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September 18, 2024

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. Christina Ohira as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Ms. Ohira will replace Landon Kaneshiro and serve for a term to expire on June 30, 2027. I would appreciate your favorable consideration of Ms. Ohira's appointment and request adoption by the City Council in the most expedient manner possible.

I have enclosed a draft resolution and Ms. Ohira'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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Blangiardi". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rick Blangiardi
Mayor

Enclosures

cc: Ms. Christina Ohira
Department of Planning and Permitting
Zoning Board of Appeals
Ethics Commission



HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL
KE KANIHELA O KE KALANA O HONOLULU
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

No. _____

RESOLUTION

CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF CHRISTINA OHIRA TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS.

WHEREAS, Section 6-1516 of the Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu 1973 (Amended 2017 Edition), as amended ("Charter"), establishes the Zoning Board of Appeals consisting of five members appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council ("Council") to serve for staggered five-year terms; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 6-1516 states that the Zoning Board of Appeals "shall hear and determine appeals from the actions of the [Director of Planning and Permitting] in the administration of the zoning ordinances, including variances therefrom, subdivision ordinances and any rules and regulations adopted pursuant to either"; and

WHEREAS, by Mayor's letter, dated September 17, 2024, the Mayor has appointed Ms. Christina Ohira to the Zoning Board of Appeals; and

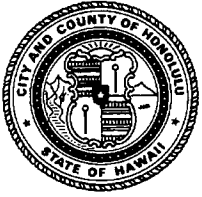
WHEREAS, if confirmed by the Council, Ms. Ohira will replace Landon Kaneshiro and serve for a term to expire on June 30, 2027; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 13-103, which applies to the Zoning Board of Appeals, requires that appointees to City and County of Honolulu ("City") boards and commissions be registered voters of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Council has reviewed Ms. Ohira's qualifications and character and finds that she qualifies to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals and deserves confirmation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it confirms the appointment of Ms. Ohira to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term expiring on June 30, 2027; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council expresses its gratitude and appreciation to Ms. Ohira for her willingness to be considered for public service and actively participate in City government; and



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RESOLUTION

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals, and Ms. Christina Ohira.

INTRODUCED BY:

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

Honolulu, Hawai'i

Councilmembers

1. Position Nominated to: ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
2. Name: CHRISTINA NORIKO OHIRA
(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? -select-
4. Occupation: ATTORNEY
5. Name and address of employer or firm:
STARN O'TOOLE MARCUS & FISHER, PACIFIC GUARDIAN CENTER, MAKAI
TOWER, 733 BISHOP STREET, SUITE 1900, 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:
SOMF represents HART on various matters in connection with its acquisition of
property for the development of the rail project.
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:
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? Yes
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 2000, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA 2024,
WILLIAM S. RICHARDSON SCHOOL OF LAW 2007

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):

STARN O'TOOLE MARCUS & FISHER - I've basically worked at SOMF since
graduating law from law school in 2007. I did spend about 2.5 years at Chun Kerr
Dodd Beaman & Wong from 2011 - 2013

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

CAAP Arbitrator

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? No

19. Will you be able to commit to meeting dates and times? No

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 zoning board of appeals hears and determines appeals from actions of the director
re zoning, subdivision, and any rules and regulations adopted by DPP. The standard for
granting appeal is erroneous finding of a material fact and/or decisions that are
arbitrary and/or capricious.

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)

9-3-2024

(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.

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,

CHRISTINA N. OHIRA

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: 1457624 Registration Date: 12/21/1999

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 September 13, 2024.

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.