REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY & ECONOMY

Voting Members:
Augie Tulba, Chair; Esther Kiaʻāina, Vice Chair;
Scott Y. Nishimoto, Val A. Okimoto, Andria Tupola

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Committee Meeting Held
November 18, 2026

Honorable Tommy Waters
Chair, City Council
City and County of Honolulu

Mr. Chair:

Your Committee on Public Safety & Economy, which considered Resolution 26-240 entitled:

"RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF KEOLA RAPOZO TO SERVE ON THE COMMISSION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU,"

transmitted by Mayor's Message 135(26), dated October 19, 2026, from the Office of the Mayor, introduced on October 21, 2026, and was the subject of a public hearing at the November 5, 2026, Council meeting, reports as follows:

The purpose of the resolution is to confirm the appointment of Mr. Keola Rapozo to serve on the Commission on Culture and the Arts of the City and County of Honolulu for a term to expire on June 30, 2031.

Your Committee considered and approved a proposed posted CD1 version that makes the following amendments:

A. In the first WHEREAS clause, amends the reference to Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990, as amended, to the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021, as amended.

B. In the fourth WHEREAS clause, specifies the reference to Mayor's Message 135 (2026).

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C. In the sixth WHEREAS clause, clarifies the reference to the Revised Charter of Honolulu 1973 (Amended 2017 Edition), as amended.

D. Makes miscellaneous technical and nonsubstantive amendments.

Mr. Rapozo provided a brief statement and expressed his willingness to serve on the Commission on Culture and the Arts of the City and County of Honolulu

Your Committee has reviewed the qualifications and character of Mr. Rapozo and finds that he meets the requirements to serve as a member of Commission on Culture and the Arts.

Your Committee on Public Safety & Economy is in accord with the intent and purpose of Resolution 26-240, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as Resolution 26-240, CD1. (Ayes: Kia'āina, Nishimoto, Okimoto, Tulba, Tupola – 5; Noes: None.)

Respectfully submitted,

Committee Chair

HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

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CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

No. **26-240, CD1**

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RESOLUTION

CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF KEOLA RAPOZO TO SERVE ON THE COMMISSION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

WHEREAS, Chapter 3, Article 2, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021, as amended ("ROH"), establishes the Commission on Culture and the Arts ("Commission") to assist the City and County of Honolulu ("City") in attaining national preeminence in culture and the arts; to assist the City in the preservation of the artistic and cultural heritages of all its people; to promote a community environment, which provides equal and abundant opportunity for exposure to culture and the arts in all its forms; and to encourage and provide equal opportunity for the development of cultural and artistic talents of the people of Honolulu; and

WHEREAS, the Commission comprises 11 voting members appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council ("Council") to five-year terms, and other ex officio, non-voting members; and

WHEREAS, ROH Section 3-2.2 requires 10 of the appointed members to represent a particular cultural or artistic category and one appointed member to serve as an at-large representative; and

WHEREAS, via Mayor's Message 135 (2026), dated October 19, 2026, the Mayor has appointed Keola Rapozo to serve on the Commission as the representative of the design category, which is one of the listed cultural or artistic categories; and

WHEREAS, if confirmed by the Council, Keola Rapozo will fill a vacancy and serve for a term expiring on June 30, 2031; and

WHEREAS, Section 13-103, Revised Charter of Honolulu 1973 (Amended 2017 Edition), as amended, which applies to the Commission on Culture and the Arts, includes a general qualification requiring a member to be a registered voter of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Council has reviewed the qualifications and character of Keola Rapozo and finds that he meets the requirements to serve on the Commission and deserves confirmation; now, therefore,

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No. **26-240, CD1**

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it confirms the appointment of Keola Rapozo to serve on the Commission on Culture and the Arts as the representative of the design category for a term expiring on June 30, 2031; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council expresses its gratitude and appreciation to Keola Rapozo for the willingness to serve the City and County of Honolulu; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Chair of the Commission on Culture and the Arts, and Keola Rapozo.

INTRODUCED BY:

Tommy Waters (br)

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

October 21, 2026
Honolulu, Hawai‘i

Councilmembers

Report Title:
Confirmation; Boards and Commissions; Commission on Culture and the Arts; Keola Rapozo

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