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CITY COUNCIL

NOMINATION AND/OR APPOINTMENT TRANSMITTAL

DATE: January 31, 2025

TO: OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, COMMITTEE AIDE TO

Executive Management
STANDING COMMITTEE

FROM: Tommy Waters
COUNCILMEMBER

SUBJECT: Jacob Aki TO THE
NOMINEE OR APPOINTEE NAME

Charter Commission
COMMISSION/AGENCY

The above-referenced individual is my proposed nomination and/or appointment for the subject Commission/Agency for consideration by your assigned Committee.

☒ Nomination form attached

☒ Resume attached



Councilmember signature

cc: Councilmembers

One form per nominee or appointee
(Rev. 1/7/15)

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CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
NOMINEE/APPOINTEE FORM

1. Position Nominated to: Charter Commission

2. Name: Jacob Bryan K Aki
(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: Senior Public Affairs Manager

5. Name and address of employer or firm:
Alaska Airlines x Hawaiian Airlines
3375 Koapaka St., Ste. G350, 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:

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? 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:

High School – Kamehameha Schools
B.A. in Hawaiian Studies (University of Hawaii at Manoa)
M.A. in Political Management (The George Washington University)

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):

Alaska Airlines (2023 - Present)
Hawaii State Senate (2016 - 2023)

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

Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs (President of the Oahu Council)
Hale O Na Alii O Hawaii (State Vice President)
Council For Native Hawaiian Advancement (Board Member)

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 travel to the continent for work.

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?

As a Honolulu Charter Commission Member, my primary duty would be to review the Honolulu Charter, and propose amendments to enhance government efficiency, transparency and accountability. This would be accomplished through thorough community engagement and discussions.

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.

[redacted] 01/28/2025

(Signature) (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.

JACOB AKI

POLITICAL AND COMMUNICATIONS PROFESSIONAL



ABOUT ME

Jacob is a seasoned political and communications professional with nearly a decade of experience working in government, managing electoral campaigns, and organizing community engagement initiatives.

EDUCATION

The George Washington University

Masters in
Political Management

2017 - 2019

University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

Bachelors in
Hawaiian Studies

2013 - 2016

EXPERTISE

Political Management

Communications

Government Relations

Community Engagement

EXPERIENCE

Senior Public Affairs Manager — May 2023 - Present

Alaska Airlines

In this role, Jacob helps to execute Alaska's market strategy and foster a culture of care in Hawai`i. He also represents the airline in Hawai`i's state and local government affairs and in key West Coast cities.

Director of Communications — Nov 2020 - May 2023
Chief of Staff — Dec 2016 - Nov 2020

Hawai'i State Senate

As the chamber's chief spokesperson, Jacob oversaw and led a team responsible for all communications, public relations, crisis management, and digital media efforts for the Hawai'i State Senate. From 2016 - 2020, Jacob had served as the Chief of Staff to the former Senate Majority Leader, where he had been the senator's chief legislative and political advisor.

President & Co-Owner — May 2017 - Present

Kaiwi'ula Strategies

As the founder of a political and communications firm, Jacob and his team collaborated with notable clients including U.S. Congresswoman Jill Tokuda, Kamehameha Schools, Common Cause, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.

ORGANIZATIONS

Jacob is an active member and leader of the following organizations:

- Democratic Party of Hawai'i
- Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs
- Hale O Nā Ali'i O Hawai'i
- Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement
- Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce
- Pā Ku'i A Lua
- 'Ahahui 'Ōlelo Hawai'i
- Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association

REFERENCES

Available Upon Request

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,

JACOB BRYAN AKI

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

Precinct, 02 Representative District, 31 State of Hawaii

Voter ID No: 1320286 Registration Date: 01/07/2013

Date of Birth [redacted]

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City and County of Honolulu to be affixed on January 30, 2025.

[redacted]

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.