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November 26, 2019

The Honorable Ikaika Anderson
Chair and Presiding Officer
and Members
Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street, Room 202
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Anderson and Councilmembers:

Pursuant to Section 13-103(b) of the Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu, I hereby reappoint, subject to confirmation by your Honorable Body, Ms. Allene Suemori as a member of the Ethics Commission. Upon reappointment, Ms. Suemori will serve for a term to expire on December 31, 2024. I would appreciate your favorable consideration of Ms. Suemori's reappointment and request adoption by the City Council in the most expedient manner possible.

I have enclosed a draft resolution and Ms. Suemori's personal information for your review. For any general inquiries you may have regarding this appointment, please contact my special assistant, Kevan Wong, at 768-6608.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kirk Caldwell", is written over a horizontal line.

Kirk Caldwell
Mayor

Attachments

cc: Ms. Allene Suemori
Department of the Corporation Counsel
Ethics Commission

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CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
NOMINEE/APPOINTEE FORM

1. Position Nominated to: C&C Ethics Commission
2. Name: AlleneKaleimoi Richardson Suemori
(First) (Middle) (Last)
3. Are you a citizen of the United States? **Yes**
Are you a resident of the City and County of Honolulu? **Yes** If yes, how long >20 years
Are you a registered voter in the City and County of Honolulu? **Yes**
4. Occupation: Retired Judge and Mediator
5. Name and address of employer or firm:
Suemori Mediations, 841 Bishop Street, Suite 801, Honolulu, Hi 96813
6. Does your employer do any business with the City and County of Honolulu? **No**
If yes, state the nature of business and approximate dollar amount in the last five years:

7. Do you or does any member of your immediate family hold office or own stock in any firm?
Yes
8. Does the firm do business with the City and County of Honolulu? **Yes / Don't know**
If yes, provide details including the name(s) of the firm:
Don't know, Central Pacific Bank, Berkshire Hathaway, Avon, AOL.
9. Do you have any part-time employment, professional activity, or financial interests other than those indicated in the previous question? **-select-**
If yes, provide details:
I help my mother with her rental properties, and three family trusts managment of rental property.
10. Do you foresee any possible conflict between your present work, financial investments, business transactions or any other activity which would be incompatible with the proper discharge of your official duties or hinder you from effectively carrying out the duties for which you have been appointed? **No**
11. Are any members of your family employed by the City and County of Honolulu or any attached agency? **No**
If yes, please specify the department and division:

12. Are there any incidents in your past that may jeopardize your nomination? **No**
13. Have you ever been convicted of a felony? **No** If yes, provide details:

14. Education:

Punahou 1966, Boston University 1970, UC Hastings College of Law Jd 1974

15. Provide a summary of major work experience for the last ten (10) years. Begin with your present job including military (attach additional sheets if necessary or resume):

Mediation of divorces, paternity and probate

16. Community activities, etc. (also list any service on any other board or commission Federal, State or County):

President, Maximum Legal Services Corporation, a non profit legal services for incapacitated persons. Bd member Friends of the Library

17. Have you ever been a member of a board or commission with the City and County of Honolulu?

Yes

If yes, provide name(s) of board/commission:

Ethics Commission

18. Will you be able to commit to the full term of this appointment? Yes

19. Will you be able to commit to meeting dates and times? Yes

20. Are you regularly away from Honolulu? No If yes, please explain:

21. Are you willing to make a confidential financial disclosure to the city Ethics Commission upon appointment and yearly thereafter? Yes

22. What do you understand to be the prime duties of your county appointment?

Review and make policy regarding the education and oversight of ethics standards for the City and its employees/commissioners.

The above statements made by me are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and are made in good faith.



(Signature)

11-12-19

(Date)

The above statements made by me are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and *The completed form and any attachment(s) will be posted by the City Clerk and available on the City's DocuShare Website.*

Judge Allene R. Suemori (Ret.) - Commissioner

(Picture Not Available)

Resolution No. 14-281 and Mayor's Message 123, dated November 20, 2014, relating to Appointment of Allene R. Suemori to serve on the Ethics Commission

Judge Allene R. Suemori (Ret.) served as a district judge in the Family Court of the First Circuit State of Hawaii from March 1993 until her retirement in March 2005. While a Family Court Judge, she presided over trials, pretrial, post trial motions, and settlement conferences. For two and a half years, she was simultaneously the assigned judge for Mechanics Lien cases in the First Circuit Court.

During her Family Court judicial career Judge Suemori presided over divorce, paternity, guardianship and adoption cases, some of which also involved restraining orders.

For three years, Judge Suemori was the Lead Judge of the Domestic Division with a primary emphasis on settlement which included divorce cases involved [1] child support, arrears, and "reasonable needs" disputes, [2] custody disputes including visitation, custody, relocation and multiple alleged parents, [3] division of property including complex business ownerships, sole proprietorships, partnerships, corporate interest, family business partial/ "discounted" interests and multi-state, multi-country property and corporation interests and tax consequences.

While a Special Division Judge, Judge Suemori also presided over paternity disputes related to custody cases and complex custody cases including relocation cases, multiple alleged and psychological parents and child support relating to arrears and "reasonable needs". While Presiding Judge in the Special Division, Judge Suemori's settlement experience included resolution of complex guardianship cases of the person for both the minor and the incapacitated person involving multiple parties. In cases involving Guardianships of Incapacitated Persons, Judge Suemori resolved contests between adult children regarding their elderly parents and between related parties regarding their adult sibling when the issues involved the appointment, residence, visitation, or medical treatment of these incapacitated persons.

Judge Suemori was raised in Honolulu and graduated from Punahou School. She received her A.B. degree in psychology from Boston University in 1970 and her Juris Doctor degree from the University of California, Hastings College of Law in 1974. Prior to her appointment to the bench, Judge Suemori was the Executive Director of the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii for 12 years. She is married and has one child.

Office of the City Clerk
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
STATE OF HAWAII

Voter Certificate

I, Glen I. Takahashi, City Clerk of the City & County of Honolulu, State of Hawaii do hereby certify that,

ALLENE K.R. SUEMORI

a resident of the City and County of Honolulu, State of Hawaii is a duly registered elector (voter) of

Precinct, 01 Representative District, 19 State of Hawaii

Voter ID No:

Registration Date: 06/09/1976

Date of Birth:

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City and County of Honolulu to be affixed on November 13, 2019.

Signature Block

Signature of Elector



Glen I. Takahashi, City Clerk
City and County of Honolulu
State of Hawaii



RESOLUTION

RELATING TO THE REAPPOINTMENT OF ALLENE SUEMORI TO SERVE ON THE ETHICS COMMISSION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

WHEREAS, Section 11-107 of the Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu, 1973 ("Charter"), as amended, establishes an Ethics Commission ("Commission") comprised of seven members appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council to five-year terms; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has the basic duties of rendering advisory opinions and conducting investigations concerning the application of the standards of ethical conduct of the City and recommending appropriate disciplinary action against city officers and employees who violate the standards; and

WHEREAS, Section 11-107 of the Charter prohibits members of the Commission from taking an active part in political management or in political campaigns; and

WHEREAS, Section 13-103 of the Charter requires a Commission member to be a registered voter of the City; and

WHEREAS, by Mayor's letter, dated November 26, 2019, the Mayor has reappointed Ms. Allene Suemori to the Commission; and

WHEREAS, if confirmed by the Council, Ms. Suemori will serve a term expiring on December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Council has reviewed Ms. Suemori's qualifications and character and finds that Ms. Suemori qualifies to serve on the Commission; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that this body confirms the reappointment of Ms. Allene Suemori to the Ethics Commission for a term expiring on December 31, 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council expresses its gratitude and appreciation to Ms. Suemori for her willingness to be considered for public service and actively participate in city government; and

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CITY COUNCIL
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
HONOLULU, HAWAII

No. _____

RESOLUTION

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, Chair of the Ethics Commission, and Allene Suemori.

INTRODUCED BY:

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers