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October 20, 2025

The Honorable Tommy Waters
Chair and Presiding Officer
and Members
Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street, Room 202
Honolulu, Hawai'i 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 reappoint, subject to confirmation by your Honorable Body, Ms. Carla Houser as a member of the Board of Parks and Recreation. Ms. Houser will serve for a term to expire on December 31, 2030. I would appreciate your favorable consideration of Ms. Houser's reappointment.

I have attached a draft resolution and Ms. Houser's information for your review and consideration. For any general inquiries you may have regarding this reappointment, please contact my Chief of Staff, Andy Sugg, at 808-768-4811.

Sincerely,

Rick Blangiardi
Mayor

Enclosures

cc: Ms. Carla Houser
Department of Parks and Recreation
Board of Parks and Recreation
Ethics Commission

MAYOR'S MESSAGE 164

HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

KE KANIHELA O KE KALANA O HONOLULU

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

No._____

RESOLUTION

CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF CARLA HOUSER TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

WHEREAS, Section 6-1404, Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu 1973, as amended ("RCH"), establishes an advisory Board of Parks and Recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Parks and Recreation consists of nine members appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council to staggered five-year terms; and

WHEREAS, the major duties of the Board of Parks and Recreation are to advise the Mayor, the Council, and the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation on matters relating to the recreational, cultural, and entertainment activities and facilities of the City and on the beautification of such facilities and public streets of the City; and

WHEREAS, by Mayor's letter, dated October 20, 2025, the Mayor has reappointed Ms. Carla Houser to the Board of Parks and Recreation; and

WHEREAS, if confirmed by the Council, Ms. Houser will serve for a term to expire on December 31, 2030; and

WHEREAS, Section 13-103, RCH, which applies to the Board of Parks and Recreation, includes a general qualification requiring a member to be a registered voter of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Council has reviewed the qualifications and character of Ms. Houser and finds that she qualifies to serve on the Board of Parks and Recreation and deserves confirmation for reappointment; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it confirms the reappointment of Ms. Carla Houser to the Board of Parks and Recreation for a term expiring on December 31, 2030; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council expresses its gratitude and appreciation to Ms. Houser for her willingness to serve the City and County of Honolulu; and

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RESOLUTION

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, the Chair of the Board of Parks and Recreation, and Ms. Carla Houser.

INTRODUCED BY:

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DATE OF INTRODUCTION: _____

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Honolulu, Hawai'i Councilmembers

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
NOMINEE/APPOINTEE FORM

1. Position Nominated to: Board-Parks and Recreation

2. Name: Carla (First) Jo (Middle) Houser (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 10-20 years
   Are you a registered voter in the City and County of Honolulu? Yes

4. Occupation: non profit executive

5. Name and address of employer or firm:
   RYSE, 615 Piikoi St, Honolulu 96814

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:
   C&C DCS funding through GIA, ESG, $750,000

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:

MSW-UH Manoa
Bachelor's-UCLA

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):

Founded non profit organization RYSE in 2018; management of homeless youth services at Waikiki Health 2011-2018

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

active member-Partners In Care, Hawaii Youth Services Network, Leeward Housing Coalition

17. Have you ever been a member of a board or commission with the City and County of Honolulu?

Yes

If yes, provide name(s) of board/commission:
Parks and Recreation 2023-25

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?

advise DPR leadership in areas of recreation, repairs and maintenance, and community engagement

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.

Carla J Houser! 10.2.2025

(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.***

Carla Houser

Experience

2017-present	Founder, Executive Director, Residential Youth Services & Empowerment, Honolulu HI
2012-2017	Program Manager, Youth Outreach, Waikiki Health, Honolulu HI
2010-2012	Program Director, Department of Health, City of Long Beach, CA
2002-2010	Director of Operations, Women's Basketball, Cal State University, Northridge, CA
1998-2000	Socialization Worker, SRO Housing Corporation, Los Angeles CA

Education

University of California, Los Angeles	BA	2000	Sociology
Mt San Antonio College, CA	AA	2010	Kinesiology
University of Hawaii at Manoa	MSW	2017	Social Work

Community Leadership

2017-2019	Member, National Association of Social Workers, Hawaii Chapter
2015-present	Member, Partners In Care, Honolulu
2017-present	Founder and Advisor, Oahu Youth Action Board
2017-2020	Chair, Data Committee, Partners In Care
2017-2019	Administrator, Homeless Youth Coordinated Entry System, Partners In Care
2015-2018	Member, Advocacy Committee, Partners In Care
2021-present	Member, Missing Murdered Native Hawaiian Women and Girls Task Force
2019, 2020, 2021	Presenter, Institute on Violence, Abuse and Trauma Summit
2020-present	Member, Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Youth Committee

Trainings and Certifications

Youth Mental Health First Aid certification
Dept of Health & Human Services "Homeless and Traumatic Stress" training
Youth Development Institute's Positive Youth Development Framework training
Office of Adolescent Health/Texas A&M: Design Centered Thinking training
Hawaii State Dept of Health HIV/Hep C Outreach, Testing, and Linkage certification
National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN) certification in adolescent trauma and substance abuse
NCTSN Trauma Informed Integrated Healthcare certification
National Association of Social Workers membership with specialty sections: child welfare, children, adolescents and young adults

Publications

I have contributed to the social work literature on youth homelessness with publications appearing in the peer-reviewed journals Child and Family Social Work and Child and Youth Services Review.

a. Aparicio, E.M, Phillips, D.R., Okimoto, T, Cabral, M.K., Houser, C. Anderson, K (2108). Youth and Provider perspectives of Wahine Talk: A holistic sexual health and pregnancy prevention program developed with and for homeless youth. Child and Youth Services Review, 93, 467-473.

b. Aparicio, E.M., Rodrigues, E., Birmingham, A., & Houser, C. (In Press). Dual experiences of teenage parenting and homelessness among Native Hawaiian youth: A critical interpretative phenomenological analysis. Child and Family Social Work.

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,

CARLA J. HOUSER

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

Precinct, 01 Representative District, 19 State of Hawaii

Voter ID No: 1663775 Registration Date: 09/25/2012

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 June 21, 2023.

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.