

**RES22-202  
Testimony**

**MISC. COMM. 406**

ZONING AND PLANNING

**ZONING AND PLANNING Meeting**

Meeting Date: Sep 22, 2022 @ 09:00 AM

Support: 2

Oppose: 4

I wish to comment: 2

Name: Christopher Delaunay	Email: cdelaunay@prp-hawaii.com	Zip: 96813
Representing: Pacific Resource Partnership	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 20, 2022 @ 10:44 AM
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Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Sep 20, 2022 @ 12:38 PM
Name: Ken Takeya	Email: takeyak001@hawaii.rr.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Sep 20, 2022 @ 02:38 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>With the constant findings of corruption in government especially concerning the construction industry and their smear tactics to place people who would be beholden to the unions and large corporations, I feel to renew Mr. Meatoga's appointment with all his current ties would be an injustice to the people of Honolulu. I am not saying Mr. Meatoga is involved in any wrongdoing especially since he appears to be very community minded, but just the appearance of his personal connections to the industry and the possibility of being able to influence any favorable decisions in his favor that are not in the best interest of the community leads to questions being asked of the validity of his decisions. I feel the appointment of impartial individuals who have no vested interest in the construction industry except for what would benefit Honolulu as a whole would be a better choice.</p>		
Name: Melvyn Yoshinaga	Email: sr5@twc.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Sep 20, 2022 @ 05:09 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I do not know, nor know of, the person being considered for appointment per Resolution 22-202, but am curious about the criteria the council uses to fill such positions. In reviewing testimony submitted to date, it appears that organizations such as PRP and other union-related individuals and/or entities are in favor of seating the candidate.</p> <p>Union input should always be welcomed, but at times such endorsements and political contributions create concern and suspicion by the general public. This is true not only in filling commissions and boards, but in political races.</p> <p>I sincerely hope that selections made to city boards and commissions are made with the public interest foremost in mind, and that they not be unduly influenced by individuals, unions or other institutions.</p> <p>Here are two specific examples of what may be considered quite disturbing: (1) A HART board member who is eminently qualified and who has skills specifically needed on that board was removed unceremoniously, most likely because he asked pertinent questions and made specific recommendations that officials did not want to hear; (2) the Police Commission chairman who was allegedly instrumental in the Chief Kealoha retirement buyout reappeared as a director of the Board of Water Supply. Both of these cases generated far more public disfavor than you may realize, assuming that either is of concern to you.</p> <p>Please ensure that your criteria for appointments is impartial, apolitical, and fair.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p>		
Name: Kathryn Heath	Email: hauulakat@gmail.com	Zip: 96717
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Sep 20, 2022 @ 07:00 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Pane ought not be appointed. He is by no means an impartial party especially concerning planning and permitting. He consistently follows the desires of growth and expansion as prescribed by his faith brothers and leaders. Many of whom represent interests</p>		

counter to sustainable practices. His voice does not encompass or truly represent the voiced desires of the region. Please think hard before you chose this man.

Name: Andrea Anixt	Email: andreapeatmoss6@gmail.com	Zip: 96730
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Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Sep 21, 2022 @ 05:56 AM
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Testimony:  
Aloha Honorable Council Members  
The Members of the Planning Commission representing the developers position of urban sprawl in Ko'olauloa and on the North Shore obviously do not represent keeping the country country! However, the residents of O'ahu do largely support saving the irreplaceable "old Hawaii" open space, agricultural coastal lands And less traffic on the sole highway's two lane infrastructure from Kahalu'u/Kaneohe all the way to Haleiwa in my experience.  
The Commission needs more members who don't support the developers or the building trades now. Environmentalist or climate change resiliency experts need much more representation instead.

Mahalo.  
Andrea Anixt

Name: Lori Lum	Email: anakama@wik.com	Zip: 96813
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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 21, 2022 @ 08:14 AM
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Name: Krista Vessell	Email: hengest1066@yahoo.com	Zip: 96814
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Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Sep 22, 2022 @ 08:03 AM
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Testimony:  
Conflict of interest has become such a prevalent issue in our communities that we can no longer pretend this is something we can ignore when selecting people to positions of influence. Regardless of personal feelings about a candidate, the presence of conflict of interest must be taken into consideration in order to preserve the integrity of the process. Please do not continue to appoint people who have access to and are able to benefit from important decision-making that ultimately affects the lives of everyone who is not part of the "in crowd." This is why I oppose the reappointment of Mr. Meatoga, and support the appointment of an individual who has no conflict of interest and can provide a more objective approach to board duties. Mahalo.

Testimony of  
Pacific Resource Partnership

City Council  
City & County of Honolulu  
Committee On Zoning and Planning  
Councilmember Brandon J.C. Elefante, 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  
Thursday, September 22, 2022

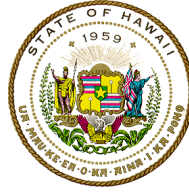
Aloha Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Kiaʻāina, and Members of the Committee:

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.





## The Senate

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September 20, 2022

The Honorable Brandon J.C. Elefante  
and Members of the Zoning and Planning Committee  
Honolulu City Council  
530 South King Street, Room 202  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Aloha Chair Elefante and Committee Members:

Subject: Zoning and Planning Committee Meeting-September 22, 2022  
Resolution 22-202 Reappointment of Mr. Pane Meatoga III

I am writing to oppose Resolution 22-202 Relating to 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 20, 2022

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Thank you for your consideration of my testimony.

Sincerely,

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

Senator Kurt Fevella

State of Hawai'i, District 19

Minority Leader/Minority Floor Leader

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September 21, 2022

The Honorable Brandon Elefante, Chair  
Committee on Zoning and Planning  
Honolulu City Council  
530 S. King Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

**RE: Resolution 22-202– Reappointment of Mr. Pane Meatoga III to serve on the Planning Commission of the City and County of Honolulu – In Support**


Aloha Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Kia’aina and Members of the Committee:

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

I have known Pane for many years and have had the pleasure of working with him in his capacity as Community Liaison for the Hawaii Operating Engineers Industry Stabilization Fund. He is fair, collaborative and an excellent communicator. He is willing to meet with others of differing opinions and finds areas of common ground.

I’m confident he will continue to serve the Planning Commission well and ask for your favorable consideration of his reappointment. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments in support.

Sincerely,



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