

CITY COUNCIL

NOMINATION AND/OR APPOINTMENT TRANSMITTAL

DATE: 2/18/2026

TO: OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, COMMITTEE AIDE TO
Energy, Environment, & Sustainability
STANDING COMMITTEE

FROM: Waters
COUNCILMEMBER

SUBJECT: Ray Soon TO THE
NOMINEE OR APPOINTEE NAME
Clean Water Natural Lands Fund Advisory Commission
COMMISSION/AGENCY

25 FEB 20 3 13 PM '26 CITY CLERK

The above-referenced individual is my proposed nomination and/or appointment for the subject Commission/Agency for consideration by your assigned Committee.

☒ Nomination form attached

☒ Resume attached



Councilmember signature

cc: Councilmembers

***One form per nominee or appointee**
(Rev. 1/7/15)

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CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
NOMINEE/APPOINTEE FORM

1. Position Nominated to: Clean Water and Natural Lands Advisory Commission

2. Name: Raynard C Soon
(First) (Middle) (Last)

3. Are you a citizen of the United States? Yes ☒ No ☐
Are you a resident of the City and County of Honolulu? Yes ☒ No ☐
If yes, how long 76 years
Are you a registered voter in the City and County of Honolulu? Yes ☒ No ☐

4. Occupation: Retired with irregular part-time work as a sole proprietor

5. Name and address of employer or firm:
None

6. Does your employer do any business with the City and County of Honolulu?
Yes ☐ 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?
Yes ☒ No ☐

8. Does the firm do business with the City and County of Honolulu? Yes ☒ No ☐
If yes, provide details including the name(s) of the firm:
See attached

9. Do you have any part-time employment, professional activity, or financial interests other than those indicated in the previous question? Yes ☒ No ☐
If yes, provide details:
See attached

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? Yes ☐ No ☒

11. Are any members of your family employed by the City and County of Honolulu or any attached agency? Yes ☐ No ☒ If yes, please specify the department and division:

12. Are there any incidents in your past that may jeopardize your nomination
Yes ☐ No ☒

13. Have you ever been convicted of a felony? If yes, provide details:

14. Have you ever been convicted of a felony? If yes, provide details:

No to Q13 or Q14

15. Education:

Aina Haina El; Niu Valley Inter; Kalani High (grad 1967)

University of Hawaii Bachelor of Fine Arts (grad 1971)

Harvard University Master of City Planning (grad 1976)

16. 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):

See attached

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

See attached

18. Have you ever been a member of a board or commission with the City and County of Honolulu?

Yes ☒ No ☐ If yes, provide name(s) of board/commission:

Honolulu Board of Water Supply

19. Will you be able to commit to the full term of this appointment? Yes ☒ No ☒

20. Will you be able to commit to meeting dates and times? Yes ☒ No ☐

21. Are you regularly away from Honolulu? Yes ☐ No ☒ If yes, please explain:

I travel annually, but I have good control of my calendar and always schedule to meet my responsibilities

22. Are you willing to make a confidential financial disclosure to the city Ethics Commission upon appointment and yearly thereafter? Yes ☒ No ☐

23. What do you understand to be the prime duties of your county appointment?

To review proposals and to advise the City Council as to proposed expenditures under the Clean Water and Natural Lands provisions of the County Charter (Section 9-204).

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.)



1/26/24
(Date)

The completed form and any attachment(s) will be posted by the City Clerk and available on the City's DocuShare Website.

Raynard Soon
Clean Water and Natural Lands Advisory Commission

Q.8. Interest in firm that does business with City and County of Honolulu

<i>Family Involved</i>	<i>Business Name & Address</i>	<i>Nature of Business</i>	<i>% Interest</i>
Cheryl/Raynard Soon	Solutions Pacific 680 Iwilei Rd, Ste 600, 96817	Consulting	40%
Rebecca Soon	Solutions Pacific 680 Iwilei Rd. Ste 600, 96817	Consulting	60%
Rebecca Soon	Ward Research 680 Iwilei Rd. Ste 600, 96817	Research	100%

Q.9. Interests in other businesses

<i>Family Involved</i>	<i>Business Name & Address</i>	<i>Nature of Business</i>	<i>% Interest</i>
Cheryl/Raynard Soon	Makali'i Holdings 725 Kapiolani Blvd, Ste 400, 96813	Business Investments	Less than 5%
Cheryl/Raynard Soon	Makali'i Management 725 Kapiolani Blvd, Ste 400, 96813	Business Management	25%
Cheryl/Raynard Soon	ABR Ventures LLC 725 Kapiolani Blvd, Ste 400, 96813	Infrastructure Supply Company	Less than 5%
Cheryl/Raynard Soon	Imbebe LLC (Lotus Café) 3565 Waialae Avenue, Ste 107, 96816	Coffee Retail	Less than 10%

Summary Highlights

Highly experienced executive with significant background in both private industry and State and County government. Strong skill sets in organizing and keeping teams focused, strategic thinking, negotiating, understanding the dynamics in chaotic situations between multiple players. Pertinent content skills in land use and housing development, particularly in local settings.

Relevant Professional Experience

City and County of Honolulu, 2013-2017, Chief of Staff to the Mayor

- Participated in the implementation of the Mayor's agenda within the bureaucracy
- Ironed out differences between departments
- Guided the Planning and Land Sub-cabinet (all departments involved in Land)
- Negotiated selected purchases/management of County lands including CWNL properties

Solutions Pacific, 2006-present, Founder and President

- Services include strategic planning, land use and program planning; policy development and analysis; survey research and data management
- Lead clients include US Army Corps of Engineers, State of Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, City Department of Transportation Services

State Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, 1990-2002

- Director of DHHL/Chair of Hawaiian Homes Commission (1998-2002): Administered the department; interfaced with other agencies, including Counties, Federal government, and major private land owners
- Administrator of DHHL's Land Management and Development Divisions (1990-1998): Led the staff in management of 203,000 acres and in the development/management of its residential and commercial portfolio statewide

Macomber Development (1987-1990), Acquisitions Manager

- Assisted the partners in the acquisition of land and buildings for the third largest developer in New England. Worked with project staff and consultants to prep project developments for disposition.

Relevant Commissions

- Member, Board of Water Supply (2017-2021)
- Member, Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii (2013-2020)
- Member, President's Advisory Council for Historic Preservation (1996-2005)
- Founding Member and Chairman, Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement (2001-2006)

Education

- Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1976, Masters of City Planning
- University of Hawaii at Manoa, 1971, Bachelor of Fine Arts, City/Regional Planning
- Public DOE schools, including Aina Haina El, Niu Valley Inter, and Kalani High School, 1967

Raynard Soon
Clean Water and Natural Lands Advisory Commission

Q. 17 ORGANIZATIONS AND BOARDS:

Memberships include:

Past Participation

Chairman
Member
President
Chairman of the Board

Hawaiian Homes Commission (1998-2002)
Native Hawaiian Water Rights Task Force
Historic Hawaii Foundation
Hawaiian Homes Technology

Vice-President
Member of the Board
Member of the Advisory Board
Member, Native Hawaiian Advisory Board
Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement

Native Hawaiian Economic Alliance
Ho'okako'o Corporation (Conversion Charter Schools)
Queen Liliuokalani Children's Center
University of Hawaii's TIM School
Founding member, Chairman 2002-2006

Member of the Council

President's Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (Clinton appointment, 1996-2005)

Member Advisory Board to the CEO
Member of the Board
Certified Member
Member

Kamehameha Schools
Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution
American Institute for Certified Planners
Lambda Alpha International (Land Economists)

Member of the Board
Member 2017-2021
Member 2013-2020

Pacific Island Land Institute
Honolulu BWS (2017-2021)
Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii (2013-2020)

Current

Member

Kalani High School Foundation