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## RESOLUTION

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ESTABLISHING A PERMITTED INTERACTION GROUP TO INVESTIGATE MEASURES TO IMPROVE FIRE SAFETY IN RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, THE FINANCIAL IMPACTS OF SUCH MEASURES, AND MEASURES TO MITIGATE THESE FINANCIAL IMPACTS.

WHEREAS, a recent fire at the Marco Polo condominium project took the lives of four of its residents and devastated the lives of numerous other owners and renters residing in the condominium project; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the fire, various mitigation measures to address fire safety in residential buildings and the financial impacts of such measures have become an area of renewed serious concern to members of the public, State and City legislators, and community stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, the City Council ("Council") desires to continue to gain a broader perspective on potential mitigation measures to address fire safety in residential buildings and the anticipated financial impacts of such measures by engaging with and listening to concerns from the public and community stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, Section 92-2.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS"), permits the Council to assign two or more, but fewer than five, Councilmembers to investigate matters relating to the business of the Council, without the interactions of the Councilmembers in the course of the investigation being considered a "meeting," under HRS Chapter 92, Part I, provided that:

- (A) The scope of the investigation and the scope of each member's authority are defined at a meeting of the Council;
- (B) All resulting findings and recommendations are presented to the Council at a meeting of the Council; and
- (C) Deliberation and decision-making on the matter investigated, if any, occurs only at a duly noticed meeting of the Council held subsequent to the meeting at which the findings and recommendations of the investigation were presented to the Council; and

WHEREAS, a permitted interaction group to investigate matters relating to fire safety in residential buildings via a community meeting was established pursuant to Resolution 17-244, FD1, which was adopted by the Council on September 6, 2017; and



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WHEREAS, that permitted interaction group reported its findings to the full Council in Council Communication 323 on October 11, 2017, and the Council accepted the report at a subsequent meeting on November 1, 2017. Moreover, in accordance with the provisions of Resolution 17-244, FD1, upon Council acceptance of the report at its November 1, 2017 meeting, the permitted interaction group was dissolved; and

WHEREAS, certain Councilmembers wish to hold a community meeting or series of community meetings to further investigate, dialogue with, and receive input from community stakeholders, State legislators, and the general public regarding mitigation measures to improve fire safety in residential buildings, the financial impacts of such measures, and any measures that may mitigate those financial impacts; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that a permitted interaction group, composed of Councilmembers Carol Fukunaga, Ann Kobayashi, and Trevor Ozawa, is hereby established and authorized to hold a community meeting or series of community meetings for the purpose of receiving input from community stakeholders, State legislators, and the general public, in order to investigate measures to improve fire safety in residential buildings, the financial impacts of such measures, and measures that may mitigate those financial impacts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no member of the permitted interaction group may, during the investigation, make any binding commitment or create any obligation on behalf of the group, the Council, or the City; and



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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 92-2.5(b)(1)(C), Hawaii Revised Statutes, the permitted interaction group shall, at a Council meeting, present a written report to the Council that summarizes the input received and the dialogue that took place during the community meeting. Upon the Council's acceptance of the report at a subsequent Council meeting, the group shall be dissolved.

INTRODUCED BY:

*Ann N. Kobayashi*  
*Carol Fukunaga*

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

**NOV 29 2017**

Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

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CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU  
HONOLULU, HAWAII  
C E R T I F I C A T E

**RESOLUTION 17-341**

Introduced: 11/29/17 By: ANN KOBAYASHI

Committee: COUNCIL

Title: RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A PERMITTED INTERACTION GROUP TO INVESTIGATE MEASURES TO IMPROVE FIRE SAFETY IN RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, THE FINANCIAL IMPACTS OF SUCH MEASURES, AND MEASURES TO MITIGATE THESE FINANCIAL IMPACTS.

Voting Legend: \* = Aye w/Reservations

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12/06/17 COUNCIL

RESOLUTION 17-341 WAS ADOPTED.

9 AYES: ANDERSON, ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KOBAYASHI, MANAHAN, MARTIN,  
MENOR, OZAWA, PINE.

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I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this RESOLUTION.

  
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GLEN J. TAKAHASHI, CITY CLERK

  
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RON MENOR, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER