

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY & ECONOMY

Voting Members:

Augie Tulba, Chair; Esther Kia'āina, Vice Chair;
Scott Y. Nishimoto, 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 Public Safety & Economy, which considered
Resolution 26-11 entitled:

"RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF DEBBI ELENKI TO
SERVE ON THE FIRE COMMISSION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF
HONOLULU,"

transmitted by Mayor's Message Communication 5(26), 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 January 28, 2026 Council meeting, reports as follows:

The purpose of the resolution is to confirm the reappointment of Debbi Eleneki to
serve on the Fire Commission of the City and County of Honolulu for a term to expire on
December 31, 2029.

At your Committee's meeting on February 5, 2026, Ms. Eleneki expressed her
willingness to serve on the Fire Commission and responded to questions from
Councilmembers.

Your Committee considered and approved a hand-carried proposed CD1 version
that makes the following amendments:

- A. In the fourth WHEREAS clause, identifies the Mayor's letter as Mayor's
Message 5 (2026) and corrects the date of the communication by changing
"January 8, 2025" to "January 8, 2026."

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- B. Amends the sixth WHEREAS clause to provide that Charter Section 13-103 includes a general qualification that Fire Commission members must be registered voters of the City (rather than a requirement that all appointees to City boards and commissions must be registered voters of the City, as some boards and commissions are not subject to Charter Section 13-103).
- C. Makes miscellaneous technical and nonsubstantive amendments.

Your Committee on Public Safety & Economy is in accord with the intent and purpose of Resolution 26-11, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as Resolution 26-11, CD1. (Ayes: Kia'āina, Nishimoto, Okimoto, Tulba, Tupola – 5; Noes: None.)

Respectfully submitted,

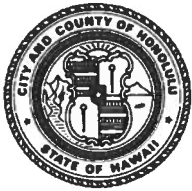


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No. 26-11, CD1

RESOLUTION

CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF DEBBI ELENKI 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 Message 5 (2026), dated January 8, 2026, the Mayor has reappointed Debbi Eleneki to the Commission; and

WHEREAS, if confirmed by the Council, Debbi Eleneki will serve a second term to expire on December 31, 2029; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 13-103, which applies to the Commission, includes a general qualification requiring a member to be a registered voter of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Council has reviewed Debbi Eleneki's qualifications and character and finds that she 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 reappointment of Debbi Eleneki to the Fire Commission for a second term set to expire on December 31, 2029; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council expresses its gratitude and appreciation to Debbi Eleneki for her willingness to be considered for public service and actively participate in City government; and

Report Title:

Honolulu Fire Department ("HFD"); Honolulu Fire Commission; Reappointment; Boards and Commissions; Confirmation

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