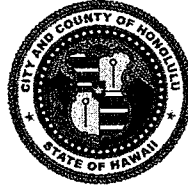


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September 27, 2022

The Honorable Brandon Elefante, Chair  
and Members  
Committee on Zoning and Planning  
530 South King Street, Room 202  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Elefante and Councilmembers:

**SUBJECT: Response to Questions from the Committee on Zoning and Planning  
Special Meeting on September 26, 2022**

This letter is in response to questions raised by Councilmembers during the Committee on Zoning and Planning Special meeting on September 26, 2022. The Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) would like to provide the following responses:

1. Agenda Item 2, Resolution 22-205 – REAPPOINTMENT OF JAY HIGASHI. Confirming the reappointment of Jay Higashi to serve on the Building Board of Appeals of the City and County of Honolulu for a term to expire on December 31, 2025. (Transmitted by Communication MM-145 [2022]; Public hearing held on 9/7/22.)

Chair Brandon Elefante and Vice Chair Esther Kia'aina inquired why Mr. Higashi was not present for the hearing. Mr. Higashi was unavailable because he was called to a construction job site visit. His attendance as a Building Board of Appeals member during his first term has been consistent. The DPP is in support of the reappointment of Mr. Higashi.

2. Agenda Item 3, Bill 10 (2022), CD1 – LUO AMENDMENT RELATING TO USE REGULATIONS. Addressing the regulation of uses throughout Chapter 21, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990 ("Land Use Ordinance" or "LUO"). (Bill passed Second Reading and Public hearing held on 9/7/22.) (Current deadline for Council action: 10/29/22.)

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Chair Brandon Elefante inquired whether the DPP provides structural analysis for communication towers. Aside from compliance with the LUO, communication towers require a building permit. The building permit application, plans, and any structural analysis provided by the applicant is routed to the appropriate plans examiners, including mechanical, building, and/or electrical who will review the structural analysis for compliance with pertinent codes.

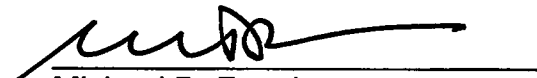
Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please contact me at (808) 768-8000.

Sincerely,



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