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January 8, 2026

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, Ryan Kamo, as a member of the Planning Commission. Mr. Kamo will serve a term to expire on June 30, 2030. I would appreciate your favorable consideration of Mr. Kamo's reappointment and request adoption by the City Council in the most expedient manner possible.

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

Sincerely,

Rick Blangiardi
Mayor

cc: Mr. Ryan Kamo
Department of Planning and Permitting
Planning Commission
Ethics Commission

HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

KE KANIHELA O KE KALANA O HONOLULU

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

No. _____

RESOLUTION

CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF RYAN KAMO TO SERVE ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

WHEREAS, Section 6-1505, Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu, 1973 ("Charter"), as amended, establishes a Planning Commission ("Commission") consisting of nine members; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 6-1505 states that at least one member of the Commission must have substantial experience or expertise in one of the following categories of disciplines, each of the categories must be represented by a different member, and all of the categories must be represented on the Commission:

1. Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices, native Hawaiian law, or traditional Hawaiian land usage;

2. Land use planning, policies, and principles;

3. Land development and construction; and

4. Climate change and sea level rise causes, effects, and solutions; or environmental protection and preservation; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 6-1506 provides that, among other things, major duties of the Commission are to:

1. Advise the Mayor, the Council, and the Director of Planning and Permitting on matter concerning the planning programs; and

2. Hold public hearings and make recommendations on all proposals to adopt or amend the general plan, development plans, and zoning ordinances; and

WHEREAS, by Mayor's letter, dated January 8, 2026, the Mayor has reappointed Ryan Kamo to the Planning Commission, for a term to expire June 30, 2030; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Kamo will provide representation on the Commission in the category of land use planning, policies, and principles; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 13-103 requires that each appointee to the Commission be a registered voter of the City; and

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Council of the City and County of Honolulu has reviewed Mr. Kamo's qualifications and character and finds that he qualifies to serve on the Commission; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it confirms the appointment of Mr. Ryan Kamo to the Planning Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2030; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council expresses its gratitude and appreciation to Mr. Kamo for his commitment and willingness to actively participate in city government; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Department of Planning and Permitting, the Planning Commission, and Mr. Ryan Kamo.

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: Planning Commission

2. Name: Ryan James Kaiona Kamo
(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 10-20 years
Are you a registered voter in the City and County of Honolulu? Yes

4. Occupation: Architect

5. Name and address of employer or firm:
Design Partners Incorporated
560 Halekauwila Street, Honolulu Hi 96813

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:
N/A

7. Do you or does any member of your immediate family hold office or own stock in any firm?
Yes

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:

Barchelors of Architecture , University of Southern California
Masters of Business Administration, University of Hawaii at Manoa

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):

Principal at Design Partners Incorporated

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

Board Member, Home Aid Hawaii

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:
Planning Commission

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?

Advising the City Council on applications made to the Planning commission in relation to planning and updates to the Land Use Ordinance

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.

Ryan Kamo (Signature)

12/2/2025 (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.

Ryan James Kaiona Kamo, AIA, NCARB

Vice President / Senior Principal: Over 13 years of experience leading innovative design projects and driving strategic growth. He excels in fostering collaboration, mentoring teams, and enhancing client satisfaction. His expertise in design thinking and visionary leadership has helped to direct direction of the firm, including strategy and positioning.

Specialties: Strategic Leadership, Project Management, Client Relations, Team Mentorship, Design Innovation, Business Development, Operational Efficiency, Project management, Urban Planning, Master Planning Communities, Site Design, Development Feasibility Studies

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Vice President / Senior Principal — Design Partners Inc., 08/2011 to Present

- Lead Architect on small to large size projects
- Interface with C&C of Honolulu planners and staff to ensure project design compliance with planning principles
- Develop planning guidelines and urban design plans for large scale master planned communities
- Conceptualize urban infill masterplans focusing on Honolulu Transit Oriented Development
- Supervise design teams in production of deliverables and management of design schedules
- Develop architectural design plans, specifications, and cost estimates
- Collaborate with Users, clients, designers, contractors, and local/state agencies to resolve planning and design issues
- Ensured cost-effective and timely completion of all projects to meet or exceed client expectations
- Maintain excellent client relationships
- Contribute architectural and planning services to nonprofit organizations in support of affordable housing initiatives
- Support ongoing professional development of younger team members
- Assist in office management

Planner — Castle and Cooke Homes Hawaii, 2010

- Collaborate with team members to manage design and planning teams and schedules
- Participate in organization of focus groups to create vision of Koa Ridge subdivision
- Conceptual Modeling of Koa Ridge Masterplan Community

EDUCATION

- **Master of Business Administration**, University of Hawaii at Manoa, 2016
- **Bachelor of Architecture / Real Estate Development,** University of Southern California, 2011

AFFILIATIONS

- Honolulu Planning Commission – Vice Chair
- Pacific Century Fellows Class of 2024
- HomeAid Board of Directors - Director
- American Institute of Architects (AIA)
- National Council of Architects (NCARB)
- Urban Land Institute Hawaii (ULI)

*Project Experience and references will be provided upon request

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,

RYAN J.K. KAMO

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

Precinct, 04 Representative District, 22 State of Hawaii

Voter ID No: 1400439 Registration Date: 06/07/2008

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 January 8, 2026.

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.