REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ZONING & PLANNING

Voting Members:
Esther Kiaʻāina, Chair; Tommy Waters, Vice-Chair;
Radiant Cordero, Val A. Okimoto, Andria Tupola

Committee Meeting Held
November 20, 2025

Honorable Tommy Waters
Chair, City Council
City and County of Honolulu

Mr. Chair:

Your Committee on Zoning & Planning, which considered Resolution 25-294 entitled:

"RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MARK ANTHONY CLEMENTE TO SERVE ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU,"

transmitted by Mayor's Message 158, dated October 15, 2025, from the Office of the Mayor, and introduced on October 21, 2025, reports as follows:

The purpose of the Resolution is to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Mark Anthony Clemente to serve on the Planning Commission of the City and County of Honolulu, to fill a vacant position previously held by Nathaniel Kinney, for a term to expire on June 30, 2030. Mr. Clemente is currently the Director of Government Relations at the Hawaiʻi Regional Council of Carpenters and will provide representation on the Commission in the Land Development and Construction category.

A public hearing on Mr. Clemente's appointment was held at the Council meeting on November 5, 2025.

At your Committee's meeting on November 20, 2025, Mr. Clemente introduced himself, expressed his willingness to serve on the Planning Commission, and responded to questions from Councilmembers. Mr. Clemente stated that through his work in the construction industry, he experienced how land use decisions impact housing production, infrastructure capacity, and the overall quality of life for Oʻahu

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residents. If confirmed he hopes to bring a balanced and fair approach to this role, with a goal of ensuring that growth on O'ahu supports local families and preserves what makes our island special.

Committee Chair Kia'āina commented that she appreciated Mr. Clemente's community service in rural O'ahu, in addition to his professional background.

A DPP representative testified that the DPP supports Mr. Clemente's nomination, thanks him for his willingness to serve on the Planning Commission, and looks forward to working with him.

Your Committee received no verbal public testimony on the Resolution.

Your Committee received written testimony in support of the Resolution from Pacific Resource Partnership; BIA Hawaii; Operating Engineers Local 3; D.R. Horton Hawaii; and 13 individuals.

Your Committee finds that Mark Anthony Clemente meets all qualifications required to serve as a member of the Planning Commission.

Your Committee on Zoning & Planning is in accord with the intent and purpose of Resolution 25-294 and recommends its adoption. (Ayes: Cordero, Kia'āina, Tupola, Waters – 4; Noes: None; Absent: Okimoto – 1.)

Respectfully submitted,

Esther Kia'āina
Committee Chair

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