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May 12, 2023

The Honorable Tommy Waters
Chair and Presiding Officer
and Members
Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street, Room 202
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Waters and Councilmembers:

In accordance with Section 4-104 of the Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu, as amended, I am requesting the City Council's confirmation of the following appointee, who will be serving a temporary commission beginning today, May 12, 2023, and expiring upon her permanent appointment.

Catherine A. Taschner
Director of the Department of Land Management

I have enclosed the officer's information and a draft resolution for your review.

The individuals who have accepted my call to join the City government are all experienced, energetic, and capable leaders who are committed to positive change, and I would deeply appreciate your confirmation of their appointments.

Sincerely,

Rick Blangiardi
Mayor

Enclosures

MAYOR'S MESSAGE 97

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
NOMINEE/APPOINTEE FORM

1. Position Nominated to: Director, Department of Land Management

2. Name: Catherine A. Taschner
(First) (Middle) (Last)

3. Are you a citizen of the United States? Yes
Are you a resident of the City and County of Honolulu? Yes If yes, how long >20 years
Are you a registered voter in the City and County of Honolulu? Yes

4. Occupation: Deputy Director, Department of Land Management

5. Name and address of employer or firm:
City and County of Honolulu, 650 S. King Street, Third Floor, Honolulu, HI 96813

6. Does your employer do any business with the City and County of Honolulu? -select-
If yes, state the nature of business and approximate dollar amount in the last five years:
N/A

7. Do you or does any member of your immediate family hold office or own stock in any firm?
No

8. Does the firm do business with the City and County of Honolulu? -select-
If yes, provide details including the name(s) of the firm:
N/A

9. Do you have any part-time employment, professional activity, or financial interests other than those indicated in the previous question? No
If yes, provide details:

10. Do you foresee any possible conflict between your present work, financial investments, business transactions or any other activity which would be incompatible with the proper discharge of your official duties or hinder you from effectively carrying out the duties for which you have been appointed? No

11. Are any members of your family employed by the City and County of Honolulu or any attached agency? Yes
If yes, please specify the department and division:
Ethics Commission

12. Are there any incidents in your past that may jeopardize your nomination? No

13. Have you ever been convicted of a felony? No If yes, provide details:

14. Education:

See attached resume for more details.

15. Provide a summary of major work experience for the last ten (10) years. Begin with your present job including military (attach additional sheets if necessary or resume):

See attached resume for more details.

16. Community activities, etc. (also list any service on any other board or commission Federal, State or County):

See attached resume for more details.

17. Have you ever been a member of a board or commission with the City and County of Honolulu?

No ☑

If yes, provide name(s) of board/commission:

18. Will you be able to commit to the full term of this appointment? Yes ☑

19. Will you be able to commit to meeting dates and times? Yes ☑

20. Are you regularly away from Honolulu? No ☑ If yes, please explain:

21. Are you willing to make a confidential financial disclosure to the city Ethics Commission upon appointment and yearly thereafter? Yes ☑

22. What do you understand to be the prime duties of your county appointment?

The Director of Land Management is generally responsible to protect, develop, and manage the City's real property interests, as more particularly described in Section 6-1802 of the Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu.

The above statements made by me are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and are made in good faith.

Catherine Case — (Signature)

May 8, 2023 — (Date)

The above statements made by me are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and ***The completed form and any attachment(s) will be posted by the City Clerk and available on the City's DocuShare Website.***

CATHERINE A. TASCHNER

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

City and County of Honolulu, Department of Land Management, Deputy Director, 2021 - Present

- Appointed by the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu as the Deputy Director for the Department of Land Management, which is generally responsible to protect, develop, and manage the City's real property interests. Duties include general administrative oversight over the department, creating policies and procedures, and driving execution on real estate transactions for the benefit of the City.

McCorriston Miller Mukai MacKinnon LLP, Associate, 2012-2018; Partner, 2019-2021

- Positions Held: Pro Bono Coordinator, 2015 – 2021; Summer Program Coordinator, 2014; Marketing Committee, 2016 – 2019; Hiring Committee, 2018 – 2021, Vice Chair, 2019 – 2021
- Practice Areas: Real estate and land use matters with an emphasis on acquisitions and dispositions of commercial, industrial and resort properties; land use permitting and entitlements; leasing; real estate financing; and corporate and securities law. Experience in drafting and documenting a wide variety of business and real estate transactions, including conveyance documents, commercial contracts, commercial leases, and purchase and sale agreements.

Hawai'i State Judiciary, Court Annexed Arbitration Program, Court Appointed Arbitrator, 2016 - 2021

- Appointed by the Chief Justice of the Hawai'i Supreme Court as an arbitrator for the Court Annexed Arbitration Program, a mandatory non-binding arbitration program for certain civil cases in the State of Hawai'i. Duties include overseeing and ruling on evidence, discovery, and other procedural matters, conducting arbitration hearings, and rendering judgment on awards sought.

Hawai'i State Judiciary, Intermediate Court of Appeals, Law Clerk to the Honorable Lawrence M. Reifurth, 2011-2012

- Conducted legal research and wrote bench memoranda on various areas of law, including criminal law, constitutional law, statutory interpretation, family law, contracts, and administrative agency appeals; drafted orders and majority and dissenting opinions; edited proposed dispositions; assisted in preparing for oral argument.

Business Law Corps, Vice President and Co-Founder, 2011-Present

- Launched a nonprofit pro bono legal service organization that matches business attorneys with entrepreneurs and small business owners who cannot afford traditional representation.
- Manage day-to-day operations organization, including giving seminars, fundraising, matching attorneys with pro bono projects, clerical tasks, and providing legal services to small business owners.

Chee Markham & Feldman, Legal Clerk, 2009-2011

- Drafted, reviewed, and edited motions, briefs, and legal memoranda on issues concerning, among other things, discovery, injunctions, damages, and insurance; prepare deposition summaries.

Pacific Asian Center for Entrepreneurship and E-Business, Summer Fellow, Legal Advisor for Kuehnle Agrosystems, Inc., 2010

- Participated in a fellowship sponsored by the University of Hawai'i's Shidler College of Business to conduct research for a biosciences company seeking to bring an algae-based bioplastic to the international market. Independently researched concerns regarding protection of the company's intellectual property rights, including a diverse patent portfolio.

Hawai'i State Judiciary, Intermediate Court of Appeals, Legal Extern to the Honorable Katherine G. Leonard, 2009

- Conducted legal research and wrote bench memoranda on various areas of law, including family law, contracts, and criminal law.

EDUCATION

University of Hawai'i, William S. Richardson School of Law – Honolulu, HI

- 2011: *Juris Doctor*, Pacific Asian Legal Studies Certificate
- Activities: Intellectual Property Moot Court: 2011 Saul A. Lefkowitz Moot Court Competition Participant; Delta Theta Phi Legal Fraternity; Manoa Opportunity Grant Recipient

Scripps College – Claremont, CA

- 2008: *Bachelor of Arts*, Asian Studies
- Activities: Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Water Polo Team (SCIAC Conference Champions, Competed in Division I and Division III NCAA National Championships); Claremont Colleges Concert Orchestra; Claremont Colleges Concert Choir; Lifeguard

'Iolani School – Honolulu, HI

- 2005: *High School Diploma*
- Honors: Headmaster's List, Honor Roll
- Activities: Varsity Water Polo Team (Co-Captain); Varsity Swim Team; Iolani Swim Club; Homecoming Co-Chair; Tutor; Concert Orchestra; Musical Theater Pit Orchestra; Concert Choir; Hokuloa Singers; Amnesty International; "I" Club; Iolani Leaders and Helpers; Opera/Musical Club; Young Leaders

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

Licensed (inactive) and admitted to practice before:

- United States District Court for the District of Hawai'i
- All Courts of the State of Hawai'i
- United States Tax Court

HONORS & AWARDS

- **Small Business Advocate of the Year for Women in Business** – United States Small Business Administration, 2020
- **Rising Star** - Super Lawyers, 2015 – 2021
- **Ones to Watch** – Best Lawyers, 2020
- **40 Under 40** - Pacific Business News, 2017
- **Leadership Institute Fellow** - Hawaii State Bar Association, 2016
- **Holomua Award** - United States Small Business Administration, 2015, 2016
- **Outstanding Pro Bono Attorney** - Hawaii Access to Justice Commission, Hawaii State Bar Association, 2013

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS & BOARDS

- **Aloha United Way Society of Young Leaders** (Member, 2017 – 2020; Board Member, 2017 – 2019; Chair – Grant Committee, 2018 – 2019)
- **American Bar Association** (Member, 2011- 2021)
- **Entrepreneurs Foundation of Hawaii** (Member, 2015 – Present; Board Member, 2017- Present; Secretary, 2018 - Present)
- **Hawaii Access to Justice Commission** (Member, 2013 – Present; Committee On Increasing Pro Bono Services Member, 2013 – Present)
- **Hawaii Public Health Institute** (Board Member, 2017 – 2021)
- **Hawaii State Bar Association** (2011- Present)
    - Co-Chair, Hawaii State Bar Association Business Law Section (2023), Member, (2012-Present)
    - Member, Hawaii State Bar Association Real Property and Financial Services Section (2012-Present)
    - Member, Hawaii State Bar Association Young Lawyers Division (2011- Present)
    - Fellow, Hawaii State Bar Association Leadership Institute (2016)
    - Secretary, Hawaii State Bar Association Young Lawyers Division (2016)
- **Hawaii Venture Capital Association** (Member, 2014 – 2021)
- **Hawaii Women Lawyers** (Member, 2013- Present)
- **Montessori Community School** (Board Member, 2017 – 2021)
- **The Gift Foundation of Hawaii** (Board Member, 2019 – Present; Event Co-Chair, 2023)

PUBLICATIONS & SEMINARS

- Contributing Author, "Public Private Partnership Legislation: Hawaii", published by Practical Law Company
- Contributing Author, "Pro Bono Legal Services: Stepping Up to Provide Hope (Business Law Corps)", published in the Hawaii Bar Journal (December 2013)
- Contributing Author, "Whither Legal Scholarship In Japan," presented at the 2010 Inaugural East Asian Law and Society Conference in Hong Kong and published in the monograph, Changing Socio-Legal Landscapes in East Asia: Common Trends and Local Variations
- Contributing Author, Tort Law Desk Reference: A Fifty State Compendium: Hawaii, 2017 Edition
- Seminar Presenter, "The Organizational Structure of Your Business and Basic Intellectual Property Protection", Hosted by the United States Small Business Administration (Monthly, 2011-2021)
- Seminar Presenter, "Creating Fundable Startups", Hosted by the Entrepreneurs Foundation of Hawaii (July 2014)
- Seminar Presenter, "New Crowdfunding Opportunities for Entrepreneurs and Investors", Hosted by the Maui Economic Development Board (July 2014)
- Seminar Presenter, "Small Biz Academy", Hosted by the Chamber of Commerce Hawaii (October 2014)
- Seminar Presenter, "Legal Toolkit for Small Business", Hosted by the Maui Economic Development Board (January 2015)
- Seminar Presenter, "Legal Toolkit for Small Businesses on Lanai", Hosted by Pulama Lanai (April 2015)
- Seminar Presenter, "Legal Toolkit for Small Businesses: Understanding Employment and Tax Law", Hosted by Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc. - Molokai Office (September 2015)
- Moderator, "Advising a Small Business", Hosted by the Hawaii State Bar Association (August 2016)
- Seminar Presenter, "Launch My Business", Hosted by The Patsy T. Mink Center for Business and Leadership (Quarterly, 2016-Present)
- Seminar Presenter, Molokai Business Conference, Hosted by The Kuha'o Business Center and the Maui County Office of Economic Development (August 2017, August 2018, October 2019)
- Moderator, "2018 Tax Law Reform: How Will It Affect My Small Business", Hosted by the United States Small Business Administration (August 2018)
- Seminar Host and Moderator, "The Impacts of COVID-19 on Small Businesses" Seminar Series, Hosted by the Business Law Corps and the Patsy T. Mink Center for Business & Leadership (July 2020)

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

University of Hawai'i, William S. Richardson School of Law, Volunteer, 2012 - Present

- Transactional Law Meet, Coach, 2017 – 2018. Coach for the inaugural Transactional Law Meet team, which competed in the Eighth Annual Transactional Law Meet Competition, which is recognized as the premier "moot court" experience for law students interested in a transactional practice.
- Environmental Law Program, Environmentor, 2017 – Present. Mentor law students interested in different sectors of environmental law.
- Intellectual Property Moot Court, Practice Judge, 2014 – 2020. Serve as a judge during practice rounds of oral arguments.

Patsy T. Mink Center for Business and Leadership, Volunteer, 2013 - Present

- Give seminars on various legal matters in connection with the "Launch My Business" program, an intensive 7-week workshop and counseling event held approximately three times per year, which covers the essential steps to starting a small business.
- Coordinate bi-weekly one-on-one legal information consultations to MCBL program participants on start-up and financing issues.

Volunteer Legal Services Hawaii, Volunteer, 2015 - 2020

- Volunteer at the Weinberg Village in Waimanalo to give quarterly legal seminars about basic landlord/tenant law, collection/debt law, and guardianship/adoption law to persons transitioning out of homelessness.
- Volunteer as part of the "Hawaii Online Pro Bono" program; answer questions online posed by *pro se* litigants and other indigent persons who cannot afford legal representation.

Legal Aid Society of Hawaii, Volunteer, 2016 - 2020

- Volunteer at the Access to Justice Room at the Honolulu District Court to provide legal advice to self-represented litigants on civil matters related to landlord tenant cases, collection cases, and temporary restraining order cases (which involve non-family members or parties who are not now, or have not been, in a dating relationship).

Help is on the Way, Co-Founder, 2020

- Co-Founder of a nonprofit organization that hosted food distributions and provided free delivery and shopping services to senior citizens, immunocompromised, and other home bound individuals during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Office of the City Clerk

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
STATE OF HAWAII

Voter Certificate

I, Glen I. Takahashi, City Clerk of the City & County of Honolulu, State of Hawaii do hereby certify that,

CATHERINE A. TASCHNER

a resident of the City and County of Honolulu, State of Hawaii is a duly registered elector (voter) of

Precinct, 02 Representative District, 27 State of Hawaii

Voter ID No: 1133177 Registration Date: 09/30/2004

Date of Birth

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City and County of Honolulu to be affixed on May 8, 2023.

Signature Block

Signature of Elector

Glen I. Takahashi, City Clerk
City and County of Honolulu
State of Hawaii

This certificate expires at the earlier of either the date the named elector relinquishes the voter residence associated with this certificate or after the next scheduled Hawaii General election after the affixed issuance date.

CITY COUNCIL

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
HONOLULU, HAWAII

No. _____

RESOLUTION

CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF CATHERINE A. TASCHNER TO SERVE AS THE DIRECTOR OF LAND MANAGEMENT OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

WHEREAS, Section 4-104.1 of the Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu 1973 (Amended 2017 Edition), as amended ("Charter"), requires that Executive Branch department and agency heads and the Managing Director be nominated by the Mayor, subject to the advice and consent of the City Council ("Council"); and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 6-1801 establishes the Department of Land Management, headed by a Director of Land Management; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 6-1802 sets forth the powers, duties, and functions of the Director of Land Management; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 4-104.1 requires that each department head be a registered voter of the City and County of Honolulu; and

WHEREAS, by Mayor's Message ____, dated May 12, 2023, the Mayor has nominated Catherine A. Taschner to serve as the Director of Land Management; and

WHEREAS, the Council has reviewed Catherine A. Taschner qualifications and character and finds that Catherine A. Taschner is qualified to serve as the Director of Land Management and deserves confirmation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that Catherine A. Taschner is confirmed as the Director of Land Management of the City and County of Honolulu; and

CITY COUNCIL

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
HONOLULU, HAWAII

No. _____

RESOLUTION

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor and Catherine A. Taschner.

INTRODUCED BY:

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DATE OF INTRODUCTION: _____

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Honolulu, Hawaii Councilmembers