

RES22-210
Testimony

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Meeting Date: Sep 7, 2022 @ 10:00 AM

Support: 4

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 0

Name: Maya Walton	Email: mayamwalton@gmail.com	Zip: 96822
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 1, 2022 @ 07:33 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I write with to express my very strong support towards Dr. Bradley Romines appointment to the climate change commission of the city and county of Honolulu. Brad is exceptionally qualified and brings to the appointment many years of scientific expertise in sea-level rise impacts as well as deep experience in extension methods that bring community members, scientists, policy makers, and government workers to the table to think creatively to find adaptation options for Hawaii. I am confident that he will make many meaningful contributions to the work of the commission.</p>		
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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 6, 2022 @ 07:41 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Aloha Council Members:</p> <p>For more than a decade, I have had the opportunity to work with Dr. Romine on coastal related projects, community workshops, and non-profit endeavors that seek to merge science with public policy. Dr. Romine's expertise of coastal related climate hazards and disaster recovery and adaptation solutions and strategies will greatly support the Honolulu Climate Change Commission and O'ahu residents.</p> <p>Mahalo,</p> <p>Andrew Wycklendt, P.E., D.CE. Resident, North Shore O'ahu Hawaii Coastal Program Manager, APTIM President, Hawaii Shore and Beach Preservation Association</p>		
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Testimony Presented Before the
CITY & COUNTY OF HONOLULU COUNTY COUNCIL COMMITTEE

September 7, 2022

By Andrew Wycklendt, President
Hawai'i Shore and Beach Preservation Association

In consideration of
RES22-210
CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. BRADLEY ROMINE TO SERVE ON THE
CLIMATE CHANGE COMMISSION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

Committee Members:

The Hawai'i Shore and Beach Preservation Association (HSBPA) strongly supports RES22-210. For nearly a decade, HSBPA has had the opportunity to work with Dr. Romine to review and comment on coastal policy and projects, plan and host community and conference workshops, and support other non-profit endeavors that seek to merge coastal science with public policy. Dr. Romine's expertise of coastal related climate hazards and disaster recovery and adaptation solutions and strategies will greatly support the Honolulu Climate Change Commission and O'ahu residents.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Sincerely,

Andrew Wycklendt
President, Hawai'i Shore and Beach Preservation Association

The Hawaii Shore and Beach Preservation Association (HSBPA, <https://asbpa.org/hawaii/>), formed in 2014, is an organization of private sector, academic, and government professionals, students, and local community members dedicated to the preservation, restoration, and sustainable use of Hawaii's beaches and coastal environments. The HSBPA is actively working to merge science with public policy and thereby supports comprehensive, community-oriented, and proactive coastal projects that are based on credible scientific and engineering principles and are environmentally and economically sound. As such, HSBPA brings community members together to foster dialogue on beach and coastal resource conservation, management, and regulation; supports professional development of its members, and provides education to students and community members on Hawaii's beaches and coastal environments.



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September 7, 2022

Aloha, Councilmembers,

As former Chair of the Honolulu Climate Change Commission, I am writing to voice my **strong support of Resolution 22-210** which is being heard by your committee, the Honolulu City Council on September 7, 2022. Resolution 22-210 would confirm the appointment of Dr. Bradley Romine to serve on the Climate Change Commission of the City and County of Honolulu.

Dr. Romine is a climate scientist with the University of Hawai‘i Sea Grant College Program who specializes in coastal zone management, sea level rise, and coastal hazards. He fills an important expertise gap that currently exists in the commission in the area of planning for climate change impacts to coastal communities. Throughout his career Brad has worked to promote climate resilient development through partnerships with numerous government agencies, community groups, nonprofit organizations, and the commercial sector. He has established a reputation for excellence in science communication, coastal analysis, and advising government agencies in developing science-based policies.

I support Resolution 22-210 because confirming Dr. Bradley Romine to serve on the Climate Change Commission of the City and County of Honolulu will ensure that the latest scientific information is used to underpin guidance that is produced by the Commission, especially in the area of sea level rise and coastal hazards.

I sincerely appreciate the Honolulu City Council’s time and effort to confirm Dr. Romine to the Climate Change Commission. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about the substance of my testimony.

Respectfully,

C. Fletcher

Charles Fletcher