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 26-102 entitled:

"RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF RYAN TOYOMURA TO SERVE ON THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS,"

transmitted by Mayor's Message 61 (2026), dated April 28, 2026, from the Office of the Mayor, introduced on April 29, 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 26-102 is to confirm the reappointment of Ryan Toyomura to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals of the City and County of Honolulu for a term to expire on June 30, 2031. Mr. Toyomura is currently the Chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals, and is an attorney at Ashford & Wriston, where his practice area includes litigation, appeals, land use, real property, corporate law, government affairs, and energy infrastructure financing.

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, the DPP Deputy Director testified in support of Mr. Toyomura's reappointment.

Your Committee received no verbal public testimony on the Resolution.

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Your Committee received written testimony in support of Resolution from the Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters, Hawaii LECET, and 16 individuals. One individual submitted comments on the Resolution.

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 61 (2026) and corrects the date of the letter to April 28, 2026.

B. Makes miscellaneous technical and nonsubstantive amendments.

Your Committee finds that Ryan Toyomura 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 26-102, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as Resolution 26-102, CD1. (Ayes: Cordero, Kia'āina, Okimoto, Tupola, Waters – 5; Noes: None.)

Respectfully submitted,

Esther Kia'āina
Committee Chair

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HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

KE KANIHELA O KE KALANA O HONOLULU

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

No. **26-102, CD1**

RESOLUTION

CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF RYAN TOYOMURA 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 61 (2026), dated April 28, 2026, the Mayor has reappointed Ryan Toyomura to the Board; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the Council has reviewed Ryan Toyomura's qualifications and character and finds that Ryan Toyomura 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 reappointment of Ryan Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a second term expiring on June 30, 2031; and

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

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CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

No. **26-102, CD1**

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 Ryan Toyomura.

INTRODUCED BY:

Tommy Waters (br)

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

April 29, 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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