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
May 21, 2026

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

Mr. Chair:

Your Committee on Zoning & Planning, which considered Resolution 26-90 entitled:

"RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MICAH KIM TO SERVE ON THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS,"

transmitted by Mayor's Message 53 (2026), dated April 20, 2026, from the Office of the Mayor, introduced on April 22, 2026, and was the subject of a public hearing held at the Council meeting on May 13, 2026, reports as follows:

The purpose of Resolution 26-90 is to confirm the appointment of Micah Kim to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals of the City and County of Honolulu for a term to expire on June 30, 2030. Mr. Kim is a compliance and data manager for Pacific Resource Partnership, and is also an attorney.

The Zoning Board of Appeals hears and determines appeals from the actions of the Director of the Department of Planning and Permitting ("DPP") in the administration of the zoning ordinances and subdivision ordinances.

At your Committee's meeting on May 21, 2026, a DPP representative testified in support of Mr. Kim's appointment and the CD1 version of the Resolution.

Pacific Resource Partnership testified in support of the Resolution.

Your Committee received written testimony in support of the Resolution from Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters and Pacific Resource Partnership.

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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 146(26)

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

A. In the fourth WHEREAS clause, identifies the Mayor's letter as Mayor's Message 53 (2026).

B. In the fifth WHEREAS clause, adds that Micah Kim would succeed Margaret Cannell, whose term expired on June 30, 2025, if confirmed by the Council.

C. Makes miscellaneous technical and nonsubstantive amendments.

Your Committee finds that Micah Kim meets all qualifications required to serve as a member on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Your Committee on Zoning & Planning is in accord with the intent and purpose of Resolution 26-90, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as Resolution 26-90, CD1. (Ayes: Cordero, Kia'āina, Okimoto, Tupola, Waters – 5; Noes: None.)

Respectfully submitted,

Committee Chair

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No. **26-90, CD1**

RESOLUTION

CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MICAH KIM TO SERVE ON THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

WHEREAS, Section 6-1516, Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu, 1973 (Amended 2017 Edition), as amended ("Charter"), establishes a Zoning Board of Appeals ("Board") consisting of five members; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 6-1516 sets forth the powers, duties, and functions of the Board; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Charter Section 13-103, the members of the Board 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 53 (2026), dated April 20, 2026, the Mayor has appointed Micah Kim to the Board; and

WHEREAS, if confirmed by the Council, Micah Kim would succeed Margaret Cannell, whose term expired on June 30, 2025, and serve for a term to expire on June 30, 2030; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 13-103, which applies to the Board, requires that appointees to the Board be registered voters of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Council has reviewed Micah Kim's qualifications and character and finds that Micah Kim is qualified to serve on the Board and deserves confirmation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it confirms the appointment of Micah Kim to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term expiring on June 30, 2030; and

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

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RESOLUTION

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Director of Planning and Permitting, and Micah Kim.

INTRODUCED BY:

Tommy Waters (br)

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

April 22, 2026
Honolulu, Hawai'i

Councilmembers

Report Title:
Confirmation; Boards and Commissions; Zoning Board of Appeals; Department of Planning and Permitting ("DPP")

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