

# REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ZONING AND PLANNING

## Voting Members:

Brandon J.C. Elefante, Chair; Esther Kia'āina, Vice-Chair;  
Radiant Cordero, Calvin K.Y. Say

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Committee Meeting Held  
February 4, 2021

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

Mr. Chair:

Your Committee on Zoning and Planning, which considered Resolution 21-22 entitled:

"RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF DEAN Y. UCHIDA TO SERVE AS THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND PERMITTING OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU,"

introduced on January 8, 2021, reports as follows:

The purpose of Resolution 21-22 is to confirm the appointment of Dean Y. Uchida to serve as the Director of Planning and Permitting of the City and County of Honolulu. The Mayor has requested Council confirmation of the nomination of Mr. Dean Y. Uchida through Mayor's Message 21 (2021), dated January 8, 2021.

A public hearing on Mr. Uchida's appointment was held at the City Council meeting of January 27, 2021.

At your Committee's meeting on February 4, 2021, Mr. Uchida provided information on his work experience, expressed his willingness to serve as the Director of Planning and Permitting, and responded to questions from Councilmembers. Discussion topics included permit processing and enforcement of permit violations; regulation of large detached dwellings; enforcement of short-term vacation rental regulations; protection of natural resources; transit-oriented development ("TOD") in areas surrounding the planned Honolulu rail transit stations; development in the

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Ala Moana Neighborhood TOD Plan area; valuation of community benefits offered in exchange for increased height and density pursuant to an interim planned development-transit ("IPD-T") permit; derelict or abandoned properties; DPP staffing; online permit application and processing; over-development in the Primary Urban Core; engagement with community and environmental groups; effects of changes in State law on the processing of special management area use permits and shoreline hardening hardship variances; affordable housing; exemptions from park dedication requirements; COVID-19 pandemic economic recovery efforts; and quality of life issues.

At your Committee's meeting February 4, 2021, D.R. Horton, NAIOP, the Hawaii Construction Alliance, and three individuals testified in support of the Resolution.

Your Committee received written testimony in support of the Resolution from Ashford & Wriston; Building Industry of Hawaii; Friends of Makakilo; General Contractors Association of Hawaii, Haseko Development, Inc.; Hawaii Laborers-Employers Cooperation and Education Trust; Hawaii Operating Engineers Industry Stabilization Fund; Hawaii Operating Engineers Industry Stabilization Fund; Hawaii's Thousand Friends; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; KAI Hawaii, Inc.; Aina Nui Corporation; Hawaii Laborers' Union Local 368; Ko Olina Resort; Pacific Resource Partnership; Peters Communications; Hawaii Farm Bureau; MacNaughton Group; Max J. Sword & Associates, LLC; Our Revolution Hawaii; Our Revolution Hawaii; Ralph S. Inouye Co., Ltd.; Schatz Collaborative LLC; Queen's Health Systems; and 14 individuals. Your Committee received written testimony in opposition to the Resolution from eight individuals. One individual submitted comments on the Resolution.

Your Committee finds that Mr. Uchida meets all qualifications required to serve as the Director of Planning and Permitting.

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Your Committee on Zoning and Planning is in accord with the intent and purpose of Resolution 21-22 and recommends its adoption. (Ayes: Cordero, Elefante, Kia'aina, Say – 4; None; Noes.)

Respectfully submitted,



Committee Chair

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