RES23-045
Testimony

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Testimony:
I strongly support the appointment of (Denise) Mahealani Cypher o the O`ahu Historic Preservation Commission.

Ms. Cypher was part of the group that worked on original legislation creating the commission to support historic preservation. It has been her enduring passion to work for the preservation of historic sites and cultural places of antiquity since the 1970s. She has spent the past 25 years working with wahi kapu in Haiku valley and has spent many years sharing stories and taking friends and family to wahi pana throughout the islands.

Ms. Cypher has the knowledge, skills and heart to make this appointment meaningful and impactful.

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The Honorable Tommy Waters,
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Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street, Room 202
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Dear Chair Waters and Councilmembers:

I am writing on behalf of the American Institute of Architects, Honolulu Chapter (AIA Honolulu) to express our enthusiastic support for the appointment of Glenn Mason, FAIA, to the Oahu Historic Preservation Commission.

Glenn is a practicing architect with a particular focus on historic preservation and adaptive reuse. He has worked on numerous important projects throughout Hawaii, including the restoration of the Hawaii State Capitol building and the grounds of Iolani Palace, to name just two of his notable works. It is difficult to articulate all the ways that Glenn has contributed to the preservation of cultural heritage, through architecture, in our state.

Glenn has been an active member of our chapter for many years, including holding the President's role and chairing our Walking Tours committee that educates the public on our incredible historic buildings in downtown Honolulu and Chinatown. He received his elevation to Fellowship within the AIA for his distinguished work in Preservation which was reviewed by a national jury of esteemed Fellow members. This is the highest membership honor that can be bestowed upon an AIA member for their exceptional work and contributions to society and the field of architecture.

We believe his extensive knowledge and experience in the field of architecture and historic preservation, and his commitment to the community make him an excellent candidate for this important role. We are confident that he would make invaluable contributions to the commission and help ensure the preservation of our island's rich heritage.

Sincerely,

Julia Fink
Executive Vice President, AIA Honolulu

ASSOCIATION OF
HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS

April 19, 2023

TESTIMONY OF THE ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS

To the Honolulu City Council

CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTEES TO SERVE ON THE OAHU HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

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

The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs testifies in **SUPPORT** of Resolution 23-45 which appoints members to the Oahu Historic Preservation Commission.

The following nominees are members of the Hawaiian Civic Clubs: Mahealani Cypher, Hailma V.K.K. Farden, N. Mehanaokala Hind.

Mahealani Cypher is an experienced cultural consultant and former employee of the Office of the City Clerk, and member of the Koʻolaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club. Ms. Cypher is one of the community leaders who worked closely with the Council and advocated for the passage of Ordinance 22-33 establishing the Oahu Historic Preservation Commission.

Hailama Farden is an experienced educator and Hawaiian cultural practitioner, including many years of service as an employee of the Kamehameha Schools and as a Kahu. Hailama is also the Immediate Past President of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs and a member of the Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu, Kuini Piʻolani Hawaiian Civic Club, Maunalua Hawaiian Civic Club, Waiʻanae Hawaiian Civic Club, Lahaina Hawaiian Civic Club, the Mokuʻāina A Waikinekona Hawaiian Civic Club.

N. Mehanaokala Hind is a long-time community advocate and leader, currently serving the Hawaiian community professionally as Senior VP of Community Programs with the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement where she has overseen programs such as HUD Housing Counseling and the Hawaii Trades Academy. Ms. Hind is a member of the Kuini Piʻolani Hawaiian Civic Club.

By supporting the confirmation of these Native Hawaiian to this commission, we can ensure the needs of the Native Hawaiian Community are well-represented in the commission's service to the City.

Founded by Prince Kūhiō in 1918, the Hawaiian Civic Club movement is the oldest Native Hawaiian community-based advocacy movement. The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs is a not-for-profit organization that is a confederation of 61 individual and autonomous Hawaiian Civic Clubs located across Hawai‘i and across the continental United States. With more than 3,000 members, we advocate for improved welfare of Native Hawaiians in culture, health, economic development, and education.

We appreciate your favorable consideration of our testimony.

HISTORIC HAWAIʻI FOUNDATION

To: The Honorable Tommy Waters, Chair & Presiding Officer
The Honorable Esther Kiaʻāina, Vice Chair
Honolulu City Council

From: Kiersten Faulkner
Executive Director, Historic Hawaiʻi Foundation

Hearing Date: Wednesday, April 19, 2023
10:00 a.m.
Honolulu Hale, City Council Chamber

Subject: **Resolution 23-45 Confirming the Mayor's Appointees to the Oʻahu Historic Preservation Commission**

On behalf of Historic Hawaiʻi Foundation (HHF), I am writing in **strong support** for confirming the Mayor's appointees to serve on the Oʻahu Historic Preservation Commission.

This inaugural group of appointed commissioners will be responsible for standing up the first Oʻahu Historic Preservation Commission, setting its vision and mission, promulgating rules and generally setting the tenor for the City and County of Honolulu's preservation program. The enabling ordinance was developed to ensure that the commission as a whole embodies a variety of professional expertise, geographic representation and demographic diversity.

Historic Hawaiʻi Foundation is extremely pleased with the qualifications and strong experience of each of the appointments. All of them have deep levels of commitment to Hawaii's historic places and understanding of the means and methods to preserve them.

All of the appointees are known to HHF and we have worked closely with several of them through both their professional work and community service. Two of them—Māhealani Cypher and Glenn Mason—are past recipients of HHF's Haines Award for Lifetime Achievement in Historic Preservation. Cypher was also a key member of the working group, along with appointee Kehaunani Abad, that helped with technical review and recommendations that led to the passage of the Oʻahu Historic Preservation Commission.

The purpose of the Oʻahu Historic Preservation Commission is to establish a means by which the City & County of Honolulu can formulate and implement a comprehensive program for the identification and preservation of historic and cultural resources on Oʻahu.

Historic Hawaiʻi Foundation looks forward to working with the Commission as it starts its important work. We recommend approval for each of the appointed members.

April 17, 2023

Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street, Room 202
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Honolulu City Council,

I am writing in strong support of the nomination of Glenn Mason, FAIA to the Oahu Historic Preservation Commission by the Mayor. As a member of the architectural profession, I believe that Glenn's expertise and experience as an architect would be a valuable asset to the Commission.

Preserving our historical landmarks requires a multidisciplinary approach, and having a member from the architectural profession on the Commission is crucial. Glenn's extensive experience as an architect, combined with his deep understanding of preservation principles and practices, makes him an ideal candidate for this role. His architectural expertise will provide valuable insights into the technical and design aspects of preservation projects, ensuring that the historical integrity of our community is preserved.

Furthermore, Glenn's passion for historical preservation is evident in his long-standing involvement with the Hawaii Architectural Foundation, where he served as a founding member. It was through this organization that I first met and worked with Glenn in 2017, and his encouragement, guidance, and support have kept me involved with HAF since then. His dedication to promoting the importance of architectural heritage and historical education in our community is commendable and aligns perfectly with the goals of the Oahu Historic Preservation Commission.

In addition to his technical expertise and advocacy for historical preservation, Glenn is known for his collaborative approach and ability to work effectively with others. He has a proven track record of being a team player and actively engaging with stakeholders to find common ground. I am confident that his collaborative nature will greatly contribute to the Commission's efforts in preserving the historical and cultural heritage of Oahu.

In conclusion, I urge the City Council to strongly support Glenn Mason's nomination to the Oahu Historic Preservation Commission. His architectural expertise, passion for historical preservation, and collaborative approach make him a highly qualified candidate for this important role. I believe that his appointment to the Commission would be a valuable asset to the City and County of Honolulu.

Mahalo for considering this recommendation. Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

Daniel Sandomire, AIA

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The Honorable Tommy Waters,
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Dear Chair Waters and Councilmembers:

On behalf of the Hawaii Architectural Foundation, I am writing to wholeheartedly recommend Glenn Mason for a position on the Oahu Historic Preservation Commission. As a colleague and friend of Glenn's for many years, I have witnessed his passion for historic preservation firsthand and can attest to his qualifications and dedication. His nomination by Mayor Blangiardi is a recognition to his reputation in the professional community, having established himself and his firm with decades of expertise in the field of historic preservation here in Honolulu.

Glenn has an extensive background in historic preservation, having worked in the field for decades. During this time, he has demonstrated an exceptional knowledge of historic architecture, cultural resources, and preservation techniques. He has also served as a board member for several local historic preservation organizations, where he has helped guide decision-making and advocacy efforts.

In addition to his professional work, Glenn is deeply committed to community involvement and education. He has volunteered countless hours to local historical societies and has been a frequent guest speaker at community events, sharing his expertise and raising awareness about the importance of preserving our heritage. As a founding member of the Hawaii Architectural Foundation in 2003, Glenn remains involved and committed as a director to this day. His experience and mentorship to all of us has been invaluable.

I have no doubt that Glenn would be an asset to the initial board convened for the Oahu Historic Preservation Commission. His knowledge, experience, and passion for preserving cultural heritage in Hawaii makes him a valuable member of the team. I strongly urge you to consider his application and give him every consideration for a position on the commission.

Please contact me if I can provide more information and be of further support to Glenn's confirmation.

Sincerely,



Geoffrey Lewis, AIA
President, Hawaii Architectural Foundation

KO`OLAUPOKO HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

To: Honolulu City Council

From: Nancy Davlantes, Government Relations Committee

Agenda Item: RES23-045 Confirming the appointment of Mahealani Cypher to serve on the Oahu Historic Preservation Commission of the City and Council of Honolulu for a term of 2 years

Aloha Chair Waters and Council Members:

Mahealani's enduring passion to work for the preservation of historic sites and cultural places of antiquity dates back some 50 years. She has also spent the past 25 years working with wahi kapu in Haiku Valley, and spent many years sharing stories and taking friends and family to wahi pana throughout the islands.

Over the years, while the future of this commission remained in limbo, a number of historic sites on Oahu were bulldozed or allowed to fall into ruins. Heiaus have been destroyed; burial sites have been desecrated. Most recently, despite years of warnings by historic preservationists, a building known as the Queen's Retreat, a property that had inspired the song Aloha Oe, was allowed to fall into disrepair and burned down last year.

But despite the bleak outlook, Mahealani and others worked to create the Ahupua`a Boundary Markers project, helping to connect people to the places and areas they call home so as to encourage them to conserve and protect what was and is important to them.

Mahealani has been honored numerous times for her work to protect Hawaiian historic sites. Now that the commission has been created and given the support it requires, it's time to make up for lost time and give the members rein to do what they are most qualified to do.

For these reasons, we STRONGLY URGE you to confirm this extremely qualified person.

The Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club was established in 1937 and is one of the largest in the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs nationwide. Ko`olaupoko HCC is a not-for-profit community organization dedicated to preserving and perpetuating the history, heritage and culture of Native Hawaiians and providing leadership and scholarships. Its membership is open to people of Hawaiian ancestry and those who are "Hawaiian at heart."

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Re: RES23-045
CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTEES TO SERVE ON THE OAHU HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

Aloha Council Members,

I am honored to provide testimony in support of Mahealani Cypher for appointment to the Oahu Historic Preservation Commission. I can confirm that Ms. Cypher's dedication to the preservation of historic sites and cultural places in Hawaii is well-known and widely respected.

Over the past 25 years, Ms. Cypher has been a tireless advocate for the protection of wahi kapu in Haiku valley. Her efforts have helped to raise awareness of the importance of preserving these sacred sites and have contributed to the ongoing efforts to safeguard Hawaii's cultural heritage.

Ms. Cypher's passion for historic preservation extends beyond her work in Haiku valley. She has also been actively involved in other initiatives aimed at preserving Hawaii's rich cultural heritage. Her dedication and expertise in this field make her an ideal candidate for appointment to the Oahu Historic Preservation Commission.

I strongly recommend Ms. Cypher for this important position, as I believe that her knowledge, passion, and commitment to historic preservation will be invaluable to the commission's work. Her experience working with wahi kapu and her understanding of Hawaii's cultural heritage will be particularly valuable in ensuring that the commission's decisions are guided by a deep respect for the past and a commitment to preserving it for future generations.

Mahalo nui a loa,

Cindy Texeira

April 18, 2023

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Mahalo nui a loa,

Cindy Texeira



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The Honorable Tommy Waters
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Aloha Chair Waters and Councilmembers:

Pursuant to Section 3-10-3 of the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021, as amended, and appointed by Mayor Blangiardi, subject to confirmation by your Honorable Body, Mahealani Cypher, to the O'ahu Historic Preservation Commission for an initial two-year term.

The Hawaii State Aha Moku (Aha Moku) supports this nominee.

Based on her extensive experience in demonstrated leadership and successful management in community capacity building, Aha Moku supports Mahealani Cypher. But more than this, we acknowledge and honor her skills in Historic Preservation.

Further, Ms. Cypher is a native Hawaiian who was raised with the traditional values of her culture. She is respectful to Kupuna which is critically important to native Hawaiians particularly in the area of historic history and preservation. She understands the value of generational knowledge and that each moku and ahupua'a are unique in their natural and cultural historic resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to sharing our mana'o with you. We strongly support Mahealani Cypher as a member of the O'ahu Historic Preservation Commission and urge her confirmation.

Respectfully yours,

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Aloha Chair Waters and Councilmembers:

Pursuant to Section 3-10-3 of the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021, as amended, and appointed by Mayor Blangiardi, subject to confirmation by your Honorable Body, Hailama V.K.K. Farden, to the O'ahu Historic Preservation Commission for an initial two-year term.

The Hawaii State Aha Moku (Aha Moku) supports this nominee.

Based on his extensive experience in demonstrated leadership and extensive knowledge of native Hawaiian history, culture, archaeology, planning and sociology, Aha Moku supports Hailama Farden. But more than this, we acknowledge and honor his skills in History and Planning.

Thank you for the opportunity to sharing our mana'o with you. We strongly support Hailama Farden as a member of the O'ahu Historic Preservation Commission and urge his confirmation.

Respectfully yours,

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Aloha Chair Waters and Councilmembers:

Pursuant to Section 3-10-3 of the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021, as amended, and appointed by Mayor Blangiardi, subject to confirmation by your Honorable Body, N. Mehanaokala Hind, to the O'ahu Historic Preservation Commission for an initial four-year term.

The Hawaii State Aha Moku (Aha Moku) supports this nominee.

Based on her extensive experience in demonstrated leadership and extensive knowledge of native Hawaiian history and culture, Aha Moku supports Mehanaokala Hind.

Thank you for the opportunity to sharing our mana'o with you. We strongly support Mehanaokala as a member of the O'ahu Historic Preservation Commission and urge her confirmation.

Respectfully yours,

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Aloha Chair Waters and Councilmembers:

Pursuant to Section 3-10-3 of the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021, as amended, and appointed by Mayor Blangiardi, subject to confirmation by your Honorable Body, Kehaunani Abad, to the O'ahu Historic Preservation Commission for an initial five-year term.

The Hawaii State Aha Moku (Aha Moku) supports this nominee.

Based on her extensive experience in demonstrated leadership and extensive knowledge of native Hawaiian history, culture, archaeology, anthropology, Ethnography and Sociology, Aha Moku supports Kehaunani Abad.

Thank you for the opportunity to sharing our mana'o with you. We strongly support Kehaunani Abad as a member of the O'ahu Historic Preservation Commission and urge her confirmation.

Respectfully yours,

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