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August 18, 2022

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 reappoint, subject to confirmation by your Honorable Body, Mr. Jay T. Higashi as a fire safety member of the Building Board of Appeals.

Mr. Higashi will serve a second term to expire on December 31, 2025. I would appreciate your favorable consideration of Mr. Higashi's reappointment and request adoption by the City Council in the most expedient manner possible.

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

Sincerely,

Rick Blangiardi
Mayor

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Jay Higashi
Department of Planning and Permitting
Building Board of Appeals
Ethics Commission

MAYOR'S MESSAGE 145

CITY COUNCIL

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
HONOLULU, HAWAII

No. _____

RESOLUTION

CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JAY HIGASHI 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 ("Board") 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, Section 16-1.1(13), ROH, establishes a general qualification requiring that one member shall be qualified by experience and training to pass on matters pertaining to fire safety; and

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

WHEREAS, by Mayor's letter, dated August 18, 2022, the Mayor has reappointed Mr. Jay Higashi to the Building Board of Appeals; and

WHEREAS, if confirmed by the Council, Mr. Higashi will be reappointed as a fire safety member on the Building Board of Appeals and serve for a term to expire on December 31, 2025; and

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WHEREAS, the Council has reviewed Mr. Higashi's qualifications and finds that Mr. Higashi qualifies to serve on the Board and deserves confirmation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that this body confirms the reappointment of Mr. Jay Higashi to the Building Board of Appeals for a term to expire on December 31, 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council expresses its gratitude and appreciation to Mr. Higashi for his willingness to be considered for public service and actively participate in city government; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Chair of the Building Board of Appeals, and Mr. Jay Higashi.

INTRODUCED BY:

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DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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Councilmembers