

PLANNING COMMISSION

02/07/08

Purpose: To advise the Mayor, Council and Planning Director in all matters concerning planning and land use matters; to review and make recommendations regarding the General Plan, subdivision and zoning ordinances and other planning rules and regulations; to establish planning rules and regulations and to conduct public hearings.

Authority: Hawaii County Charter, Section 6-4.3.

Appointment: Mayor with Council confirmation. Five year staggered terms.

Full Membership: Nine members.

Specific Representation: One member from each council district. (Charter Amendment 1998).

Requirements: No more than five shall belong officially to the same political party. Commission members attend the annual Hawaii Congress of Planning Officials in late summer/early fall, which is a two-day conference held on a different island each year.

Meetings: Regular meetings are held at least once a month at the County Council Room in Hilo. Special meetings can be scheduled as needed.

Financial Disclosure: Members must file Financial Disclosure within 20 working days of taking the oath of office. Thereafter, annual disclosures must be filed on or before January 31. The disclosures are confidential and will be kept on file by the Board of Ethics. County Code, Chapter 2, Section 2-91.1.

Reappointment: Following the expiration of a term, no member may be reappointed for at least two years .

Qualities: Respected by the community as being community-minded and oriented. Able to focus on the community needs as a whole without catering to special or self-interest.

Current Members:		<u>CD</u>
	Andrew Iwashita, Dem., 12/31/09	4
	Rodney Watanabe, Indep., 12/31/09	7
	Alvin Rho, Indep., 12/31/10	8
	Shelly H. Ogata, Indep., 12/31/12	3
	Lani L. Bowman, Rep., 12/31/12	9
	Christian K. Alameda, Indep., 12/31/08	2
	Rene Siracusa, Green, 12/31/08	5
	Takashi Domingo, Dem., 12/31/11	1
	Rell Woodward, Indep., 12/31/11	6

Secretary/Contact person: Sharon Nomura
961-8288

Attorney Assigned: Ivan Torigoe

****The information on this sheet is condensed. For full information see appropriate Sections of the County Charter, County Code and/or Hawaii Revised Statutes.***