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 26-97 entitled:

"RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF HILARIE ALOMAR TO SERVE ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION,"

transmitted by Mayor's Message 56 (2026), dated April 22, 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 26-97 is to confirm the reappointment of Hilarie Alomar to serve on the Planning Commission ("Commission") of the City and County of Honolulu for a term to expire on June 30, 2031. Ms. Alomar is the Director of Planning and Development in the Commercial Real Estate Division at Kamehameha Schools, and will provide representation on the Commission in the land use planning, policies, and principles category.

The Planning Commission holds public hearings and makes recommendations on all proposals to adopt or amend the Oahu General Plan, Development Plans, and zoning ordinances.

At your Committee's meeting on May 21, 2026, Ms. Alomar introduced herself, expressed her willingness to continue serving on the Commission, and responded to questions from Councilmembers. Ms. Alomar stated that she understands the importance of public trust and ethical responsibility in her role on the Commission. She expressed that throughout her planning career in Hawai'i, she has worked extensively in

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community-based planning processes where Native Hawaiian cultural practices, stewardship responsibilities, and traditional relationships to land and resources are important considerations in decision-making. Ms. Alomar stated that in Hawai'i, thoughtful planning should not be separated from stewardship of āina (land), cultural resources, and community identity. She has served on the Commission since 2021.

The Deputy Director of Planning and Permitting testified in support of Ms. Alomar"s reappointment.

Your Committee received no verbal public testimony on the Resolution.

Your Committee received written testimony in support of the Resolution from Trees for Honolulu's Future, Townscape, Inc., and seven individuals.

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

A. Adds a new second WHEREAS clause stating that, pursuant to Charter Section 13-103, members of the Planning Commission are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council for staggered five-year terms.

B. In the now-fifth WHEREAS clause, adds a reference to Mayor's Message 56 (2026).

C. Adds a new sixth WHEREAS clause to state that, if Hilarie Alomar is confirmed by the Council, she will serve for a second term to expire on June 30, 2031.

D. Amends the now-seventh WHEREAS clause to specify that Hilarie Alomar will provide representation for the category of land use, policies, and principles (rather than the category of native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices, native Hawaiian law, or traditional Hawaiian land usage).

E. Makes miscellaneous technical and nonsubstantive amendments.

Your Committee finds that Hilarie Alomar meets all qualifications required to serve as a member on the Planning Commission.

Your Committee on Zoning & Planning is in accord with the intent and purpose of Resolution 26-97 , as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as Resolution 26-97, CD1. (Ayes: Cordero, Kia'āina, Okimoto, Tupola, Waters – 5; Noes: None.)

Respectfully submitted,

Committee Chair

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CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

No. **26-97, CD1**

RESOLUTION

CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF HILARIE ALOMAR TO SERVE ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

WHEREAS, Section 6-1505, Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu 1973 (Amended 2017 Edition), as amended ("Charter"), establishes a Planning Commission ("Commission") consisting of nine members; 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, Charter Section 6-1505 provides that at least one member of the Commission must have substantial experience or expertise in one of the following categories of disciplines, each of the categories must be represented by a different member, and all of the categories must be represented on the Commission:

1. Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices, native Hawaiian law, or traditional Hawaiian land usage;

2. Land use planning, policies, and principles;

3. Land development and construction; and

4. Climate change and sea level rise causes, effects, and solutions; or environmental protection and preservation; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 6-1506 provides that, among other things, major duties of the Commission are to:

1. Advise the Mayor, the City Council, and the Director of Planning and Permitting on matters concerning the planning programs; and

2. Hold public hearings and make recommendations on all proposals to adopt or amend the general plan, development plans, and zoning ordinances; and

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WHEREAS, by Mayor's Message 56 (2026), dated April 22, 2026, the Mayor has reappointed Hilarie Alomar to the Commission; and

WHEREAS, if confirmed by the Council, Hilarie Alomar will serve for a second term to expire on June 30, 2031; and

WHEREAS, Hilarie Alomar will provide representation on the Commission in the category of land use planning, policies, and principles; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 13-103 requires that each appointee to the Commission be a registered voter of the City and County of Honolulu; and

WHEREAS, the Council has reviewed Hilarie Alomar's qualifications and character and finds that Hilarie Alomar 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 Hilarie Alomar to the Planning Commission for a term to expire on June 30, 2031; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council expresses its gratitude and appreciation to Hilarie Alomar for the commitment and willingness to continue to actively participate in City government; and

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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Department of Planning and Permitting, the Chair of the Planning Commission, and Hilarie Alomar.

INTRODUCED BY:

Tommy Waters (br)

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

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Honolulu, Hawai'i

Councilmembers

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