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Testimony:

Honorable Esther Kia‘āina, Chair Honorable Tommy Waters, Vice Chair Members of the Committee on Zoning and Planning City Council City and County of Honolulu Strong Support of Resolution 26-097 CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF HILARIE ALOMAR TO SERVE ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU My name is Sharon Gi and I am a real estate developer and consultant. I write in strong support of Resolution 26—097, confirming the appointment of Ms. Hilarie Alomar to serve on the Planning Commission of the City and County of Honolulu. Previously Ms. Alomar and I worked together as colleagues for seven years at Kamehameha Schools’ Commercial Real Estate Division. I can attest to not only the depth of her technical expertise relating to land use and master planning, but also her collaborative style and commitment to doing what is pono for Hawaii’s future. I can think of no better candidate for the Planning Commission and I wholeheartedly support Ms. Alomar’s nomination. Mahalo piha, Sharon Gi

Written Testimony before the
Honolulu City Council
Wednesday, June 3, 2026 at 10:00 am

RE: Resolution 26-097 CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF HILARIE ALOMAR TO SERVE ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

Chair Waters and Councilmembers:

Trees for Honolulu's Future is a nonprofit organization with a vision of a tree-filled island that preserves and enhances our quality of life, especially in the face of climate change.

We were pleased to support Hilarie Alomar when she was first appointed to the Planning Commission of the City and County of Honolulu in 2021, and today we are equally pleased to strongly support her reappointment.

Hilarie has served on our board of directors since 2020. We were initially drawn to her complete package: a master's degree in urban and regional planning; her deep knowledge of Hawaiian traditional and customary practices, including land use and law; and her professional experience firstly with a leading local planning firm and now with the state's largest private landowner. Since joining our board, she has contributed in myriad ways. She is thoughtful, dependable, and consistently engaged, asking probing questions, readily sharing her expertise, and approaching challenges with a collaborative, "can do" attitude. These qualities and background are helpful to the Planning Commission.

Hilarie is a principled individual who is deeply committed to improving our island home and advancing solutions that are both pragmatic and fair. Honolulu will be well served by her continued presence on this important commission.

We respectfully ask that this resolution be acted upon favorably by the Council.

Mahalo,

Daniel Dinell
President

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May 29, 2026

HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL
City Council Chamber
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Wednesday, June 3, 2026
10:00 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON RESOLUTION 26-97; REAPPOINTMENT OF HILARIE ALOMAR TO SERVE ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

To Council Chair Waters, Vice Chair Tupola and members of the Honolulu City Council:

Hawaii LECET is a labor-management partnership between the Hawaii Laborers' International Union of North America, Local 368, its' 5000+ members and its' 250+ unionized contractors. The Laborers' International Union of North America is the largest international construction trade union in the United States and Canada.

Hawaii LECET **strongly supports** Resolution 26-97, Reappointment of Hilarie Alomar to serve on the Honolulu Planning Commission. During Ms. Alomar's first term on the Honolulu Planning Commission, she consistently demonstrated her understanding of Oahu's complex zoning and land use laws through her support of projects that reflected smart growth and development.

As the Director of Planning and Development for Kamehameha Schools, Ms. Alomar manages large scale, complex land assets and brings this important knowledge to the Planning Commission. Her background in urban and regional planning provides her with a strong technical foundation and understanding of building codes, city ordinances and transit-oriented development patterns, all of which help the Commission. Lastly, Ms. Alomar's insight and awareness of Native Hawaiian traditional land usage and customary practices is invaluable and is reflected in her support of responsible infrastructure and sustainable development.

Hawaii LECET strongly supports the reappointment of Hilarie Alomar to the Honolulu Planning Commission. Thank you for your consideration.

Hawaii Laborers-Employers Cooperation & Education Trust

City Council
City & County of Honolulu
Councilmember Tommy Waters, Chair

Testimony in Support of Resolution 26-097
Appointment of Hilarie Alomar to the City and County of Honolulu Planning Commission

Aloha Chair Waters and Members of the Council,

My name is Cathy Camp. I serve as the Executive Vice President of Customer and Community Impact at Central Pacific Bank, am a member of the Ka Ohao Charter School Board of Directors, and a resident of Kailua.

I respectfully submit this testimony in strong support of Resolution 26-097 regarding the appointment of Hilarie Alomar to the City and County of Honolulu Planning Commission.

I have had the privilege of knowing and working with Hilarie for more than 20 years and have consistently been impressed by her dedication to our community, strong work ethic, and ability to bring people together across diverse perspectives. She approaches challenges thoughtfully, listens carefully, and works collaboratively to develop balanced and practical solutions.

Hilarie's expertise in public policy, experience navigating and coordinating across multiple government agencies, deep commitment to community planning, and longstanding record of public service make her exceptionally qualified for this role. She understands the importance of thoughtful planning decisions and the lasting impact they have on our neighborhoods, economic vitality, and quality of life.

Equally important, Hilarie leads with integrity, fairness, and a genuine commitment to serving the broader community. I am confident she will bring both expertise and sound judgment to the Planning Commission.

Mahalo for your time and favorable consideration of Hilarie Alomar's appointment.

Respectfully,

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June 2, 2026

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Honolulu City Council
Committee on Zoning & Planning
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Subject: RES26-097 Confirming the Reappointment of Hilarie Alomar to Serve on the Planning Commission of the City and County of Honolulu

Aloha mai e Chair Kiaʻāina, Vice Chair Waters, and members of the Zoning and Planning Committee:

I am writing in strong support of Resolution 26-097, confirming the reappointment of Hilarie Alomar to serve on the Planning Commission of the City and County of Honolulu.

I offer this testimony as President of G70 and as a Fellow of the American Institute of Certified Planners, and also as someone who has known and respected Ms. Alomar for many years as a colleague and trusted leader in Hawaiʻi's planning and land use community.

There is an ʻōlelo noʻeau, "'Ike ʻia ka loea i ke kuahu," through which we are reminded that expertise is known by the altar one builds. I have always understood this teaching as more than a measure of skill or accomplishment. It is a deeper recognition that the quality of a person's work is revealed over time by what they tend with care, what they give form to through discipline, what they protect when it would be easier not to, and what remains as evidence of their values, judgment, and kuleana. In considering Ms. Alomar's reappointment to the Planning Commission, I believe this is the right lens. Her qualification is not merely stated in a résumé, and it is not merely satisfied by the existence of a Charter category. It is seen in the way she has carried herself in service to ʻāina, community, culture, and the public responsibilities entrusted to her.

When I testified in support of Ms. Alomar's appointment in 2021, I spoke to qualities that were already evident to many of us who had worked with her. I spoke to her intellect, compassion, cultural grounding, and the way her leadership is guided by naʻau, aloha, and a deep sense of responsibility to people and place. I believed then that she was highly qualified to serve. I believe that even more strongly today because her continued service has allowed those qualities to be tested through the actual work of public decision-making, where good intention alone is never enough and where judgment must be demonstrated in the discipline of listening, weighing, discerning, and carrying responsibility on behalf of the broader public.

The question before the Council is not simply whether Ms. Alomar meets the technical requirements for reappointment. The Charter’s recognition of Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices, Native Hawaiian law, or traditional Hawaiian land usage should be read with the seriousness it deserves, especially in a time when O‘ahu is being asked to make decisions that will define the relationship between growth, protection, infrastructure, cultural continuity, and community stability for generations to come. In Hawai‘i, this requirement should never be understood as an ornamental qualification added to a conventional land use body. It reflects the truth that planning here is incomplete when it is severed from ‘āina, history, culture, customary practice, and the lived responsibilities that continue to shape how our communities understand and evolve to place over time.

I say this as a planner whose own professional practice has been shaped by the understanding that planning is never neutral, because the same tools that can divide communities, deepen mistrust, and leave people feeling like late-stage respondents to decisions already formed can also, when approached with humility, listening, and accountability, become a way to restore relationship, clarify responsibility, and make public decisions with a fuller awareness of the people and places that must live with their consequences. Planning can reduce land to entitlement, zoning, infrastructure, and development capacity, or it can help us ask the harder and more necessary questions about what should be protected, what must be repaired, what can responsibly change, and who carries the consequence when those decisions are made. In Hawai‘i, the better expression of this work is found when technical discipline is held together with cultural responsibility, community trust, and a clear understanding that decisions about land are also decisions about belonging, continuity, and the obligations we pass forward.

That is why Ms. Alomar’s continued service matters. She brings to the Planning Commission a professional understanding of land use, policy, process, and development, but she also brings the sensibility of a Kanaka Maoli planner who understands that decisions about ‘āina are also decisions about community trust, ancestral memory, and civic responsibility across generations. She understands that cultural grounding and professional rigor are not competing values. In Hawai‘i, they must inform one another if the work is to have credibility, depth, and staying power.

O‘ahu is at a point where the decisions before the City are no longer only about managing growth, but about whether growth can be guided with enough discipline, cultural grounding, and public trust to remain accountable to the places and people who will live with the consequences of those decisions. The pressure to meet continued housing needs is real, but it now arrives within a much more complicated civic landscape where infrastructure, climate adaptation, redevelopment, cultural resources, and community stability are increasingly tied together, and where the harder responsibility is having the judgment to understand how one urgency can unintentionally override another, and how planning decisions made in the name of progress can either strengthen or weaken the continuity of place.

These are not challenges that can be answered by technical analysis alone, and they are not challenges that can be answered by sentiment alone. They require decision-

makers who can hold urgency and restraint in the same conversation, who can respect process without hiding behind it, who can listen to community manaʻo without treating public testimony as a procedural requirement, and who can recognize that a recommendation made by the Planning Commission may become part of a much longer story for the people and places affected by it. In my view, Ms. Alomar is exceptionally well suited to that responsibility because she brings the steadiness, cultural grounding, professional discipline, and humility that this moment requires.

What I have always respected in Ms. Alomar is that she does not separate the formal work of planning from the responsibilities that give that work meaning in Hawaiʻi. She understands the planning framework, the institutional process, and the policy question, while also recognizing the cultural and community dimensions that are too often treated as secondary when they should be central to the discussion. She brings aloha for place without losing professional clarity, cultural grounding without making culture performative, and planning experience that remains grounded in the real communities, histories, and responsibilities affected by public decision-making. In that respect, her continued service brings real value to the Planning Commission and to the broader public it serves.

In the spirit of "ʻIke ʻia ka loea i ke kuahu," Ms. Alomar's service is already its own evidence. It reflects a way of carrying public responsibility that is grounded, disciplined, and attentive to the relationship between ʻāina, community, and decision-making. That is the kind of leadership Honolulu needs on its Planning Commission.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Council to confirm the reappointment of Hilarie Alomar to the Planning Commission with my fullest confidence and support. Mahalo piha.

Naʻu me ka pono,

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Honorable Ester Kiaʻaina, Chair
Honorable Tommy Waters, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee on Zoning and Planning, City Council City and County of Honolulu

June 2, 2026

Strong Support of Resolution 26-097 CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF HILARIE ALOMAR TO SERVE ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

My name is Antoinette "Konia" Freitas, and I write in strong support of Resolution 26-097, confirming the appointment of Ms. Hilarie Alomar to serve on the Planning Commission of the City and County of Honolulu.

As background, I was born and raised on Oʻahu island and currently reside in Hālawa, Oʻahu. I am a faculty member at the Center for Hawaiian Studies at the UH Mānoa campus, I hold a Ph.D. in Urban and Regional Planning, and I have work experience in both public and private sector planning. Ms. Alomar and I have known each other for approximately 20 years. We first met at the UH Mānoa campus, and following graduate school, we both worked as first-time planning professionals at a small planning firm in Honolulu on Oʻahu island

For the last 20 years, Ms. Alomar has accumulated a record of real-world experience in planning and its associated fields that qualify her to serve as a planning commissioner. She has thorough knowledge in land use planning, policies, and principles as illustrated by her work with master planning, entitlements, and permitting that span commercial, agriculture, and conservation lands. She can apply planning expertise in multiple related fields that include real estate, financing, asset management, capital project budgeting, investment, and performance measures. Her membership in the Urban Land Institute and the American Planning Association keeps her up to date on future planning trends as well as their challenges, including the critical issues surrounding climate change.

In closing, I believe Ms. Alomar will continue to serve your planning commission well. I respectfully request your favorable consideration of her appointment. You are welcome to contact me about this letter of support at konia808@gmail.com.

Me ke aloha,

Antoinette Freitas

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