

RES22-202
Testimony

MISC. COMM. 421

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Meeting Date: Oct 5, 2022 @ 10:00 AM

Support: 6

Oppose: 8

I wish to comment: 1

Name: Joe Wilson	Email: qwavesjoe@yahoo.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Koʻeʻolau Waialua Alliance	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Sep 29, 2022 @ 10:06 PM
Name: Ken Takeya	Email: takeyak001@hawaii.rr.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Sep 30, 2022 @ 09:43 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I strongly oppose Mr. Meatoga's confirmation. Although it appears he may have the expertise, his political ties leaves much to be desired. His confirmation will only confirm the existence of the "old boys" network that puts their personal agenda before what is the true needs and wants of the community. It is time to change this mindset and have someone who will truly listen to the community and act accordingly. Since the decisions made by Mr. Meatoga affects the lives of the community I feel the community needs to be represented by someone who will do the community justice.</p>		
Name: Choon James	Email: ChoonJamesHawaii@gmail.com	Zip: 96762
Representing: CountryTalkStory.com	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Oct 3, 2022 @ 10:47 AM
Name: BIANCA ISAKI	Email: bianca@kahea.org	Zip: 96817
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Oct 3, 2022 @ 01:17 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Please do not confirm Pane Meatoga, a lobbyist with the Operating Engineers to the Honolulu Planning Commission. Boards and Commissions are meant to provide a grassroots independent and diversified input to government. They are not meant to be an extension of the government with their lobbyists, unions, supporters.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my testimony.</p> <p>Yours, Bianca</p>		
Name: Koolau Kupuna	Email: Ohanacj2020@gmail.com	Zip: 96762
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Oct 4, 2022 @ 08:33 AM
Name: Lon Paresa	Email: paresa002@hawaii.rr.com	Zip: 96821
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 4, 2022 @ 09:00 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I strongly support Mr. Pane Meatoga III. Mahalo.</p>		
Name: Betty Char	Email: beeps@hawaii.rr.com	Zip: 96813
Representing: Citizen's Caucus	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Oct 4, 2022 @ 10:48 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Citizen's Caucus opposes this nomination because it is inappropriate for a Union lobbyist to sit on this Board. He will only represent the interest of the union (his boss and who pays his salary) and not the people of Oahu. Also, Mr. Pane has shown a dark side to him in trying to intimidate the general public.</p>		

Name: Senator Kurt Fevella	Email: senfevella@capitol.hawaii.gov	Zip: 96706
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Oct 4, 2022 @ 11:00 AM
Name: Joy Kimura	Email: kimurajoy@yahoo.com	Zip: 96825
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 4, 2022 @ 12:42 PM
Name: Dylan Armstrong	Email: dylan.p.armstrong@gmail.com	Zip: 96822
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 4, 2022 @ 01:16 PM

Testimony:

Aloha mai kkou, dear Chair Waters and Honorable Members of the Honolulu City Council:

With humble regards to Resolution 22-202, confirming the appointment of Mr. Pane Meatoga III, to the Honolulu Planning Commission, or HPC, I write in support of this measure.

I am proud to have considered Mr. Meatoga a friend, and a man whom I admire personally for his camaraderie, knowledge, and his kindness, and also for his civic engagement. In addition to his technical knowledge as to planning and construction as it relates to skilled trades, he has disproportionately scarce and specific knowledge as to many of the communities these rules affect, such as the North Shore.

I have a great appreciation for the complexities of current debate, as I consider it a responsibility to seek understanding whenever taking a position, or electing to observe, disagreement and debate. As I understand it, current debate has to do with the structure of land use and zoning on Oahu, and the nature of appointments to the HPC, as the most powerful decision-making group, de jure, pertaining to municipal zoning and land use.

I will briefly elaborate on some of this controversy and discussion:

In prior testimony to the Council, the former Director of Planning and Permitting, Mr. Dean Uchida, referred to the difficulty of obtaining volunteers for Boards and Commissions, both generally, and specifically regarding the HPC. While I did not totally agree with his testimony, that point is true in that it touches on the matter of interest. There is a lopsided incentive for those governmental volunteers who have skin in the game, as Nicholas Nassim Taleb calls it, or those who are dispassionate, a rare enough thing on an island. And to have a professional or industry incentive is a noteworthy discussion point. However, I did not see much criticism directed at prior appointment nominees, some of whom have the same background and connections in construction and labor unions. Too often, we personalize in Honolulu, instead of systematize. As long as the power of regulating land is in the hands of a select few, appointed by the Mayor, and Council, what have you, we are talking--at the risk of acrimoniously talk--about precious little.

I have long and often proposed a radically systemic solution, one which my friends in the establishment do not often agree with: and that is to give the 33 neighborhoods of Oahu power to regulate zoning at least partly through their Neighborhood Boards (NBs). The reason why that is a difficult but workable solution in my mind is that it directs our NBs back to the source of their existence, the New England Town Meeting system that democratized early American communities and largely persist to this day. It makes NBs tangibly important and raises the incentive for votership to be responsible for their own boards and to observe and communicate with their governments by way of the boards.

And if there is anything at the heart of the NB system of Honolulu, it is the principle of informed communication.

I think Mr. Meatoga agrees with me generally that we ought to seek "win-win" solutions.

We will always have a discrepancy between those who potentially will be vested in the outcome of future decisions made by boards and commissions pertaining to everything from police to zoning and liquor and parks.

We must begin to level the playing field, and as our population has grown large and our means of connection more remote in

more ways than one, we need to rebalance the system by democratizing and socializing it in ways such as the example I provided.

I do not believe that I will always necessarily agree with a nominee like Mr. Meatoga's decisions. But I respect his qualifications. And from my knowledge of him believe him to be honest, fair, and forthright. For these reasons, I hope that he will be considered as an individual, as we all ought to be.

I also hope that on the other side of this debate, there is a constructive, and 'win-win' discussion about commonsense reforms that work towards community control over our own neighborhoods, and a revitalized, fully-staffed department of DPP that engages in the practice of planning with the support and resources of the whole of community.

Sincerely yours,
Dylan P. Armstrong

Name: Brandon Ili	Email: admin@hoeisf.com	Zip: 96707
Representing: Hawaii Operating Engineers Industry Stabilization Fund	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 4, 2022 @ 02:00 PM
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Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Oct 4, 2022 @ 02:06 PM
Testimony: Support.		
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Representing: Operating Engineers Local 3	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 4, 2022 @ 02:15 PM
Name: Lilly Ho	Email: lho@hawaiipublicpolicy.com	Zip: 96813
Representing: Hawaii Operating Engineers Industry Stabilization Fund PAC	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 4, 2022 @ 04:22 PM
Name: Uncle Marv	Email: UncleMarvin@gmail.com	Zip: 96717
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Oct 4, 2022 @ 09:04 PM



October 5, 2022

Aloha Chair Waters and Members of the Honolulu City Council:

As a grassroots network of residents and community groups across Oahu's north and windward shores that believes that our health and well-being are woven together in the same cloth, that problems affecting one community in the region threaten us all, **we stand in STRONG OPPOSITION to Resolution 22-202 and the reappointment of Pane Meatoga III to the Honolulu Planning Commission.**

As seen in testimonies submitted during his 2021 appointment, **Mr. Meatoga is known** in the Ko'olauloa region as one who **PROMOTES** the tourist-focused commercial interests of large private Laie developers **TO THE DETRIMENT OF** the majority of local residents, culture, agricultural land, and the environment.

Mr. Meatoga has not only supported private corporate rather than public interests in several recent development controversies – from Hawaii Reserves Inc.'s schemes to expand the Community Growth Boundary in the KSCP to the massive industrial wind turbine facilities imposed on Kahuku to the troublesome new CLIMB Works Laie Zipline project – **his work has contributed to tension and conflict in our communities**, as well as helped to **perpetuate the harmful charade** that the “Laie Community Association” is an authentic public body rather than a privately-controlled organization that supports profit-driven projects.

We believe it is extremely important to establish a Planning Commission that reflects the broader needs and diversities of our communities and the environment, one capable of generating more constructive and sustainable solutions to the vexing problems now confronting residents across Oahu.

Mr. Meatoga represents a dangerous step in the wrong direction.

Please oppose this reappointment and support efforts to establish commissions and decision-making bodies that are representative of and truly serve the public interest.

Ko'olau Waialua Alliance

Kaena – Waialua – Haleiwa – Pupukea – Waialeale
Kahuku – Laie – Hauula – Punaluu – Kahana – Ka'a'awa Kualoa – Waihole – Hahalu'u – Heeia

STRONGLY OPPOSE

Resolution 22-202

Honolulu City Council Hearing October 5, 2022

Aloha Chair Waters, Zoning & Planning Chair Elafante and City Council members:

Why are we **Re-Appointing** a building industry Lobbyist to the Planning Commission again today?

The upcoming proposed Charter Amendment would require the Planning Commission to have at least one member with substantial experience or expertise in one of the following categories of disciplines, that each of the categories must be represented by a different member, and all of the categories must be represented on the commission:

- a) Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices, native Hawaiian law, or traditional Hawaiian land usage;*
- b) Land use planning, policies, and principles;*
- c) Land development and construction; and*
- d) Climate change and sea level rise causes, effects, and solutions; or environmental protection and preservation.*

Former DPP Director Dean Uchida *claimed*

“ Finding people willing to serve on the various Boards and Commissions has always been a challenge even with no qualification required.”

We strong disagree with Uchida’s representations. There are a lot of capable and independent citizens who are willing to serve on this very important and coveted Planning Commission. It’s just that the appointments have always been unfairly stacked with special

interests groups that do not wholly represent mainstream Oahu's General Population.

Board and Commissions are meant to provide another level of independent grassroots experiences and understanding to the political decision-makers. However, many of these Boards have become an extension of the politicians and made up of the lobbyists, political donors, trade industries and legal Oligarchy.

We're not placing a judgment on the nominated members. But we're placing the judgment on the Mayors and the City Council members who are the decision-makers.

Is there consistent fairness or a diversified representation of Oahu's population in these nomination and appointment process? The City Council should not be simply a rubber-stamp of the Office of the Mayor.

This is the same Planning Commission that recently reviewed and approved and submitted DPP's [Bill 10](#) to significantly amend Oahu's Land Use Ordinances. Bill 10, at the City Council, has become very controversial and worrisome. Many Oahu residents are now expressing grave policies concerns and of not being represented and disenfranchised by the lack of empathy and knowledge in so many aspects relating to this Bill.

Re-appointing Mr. Pane Meatoga today will simply support the Status Quo and stack the Planning Commission, again. Included below is the list and background of current Planning Commission members and their brief affiliations.

Will this appointment contribute to the expectations and ideals for the Planning Commission? Is there diversification and a fair representation across Oahu's population? Does this appointment justifiably promote trust and confidence in the integrity of government?

Mahalo, Choon James

Here are the Planning Commission members as of this writing:

Members

The Commission consists of 9 voting members who are appointed by the mayor for 5-year staggered terms.



Brian Lee

Chair, 6/30/2024



Ryan Kamo

Vice Chair, 6/30/2025

[Brian Lee](#) was appointed by Mayor Kirk Caldwell. Affiliations: Hawaii Laborers & Employers Cooperation and Education Trust Fund. Hawaii LECET -Executive Director Intl. Brotherhood of Electrical Workers -Director of Research & Communications Hawaii Construction Industry Association -Executive Director

[Ryan Kamo](#) was appointed by Mayor Kirk Caldwell. Affiliations: Design Partners Incorporated.



Hilarie Alomar

6/30/2026



Melissa May

6/30/2026

[Hilarie Alomar](#) was appointed by Mayor Rick Blangiardi. Affiliations: Kamehameha Schools – Commercial Real Estate Division, TOWNSCAPE INC.

[Melissa May](#) was appointed by Mayor Rick Blangiardi. Affiliations: SSFM International, SSFM International (2013-present) – Senior Planner, Associate Hawaii Fashion Incubator (2006-2017) – Co-founder Group 70 International (2012-2013) – Planner Lumen Solar LLC (2010-2013)



Ken Hayashida

6/30/2024



Nathaniel Kinney

6/30/2025

[Ken Hayashida](#) was [re-appointed](#) by Mayor Kirk Caldwell in 2019.
Affiliations: KAI Hawaii. Inc.-Structural Engineers.

[Nathaniel Kinney](#) was appointed by Mayor Rick Blangiardi.
Affiliations: Executive Director, Hawaii Construction Alliance



Pane Meatoga III

6/30/2022



Kai Nani Kraut

6/30/2023

Served on the Honolulu Fire Commission.

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[Pane Meatoga III](#) was appointed by Mayor Rick Blangiardi. Affiliations: Hawaii Operating Engineers Industry Stabilization Fund Community Liaison. Polynesian Cultural Center Marketing Manager. He's being re-appointed in [2022](#). **Why is this lobbyist being RE-APPOINTED considering the upcoming City Charter amendment?**

[Kai Nani Kraut](#) was appointed by Mayor Rick Blangiardi. Affiliations: QRSE, LLC -Environmental consulting with DTS. Design of projects that require permitting through DPP. HDR, Inc, Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transit Project (H RTP), Sun Edison WindFarm, Honolulu County Deputy Director of Transportation

Responsibilities and scope of Planning Commission

The [Honolulu Planning Commission](#) website says this:

- *Advises the Mayor, County Council, and Planning Director in matters concerning planning programs.*
- *Reviews amendments to the General Plan, Development Plans, Zoning Ordinances, and State Land Use district boundaries of 15 acres or less, and after public hearings, transmits findings and recommendations to the County Council for consideration and action.*
- *Acts as the authority for the City on State Special Use Permits.*

The current [Honolulu City Charter](#) description of the Planning Commission says this on page 65:

Section 6-1506. Powers, Duties and Functions — The planning commission shall:

- (a) Advise the mayor, council and the director of planning and permitting on matters concerning the planning programs.
- (b) Hold public hearings and make recommendations on all proposals to adopt or amend the general plan, development plans, and zoning ordinances. The commission shall complete its review and transmit its recommendations through the mayor to the council for consideration and action in a timely manner.
- (c) Perform such other related duties as may be necessary to fulfill its responsibilities under this charter or as may be assigned by the mayor or the council.
- (1998 General Election Charter Amendment Question No. 1(III))

References:

ARTICLE XI – STANDARDS OF CONDUCT.

[Section 11-101.](#) Declaration of Policy — (Page 101)

Elected and appointed officers and employees shall demonstrate by their example the highest standards of ethical conduct, to the end that the public may justifiably have trust and confidence in the integrity of government. They, as agents of public purpose, shall hold their offices or positions for the benefit of the public, shall recognize that the public interest is their primary concern, and shall faithfully discharge the duties of their offices regardless of personal considerations.

[Section 11-104.](#) **Fair and Equal Treatment** — (page 103)

Elected or appointed officers or employees shall not use their official positions to secure or grant special consideration, treatment, advantage, privilege or exemption to themselves or any person beyond that which is available to every other person. (Reso. 83-357)

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Pane Meatoga III
Resolution 21-126
2021

For your background information
Where Mr. Meatoga is getting support from says
it all. This is not a fair board that represents the peoples of Oahu.

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Jurisdiction: Northern California, Northern Nevada, Utah, Hawaii, and the Mid-Pacific Islands

June 2, 2021

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 21-126 – Relating to the appointment 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 four years that I have know Mr. Meatoga, 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,

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District Representative, District 17
Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3
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Testimony of
Pacific Resource Partnership

City Council
City & County of Honolulu
Councilmember Tommy Waters, Chair
Councilmember Esther Kia'aina, Vice Chair

Resolution 21-126—Appointment of Mr. Pane Meatoga III to serve on the Planning Commission

Wednesday, June 2, 2021
10:00 A.M.
City Council Chamber

Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'aina, and Members of the Council.

Pacific Resource Partnership (PRP) writes its strong support of Resolution 21-126, confirming the appointment of Mr. Pane Meatoga III to serve on the Planning Commission of the City and County of Honolulu.

Mr. Meatoga 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 serve on the Planning Commission.

Therefore, PRP is pleased to offer our strong support for Mr. Meatoga's appointment to serve on the Planning Commission.

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June 2, 2021

Councilmember Brandon Elefante, Chair
Councilmember Esther Kia'aina Vice Chair
Members of the Zoning and Planning Committee
City & County of Honolulu
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813-3077

RE: Resolution 21-126 – Relating to the Appointment of Mr. Pane Meatoga III to Serve on the Planning Commission of the City and County of Honolulu

Hearing Date: June 2, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Aloha Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Kia'aina and Members of the Zoning and Planning Committee,

Mahalo for the opportunity to express my support for Resolution 21-126, appointing Mr. Pane Meatoga to serve on the Planning Commission of the City and County of Honolulu. As a Native Hawaiian and leader in the construction industry, Pane is deeply committed to ensuring adequate long term planning goals are met, and Honolulu achieves a sustainable future. His greatest asset is his ability to be collaborative, and to find common ground with all parties in a respectful manner, including those with whom he may disagree with.

Having spent several years in public service, both professionally and as an active community member and volunteer, Pane is well qualified substantively to serve on the Planning Commission.

Pane will be an asset to the Planning Commission and in achieving the board's mission. For these reasons, I strongly urge you to support Resolution 21-126 and confirm Pane's appointment.

Mahalo,

Kimberley Yoshimoto, Partner
Imanaka Asato, LLLC

From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Tuesday, June 1, 2021 11:17 AM
Subject: Zoning and Planning Testimony

Written Testimony

Name Michael Iosua
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Meeting Date 06-02-2021
Council/PH Committee Zoning and Planning
Agenda Item Resolution 21-126
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization
Organization Imanaka Asato
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May 31, 2021

The Honorable Tommy Waters, Chair
The Honorable Esther Kia'āina, Vice-Chair
Members of the Honolulu City Council
City Council, City and County of Honolulu
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813-3077

RE: **Resolution 21-126 – Nomination of Pane Meatoga III to serve on the Planning Commission of the City and County of Honolulu**
Hearing Date: June 2, 2021 at 10:00am

Aloha Chair Waters, Vice-Chair Kia'āina and Members of the Honolulu City Council,

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony on behalf of D.R. Horton offering our support for the nomination of Pane Meatoga III to serve on the Planning Commission of the City and County of Honolulu.

D.R. Horton is one of Hawaii's largest home builders and has been providing affordable housing, "first time buyer" and "first time step up" homes for Hawaii's families throughout Oahu for over forty years. Hoopili, our large master planned community in East Kapolei, is currently home to over 1,200 of Hawaii's families. Hoopili was rezoned through the Planning Commission so we are well aware of the responsibilities, trust and integrity it's members must possess. Pane Meatoga III embodies these values.

I have known Pane for many years, working closely with him the last 3 years exploring solutions that will provide much needed housing for Hawaii's families. Pane is fair, highly collaborative and always willing to learn the views of those on both sides of the table. Most importantly, Pane is a listener. His unassuming demeanor, mindful contemplation and thoughtful discussion allows Pane to open himself to differing opinions and identify areas of common ground, all with the goal of collectively moving forward together. Pane would be an outstanding Planning Commissioner, he will serve our community well.

Mahalo for your time and favorable consideration of Pane Meatoga III to serve on the Planning Commission of the City and County of Honolulu. It is very much appreciated. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at #782-4109 or ttonaki@drhorton.com.

Sincerely,

Tracy Tonaki
Senior Vice President
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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 06-02-2021
Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item 21-126
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Dear Chair Waters and Members,
I wish to submit testimony in support of the appointment of Pane Meatoga III to the Honolulu Planning Commission.

I have worked closely with Pane for several years and I have found him to be deeply committed to his community, positive, collaborative, and willing to see both sides of contentious issues.

Written
Testimony

Pane's amiable personality and his willingness to lend a helping hand make him an excellent fit for the Commission.

I have had the chance to observe Pane balance the needs of both craftsman and management, while consistently searching for outcomes that benefit both sides of the bargaining table.

Mahalo for your time.

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June 2, 2021

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 21-126 – Relating to the appointment of Mr. Pane Meatoga III to serve on the planning commission of the city and county of Honolulu.

Aloha Chair Waters and members of the Honolulu City Council,

My name is Alfred Grace. I have known the appointee Mr. Pane Meatoga III for approximately 20 years.

I strongly support the appointment of Mr. Pane Meatoga II to serve on the Planning Commission of the City and County of Honolulu.

During Mr. Meatoga's employment at the Polynesian Cultural Center, I had the opportunity to work directly or indirectly with him on numerous initiatives that required a lot of strategic thinking, a high level of teamwork (often-times between individuals with disparate views and/or significant cultural differences) and a tremendous work ethic. Under these circumstances I cannot recall any occasion that Mr. Meatoga did not meet or exceed my expectations.

Further more, in all my years of knowing Mr. Meatoga, I cannot recall a single person who has made disparaging remarks or expressed concerns regarding his character or integrity.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you need additional information regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

President & CEO

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May 26, 2021

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 21-126 – Relating to the appointment of Mr. Pane Meatoga III to serve on the planning commission of the city and county of Honolulu.

Aloha Chair Waters and members of the Honolulu City Council,

The Laie Community Association Board of Directors has known and worked with the appointee Mr. Pane Meatoga III for at least 20 years.

We support the appointment of Mr. Pane Meatoga III to serve on the Planning Commission of the City and County of Honolulu.

Mr. Meatoga has a wealth of experience of community involvement, and he can related to many sides of many issues. He is fair, deliberate, and measured in his approach to issues. He doesn't get ruffled, and he can state his opinion without hyperbole. He can bring much to the Commission.

Sincerely,

The Laie Community Association Board of Directors

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Schlag", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Kevin Schlag, President

Kevin Schlag
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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2021 1:41 PM
Subject: Zoning and Planning Testimony

Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 06-02-2021
Council/PH Committee Zoning and Planning
Agenda Item RESOLUTION 21-126
Your position on the matter Support
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I respectfully support Pane Meatoga, III.

Written
Testimony

As fellow Koolauloa Neighborhood Board members; I have learned a lot from him as we continue to serve our communities together. I know he will be a trustworthy asset to our City & County Of Honolulu. Mahalo for your consideration.

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The Honorable Tommy Waters, Chair
The Honorable Esther Kia'aina, Vice Chair
Honolulu City Council

Wednesday, June 2, 2021
10:00 a.m.; City Council Chamber

RE: Resolution 21-126 Relating to the appointment 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 Council:

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

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.

Pane cares deeply for his community. He serves on the Koolauloa Neighborhood Board and is a member of the Laie Community Association.

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

Sincerely,



Lori Lum
Director, Government Relations and Public Affairs

June 1, 2021

Honorable Tommy Waters, Honolulu City Council Chair
Honorable Esther Kia'aina, Honolulu City Council Vice Chair
Honorable Members of the Honolulu City Council

RE: Resolution 21-126: Relating to the Appointment 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:

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in **Strong Support of Resolution 21-126**, Relating to the Appointment of Mr. Pane Meatoga III to serve on the Planning Commission of the City and County of Honolulu.

I have known Pane III for many years and have had the privilege of working with him in his capacity as the Community Liaison for the Hawaii Operating Engineers Industry Stabilization Fund. I have always been impressed with his ability to appraise a situation and offer recommendations and solutions, a skill that will be of considerable benefit to the Planning Commission. Having worked alongside Pane III on a multitude of issues, I can attest to his integrity, good moral character and strong work ethic. He puts in the time to thoroughly research all sides of an issue and is able to maintain grace and communicate well, even under the most stressful of situations. His knowledge of the intricacies involved regarding development and construction will be an asset to the Planning Commission as he can provide a viewpoint that is often overlooked.

Despite his busy work schedule and family responsibilities, Pane III is committed to public service and currently serves on the Koolauloa Neighborhood Board. He is also a member of the Laie Community Association. Pane III is very congenial and it is always a pleasure to work with him. His experience working with various government agencies and departments is invaluable and his commitment to serving the community is commendable. I strongly believe Pane Meatoga III will be an excellent addition to the Honolulu Planning Commission and humbly ask for your support and consideration. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



Joy Kimura

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GOVERNMENT STRATEGIES
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DATE: June 16, 2021

TO: Councilmember Brandon J.C. Elefante
Chair, Committee on Zoning and Planning

FROM: Rick Tsujimura

RE: **RESOLUTION 21-126** - Confirming the appointment 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, 2022.
Hearing Date: Thursday, June 17, 2021
Conference Room: City Council Chamber

Dear Chair Elefante, Vice-Chair Kia'aina, and members of the Committee on Zoning and Planning:

I am writing in support of the nomination of Pane Meatoga III to serve on the Honolulu Planning Commission. Joining me in strong support of Pane's nomination is Gary Slovin and Luis Salaveria.

I have known Pane for some time and have come not only to respect his acumen but his humility and dedication to the people of Honolulu and the State of Hawaii. His life has been one of service and I know that Pane will serve the people of this city well. He is the type of person we need in public service.

I urge you to affirm his nomination and allow Pane to serve the people of this city. Thank you for the opportunity to submit this written testimony.

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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Tuesday, June 1, 2021 1:11 PM
Subject: Council Testimony

Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 06-02-2021
Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item 20-126
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization
Organization Laborers' Union; Local 368
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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Tuesday, June 1, 2021 9:24 AM
Subject: Zoning and Planning Testimony

Written Testimony

Name Robert GK Domingo
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Meeting Date 06-02-2021
Council/PH Committee Zoning and Planning
Agenda Item Resolution 21-126 Appointment of Pane Meatoga
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization
Organization Ka'a'awa Community Association
Aloha Honorable Councilmembers,

My name is Robert Kealoha Domingo and I am the current president of the Ka'a'awa Community Association. I am submitting testimony on behalf of the Association and the community of Ka'a'awa which we represent.
We strongly oppose the appointment of Mr. Pane Meatoga III to sit on the Planning Commission of the City and County of Honolulu. Mr. Meatoga has stood in a stance of special interest in favor of developments which have been adamantly opposed by the general community of Ko'olauloa and we do not feel he can be a non subjective member of this committee.
We urge you to consider a candidate who will stand for the true voice of ALL community members, and who will not be tempted and subjected to a select handful of voices which he is known to be connected to. There are certainly many better candidates out there and we hope that you as our elected representatives will take the time and do the research to find an appropriate representative to fill this seat.

Written
Testimony

Me ka ha'a ha'a,
Robert Kealoha Domingo
Ka'a'awa Community Association President

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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Tuesday, June 1, 2021 12:40 PM
Subject: Council Testimony

Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item Resolution 21-126
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Over the past 15 years, many of the problems and community conflicts in the Ko'olaupua region have been caused by the major powers in Laie (HRI, BYUH, PCC) seeking to expand their commercial and tourist-oriented activities beyond the well-established parameters for development in the region.

Written Testimony Mr. Meatoga represents such interests and I am STRONGLY OPPOSED to the City Council's effort to elevate him to a position on the Planning Commission.

Such an action will only serve to fuel these simmering community tensions at a time when more constructive and harmonizing solutions are needed to the serious challenges facing O'ahu.

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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 11:00 AM
Subject: Zoning and Planning Testimony

Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Zoning and Planning
Agenda Item Resolution 21-126 Nominating Pane Meatoga to PLANNING COMMISSION for OAHU
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Pane Meatoga III is a lobbyist for the Operating Engineers Union Local 3, member of the Laie Community Association (LCA) and board member of Ko'olauloa Neighborhood Board. He has testified for the Rail, Envision Laie, Kahuku Turbines and so on.

His father, Pane Meatoga II, was the LCA President for 20 years. Father recently resigned after the community found out that LCA had negotiated a \$20,000 community benefit for Laie to help with "Laie Day Celebrations". The controversy again highlighted the ongoing conflicts of interest as to whether LCA was representing the residents of Laie or unions and other special interests.

Written
Testimony

The Kahuku industrial turbines are NOT located in Laie. Community Benefits are "blood money". It's unethical for LCA to throw its Kahuku neighbors under the bus for money. It's the people in Kahuku who are bearing the impacts of these industrial turbines.

<http://www.hawaiifreepress.com/Articles-Main/ID/28942/FBI-Raids-Lead-to-Shakeup-at-Planning-Commission> PLANNING COMMISSION is already stacked

<https://hnl.doc.ehawaii.gov/hnl/doc/measure/browse/1867> RESOLUTION 21-126

<https://hnl.doc.ehawaii.gov/hnl/doc/document-download?id=10969> Look at Pane Meatoga's supporters

If we don't speak up, others will do it for us.

ADDED: Another example of what a fight it is to KEEP the COUNTRY COUNTRY against the Laie/Special Interest group in Ko'olauloa is the approval of

8 NEW ZIP LINES PLUS ATV rides
on the AG LAND behind Polynesian "Cultural Cemter."
The affected neighboring Community Associations were against this continued
DISNEYLANDISH URBAN SPRAWL on our shared crumbling 2 lane ONLY THRU
ROAD!
The arrogant developers did not show up even for the Ko'olauloa Neighborhood Board
meeting last week although on the Agenda.
It was their done deal already.
Mr Meatoga was put up for the City Planning Commission by KAILUA'S Tommy Waters.
WHY?
Most of Ko'olauloa residents know our district's City Council member would not be likely to
saddle ALL OF O'AHU with these special interest entities plans for cementing over all our
remaining AG land and gridlock even in the designated RURAL areas!

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Subject: Zoning and Planning Testimony

Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Zoning and Planning
Agenda Item Reso 21-126
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

The public trust interest is NOT served by Mr Meatoga's being put on the Planning Commission!

He is a lobbyist for the special interest developers that the residents of Ko'olauloa have been fighting for years now. Our Ko'olauloa City Council member DID NOT put Mr. Meatoga's name up for this position. Why is KAILUA doing so? Please do not be extending the reach of the developers he represents to all of O'ahu.

Although lip service has been given to keeping the designated RURAL agricultural areas of Ko'olauloa COUNTRY in the O'ahu General Plan and the Ko'olauloa 'Sustainable Communities' Plan, you need to consider the way this special interest group has gotten "No Population Growth" in Ko'olauloa to be rampant development instead.

It is at the expense of all affected neighboring communities of Hauula, Kahuku Punaluu and Kaaawa; our time in their traffic until late at night for their tourists and tour buses,

Written
Testimony

1,000 housing units approved in Laie beyond new dorms for the big increase in students from elsewhere;

plus population increases wherever in Laie and Ko'olauloa, by converting family housing to multiple rental units;

Expanding the Polynesian ' Cultural Center' tourist trap greatly - just now getting approval to add an additional eight (8) Zip Lines and ATV activities to the 'Cultural' experience...even arrogantly not showing up to the Ko'olauloa Neighborhood Board meeting last Thursday as this was on the Agenda. It was already a done deal for them! How did that happen? Ask why it was approved of yourself please.

Affected neighboring Community Associations are against these gridlock traffic additions to our crumbling-into- the- ocean ONLY 2 lane thru road for 40 miles from Kahalu'u to Haleiwa. Why are they being passed?

Unfortunately Mr Meatoga will only seek to increase all this islandwide if appointed.

Ka'a'awa is adversely affected more than other towns because our tiny private road parrallel to Kamehameha Highway becomes the only detour for all DOT roadwork on the MOST eroding places in the islands Coastal Report. Consider doing this to Kailu, to a Lanikai sized road (actually smaller)! As a Board Member of the KCA and the Ka'a'awa Beach Owner's (road) Association, I assure you we all object to further population on this lifeline road. This whole side of O'ahu needs climate/infrastructure/ sustainable reality people on land use boards and commissions the most!

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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 8:00 AM
Subject: Zoning and Planning Testimony

Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 06-17-2021
Council/PH Committee Zoning and Planning
Agenda Item 21-126
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written
Testimony

As a Laie resident, I write in strong opposition to Resolution 21-126 and the appointment of Pane Meatoga III to the Honolulu Planning Commission.

Reason being, his past and present experiences and involvement in decisions made in our community on a smaller scale. It concerns me that Pane Meatoga III, who sits on the Ko'olau Loa Neighborhood Board, would choose to not share his knowledge of a development in his own community that would adversely impact many residents as well as communities within the Windward side of the island. He had knowledge of a group in his hometown that filed an appeal to stop a zipline project in Laie but chose not relay or encourage a discussion with other board members nor invite the developers to produce a presentation for our community to have a say. Reason being is Pane "personally" supported this project that his own father openly and single handedly supported (against the knowledge of other board and association members in our community). As a citizen I am concerned that personal choices and agendas will continue to be made and continue to go against the voices of the people and big entities and corporations will continue to control how our communities are developed. We need someone who is unbiased and someone who literally cares about our environment and the people who live in it.

I strongly OPPOSE Resolution 21-126 and the appointment of Pane Meatoga III. I am concerned as to what truly qualifies him to possess such a critical position that should ALWAYS cater to what the people and community's needs are as oppose to what he "personally" thinks we need. Such a position should be awarded to someone who understands that their sole responsibility in this government capacity is to "help" "develop plans and implementation policies that affect how their community manages changes in growth and development" and NEVER to utilize personal or biased agendas to satisfy development projects that go against the people.

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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Monday, May 31, 2021 8:17 PM
Subject: Council Testimony

Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item Res21-126
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

June 2, 2021

Honorable, Tommy Waters, Honolulu City Council, Chair & Presiding Officer

Honorable, Esther Kia'aina, Honolulu City Council, Vice Chair
Honorable, members of the Honolulu City Council

RE: RESOLUTION 21-126 – Relating to the appointment of Mr. Pane Meatoga III to serve on the Planning Commission of the City and County of Honolulu.

Written
Testimony

Aloha Chair Waters and members of the Honolulu City Council,
My name is Amy Hennessey, and I support the appointment of Mr. Pane Meatoga III to serve on the Planning Commission of the City & County of Honolulu. I have known the appointee for 20 years since we first met working in the travel industry. Since then, we have remained in touch over the years despite our careers taking us in different directions. Recently, we've collaborated on shared interests and issues, though we are sometimes on different sides. I've found him to be thoughtful, shrewd, and fair in his approach to our discussions. He's always willing to listen and try to find common ground. In my opinion, he is a lifelong learner who seeks to gain a deeper understanding to find the right path forward. I believe he will bring that same sense of fairness to his responsibilities as a Planning Commission member. Thank you for your consideration of this testimony.

Sincerely,
Amy Hennessey

From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Tuesday, June 1, 2021 3:46 PM
Subject: Zoning and Planning Testimony

Written Testimony

Name Christopher Goody
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Meeting Date 06-02-2021
Council/PH Committee Zoning and Planning
Agenda Item Resolution 21-126: Honolulu City Council- VOTE on new PLANNING Commission member

Your position on the matter Oppose

Representing Self
Organization

Aloha,
I am opposed to Resolution 21-126: the nomination of Pane Meatoga to the Planning Commission, due to his apparent association with development entities including but not limited to Envision Laie, the Polynesian Cultural Center, and the new large wind farm development in Kahuku. These connections represent clear special interests that, if nothing else, could at least have the impression of effecting his judgement while serving on the Commission. These ties could be seen as a potential conflict of interest, and would in turn give the appearance of special consideration to such development entities over the greater public interest of all Koolauloa residents.
I am sure there is a vast pool of alternate qualified individuals on the island, and the commission should strive to nominate a neutral, objective, non-industry related, hopefully conservation-minded candidate, to effectively represent the peoples best interest in the future of sustainable development, and a focus on growing the agricultural and conservation needs of our shrinking open lands here in Koolauloa--actions which will be crucial in the goal of increased self-sufficiency of our islands in the future, and be consistent with the goals and provisions related to preserving open spaces in the Oahu General Plan and Ko'olauloa Sustainable Communities Plan.
Mahalo nui,
Chris G.

Written
Testimony

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Sent: Tuesday, June 1, 2021 10:07 AM
Subject: Council Testimony

Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item RESO 21-
Your position on the matter Comment
Representing Organization Self

Resolution 21-126 (Zoning and Planning)
Relating to the appointment of Mr. Pane Meatoga III to serve on the Planning Commission of the City and County of Honolulu.

It's very unfortunate that the status quo and lack of diversity continues with these appointment.

Written Testimony This nominee represents the building industry. Majority of the Planning Commission represents the status quo and "Oligarchy".

Where are the other voices that represent Oahu in land-use and planning decision-making. Where are the authentic local residents who advocate for this island's sustainability and interests?

Appointing another similar industry person with similar motives to the decision-making commission as important as the Planning Commission is not in the best public interest.

Choon James

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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Tuesday, June 1, 2021 5:56 PM
Subject: Zoning and Planning Testimony

Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Zoning and Planning
Agenda Item 21-126
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

As much as we like Pane Meatoga II, people in Ko'olauloa who have been adversely affected by the entities bias and their actions favoring their special interest group must oppose this appointment.

Written
Testimony

Mr Meatoga is part of that group whose development goals and expansions are bad for Ko'olauloa:
doubling of students at BYU-HAWAII,
Now building 1,000 'married students ' housing units in Laie,
and the seemingly endless tour buses and cars to their newly expanding Polynesian 'Cultural Center' until late at night through our neighborhoods.
This all creates still more against OUR best interestsin
all the surrounding communities; and are NOT for the highest and best use of the Important
Agricultural Lands in Ko'olauloa.
This development push has been dividing the community since before the KO'OLAULOA
SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY PLAN was being changed (2005 starting). There was
supposed to be no population growth in the Ko'olauloa district per the O'ahu General Plan.
The same 2 lane highway is still the only thru road from Kahalu'u to Haleiwa. Now that
much of that road is eroding into the ocean and work on it thru Ka'a'awa puts our very
narrow lane width private roads into service as a detour frequently.
NO MORE TRAFFIC means no more of these entities interests replacing the rest of the
population's interests.
It is irresponsible and dangerous for us especially tour buses and heavy trucks on our small
sole state highway...

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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 11:58 AM
Subject: Zoning and Planning Testimony

Written Testimony

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Meeting Date	06-17-2021
Council/PH Committee	Zoning and Planning
Agenda Item	21-126
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Self
Organization	Aloha Council Members
Written Testimony	There is already way too much pro-development representation on the Planning Commission. Adding a clearly biased construction union lobbyist would only further undermine the public's interests. Thank you, Larry McElheny
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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Friday, June 11, 2021 3:08 PM
Subject: Zoning and Planning Testimony

Written Testimony

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Council/PH Zoning and Planning
Committee
Agenda Item 21-126
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony We need independent people in the planning department, and not people that will be paid by construction industry to do their bidding.

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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Friday, June 4, 2021 5:55 AM
Subject: Council Testimony

Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 06-04-2021
Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item Pane Meatoga III confirmation *Res 21 - 1216*
Your position on the matter Comment
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony Pane M. Should not be considered for planning as he has too many connections which bias his consideration of projects, specifically in his home area. Recently La'ie residents were upset by his pushing approval of a zip line with no discussion to the community. He is a patriarchal decision maker and does not act under Sunshine law directives. He a behind the closed door player

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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Friday, June 4, 2021 10:16 AM
Subject: Zoning and Planning Testimony

Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Zoning and Planning
Agenda Item Resolution 21-126
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony I oppose the nomination of Pane Meatoga III to the Planning Commission due to conflict of interest. The Planning Commission must have diversity of members to reflect the make-up of Oahu's population and needs. It cannot continued to be stacked with only the oligarchy consisting of union representatives lobbyists, developers and big business.
Where is the representation for other land-use issues? Where are the sustainability kanakas, the farmers, the environmentalists, the economists, the architects and so on? Please act in the best interest of ALL OF US, not only those in Hawaii who have the biggest pockets.

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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 10:15 AM
Subject: Zoning and Planning Testimony

Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 06-17-2021
Council/PH Committee Zoning and Planning
Agenda Item Resolution 21-126
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

I write in Strong Opposition to Resolution 21-126 and the appointment of Pane Meatoga III to the Honolulu Planning Commission, an important PUBLIC body established under the Charter of the City and County of Honolulu "to advise the Mayor, Council, and Director of the Department of Planning and Permitting on planning programs; to hold public hearings and to make recommendations on revisions and amendments to the General Plan, Development Plans, and zoning ordinances."

Over the past many years, Mr. Meatoga has promoted private interests over the public interest, prioritizing the commercial and tourist-focused activities of Hawaii Reserves, Inc., Brigham Young University Hawaii and the Polynesian Cultural Center rather than uplifting the long-held community values established in the region's sustainable communities plans and the Oahu General Plan.

Written Testimony The agendas of these private (largely tax-exempt) interests that he represents are at the heart of the conflicts that continue to tear our communities apart, threaten sensitive cultural sites and agricultural lands, and burden already-crumbling infrastructure. And the only testimonies offered in support of his nomination during Council's First Reading of Resolution 21-126, came from representatives and/or behind-the-scenes allies of these special interests.

The appointment of Mr. Meatoga would only add fuel to a fire that many people in the region are working hard to extinguish.

Rather than put yet another advocate for special interests on a commission already comprised primarily, if not solely, of industry representatives, it's time to nominate and approve candidates who reflect the broader needs of our communities and the environment, those generating more constructive and harmonizing solutions toward a more just and equitable Oahu.

From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 10:44 AM
Subject: Zoning and Planning Testimony

Written Testimony

Name Jessica dos Santos
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Meeting Date 06-17-2021
Council/PH Committee Zoning and Planning
Agenda Item Resolution 21-126
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Aloha Council Members,

Written
Testimony

I am opposed to the appointment of Pane Meatoga III to the Planning Commission as there are just way too many red flags and conflicts of interest. Thank you for considering these statements made by Choon James, an avid community advocate for transparency and ending corruption in the city. Here are Choon's remarks: "Pane Meatoga III is a lobbyist for the Operating Engineers Union Local 3, member of the Laie Community Association (LCA) and board member of Ko'olauloa Neighborhood Board. He has testified for the Rail, Envision Laie, Kahuku Turbines, and so on.

His father, Pane Meatoga II, was the LCA President for 20 years and recently resigned after the community found out that LCA had negotiated a \$20,000 community benefit for Laie to help with "Laie Day Celebrations". The controversy again highlighted the ongoing conflicts of interest as to whether LCA was representing the residents of Laie or unions and other special interests. The Kahuku industrial turbines are NOT located in Laie. Community Benefits are "blood money". It's unethical for LCA to throw its Kahuku neighbors under the bus for money. It's the people in Kahuku who are bearing the impacts of these industrial turbines."

Respectfully,
Jessica dos Santos

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Please oppose this appointment and then support efforts to establish truly diverse advisory commissions and decision-making bodies that serve the public interest.

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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 9:14 AM
Subject: Zoning and Planning Testimony

Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Zoning and Planning
Agenda Item 21-126
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

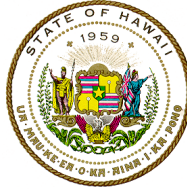
Written Testimony

As a Kahuku resident, I strongly oppose the appointment of a developer that fails to take the community's safety concerns into consideration as he failed to do in promoting the largest wind turbines to be placed the closest ever to public schools and residences. The commission fails to be balanced in favor of considering development concerns of local residents and must appoint those who are able to provide scrutiny in terms of preserving what is left of Oahu's natural beauty and listening to the concerns of the residents the projects will directly effect.

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The Senate

STATE CAPITOL
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

October 4, 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, Hawaii 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 La'ie 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.

October 4, 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 fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kurt" and last name "Fevella" clearly distinguishable.

Senator Kurt Fevella

State of Hawai'i, District 19

Minority Leader/Minority Floor Leader

State Capitol, Room 217

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October 4, 2022

TO: 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 Honorable Chair Waters, Honorable Vice Chair Kia'aina and Members of the Honolulu City Council:

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in **Strong Support of Resolution 22-202**, Confirming the Re-appointment of Mr. Pane Meatoga III to serve on the Planning Commission of the City and County of Honolulu.

I have known Pane III for close to 10 years and have had the privilege of working with him in his capacity as the Community Liaison for the Hawaii Operating Engineers Industry Stabilization Fund. I have worked alongside Pane III on many issues, and I have always found him to be diligent in researching all sides of issues and fair in his viewpoints. I strongly believe that Pane III's experience on the Planning Commission, as well as his in-depth knowledge on construction will be valuable to the City and County of Honolulu, and humbly ask for your support and consideration. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,


Joy Kimura



October 4, 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

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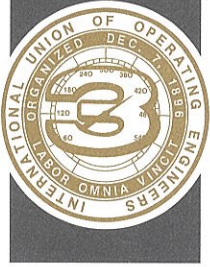
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Mahalo,

Brandon Ili
Executive Director
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October 4, 2022

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October 5, 2022

The Honorable Tommy Waters, Chair
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 Waters and Members of the Honolulu City Council:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony **in support** of Pane Meatoga III's reappointment to the Planning Commission of the City and County of Honolulu. Mr. Meatoga has the professional experience and community ties required to serve in this important position. He has a proven track record of being a respected voice on behalf of the key stakeholders impacted by the Commission's work and will be an asset moving forward.

We humbly ask that you please support Mr. Meatoga's reappointment.

The Hawaii Operating Engineers Industry Stabilization Fund (HOEISF) Political Action Committee is a non-profit labor management organization. Our core mission is to represent the interests of the Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3 and Hawaii's leading contractors and ensure that the industry is thriving and sustainable for the future.

OPPOSE PANE MEATOGA

OPPOSE PANE MEATOGA III to the PLANNING COMMISSION. THIS MAN WORKS FOR HIS CHURCH AND HIS UNION. HE CANNOT BE TRUSTED TO DO RIGHT.

THE KOOLAULOA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD HAS ALWAYS BEEN A STRONGHOLD SUPPORT FOR HAWAII RESERVES INC, THE POLYNESIAN CULTURAL CENTER AND BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY CAMPUS. THEY ALWAYS GET WHAT THEY WANT, THE HELL WITH OTHERS!

PANE MEATOGA HAS WORKED HIS WAY INTO BEING THE CHAIR OF THE KOOLAULOA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD #28. ALL THE MEMBERS ARE MORMONS EXCEPT TWO - *** *Dotty Kelly-Paddock* and *** *Dee Dee Letts*

THE MORMON BLOCK ALWAYS GETS WHAT THEY WANT. THEY DON'T CARE ABOUT OTHERS. MEATOGA CANNOT BE TRUSTED TO BE IMPARTIAL

KOOLAULOA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 28

This is an 11-member board (9 MORMONS)

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