CITY COUNCIL

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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: Laurel Johnston 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

Tommy Waters

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: Laurel A Johnston
(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: Retired as of 12/31/2018 with 30 years of service, State of Hawaii

5. Name and address of employer or firm:
Retired, Director of Finance, State of Hawaii
See resume for additional information

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:

Master of Science in Public Adminstration, Florida State University
Non-Profit Management Certificate, Kapiolani Community College

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):

Retired, Director of Finance, Deputy Director of Finance (2017-2018)
Deputy Chief of Staff, Governor David Ige (2015-2016)
Budget Director, University of Hawaii System (2011-2014)

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

Board of Trustees, Friends of the Hawaii State Library System
Board of Trustees, Hawaii Employer-Union Trust Fund (2017 to 2022)
Board of Trustees, Hawaii Employee Retirement System (2017-2018)

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? 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?

Review the current City and County of Honolulu Charter for possible revisions that will improve governance and responses from the City's organization in providing services within the City and County 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.

Laurel A Johnston (Signature)

01/29/2025 (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.

Laurel A. Johnston

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- **Provided advice and counsel to Governor, Cabinet officials, and legislative leadership on evolving fiscal conditions and trends** to inform state executive budget development, legislative appropriations, and executive budget execution

- **Managed Governor's Office administrative operations** and **provided executive support for Cabinet officials** on policy issues, budget development, and legislative proposals

- **Advised and supported** University President and Board of Regents in successful budget negotiations with state legislative branch and executive budget agency, **resulting in additional general fund support in FY15 for campus operations**

- **Maintained cross-campus budget staff working group** to encourage collaboration between campuses, **resulting in more coordinated system wide budget process and procedures**

- Provided **leadership and management** of legislative staff working groups to successfully implement the Senate's paperless initiative, **resulting in enhanced legislative process and resource conservation**

- Raised **community awareness** of the adverse economic and social impacts on our community health system of those without health insurance, **resulting in expansion of programs serving the uninsured**

- Successfully **managed budget negotiations** with state legislative branch and executive budget agency, **resulting in additional state funds to support the implementation of the Felix Consent Decree**

PROFESSIONAL SKILL SUMMARY

Budget & Finance Chief administrator and departmental operating officer for state of Hawaii budget and finance programs and attached agencies. Manager of budget policy and procedures for State of Hawaii's public education system and University of Hawai'i system. Developed budget requests and presented testimony in support of requests. Administered system-wide budget allocations as reflected in legislative and executive budgets.

Policy Development & Issue Management Key adviser to elected officials, governing boards, appointed executives, and private clients on public policy in diverse disciplines. A trained facilitator for community dialogues, staff working groups, and leadership retreats. Representative at local, regional, and national conferences advocating and educating audiences about diverse policy initiatives.

Staff Management Team leader and manager of professional and support staff. Established project deadlines, monitored staff work process and products, edited staff work products. Developed and presented staff training on legislative process and procedure.

Research & Writing Conducted legal and policy research, drafted report findings and recommendations, prepared government and private foundation grant proposals, created media releases and web content, presented research at local forums and national conferences.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY (Retired with 30 years of service to State of Hawai'i)

- 2017 – 2018 Director of Finance, Hawai'i Department of Budget and Finance (Ret. 12/21/18)
- 2016 -- 2017 Deputy Director, Hawai'i Department of Budget and Finance
- 2015 - 2016 Deputy Chief of Staff, Hawai'i Governor's Office
- 2012 - 2014 Director of University Budget, University of Hawai'i
- 2007 – 2011 Assistant Senate Clerk, Hawai'i Senate
- 2004 – 2006 Executive Director, Hawai'i Uninsured Project
- 2003 – 2004 Senior Accounts Supervisor, Communications Pacific, Honolulu Hawai'i
- 2000 – 2002 Asst. Superintendent, Hawai'i Department of Education, Planning, Budget and Resource Development Office
- 1997 – 2000 Staff Director, Hawai'i Senate Judiciary Committee
- 1992 – 1996 Senior Legislative Researcher, Hawai'i Senate Majority Office
- 1986 – 1991 Legislative Analyst, Office of the Auditor, State of Hawai'i

EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS

- **M.S., Public Administration** (Budgeting/Program Evaluation) Florida State University
- B.S., Criminology (Sociology Minor) Florida State University
- **Non-Profit Management Certificate Program** Kapiolani Community College
- Meeting Facilitation, Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution Hawai'i State Judiciary

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,

LAUREL A. JOHNSTON

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

Precinct, 02 Representative District, 19 State of Hawaii

Voter ID No: 1647130 Registration Date: 11/22/1985

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.