June 22, 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:

Pursuant to Section 13-103(b) of the Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu, I hereby appoint, subject to confirmation by your Honorable Body, Ms. Paige Miki Okamura as the music member of the Commission on Culture and the Arts. Upon appointment, Ms. Okamura will replace Dr. Glenn Medeiros and serve for a term to expire on June 30, 2028. I would appreciate your favorable consideration of Ms. Okamura’s appointment and request adoption by the City Council in the most expedient manner possible.

I have enclosed a draft resolution and Ms. Okamura’s personal information for your review. For any general inquiries you may have regarding this appointment, please contact my executive assistant, Kevan Wong, at 768-6608.

Sincerely,

Rick Blangiardi
Mayor

Enclosures

cc: Ms. Paige Miki Okamura
    Mayor’s Office of Culture and the Arts
    Commission on Culture and the Arts
    Ethics Commission
CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF PAIGE MIKI OKAMURA TO SERVE ON THE COMMISSION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

WHEREAS, Chapter 3, Article 2, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 ("ROH"), as amended, establishes the Commission on Culture and the Arts ("Commission") to assist the City in attaining national preeminence in culture and the arts, to assist the City in the preservation of the artistic and cultural heritages of all its people, to promote a community environment which provides equal and abundant opportunity for exposure to culture and the arts in all its forms, and to encourage and provide equal opportunity for the development of the cultural and artistic talents of the people of Honolulu; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is comprised of 11 voting members appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council to five-year terms, and other ex officio, non-voting members; and

WHEREAS, ROH Section 3-2.2 requires ten of the appointed members to represent a particular cultural or artistic category and one appointed member to serve as the music representative; and

WHEREAS, via Mayor’s letter, dated June 22, 2023, the Mayor has appointed Ms. Paige Miki Okamura to serve on the Commission as the representative of the music category, which is one of the listed cultural or artistic categories; and

WHEREAS, if confirmed by the Council, Ms. Okamura, will replace Dr. Glenn Medeiros and serve for a term to expire on June 30, 2028; and

WHEREAS, Section 13-103, Revised Charter of Honolulu 1973, as amended, which applies to the Commission on Culture and the Arts, includes a general qualification requiring a member to be a registered voter of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Council has reviewed the qualifications and character of Ms. Okamura and finds that she meets the requirements to serve on the Commission and deserves confirmation for appointment; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it confirms the appointment of Ms. Paige Miki Okamura to serve on the Commission on Culture and the Arts as the representative of the music category for a term to expire on June 30, 2028; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council expresses its gratitude and appreciation to Ms. Okamura for her willingness to serve the City and County of Honolulu; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Chair of the Commission on Culture and the Arts, and Ms. Paige Miki Okamura.

INTRODUCED BY:

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DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

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Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers
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,

PAIGE MIKI K. OKAMURA

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

Precinct 02, Representative District 47, State of Hawaii

Voter ID No: 1132358    Registration Date: 03/23/2009

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 June 21, 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 AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
NOMINEE/APPOINTEE FORM

1. Position Nominated to: Commissioner, Commission on Culture and the Arts

2. Name: Paige Miki Kalāokananiki‘eki‘e Okamura
   (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: Training Specialist

5. Name and address of employer or firm:
   Nakupuna Consulting
   3375 Koapaka St. Suite B200, Honolulu HI 96819

6. Does your employer do any business with the City and County of Honolulu? No
   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? No
   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? Yes
   If yes, provide details:
   On-air host of Hawai'i Kulāwi at Hawai'i Public Radio.

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? No
    If yes, please specify the department and division:
    N/A

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:
   High school diploma from Punahou School (class of 2009), Bachelor of Arts in ‘Olelo Hawai‘i from UH Mānoa, Master of Arts degree candidate in ‘Olelo Hawai‘i at UH Mānoa.

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):
   Federal grant training specialist for the Administration for Native Americans; On-air host of "Hawai‘i Kulāwi" at Hawai‘i Public Radio with 11 years of radio experience; Hawaiian language research and translation; Hawaiian language teacher (see resume).

16. Community activities, etc. (also list any service on any other board or commission Federal, State or County):
   Leadership team for HPR Generation Listen, active volunteer and piko ‘ohana for Loko Ea fishpond, emcee and DJ for many community events, former Secretary and lifetime member of the ‘Ahahui ‘Olelo Hawai‘i (see resume for more).

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? Yes
    If yes, please explain:
    I do have to travel often for work across the Pacific, to Washington DC, and other Native Alaskan and Tribal lands.

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?
   To assist the city in preservation of the artistic and cultural heritages of all its people; to promote an environment that provides equal and abundant opportunity for exposure to arts and culture; to encourage and provide opportunities for the development of cultural and artistic talents of the people 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.

[Signature]  5/31/23 (Date)

The completed form and any attachment(s) will be posted by the City Clerk and available on the City’s DocuShare Website.