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**Subject:** FW: Written Testimony for 1/23/19 - APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS (PROSECUTING ATTORNEY) (GET-1(3))  
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Aloha,

Please see attached for my letter in support of the confirmation of John D. Kim as Prosecuting Attorney. Please ensure all council members have a copy of this attached letter.

Mahalo,

Ronson Ibarra, Esq.

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Office of County Clerk *(Please distribute a copy of this letter to all members of the council)* county.clerk@mauicounty.us

**RE: APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS (PROSECUTING ATTORNEY) (GET-1(3))**

Dear Council Member:

I am writing in support of the confirmation of John D. Kim as Prosecuting Attorney.

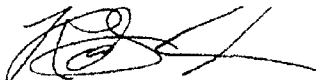
I am currently a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney (DPA) for the County of Maui and a Captain in the Hawaii Army National Guard. I first met Mr. Kim in 2010 when I worked as a Law Clerk for Chief Administrative Judge Shackley F. Raffetto (ret.). When Mr. Kim appeared in Judge Raffetto's chambers, he was punctual, prepared, competent, and courteous.

After my clerkship ended in 2012, I worked as a DPA for the City and County of Honolulu for two years before I started working under Mr. Kim in August of 2014 as a DPA.

I have not had any problems working at the Maui Prosecutors Office under Mr. Kim. Since I was commissioned as a Judge Advocate General (JAG) Officer in late 2016, Mr. Kim and his administration have been very flexible in accommodating my military leave for basic training (6 weeks), JAG school (10.5 weeks), Annual Training to support the Puna Lava Flow Operations (2 weeks), and upcoming deployment (6 months). Mr. Kim continues to comply with federal law (USERRA) by holding a DPA position for my supervising officer, Major Lloyd Phelps, who has been in an active duty position for nearly four years as the Staff Judge Advocate to the Adjutant General – Major General Arthur J. Logan.

I support John D. Kim's continuing capacity as the Prosecuting Attorney. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Ronson S. Ibarra, Esq.