REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ZONING & PLANNING

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

Committee Meeting Held
February 5, 2026

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

Mr. Chair:

Your Committee on Zoning & Planning, which considered Resolution 26-13 entitled:

"RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF RYAN KAMO TO SERVE ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU,"

transmitted by Mayor's Message 7 (2026), dated January 8, 2026, from the Office of the Mayor, introduced on January 13, 2026, and was the subject of a public hearing at the Council meeting on January 28, 2026, reports as follows:

The purpose of Resolution 26-13 is to confirm the reappointment of Ryan Kamo to serve on the Planning Commission of the City and County of Honolulu for a term to expire on June 30, 2030. Mr. Kamo is an architect at Design Partners Incorporated, and will continue to provide representation on the Commission under the land use planning, policies, and principles category.

At your Committee's meeting on February 5, 2026, Mr. Kamo introduced himself, expressed his willingness to serve on the Planning Commission, and responded to questions from Councilmembers. He stated that through his architecture practice, he observed the impacts land use legislation has on Oahu's communities, and he is honored to share his experiences and perspectives as a member of the Planning Commission.

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The Director of Planning and Permitting testified in support of Mr. Kamo's reappointment and thanked him for his good work.

Your Committee received no verbal or written public testimony on the Resolution.

Your Committee has prepared a CD1 version of the Resolution that makes the following amendments:

A. In the first WHEREAS clause, corrects the designation for the City Charter and adds that Planning Commission members are appointed by the Mayor and appointed by the City Council to staggered five-year terms.

B. In the fourth WHEREAS clause, adds a reference to Mayor 's Message 7 (2026).

C. In the BE IT RESOLVED clause, changes "appointment" to "reappointment."

D. In the BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED clause, provides that copies be transmitted to the Director of Planning and Permitting and the Chair of the Planning Commission (rather than the Department of Planning and Permitting and the Planning Commission).

E. Makes miscellaneous technical and nonsubstantive amendments.

Your Committee finds that Ryan Kamo meets all qualifications required to serve as a member of the Planning Commission.

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Your Committee on Zoning & Planning is in accord with the intent and purpose of Resolution 26-13, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as Resolution 26-13, CD1. (Ayes: Cordero, Kia'āina, Okimoto, Tupola, Waters – 5; Noes: None.)

Respectfully submitted,

Esther Kia'aina

Committee Chair

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HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

KE KANIHELA O KE KALANA O HONOLULU

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

No. **26-13, CD1**

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 (Amended 2017 Edition), as amended ("Charter"), as amended, establishes a Planning Commission ("Commission") consisting of nine members appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council ("Council") to staggered five-year terms; 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 Message 7 (2026), dated January 8, 2026, the Mayor has reappointed Ryan Kamo to the 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

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RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, the Council has reviewed Ryan Kamo's qualifications and character and finds that Ryan Kamo 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 reappointment of 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 Ryan 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 Director of Planning and Permitting, the Chair of the Planning Commission, and Ryan Kamo.

INTRODUCED BY:

Tommy Waters (br)

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

January 13, 2026
Honolulu, Hawai'i

Councilmembers

Report Title:
Reappointment; Confirmation; Boards and Commissions; Planning Commission

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