



**CITY COUNCIL**  
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU  
HONOLULU, HAWAII

No. 22-273

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## RESOLUTION

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### FILLING A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF COUNCILMEMBER FOR COUNCIL DISTRICT VIII.

WHEREAS, Brandon J.C. Elefante was elected in November of 2018 to serve as Councilmember for Council District VIII for a four-year term from January 2, 2019 to January 2, 2023; and

WHEREAS, by Council Communication CC-338, dated November 8, 2022, Brandon J.C. Elefante has resigned from his Council office, effective as of 11:59 p.m. on November 8, 2022; and

WHEREAS, as a result of former Councilmember Elefante's resignation, a vacancy exists in the office of Councilmember for Council District VIII, the unexpired term of which is less than one year; and

WHEREAS, Section 3-105 of the Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu 1973 (Amended 2017 Edition), as amended ("Charter"), states in part that:

"A vacancy in the office of any councilmember shall be filled in the following manner:

(a) If the unexpired term is less than one year, the remaining members of the council shall elect a successor with requisite qualifications to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term. Vacancies shall be filled only at a meeting of the council after reasonable notice of intent to fill the vacancy has been given to all remaining members of the council by the presiding officer. Should the council fail to fill any vacancy within thirty days after its occurrence, the mayor shall appoint a successor to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term."; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 3-104 provides that in order to be eligible for election or appointment to the City Council ("Council"), "a person must be a duly qualified elector of the council district from which the person seeks to be elected or appointed"; and

WHEREAS, the remaining members of the Council wish to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of former Councilmember Elefante by electing a qualified person to serve for the remainder of the unexpired term; and



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WHEREAS, Val Aquino Okimoto is a resident and qualified elector of Council District VIII, and was elected at the November 8, 2022, Special Council Election held in conjunction with the Hawai'i State General Election to serve as the Councilmember for Council District VIII for the term from January 2, 2023 to January 2, 2027; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it finds that Val Aquino Okimoto is a duly qualified elector of Council District VIII and is hereby elected to fill the Council vacancy for Council District VIII, effective upon the adoption of this resolution; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that Val Aquino Okimoto shall serve for the remainder of former Councilmember Elefante's term, which expires on January 2, 2023.

INTRODUCED BY:

Tony Wata

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DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

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Honolulu, Hawai'i

Councilmembers

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CERTIFICATE

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Introduced: 11/17/22 By: TOMMY WATERS

Committee: COUNCIL (CCL)

Title: FILLING A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF COUNCILMEMBER FOR COUNCIL DISTRICT VIII.

Voting Legend: \* = Aye w/Reservations

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11/29/22	CCL	Adopted.
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6 AYES: CORDERO, KIA'ĀINA, SAY, TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS

1 ABSENT: TSUNEYOSHI

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I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this RESOLUTION.



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GLEN I. TAKAHASHI, CITY CLERK



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TOMMY WATERS, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER