RES25-292
Testimony

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*PUBLIC SAFETY & ECONOMY (PSE)

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Meeting Date: Nov 20, 2025 @ 01:00 PM

Support: 2

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 0

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November 20, 2025

Honolulu City Council
Public Safety Committee
Chair Tulba and members of the committee

RE: Support for Resolution 25-292 Confirming the Appointment of Anna Neubauer to serve on the Citizens Advisory Commission on Emergency Management for the City and County of Honolulu Wednesday, Nov. 5, 10 a.m., City Council Chamber

Aloha kākou,

My name is Melissa Pavlicek and I have served as a volunteer and member of the board of directors of the Hawaiian Humane Society for six years. I am writing to support the appointment of Anna Neubauer to serve on the Citizens Advisory Commission on Emergency Management for the City and County of Honolulu. I have written in support in past hearings, but I'm writing again to underscore how valuable Anna's contributions are to our community.

Anna is an outstanding leader with deep experience in disaster preparation and response, specifically oriented toward helping people and animals during fires, floods, earthquakes, landslides, hurricanes, and more. I served on a search committee that recruited Anna for her current position, so I can say with absolute certainty that Anna's breadth of experience and unwavering belief in community service is part of her "DNA." I have watched her blossom in her role and put down deep roots in our community. She inspires me!

Anna has forged a collaboration with the Honolulu Department of Emergency Management to offer training from nationally recognized. It is her vision, leadership, and roll-up-your-sleeves "can do" attitude which motivates multitudes of volunteers, including me, on a daily basis. I am personally grateful for her leadership in helping design and implement the Hawaiian Humane Society's West Oahu Campus and for her preparations for the recent tsunami threat and bringing in emergency supplies for staff sheltering in place.

The City and County of Honolulu would most certainly benefit from Anna's selection.
Please adopt RES25-292.

Thank you,

Melissa Pavlicek

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Date: Nov. 19, 2025

To: Chair Augie Tulba
Vice Chair Esther Kiaʻāina
and Members of the Committee on Public Safety and Economy

Submitted By: David Okabe, Board Chair
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RE: Support for Resolution 25-292 Confirming the Appointment of Anna Neubauer to serve on the Citizens Advisory Commission on Emergency Management for the City and County of Honolulu
Thursday, Nov. 20, 1 p.m., City Council Chamber

As board chairman for the Hawaiian Humane Society, I want to express my strong support for the appointment of Hawaiian Humane President & CEO Anna Neubauer to serve on the Citizens Advisory Commission on Emergency Management for the City and County of Honolulu.

Anna has extensive experience in animal disaster preparation and response and has helped to elevate Hawaiian Humane's role in this critical area since her arrival in 2019. Anna successfully deployed teams in response to multiple hurricanes on the continental United States while working for the Dumb Friends League (now named Humane Colorado).

Following her hiring at Hawaiian Humane, she collaborated with the Honolulu Department of Emergency Management to offer an intensive training from the nationally recognized experts at American Humane to local stakeholders in 2023. Extending over several virtual session and culminating with a two-day in-person training, this opportunity helped animal first responder professionals from across the state hone critical skills.

Anna's boots-on-the-ground leadership included organizing Hawaiian Humane's preparations for the recent tsunami threat and bringing in emergency supplies for staff sheltering in place for the event.

Anna's participation in this Advisory Commission would be of enormous benefit to the City and County of Honolulu and I urge you to adopt RES25-292. Mahalo for your consideration.