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RICK BLANGIARDI  
MAYOR



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DEPUTY MANAGING DIRECTOR

November 23, 2021

The Honorable Tommy Waters  
Chair and Presiding Officer  
and Members  
Honolulu City Council  
530 South King Street, Room 202  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Waters and Councilmembers:

Pursuant to Section 13-103(b) of the Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu, I hereby appoint and reappoint, subject to confirmation by your Honorable Body, Mr. Brent Tokita as an Engineer/Architect member of the Building Board of Appeals. Mr. Tokita will replace Ms. Cheryl Palesh and serve remainder of her term to expire on December 31, 2021 and then a second term to end December 31, 2026. I would appreciate your favorable consideration of Mr. Tokita's appointment and reappointment and request adoption by the City Council in the most expedient manner possible.

I have enclosed a draft resolution and Mr. Tokita's personal information for your review. For any general inquiries you may have regarding this appointment, please contact my executive assistant, Kevan Wong, at 768-6608.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Blangiardi". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rick Blangiardi  
Mayor

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Brent Tokita  
Department of Planning and Permitting  
Building Board of Appeals  
Ethics Commission

**MAYOR'S MESSAGE 173**



## RESOLUTION

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CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT AND REAPPOINTMENT OF MR. BRENT TOKITA TO SERVE ON THE BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

WHEREAS, Section 16-1.1(13), Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990 ("ROH"), establishes the Building Board of Appeals consisting of nine members who are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council to five-year terms; and

WHEREAS, Section 16-1.1(13), ROH, provides that the Board has the duties of hearing and determining the following:

- (1) Appeals of decisions regarding the administration of the Building Code, Electrical Code, Plumbing Code, Housing Code, Fire Code, Building Energy Efficiency Standards, and building permit ordinance;
- (2) Petitions for variances from the Building Code, Electrical Code, Plumbing Code, Fire Code, and Building Energy Efficiency Standards;
- (3) Appeals of decisions regarding the administrative enforcement of the litter control ordinance; and
- (4) Appeals concerning the summary removal of unlawful signs from street rights-of-way and public malls;

and

WHEREAS, by Mayor's letter, dated November 23, 2021 the Mayor has appointed and reappointed Mr. Brent Tokita to the Building Board of Appeals; and

WHEREAS, if confirmed by the Council, Mr. Tokita will be appointed to his position as an Engineer/Architect member on the Building Board of Appeals and will serve for an initial term to expire on December 31, 2021 and a second term to expire on December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Section 16-1.1(13), ROH, establishes a general qualification requiring four members of the board to be "currently licensed as engineers or architects with the State of Hawaii board of registration of professional engineers, architects, land surveyors, and landscape architects"; and



# CITY COUNCIL

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU  
HONOLULU, HAWAII

No. \_\_\_\_\_

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 13-103, Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu 1973, as amended, which applies to the Building Board of Appeals, requires a member to be a registered voter of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Council has reviewed the qualifications and character of Mr. Tokita and finds that he meets the requirements to serve on the Building Board of Appeals and deserves confirmation for appointment; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that this body confirms the appointment and reappointment of Mr. Brent Tokita to the Building Board of Appeals for an initial term to expire on December 31, 2021 and a second term to expire on December 31, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council expresses its gratitude and appreciation to Mr. Tokita for his commitment and willingness to serve the City and County of Honolulu; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Chair of the Building Board of Appeals, the Director of the Department of Planning and Permitting, and Mr. Brent Tokita.

INTRODUCED BY:

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DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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Councilmembers

Office of the City Clerk  
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU  
STATE OF HAWAII

## Voter Certificate

*I, Glen I. Takahashi, City Clerk of the City & County of Honolulu, State of Hawaii do hereby certify that,*

**BRENT I. TOKITA**

*a resident of the City and County of Honolulu, State of Hawaii is a duly registered elector (voter) of*

*Precinct 01, Representative District 35, State of Hawaii*

*Voter ID No: 1267404*

*Registration Date: 11/28/2005*

*Date of Birth: (*

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City and County of Honolulu to be affixed on November 1, 2021.*

Signature Block

*Signature of Elector*



*Glen I. Takahashi, City Clerk  
City and County of Honolulu  
State of Hawaii*

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU  
NOMINEE/APPOINTEE FORM

1. Position Nominated to: Building Code Appeal Board
2. Name: Brent Ikuo Tokita  
(First) (Middle) (Last)
3. Are you a citizen of the United States? Yes  
Are you a resident of the City and County of Honolulu? Yes If yes, how long >20 years  
Are you a registered voter in the City and County of Honolulu? Yes
4. Occupation: Architect
5. Name and address of employer or firm:  
RMA Architects Inc.
6. Does your employer do any business with the City and County of Honolulu? Yes  
If yes, state the nature of business and approximate dollar amount in the last five years:  
Architectural Design Contracts - \$175,000.00
7. Do you or does any member of your immediate family hold office or own stock in any firm?  
Yes
8. Does the firm do business with the City and County of Honolulu? Yes  
If yes, provide details including the name(s) of the firm:  
RMA Architects Inc. - I am a principal and shareholder providing architectural services  
per item 6 above.
9. Do you have any part-time employment, professional activity, or financial interests other than those indicated in the previous question? No  
If yes, provide details:
10. Do you foresee any possible conflict between your present work, financial investments, business transactions or any other activity which would be incompatible with the proper discharge of your official duties or hinder you from effectively carrying out the duties for which you have been appointed? No
11. Are any members of your family employed by the City and County of Honolulu or any attached agency? No  
If yes, please specify the department and division:
12. Are there any incidents in your past that may jeopardize your nomination? No
13. Have you ever been convicted of a felony? No If yes, provide details:

14. Education:

Pearl City High School graduated 1988. University of Hawaii 1988-1991.  
University of Oregon 1991-1994 graduated BArch.

15. Provide a summary of major work experience for the last ten (10) years. Begin with your present job including military (attach additional sheets if necessary or resume):

Architect @ RMA Architects Inc. 2005-present.

16. Community activities, etc. (also list any service on any other board or commission Federal, State or County):

AIA Hawaii State Council, Past President current Committee Member. AIA Honolulu,  
Leadership Committee.

17. Have you ever been a member of a board or commission with the City and County of Honolulu?

No

If yes, provide name(s) of board/commission:

18. Will you be able to commit to the full term of this appointment? Yes

19. Will you be able to commit to meeting dates and times? Yes

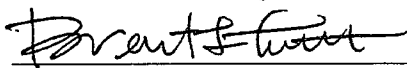
20. Are you regularly away from Honolulu? No If yes, please explain:

21. Are you willing to make a confidential financial disclosure to the city Ethics Commission upon appointment and yearly thereafter? Yes

22. What do you understand to be the prime duties of your county appointment?

Review appeals from public regarding technical building code rulings made by the  
Building Department and provide ruling on said appeals.

The above statements made by me are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and are made in good faith.



(Signature)


10/18/21

(Date)

The above statements made by me are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and  
***The completed form and any attachment(s) will be posted by the City Clerk and available on the City's DocuShare Website.***



# City & County of Honolulu

E. RESUMES OF KEY PERSONNEL PROPOSED FOR THIS SERVICE CATEGORY (Complete one Section E for each key person.)			
	12. NAME Brent Tokita, AIA, LEED AP	13. ROLE IN SERVICE CATEGORY Project Manager / Architect	14. YEARS EXPERIENCE a. TOTAL 28 years
			b. WITH CURRENT FIRM 16 years
15. FIRM NAME AND LOCATION (City and State) RMA Architects Inc. (formerly known as Richard Matsunaga & Associates Architects, Inc.); Honolulu, HI			
16. EDUCATION (DEGREE AND SPECIALIZATION) University of Oregon / Bachelor of Architecture		17. CURRENT PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION (STATE AND DISCIPLINE) Hawaii / Architect / 2005 / Professional License #AR11750 LEED Accredited Professional	
18. OTHER PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS (Publications, Organizations, Training, Awards, etc.) American Institute of Architects (AIA) AIA Hawaii State Council (former President)			
19. RELEVANT PROJECTS			
a.	(1) TITLE AND LOCATION (City and State) <b>Judiciary Facilities, Conditions Assessment including Energy and Water Audit / Statewide</b>	(2) YEAR COMPLETED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES 2019	
	CONSTRUCTION (If applicable) N/A		
b.	(3) BRIEF DESCRIPTION (Brief scope, size, cost, etc.) AND SPECIFIC ROLE <b>Scope:</b> Project involved conditions assessments of all 13 Hawaii State Judiciary facilities which are spread geographically across all 4 Hawaii Counties. The team physically assessed each facility, researched facility service information, and inputted all data in a Facility Management Software (FMS) database selected by the Judiciary. Completed database will allow Judiciary to monitor the health of their facilities and better plan for maintenance and repairs. <b>Cost:</b> N/A <b>Role:</b> Project Architect	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check if project performed with current firm	
	(1) TITLE AND LOCATION (City and State) <b>HPHA - Kalanihulia &amp; Makamae Reroof Honolulu, Hawaii</b>	(2) YEAR COMPLETED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES 2019	
c.	CONSTRUCTION (If applicable) Ongoing		
	(3) BRIEF DESCRIPTION (Brief scope, size, cost, etc.) AND SPECIFIC ROLE <b>Scope:</b> This DBB project involves the reroofing of two residential towers, installation of fall-protection systems, and replacement of an existing pavilion. Work also includes ceiling repairs due to water damage from roof failures. The two buildings are at separate locations and involve very tight site constraints as well as a requirement that both buildings remain operational during construction. <b>Cost:</b> \$2.5 million <b>Role:</b> Project Manager / Architect	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check if project performed with current firm	
d.	(1) TITLE AND LOCATION (City and State) <b>UH Manoa - Mealani Research Station Misc. Repairs and Maintenance Kamuela, Hawaii</b>	(2) YEAR COMPLETED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES 2020	
	CONSTRUCTION (If applicable) TBD		
e.	(3) BRIEF DESCRIPTION (Brief scope, size, cost, etc.) AND SPECIFIC ROLE <b>Scope:</b> This 187.8-acre station conducts research on hydroponics, grass-finishing cattle, and improving cattle genetics through breeding. This project involves selectively repairing and replacing portions of several structures to improve functionality. Structures affected include a workshop / garage, scale house (for weighing cattle), corral pens, and fencing. Repairs need to be phased so that the station can continue to operate throughout construction. <b>Cost:</b> \$1.7 Million <b>Role:</b> Project Manager / Architect	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check if project performed with current firm	
	(1) TITLE AND LOCATION (City and State) <b>Kalanimoku Building Renovation Honolulu, Hawaii</b>	(2) YEAR COMPLETED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES 2017	
f.	CONSTRUCTION (If applicable) 2018		
	(3) BRIEF DESCRIPTION (Brief scope, size, cost, etc.) AND SPECIFIC ROLE <b>Scope:</b> Project involved renovations to underutilized office spaces in rooms B10 and B20 of this State office building. The number of staff in B10 and B20 needed to be increased but the existing room layouts, along with mechanical & electrical infrastructure, would not allow this. Interior alterations and improvements were made to renovate the existing offices, storage rooms, and VCC conference room to accommodate the staff increase. <b>Cost:</b> \$836,000 <b>Role:</b> Project Architect	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check if project performed with current firm	
g.	(1) TITLE AND LOCATION (City and State) <b>Keauhou Place Block A Kakaako, Hawaii</b>	(2) YEAR COMPLETED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES 2014	
	CONSTRUCTION (If applicable) 2017		
h.	(3) BRIEF DESCRIPTION (Brief scope, size, cost, etc.) AND SPECIFIC ROLE <b>Scope:</b> Keauhou Place is a new mixed-use residential condominium that includes a 43-story residential tower, 35 low-rise luxury townhomes and a 7-tier post-tensioned concrete parking structure. Keauhou Place is a joint-use development with Kamehameha Schools and Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation. The overall development includes retail and restaurants, for-sale condos, and affordable rentals. <b>Cost:</b> \$168 million <b>Role:</b> Project Manager / Architect	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check if project performed with current firm	