in its ability to

cover the entire design process, from planning and design to construction administration.”

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Zoning and Planning
Agenda Item Res 21-126
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
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June 17, 2021

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.

Written
Testimony

Aloha Chair Elefante and Members of the Committee,
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

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Zoning and Planning
Agenda Item	Resolution 21-126
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Self
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Written Testimony	Do not support
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