



THE COUNTY OF KAUA'I

DEREK S. K. KAWAKAMI, MAYOR

MICHAEL A. DAHILIG, MANAGING DIRECTOR

News Release

For Immediate Release: February 18, 2020

OFFICE OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
ELLEN CHING, ADMINISTRATOR
Tel (808) 241-4917
Fax (808) 241-5127

Civil Service Commission selects Annette Anderson as new Human Resources Director

LĪHU'E – The County of Kaua'i's Civil Service Commission is pleased to announce the selection of Annette Anderson as the new Human Resources Director for the Department of Human Resources.

“One year ago, the Civil Service Commission started the rigorous process of hiring a new director of Human Resources. Of the 35 applicants vetted by the Commission, one truly stood out – Annette L. Anderson,” said Jeff Iida, Civil Service Commission Chair and a member of the selection committee. “As a weekend Kaua'i resident, not only was Annette an outstanding candidate, she was also a good fit for our community. After 10 years as the lead negotiator for the State of Hawai'i Department of Education, Ms. Anderson resigned to accept the director of Human Resources position with the County of Kaua'i. Her previous employment was in California as the director of Labor Relations for the Los Angeles County Office of Education, and prior to that as a practicing attorney specializing in employment law with many years of experience. We are confident that she will take our HR department to the next level of excellence.”

“The County of Kaua'i and the staff of the Human Resources Department look forward to welcoming Ms. Anderson to the HR 'ohana and to her leadership of the department,” said former Acting Director, Janine Rapozo. “Our team will work actively and diligently with Annette to ensure a smooth transition of leadership. We would like to thank the Civil Service



Commission for their hard and diligent work finding a new director. The Commissioners and staff spent countless hours ensuring that the right person was selected.”

Mayor Derek S. K. Kawakami echoed former Acting Director Rapozo’s sentiments to the Civil Service Commission.

“Mahalo to the Civil Service Commission for its thorough selection process,” said Mayor Kawakami. “We thank Janine Rapozo for the many years of excellent service and dedication she’s given to our HR department and employees, and for assisting in the seamless transition as we welcome Annette to our team. I look forward to working together toward our department’s overall mission of supporting our County employees and their ‘ohana.”

“I am humbled and honored to be selected as the new Human Resources Director, and am excited to begin working,” said Anderson. “I look forward to serving Mayor Kawakami, the Civil Service Commission, the County of Kaua’i ‘ohana and the community, and am grateful for the opportunity to make a difference.”

Anderson graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Law and Juris Doctorate from Western State University College of Law in Fullerton, California. She had been commuting to O’ahu and will now become a full-time resident of Kaua’i with her husband.



Photo: Annette Anderson



Photo: Annette Anderson was sworn-in Tuesday as the County of Kauai's new HR Director.



Photo: From left to right – Civil Service Commission Member Elizabeth Hahn, Mayor Derek S. K. Kawakami, HR Director Annette Anderson, Civil Service Commission Chair Jeffrey Iida, and Civil Service Commission Member Beth Tokioka.

###