REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ZONING & PLANNING

Voting Members:
Esther Kiaʻāina, 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 26-96 entitled:

"RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF RICHARD DAVIS TO SERVE ON THE OʻAHU HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION,"

transmitted by Mayor's Message 55 (2026), dated April 23, 2026, from the Office of the Mayor, introduced on April 27, 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 26-96 is to confirm the reappointment of Richard Davis to serve on the Oʻahu Historic Preservation Commission ("Commission") of the City and County of Honolulu for a term to expire on June 16, 2031. Mr. Davis is a retired cultural resources manager and historic preservation officer, and will continue to provide representation on the Commission in the archaeology discipline.

The Commission identifies, protects, and preserves historic properties and artifacts in the City, and formulates City-wide comprehensive historic preservation policies, programs, and plans.

At your Committee's meeting on May 21, 2026, Mr. Davis introduced himself and expressed his willingness to continue serving on the Commission. Mr. Davis indicated that he has been a member of the Commission since it was established in 2023. He stated that the Commission is currently considering an initial draft of its administrative rules. Based on his background and expertise, Mr. Davis said he has focused on technical and administrative contributions to the Commission.

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A representative of the Department of Planning and Permitting testified in support of Mr. Davis' reappointment and the proposed CD1 version of the Resolution.

Your Committee received no verbal public testimony on the Resolution.

Your Committee received written testimony in support of the Resolution from Ko'olau Foundation.

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

A. Separates the third WHEREAS clause, relating to commissioner qualifications, into two WHEREAS clauses:

   1. In the third WHEREAS clause, includes the list of disciplines (academic fields of study) that commissioners are selected from; and

   2. In the fourth WHEREAS clause, details the expertise and knowledge commissioners must possess, and provides that the Mayor is required to seek recommendations on Commission appointments from community, professional, and ethnic organizations.

B. In the seventh WHEREAS clause, provides that the Mayor reappointed Richard Davis to the O'ahu Historic Preservation Commission by Mayor's Message 55 (2026).

C. In the eighth WHEREAS clause, provides that Richard Davis will serve for a second term to expire on June 16, 2031, and continue to provide representation in the archaeology discipline.

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D. Makes miscellaneous technical and nonsubstantive amendments.

Your Committee finds that Richard Davis meets all qualifications required to serve as a member on the O'ahu Historic Preservation Commission.

Your Committee on Zoning & Planning is in accord with the intent and purpose of Resolution 26-96, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as Resolution 26-96, CD1. (Ayes: Cordero, Kia'āina, Okimoto, Tupola, Waters – 5; Noes: None.)

Respectfully submitted,

Committee Chair

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No. 26-96, CD1

RESOLUTION

CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF RICHARD DAVIS TO SERVE ON THE O'AHU HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

WHEREAS, Section 6-1518, Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu 1973 (Amended 2017 Edition), as amended ("Charter"), establishes an O'ahu Historic Preservation Commission ("Commission") consisting of nine members; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 6-1518 sets forth the powers, duties, and functions of the Commission; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3-10.3(b), Revised Ordinances of Honolulu ("ROH"), the members of the Commission must be appointed from among professionals and individuals with special interest in the following disciplines:

(1) Architecture;

(2) History;

(3) Archaeology;

(4) Planning;

(5) Architectural history;

(6) Hawaiian culture;

(7) Anthropology;

(8) Ethnography; and

(9) Sociology;

provided that the Commission must include an expert in Native Hawaiian culture issues and concerns and in archaeology; and

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WHEREAS, ROH Section 3-10.3 (b) further requires that:

1. All members of the Commission have:

    a. Professional, educational, or demonstrated work experience, or a combination thereof, in the disciplines listed above and reflect an ethnic diversity to carry out the purposes of the Commission to identify, protect, preserve, and restore historic properties and artifacts of all ethnic cultures; and

    b. A demonstrated interest, competence, and knowledge in historic preservation; and

2. The Mayor solicit lists of two or more persons, recommended by the community and professional organizations, and appropriate ethnic organizations dedicated to preserving unique cultural heritages, including but not limited to the Center for Hawaiian Studies at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, the Hawai'i Civic clubs, the Honolulu Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, and others, for consideration in making Commission appointments; and

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to Charter Section 13-103, Commission members are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council ("Council") to serve staggered five-year terms; and

WHEREAS, by Mayor's Message 55 (2026), dated April 23, 2026, the Mayor has reappointed Richard Davis to the Commission; and

WHEREAS, if confirmed by the Council, Richard Davis will serve for a second term to expire on June 16, 2031, and will continue to provide representation in the archaeology discipline; and

WHEREAS, the Council has reviewed Richard Davis's qualifications and character and finds that he is qualified to serve on the Commission; now, therefore,

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No. **26-96, CD1**

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it confirms the reappointment of Richard Davis to the O'ahu Historic Preservation Commission for a term expiring on June 16, 2031; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council expresses its gratitude and appreciation to Richard Davis 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 O'ahu Historic Preservation Commission, the Director of Planning and Permitting, and Richard Davis.

INTRODUCED BY:

Tommy Waters (br)

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

April 27, 2026
Honolulu, Hawai'i

Councilmembers

Report Title:
Reappointment; Confirmation; Boards and Commissions; O'ahu Historic Preservation Commission; Oahu Historic Preservation Commission; Department of Planning and Permitting ("DPP")

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