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November 18, 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 appoint, subject to confirmation by your Honorable Body, Mr. Gaison Ontai as a member of the Fire Commission. Mr. Ontai will replace Mr. David Matlin, and serve for a term to expire on December 31, 2029. I would appreciate your favorable consideration of Mr. Ontai's appointment and request adoption by the City Council in the most expedient manner possible.

I have enclosed a draft resolution and Mr. Ontai's personal information form for your review. For any general inquiries you may have regarding this appointment, please contact my Chief of Staff, Andy Sugg, at 808-768-4811.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Blangiardi".

Rick Blangiardi
Mayor

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Gaison Ontai
Honolulu Fire Department
Fire Commission
Ethics Commission

MAYOR'S MESSAGE 173

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
NOMINEE/APPOINTEE FORM

1. Position Nominated to: Fire Commissioner
2. Name: Gaison I.K. Ontai
(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: Attorney
5. Name and address of employer or firm:
The Queen's Health Systems, 1301 Punchbowl St., Honolulu, HI 96813
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? Yes
If yes, please specify the department and division:
Dept. of Housing and Land Management
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; BA, UH Manoa; JD, William S. Richardson School
of Law

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):

Corporate Counsel at The Queen's Health Systems. Responsibilities include legal,
corporate risk & insurance, litigation & claims management.

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

UH Alumni Association (Board Member); Junior Achievement Hawaii (Board Member);
Board of Private Detectives and Guards (Public 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:

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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

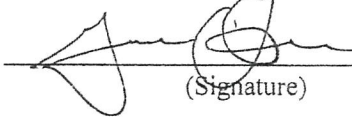
20. Are you regularly away from Honolulu? No If yes, please explain:

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?

To provide oversight and policy guidance to HFD, including appointment and evaluation
of the Honolulu Fire Chief. Review operations, rules, and budget matters, and
recommend improvements. Ensure accountability, integrity, and effective service to the
community.

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.


(Signature)

10/30/25

(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.*

GAISON I.K. ONTAI

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- The Queen's Health Systems, Honolulu, Hawai'i (2013 – Present)

Corporate Counsel – Litigation and Risk, Legal Department
President, Queen's Insurance Exchange

Oversee litigation, corporate risk and insurance, and claims management. Provide legal counsel on governance, compliance, and regulatory matters.

Previous Roles: Corporate Counsel; Director, Physician Contracts and Compensation; Manager, Contract Services; Contract Administrator.

- City & County of Honolulu, Department of the Prosecuting Attorney (2013)

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

Handled criminal cases and trial preparation before the District and Circuit Courts.

- Hawai'i State Judiciary, First Circuit Court (2012-2013)

Law Clerk to the Honorable Steven S. Alm

Assisted with legal research, case management, and court proceedings.

EDUCATION

William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa – Juris Doctor, 2012

University of Hawai'i at Mānoa – B.A., Political Science, 2008

Kamehameha Schools – Kapālama – High School Diploma, 2005

BOARD & COMMUNITY SERVICE

Junior Achievement of Hawai'i – Board Member (2024 – Present)

University of Hawai'i Alumni Association – Board Member (2024 – Present)

Board of Private Detectives and Guards (State of Hawai'i) – Public Member (2024 - Present)

Aloha Harvest – Board Member; Past Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary (2019 - 2025)

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,

GAISON I.K. ONTAI

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

Precinct, 02 Representative District, 27 State of Hawaii

Voter ID No: 1401826 Registration Date: 08/23/2006

Date of Birth

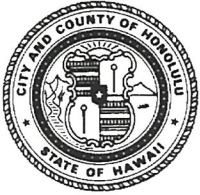
In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City and County of Honolulu to be affixed on November 17, 2025.

Signature Block

Signature of Elector



*Glen I. Takahashi, City Clerk
City and County of Honolulu
State of Hawaii*



HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL
KE KANIHELA O KE KALANA O HONOLULU
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

No. _____

RESOLUTION

CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF GAISON ONTAI TO SERVE ON THE FIRE COMMISSION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

WHEREAS, Section 6-1005, Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu 1973 (Amended 2017 Edition), as amended ("Charter"), establishes a Fire Commission ("Commission") consisting of seven members; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 6-1006 sets forth the powers, duties, and functions of the Commission; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Charter Section 13-103, the members of the Commission are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council ("Council") and serve for staggered five-year terms; and

WHEREAS, by Mayor's Letter, dated November 18, 2025, the Mayor has appointed Gaison Ontai to the Fire Commission; and

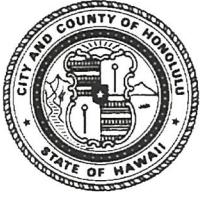
WHEREAS, if confirmed by the Council, Mr. Ontai will replace Mr. David Matlin and serve for a term to expire on December 31, 2029; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 13-103, which applies to the Commission, requires that appointees to all City Boards and Commission be registered voters of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Council has reviewed Mr. Ontai's qualifications and character and finds that he is qualified to serve on the Commission and deserves confirmation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it confirms the appointment of Mr. Gaison Ontai to the Fire Commission for a term expiring on December 31, 2029; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council expresses its gratitude and appreciation to Mr. Ontai for his willingness to be considered for public service and actively participate in city government; and



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RESOLUTION

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, Fire Chief, the Chair of the Fire Commission, and Mr. Gaison Ontai.

INTRODUCED BY:

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

Honolulu, Hawai'i

Councilmembers