HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

KE KANIHELA O KE KALANA O HONOLULU

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

No. **26-240, CD1**

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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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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