RES25-043
Testimony

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EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT (EM)

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Meeting Date: Feb 12, 2025 @ 02:30 PM

Support: 2

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 1

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February 9, 2025

To: Honorable Tommy Waters, Chair and Presiding Officer and Members, Honolulu City Council

From: Liann Ebesugawa

Re: STRONG SUPPORT of Counsel Resolution No. 25-43 approving the appointment by the Presiding Officer of JACCE MIKULANEC to the 2025 Charter Commission of the City and County of Honolulu

Meeting: Wednesday, February 12, 2025, 2:30 p.m.

Dear Chair Waters and Councilmembers:

I write this letter in strong support of Jacce Mikulanec's appointment to the 2025 Charter Commission of the City and County of Honolulu.

Jacce is a person committed to the well-being of our community. He is also smart and fair-minded. I have known Jacce for nearly 15 years as we served together on the Board of the Japanese American Citizens League – Honolulu Chapter. We both served as past presidents and continue to volunteer as board members.

Through the years, we have worked on a number of social justice efforts and I have always been impressed with Jacce's ability to communicate effectively with a wide range of stakeholders. He is always fair and works hard to find consensus. He is kind and generous with his time, knowledge and skills.

I believe that Jacce would be a valuable addition to the body that reviews and provides recommendation to the governing document of our city. This is an important role. I have trust in Jacce's experience and in his broad understanding and sensitivity to our community's needs. As such, I encourage the Honolulu City Council to approve his appointment to the 2025 charter commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support.

Liann Ebesugawa

TO: Members of the Committee on Executive Management

FROM: Natalie Iwasa
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DATE: Wednesday, February 12, 2025

SUBJECT: Resolution 25-43, Charter Commission
Jacob Aki Appointee – **COMMENTS**

Aloha Chair Waters and Councilmembers,

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on Resolution 25-43, which makes appointments to the 2025 Honolulu Charter Commission.

The Charter Commission has one of the most demanding schedules of any volunteer commission or board that I have seen. The 2016 Commission often met multiple times per month and sometimes even more than once per week.

Jacob Aki has indicated he regularly has to travel to the Mainland for work As such, he may not be available for Commission meetings, even if they are conducted remotely. Therefore, **please follow up with him during committee discussions about his ability to attend meetings.**

Please also note that the Commission's website at https://www.honoluluchartercommission.org/ is extremely difficult to read.

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From: Minda Yamaga

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Dear Chair Waters and Councilmembers:

I write this letter in strong support of Jacce Mikulanec's appointment to the 2025 Charter Commission of the City and County of Honolulu. I know Jacce through his community work and that in of itself demonstrates his commitment to the betterment of Hawaii. Beyond that, his thoughtfulness in approaching issues evinces his intelligence, care, and wide variety of experiences. These attributes will also serve him well on the Charter Commission. Finally, in discussing difficult issues I've observed Jacce deft balance between taking a firm position while listening to others. This skill will make him a successful member of the Charter Commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support.

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