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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, Mr. John Leong as a member of the Board of Parks and Recreation. Mr. Leong will replace Richard Quinn and serve for a term to expire on December 31, 2025. I would appreciate your favorable consideration of Mr. Leong's appointment.

I have attached a draft resolution and Mr. Leong's information for your review and consideration. For any general inquiries you may have regarding this appointment, please contact my special assistant, Kevan Wong, at 768-6608.

Sincerely,

Rick Blangiardi
Mayor

Attachments

cc: Mr. John Leong
Department of Parks and Recreation
Board of Parks and Recreation
Ethics Commission

CITY COUNCIL

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
HONOLULU, HAWAII

No. _____

RESOLUTION

CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF JOHN LEONG TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

WHEREAS, Section 6-1404, Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu 1973, as amended ("RCH"), establishes an advisory Board of Parks and Recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Parks and Recreation consists of nine members appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council to staggered five-year terms; and

WHEREAS, the major duties of the Board of Parks and Recreation are to advise the Mayor, the Council, and the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation on matters relating to the recreational, cultural, and entertainment activities and facilities of the City and on the beautification of such facilities and public streets of the City; and

WHEREAS, by Mayor's letter, dated June 22, 2023, the Mayor has appointed Mr. John Leong to the Board of Parks and Recreation; and

WHEREAS, if confirmed by the Council, Mr. Leong will replace Richard Quinn and serve for a term to expire on December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Section 13-103, RCH, which applies to the Board of Parks and Recreation, 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 Mr. Leong and finds that he qualifies to serve on the Board of Parks and Recreation 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 Mr. John Leong to the Board of Parks and Recreation for a term expiring on December 31, 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council expresses its gratitude and appreciation to Mr. Leong for his willingness to serve the City and County of Honolulu; and

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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, the Chair of the Board of Parks and Recreation, and Mr. John Leong.

INTRODUCED BY:

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DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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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,

JOHN T. LEONG

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

Precinct 03, Representative District 27, State of Hawaii

Voter ID No: 1072518 *Registration Date: 09/22/1996*

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: Park and Recreation Board

2. Name: John Theron Leong
(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: Non-Profit Executive

5. Name and address of employer or firm:
Kupu, 677 Ala Moana Blvd, Suite 1200, Honolulu, HI 96813

6. Does your employer do any business with the City and County of Honolulu? Yes
If yes, state the nature of business and approximate dollar amount in the last five years:
Tenant in Kewalo Basin, Occasionally receives GIA funds

7. Do you or does any member of your immediate family hold office or own stock in any firm?
Yes

8. Does the firm do business with the City and County of Honolulu? Yes
If yes, provide details including the name(s) of the firm:
I am not sure if the companies I am on the board do business with C&C. To be safe, I am on the Alexander and Baldwin and Island Insurance Boards

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:
Pono Unlimited-Company that my wife and I own
KDI Investments, Trustee and Shareowner Michael E. Leong Trust, Trustee

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:

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:

Punahou School
B.S. in Economics at Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania

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 and Bio

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

UH Sea Grant, Advisory Board, Obama Foundation Fellow, Omidyar Fellow,
Pacific Century Fellow, YMCA Metro (just left this board).

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

Yes

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

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:

For work, I will travel periodically

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?

Provide guidance and advice to help make our City parks and their programs better.

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) March 30, 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.***

John T. Leong
Pono Pacific Land Management LLC Co-founder, Chairman and CEO
Kupu Co-founder and Chief Executive Officer

John Leong's passion for creating a more resilient Hawai'i is the inspiration and foundation for his ground-breaking work and accomplishments. As an environmental entrepreneur, Leong has helped to develop Hawai'i's green jobs industry, increasing conservation awareness and creating career opportunities in natural resource management and sustainability.

After graduating from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania in 2000, Leong founded Pono Pacific Land Management, LLC, a conservation and land management services company. Pono Pacific is the only comprehensive, private natural resource management company in Hawai'i, which today impacts important conservation, agriculture, and other lands throughout the state. Striving to continually innovate the company and its services, Leong has bridged Pono Pacific's long-term conservation management goals with revenue-generating, land-based sustainability projects including reforestation, local food production, and renewable energy.

In 2007, Leong co-founded non-profit organization Kupu, to cultivate positive environmental impact by focusing on developing Hawai'i's next generation of environmental stewards and community leaders. Kupu's youth conservation and sustainability programs provide environmental and cultural education and experiences, as well as personal and professional development opportunities. Over the past decade, Kupu has helped to engage over 5,000 program participants statewide, many who have since established successful education and career pathways in conservation and sustainability. Through its innovative programs and partnerships, Kupu has hired and impacted over 5,000 young adults and generated a total of more than $153 million in economic impact for the state, with a 1 to 3 cost-to-benefit ratio.

Leong's awards and recognitions include:

- 2019: Obama Foundation Fellow
- 2019: Development of the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Ho`okupu Center
- 2018: Testified to the U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
- 2016: Hawai'i Community Foundation Ho'okele Award
- 2014: Na Kama Kai Ho'okele Award
- 2013: Hawaii Institute for Public Affairs Ho'oulu Leadership Award
- 2012: *Hawaii Business* Magazine 20 for the Next 20
- 2010: *Pacific Business News* Forty Under 40 and Bank of Hawaii Community Leader of the Year

Leong serves on several boards and associations such as the City and County Resilience Strategy Steering Committee, Metro YMCA of Honolulu, Lambda Alpha International (LAI), UH Sea Grant, Trust For Public Land, Alexander and Baldwin, Island Insurance, Omidyar Fellow and Obama Foundation Fellow.

Born and raised in Hawai'i, Leong is a graduate of Punahou School and the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania in 2000. He is married to fellow high school alumna and Pono Pacific and Kupu co-founder Julianna Rapu Leong. Together they have four amazing children and live in Honolulu, Hawai'i.