August 17, 2020

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:

In accordance with Section 4-104 of the Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu 1973 (2017 Edition), as amended, I am requesting the City Council's confirmation of the following appointee who will be serving a temporary commission beginning on August 17, 2020, and expiring upon his permanent appointment.

Paul S. Aoki, J.D.  
Corporation Counsel

I have enclosed the appointee's information and a draft resolution for your review and consideration.

Mr. Aoki has accepted my call to take on the challenging task. He has been a Deputy Corporation Counsel, the First Deputy Corporation Counsel, and Acting Corporation Counsel, is an experienced, capable and dedicated leader, and I would deeply appreciate your confirmation of his appointment.

Sincerely,

Kirk Caldwell  
Mayor

Enclosures
1. Position Nominated to: Corporation Counsel

2. Name: Paul S. Aoki
   (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? -select-

4. Occupation: Attorney

5. Name and address of employer or firm:
   The Department of the Corporation Counsel, City and County of Honolulu
   530 South King Street, Room 110, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

6. Does your employer do any business with the City and County of Honolulu? -select-
   If yes, state the nature of business and approximate dollar amount in the last five years:
   My employer is the City and County of Honolulu

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? No
   If yes, provide details including the name(s) of the firm:

9. Do you have any part-time employment, professional activity, or financial interests other than those indicated in the previous question? No
   If yes, provide details:

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:
   University of Hawaii Manoa, BS 1969
   George Washington University, JD 1973

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):
   2013-present, Deputy Corporation Counsel, City and County of Honolulu
   1980-2013, Attorney, Ashford & Wriston

16. Community activities, etc. (also list any service on any other board or commission Federal, State or County):
   Former member of the board of directors of the Queen Emma Foundation, The Queen's Medical Center, The Queen's Health Systems and Kahuku Hospital

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:

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?
   To serve as chief legal advisor and legal representative of all agencies, the City Council, and all officers and employees of the City and County of Honolulu in matters relating to their official powers and duties.

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.

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(Signature) August 13, 2020
(Date)

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

The completed form and any attachment(s) will be posted by the City Clerk and available on the City’s DocuShare Website.
Paul S. Aoki

Education

- University of Hawaii Manoa, Bachelor of Science, 1969
- George Washington University, Juris Doctor, 1973

Employment

2013 to present: City and County of Honolulu – Department of the Corporation Counsel
  • Acting Corporation Counsel
  • First Deputy Corporation Counsel
  • Deputy Corporation Counsel

1980 to 2013: Ashford & Wriston
  • Partner
  • Associate Attorney

1977-1979 Hare Aoki & Chun
  • Partner

  • Deputy Public Defender

1973:
  • State of Hawaii - First Circuit Court
  • Law Clerk

Community Activities

Former member of the Board of Directors of Kahuku Hospital, Queen Emma Foundation, Queen’s Medical Center and Queen’s Health Systems
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,

PAUL S. AOKI

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

Precinct, 02  Representative District, 23  State of Hawaii

Voter ID No: 1373477  Registration Date: 08/02/1986

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 August 13, 2020.

Signature of Elector

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

This certificate expires at the earlier of either the date the named elector relinquishes the voter residence associated with this certificate or after the next scheduled Hawaii General election after the affixed issuance date.
CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF PAUL S. AOKI TO SERVE AS THE CORPORATION COUNSEL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

WHEREAS, Section 4-104.1 of the Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu 1973 (2017 Edition) ("Charter") requires that all department heads and the Managing Director, nominated by the Mayor, be subject to the advice and consent of the City Council ("Council"); and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 5-201 establishes the Department of the Corporation Counsel, headed by a Corporation Counsel; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 5-203 sets forth the powers, duties, and functions of the Corporation Counsel; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 5-202 requires that the Corporation Counsel be an attorney licensed to practice and in good standing before the Supreme Court of the State and who shall have engaged in the practice of law for at least five years; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 4-104.1 requires that each department head be a registered voter of the City; and

WHEREAS, by Mayor’s Message ____, dated August 17, 2020, the Mayor has nominated Paul S. Aoki to serve as the Corporation Counsel; and

WHEREAS, after review of the nominee’s qualifications, the Council finds that Paul S. Aoki is qualified to serve as the Corporation Counsel, and warrants confirmation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that Paul S. Aoki is confirmed as the Corporation Counsel of the City and County of Honolulu; and
RESOLUTION

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor and Paul S. Aoki.

INTRODUCED BY:

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

Honolulu, Hawaii Councilmembers