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April 24, 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, Joshua Tengan, as the Crafts member of the Commission on Culture and the Arts. Mr. Tengan will serve for a term to expire on June 30, 2031. I would appreciate your favorable consideration of Mr. Tengan's reappointment and request adoption by the City Council in the most expedient manner possible.

I have enclosed a draft resolution and Mr. Tengan'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. Joshua Tengan
Mayor's Office of Culture and the Arts
Commission on Culture and the Arts
Ethics Commission

HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

KE KANIHELA O KE KALANA O HONOLULU

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

No. _____

RESOLUTION

CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JOSHUA TENGAN TO SERVE ON THE COMMISSION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

WHEREAS, Chapter 3, Article 2, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 ("ROH"), as amended, establishes the Commission on Culture and the Arts ("Commission") to assist the City in attaining national preeminence in culture and the arts, to assist the City in the preservation of the artistic and cultural heritages of all its people, to promote a community environment which provides equal and abundant opportunity for exposure to culture and the arts in all its forms, and to encourage and provide equal opportunity for the development of the cultural and artistic talents of the people of Honolulu; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is comprised of 11 voting members appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council to five-year terms, and other ex officio, non-voting members; and

WHEREAS, ROH Section 3-2.2 requires ten of the appointed members to represent a particular cultural or artistic category and one appointed member to serve as an at large representative; and

WHEREAS, by Mayor's letter dated April 24, 2026, the Mayor has reappointed Joshua Tengan to serve on the Commission as the Crafts representative; and

WHEREAS, if confirmed by the Council, Mr. Tengan will and serve for a term to expire on June 30, 2031; and

WHEREAS, Section 13-103, Revised Charter of Honolulu 1973, as amended, which applies to the Commission on Culture and the Arts, includes a general qualification requiring a member to be a registered voter of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Council has reviewed the qualifications and character of Mr. Tengan and finds that he meets the requirements to serve on the Commission and deserves confirmation for appointment; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it confirms the reappointment of Joshua Tengan to the Commission on Culture and the Arts as the Crafts representative for a term expiring on June 30, 2031; and

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RESOLUTION

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council expresses its gratitude and appreciation to Mr. Tengan for his willingness to be considered for public service and actively participate in city government; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Chair of the Commission on Culture and the Arts, the Executive Director of the Mayor's Office of Culture and the Arts, and Mr. Joshua Tengan.

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: Commission on Culture and the Arts

2. Name: Joshua T. K. Tengan
(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 >20 years
Are you a registered voter in the City and County of Honolulu? Yes

4. Occupation: _____

5. Name and address of employer or firm:
PO Box 3080
Honolulu HI 96802-3080

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:
Mayors Office on Culture and the Arts, Wahi Pana Project, $20,000

7. Do you or does any member of your immediate family hold office or own stock in any firm?
No

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:

2013 M.A. Art Museum & Gallery Studies, Newcastle University, UK
2010 B.A. Fine Art, Westmont College, CA, USA
2006 H.S. Diploma, Kamehameha Schools

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):

Hawai'i Contemporary, Associate Director (2022-2025); Hawaii Triennial 2022, Project Manager (2021-2022); Pu'uhonua Society, Associate Director/Project Mgr (2015-2022)
Native Books/Na Mea Hawaii, Project Manager (2014–2021)

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

Tropic Editions, Board Member (2018-present)

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:
Commission on Culture & the Arts (2024-present)

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? -select- If yes, please explain:

n/a

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?

To support and advise the activites of the Mayor's Office on Culture & the Arts.
To support the City of Honolulu as a thriving hub for arts & culture in Hawai'i.

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.

(Signature) 4/20/2026 (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.***

Josh Tengan



- Served as assistant curator of Hawai‘i Biennial 2019 and returned to Hawai‘i Contemporary as exhibition manager of Hawai‘i Triennial 2022
- Worked with local and Native Hawaiian artists at Pu‘uhonua Society from 2015 to 2019 to deliver Hawai‘i’s largest annual thematic contemporary art exhibition, CONTACT
- Served as associate director of Pu‘uhonua Society (2021-2022)
- Former arts manager at Nā Mea Hawai‘i/Native Books (2014-2022)
- 2022 Independent Curators International Curatorial Research Fellow with Drew Kahu‘āina Broderick (associate curator, Hawai‘i Triennial 2022) for the multi-site exhibition of Kānaka ‘Ōiwi contemporary art, ‘Āi Pōhaku, Stone Eaters, curated with Noelle M.K.Y. Kahanu (co-curator, Hawai‘i Triennial 2025)
- Experienced writer for various publications, including FLUX Magazine, Artlink Australia, and *Becoming Our Future: Global Indigenous Curatorial Practices.*
- Earned his Curatorial Studies MA with Distinction from Newcastle University (UK) and a BA in Fine Art from Westmont College

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,

JOSHUA T.K. TENGAN

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

Precinct, 02 Representative District, 27 State of Hawaii

Voter ID No: 1377591 Registration Date: 03/28/2005

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 April 23, 2026.

Signature Block

Signature of Elector

Chadd Kadota, Acting 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.