

**RES22-202  
Testimony**

**MISC. COMM. 369**

COUNCIL

## **COUNCIL Meeting**

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

Support: 8

Oppose: 3

I wish to comment: 0

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| Name:<br>Greg Maples   | Email:<br>maplesg@polynesia.com         | Zip:<br>96762                        |
| Representing:<br>Self  | Position:<br>Support                    | Submitted:<br>Sep 2, 2022 @ 02:24 PM |
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| Representing:<br>Self  | Position:<br>Support                    | Submitted:<br>Sep 2, 2022 @ 06:29 PM |
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| Representing:<br>Self  | Position:<br>Support                    | Submitted:<br>Sep 6, 2022 @ 09:07 AM |
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| Representing:<br>Hawaii State AFL-CIO  | Position:<br>Support                    | Submitted:<br>Sep 6, 2022 @ 10:30 AM |
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| Representing:<br>Pacific Resource Partnership  | Position:<br>Support                    | Submitted:<br>Sep 6, 2022 @ 10:33 AM |
| Name:<br>Brandon Ili   | Email:<br>brandon@hoeisf.com            | Zip:<br>96707                        |
| Representing:<br>Hawaii Operating Engineers Industry<br>Stabilizaton Fund            | Position:<br>Support                    | Submitted:<br>Sep 6, 2022 @ 11:15 AM |
| Name:<br>Verla Moore   | Email:<br>verlamoore@hawaii.rr.com      | Zip:<br>96762                        |
| Representing:<br>Self  | Position:<br>Support                    | Submitted:<br>Sep 6, 2022 @ 01:56 PM |
| Name:<br>Kurt Fevella  | Email:<br>senfevella@capitol.hawaii.gov | Zip:<br>96706                        |
| Representing:<br>Self  | Position:<br>Oppose                     | Submitted:<br>Sep 6, 2022 @ 05:44 PM |
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| Representing:<br>Self  | Position:<br>Oppose                     | Submitted:<br>Sep 6, 2022 @ 07:41 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I oppose reappointment of Pane Meatoga to the planning and permitting. |   |                                      |
| Name:<br>Choon James   | Email:<br>ChoonJamesHawaii@gmail.com    | Zip:<br>96762                        |

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| Representing:<br>CountryTalkStory.com  | Position:<br>Oppose | Submitted:<br>Sep 7, 2022 @ 09:19 AM |
| Testimony:<br>RES22-202  |                     |                                      |
| Measure Title:<br>CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MR. PANE MEATOGA III TO SERVE ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.   |                     |                                      |
| Date Introduced:<br>Aug 23, 2022   |                     |                                      |
| Introduced By:<br>TOMMY WATERS - By Request  |                     |                                      |
| Committee:<br>COUNCIL/PUBLIC HEARING (PH), ZONING AND PLANNING (ZP)  |                     |                                      |
| Aloha,   |                     |                                      |
| I have no personal concerns about this candidate. A person is entitled to choosing whatever profession or endeavors they wish to engage in for their livelihood and life's mission.  |                     |                                      |
| However, I continue to have severe concerns about the "nepotism" that continues to control many Boards and Commissions.  |                     |                                      |
| Boards and Commissions are meant to provide an independent, diversified and grassroots experiences and knowledge and concerns to the governmental decision-makers. These nominated and appointed candidates should not be a "clique" or "insider group" from the usual industries or political donors or supporters. |                     |                                      |
| Mr. Pane Meatoga Jr. is with the Operating Engineers, as was his father. He also serves as the Ko'olauloa Neighborhood Chair and also in the Laie Community Association. There are many controversies and unanswered questions that continue to follow them.   |                     |                                      |
| While it's laudable that Meatoga is active in community affairs, it's also very obvious that such participation points to the concerted effort to control the decision-making with ulterior motives - that of protecting the interests of his employer and trade.  |                     |                                      |
| We again ask that the Honolulu City Council insist on appointing candidates to all Boards and Commission with DIVERSIFIED ordinary residents, not just mainly from the building or development or legal industry that already have such a stronghold in Hawaii already.  |                     |                                      |
| Boards and Commissions are meant to represent the Everyman and grassroots concerns, not become an automatic extension of the same oligarchy in Hawaii. Diversity and independent thinking in any deliberations bring about better results for the public good and public interest.                                   |                     |                                      |
| Mahalo,  |                     |                                      |
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September 7, 2022

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 22-202 – CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT 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 six years that I have know Mr. Meatoga III, 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,

***Greg Maples***  
**Vice President of Culinary Services**

**Polynesian Cultural Center**

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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 20 years I have known Mr. Meatoga III, I have seen him work collaboratively with his team mates and coworkers to earn their trust and respect. He is a good team player, he is a good listener, he is a good student and he is relentless in pursuing what is right.

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

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Grace". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Mahalo".

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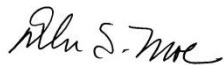
Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'aina and members of the Honolulu City Council:

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

I have known Mr. Meatoga III for about 15 years in his previous career as a Marketing specialist, in his current role on the Planning Commission for the past six years and as a member of the community. Whether professionally or personally, I have always known Pane to be someone of integrity who expects the same of others. He is trustworthy in all aspects of his life and is someone we can depend on to come through on his commitments. He is a team player who values and seeks for the input of others. He is respectful of the opinion of others and is respectful when opinions differ from his. He learns quickly, is open minded to new ideas and is not overwhelmed by challenges. He works well under pressure and maintains a positive and calm presence during hectic situations.

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

Mahalo,



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GOVERNMENT STRATEGIES

A LIMITED LIABILITY LAW PARTNERSHIP

DATE: August 24, 2022

TO: Councilmember Tommy Waters  
Chair & Presiding Officer, Honolulu City Council

FROM: Rick Tsujimura

RE: **RESOLUTION 22-202** - Confirming the reappointment 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, 2027.  
**Hearing Date:** Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
**Conference Room:** City Council Chamber

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

I am writing in support of the reappointment of Pane Meatoga III to serve on the Planning Commission of the City and County of Honolulu.

I wish to express my strongest support for Pane's reappointment to serve on the Planning Commission. I have known Pane for quite a while and have found him to be not only a fundamentally good person; but also, one who cares deeply about our community. He has been and will continue to be able to balance the competing interests so often involved in planning our city and county. It is this ability to discern and balance which is critical for any commissioner appointed to the planning commission.

I strongly urge your favorable action on this resolution reappointing Pane to the Planning Commission.





Randy Perreira  
President

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City Council  
City and County of Honolulu

Testimony by  
Hawai'i State AFL-CIO  
September 7, 2022

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF  
RESOLUTION NO. 22-202 – CONFIRMING  
THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MR. PANE  
MEATOGA III TO SERVE ON THE  
PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY  
AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

The Hawai'i State AFL-CIO is a state federation of 74 affiliate local unions and councils with over 69,000 members across both public and private sectors. We appreciate the opportunity to testify in **strong support** of the mayoral reappointment of Pane Meatoga III to the Planning Commission of the City and County of Honolulu.

Mr. Meatoga contributes his well-reasoned voice to the labor community on matters impacting the building and construction industry. He works collaboratively to advance common goals. He analyzes issues at the macro and micro levels while including current conditions to project future outcomes.

We believe that Mr. Meatoga's background, experience, and voice will appropriately represent the building and construction industry perspective, and we appreciate your favorable consideration of our testimony in strong support of his confirmation.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Perreira  
President

Testimony of  
Pacific Resource Partnership

City Council  
City & County of Honolulu  
Councilmember Tommy Waters, Chair  
Councilmember Esther Kiaʻāina, Vice Chair

Resolution 22-202—Confirming the Reappointment of Mr. Pane Meatoga III to serve on the Planning Commission of the City & County of Honolulu  
Wednesday, September 7, 2022

Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kiaʻāina, and Members of the Council:

Pacific Resource Partnership (PRP) writes in **strong support** of Resolution 22-202, confirming the reappointment of Mr. Pane Meatoga III to serve on the Planning Commission.

Mr. Meatoga III 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 continue his service on the Planning Commission.

Given the above, we respectfully ask for your favorable consideration of his appointment.





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S T A B I L I Z A T I O N

September 6, 2022

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 22-202 – CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MR. PANE MEATOGA III TO SERVE ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

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Mahalo,



BRANDON ILI  
Executive Director  
Hawaii Operating Engineers Industry Stabilization Fund

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Honorable Members of the Honolulu City Council

***RE: RESOLUTION 22-202 – RE-Appointment of Mr. Pane Meatoga, III to serve on the Planning Commission for the City and County of Honolulu.***

Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia`aina and Honorable Members of the Honolulu City Council,

My name is Verla Moore and I am in support of Resolution 22-202, the Re-appointment of Pane Meatoga, III to the Planning Commission.

I have known the appointee, Mr. Pane Meatoga III, all of his life. As the former 3-term Chair of the Ko`olauloa Neighborhood Board and current President of the Laie Community Association, I have watched Pane grow into his community leadership roles over the years. I have had the privilege of working closely with him on some of the most controversial projects within Ko`olauloa and through it all, Pane always held himself above the fray.

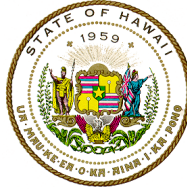
Pane has always displayed the ability to be honest and reasonable in his approach to pressing issues. He is calm and composed under pressure and is able to present his opinion (s) without overstating his position. He has the uncanny ability to remove the many hats that he wears when dealing with contentious issues – he genuinely listens to concerns/arguments from all sides, asks the appropriate, many times tough questions, and then bases his support and/or dissent on the facts presented on the subject. Most importantly, Pane always made the greater public interest of Ko`olauloa residents his priority.

I strongly support the re-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 our Honorable Members of the Honolulu City Council to support the re-appointment of Mr. Pane Meatoga, III.

Respectfully,

Verla K. Moore



## The Senate

STATE CAPITOL  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

September 6, 2022

The Honorable Tommy Waters, Chair and Presiding Officer  
and Members of the Honolulu City Council  
Honolulu Hale  
530 South King Street, Room 202  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Aloha Chair Waters and Members of the Honolulu City Council:

**Subject: Resolution 22-202 Confirming the Reappointment of Mr. Pane Meatoga III  
to Serve on the Planning Commission of the City and County of Honolulu**

I am writing to oppose the reappointment of Mr. Pane Meatoga III to serve on the City and County of Honolulu's Planning Commission. The reasons for my opposition to Mr. Meatoga's initial appointment in 2021 and this reappointment for a second term through 2027 remain the same and are based on his lack of experience and maturity when he turned my professional stance against his nomination into a personal one.

My position in opposition of Mr. Meatoga's nomination in 2021 and today is to support the constituents of Laie and Kahuku who continue to be concerned about: (1) the proximity of the Kahuku wind farm project to private homes; (2) the protection of endangered species; (3) the potential contamination to drinking water due to the project being situated on two watersheds; and (4) Mr. Meatoga's apparent association with the development entities of the wind farm development in Kahuku that raised valid concerns of a potential conflict of interest. These ties were viewed as a potential conflict that could result in special consideration given to development entities over the greater public interest of the area residents.

September 6, 2022

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Thank you for your consideration of my testimony.

Sincerely,



Senator Kurt Fevella

State of Hawai'i, District 19

Minority Leader/Minority Floor Leader

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