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Support: 2

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HAWAII REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS

May 21, 2026

TO: The Honorable Esther Kiaʻāina, Chair
The Honorable Tommy Waters, Vice Chair
Members of the Honolulu City Council Zoning & Planning Committee

RE: THE NOMINATION AND CONFIRMATION OF MICAH KIM TO SERVE ON THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU (RES26-090)

Aloha Chair Kiaʻāina, Vice Chair Waters, and Members of the Committee,

The Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters (HRCC), representing over 6,000 union carpenters and tradespeople across the islands, submits this testimony in strong support of the nomination of Micah Kim to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals of the City and County of Honolulu.

The Zoning Board of Appeals plays a critical role in ensuring that land use and zoning decisions are made with fairness, rigor, and accountability. Its work directly affects housing production, construction activity, and the communities our members live and work in every day. It is therefore essential that this Board be composed of individuals with the knowledge, analytical capacity, and professional judgment to handle complex regulatory matters.

Micah Kim brings exactly that combination of credentials and experience. He holds a Juris Doctor from the William S. Richardson School of Law and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Hawaiʻi at Manoa, both earned in 2022, alongside a Bachelor of Business Administration in Management. This rare combination of legal training and business expertise provides a strong foundation for the nuanced, fact-intensive work of the Board.

Beyond his academic credentials, Mr. Kim has built a meaningful professional record through his work at Pacific Resource Partnership, where he has led labor compliance enforcement across public works and private construction projects. In this role, he has overseen complex audits, managed compliance cases from investigation through formal agency submission, and prepared detailed violation reports that have led to concrete enforcement actions. This work demands precision, sound judgment, and an ability to interpret and apply regulatory frameworks under real-world conditions.

Mr. Kim's background, combining legal acumen, business analytical skills, and hands-on regulatory experience in the construction industry, makes him exceptionally well-suited to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals. He brings the kind of grounded, practical expertise that will strengthen the Board's capacity to make fair and well-reasoned decisions.

For these reasons, the HRCC respectfully asks this Committee to support the nomination and confirmation of Micah Kim to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Testimony of
Pacific Resource Partnership

Honorable Members of the Honolulu City Council Committee on Zoning and Planning
Thursday, May 21, 2026

Subject: Strong support for Resolution 26-090, confirming the appointment of Micah Kim to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals of the City and County of Honolulu.

Aloha Chair Kia'āina, Vice Chair Waters, and esteemed members of the committee:

Pacific Resource Partnership (PRP) is a nonprofit organization that represents the Hawai'i Regional Council of Carpenters, the largest construction union in the state with approximately 6,000 members, in addition to more than 250 diverse contractors ranging from mom-and-pop owned businesses to national companies. PRP is dedicated to promoting safe, high-quality construction practices, fair labor standards, and full regulatory compliance across Hawai'i's construction industry.

PRP writes in strong support of Mayor Blangiardi's appointment of Mr. Micah Kim to serve as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals of the City and County of Honolulu. Mr. Kim is an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Hawai'i, having passed the Hawai'i Bar and earned his Juris Doctor from the William S. Richardson School of Law. He currently serves as Compliance and Data Manager at Pacific Resource Partnership, where he is charged with overseeing PRP's compliance efforts within the construction industry. In this role, he leads labor compliance enforcement across public works and private construction projects, conducts detailed audits of certified payroll and project records, and ensures adherence to prevailing wage laws, safety standards, and all applicable regulatory requirements.

Mr. Kim is very knowledgeable about zoning laws and regulations and possesses a clear understanding of how county permitting and land-use decisions intersect with construction realities. His legal training and daily work reviewing complex regulatory frameworks make him exceptionally well-qualified to review appeals and variance requests, apply the applicable zoning code and facts, and determine whether rules were applied correctly or whether special circumstances justify relief.

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In addition, Mr. Kim is familiar with the inner workings of county and state government and cares deeply about his community.

We are confident that Mr. Kim will serve the Zoning Board of Appeals with integrity, fairness, and the practical expertise needed to balance regulatory compliance with the needs of Honolulu's residents, workers, and businesses. His appointment would be a welcome and valuable addition to the Board.

PRP respectfully urges the committee to confirm Mr. Micah Kim's appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals at the earliest opportunity.

Mahalo.

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