HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

KE KANIHELA O KE KALANA O HONOLULU

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

No. 24-257

RESOLUTION

CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF REX AKUTAGAWA TO SERVE ON THE RATE COMMISSION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

WHEREAS, Section 6-1704, Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu 1973 (Amended 2017 Edition), as amended ("Charter"), establishes a Rate Commission consisting of seven members who serve five-year staggered terms and must be duly registered voters of the City and County of Honolulu ("City"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Charter Section 6-1704, three members of the Rate Commission are appointed by the Mayor, three members are appointed by the City Council ("Council"), and one member is nominated and, upon confirmation by the Council, appointed by the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Charter Section 6-1705, the Rate Commission is responsible for reviewing the fares, fees, rates, tolls, and other charges for the use of any and all modes of the City's Transportation System and recommending adjustments thereto such that the revenues derived therefrom, in conjunction with any other revenues allocated to the Transportation System, are sufficient or as nearly sufficient as possible to support the operation and maintenance of the system; and

WHEREAS, in making recommendations, the Rate Commission may also consider factors such as transportation equity, accessibility, sustainability, availability, and effect on ridership; and

WHEREAS, the Rate Commission's recommendations are made through the Director of Transportation Services to the Mayor, who then transmits those recommendations, with or without amendments, to the Council, which is ultimately responsible for fixing and adjusting the fares, fees, rates, tolls, and other charges for use of any and all modes of the Transportation System; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rex Akutagawa was appointed to the Rate Commission via Resolution 23-79 to serve the remainder of Mr. Keslie Hui's term set to expire on June 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to reappoint Mr. Akutagawa to the Rate Commission for a term to expire on June 30, 2029; and

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WHEREAS, Charter Section 13-103 requires members of most City boards and commissions, including the Rate Commission, to be duly registered voters of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Council has reviewed Mr. Akutagawa's qualifications and character and finds that he is qualified to serve on the Rate Commission; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it hereby reappoints Mr. Rex Akutagawa to the Rate Commission for a term to expire on June 30, 2029; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council expresses its gratitude and appreciation to Mr. Akutagawa and his commitment and willingness to actively participate in city government; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Director of Transportation Services, and Mr. Rex Akutagawa.

INTRODUCED BY:

Tommy Waters

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

OCT 16 2024

Honolulu, Hawai'i

Councilmembers

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CERTIFICATE

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Introduced: 10/16/24 By: TOMMY WATERS Committee: BUDGET (BUD)

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Voting Legend: * = Aye w/Reservations

10/16/24	INTRO	Introduced.
11/21/24	BUD	Reported out for adoption. CR-360 4 AYES: CORDERO, KIA'ĀINA, TULBA, WEYER 1 ABSENT: SAY
12/11/24	CCL	Committee report and Resolution were adopted. 9 AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, OKIMOTO, SAY, TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS, WEYER

I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this RESOLUTION.

GLEN I. TAKAHASHI, CITY CLERK

TOMMY WATERS, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER