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Mike Molina, Chair
Government, Ethics and Transparency Committee
Maui County Council
Wailuku, HI

VIA EMAIL

Dear Chair Molina;

At the January 30, 2019 meeting of the GET committee, during the hearing on J. D. Kim's nomination as Prosecuting Attorney, several Councilmembers referred to emails and other communications they had received critical of Kim. The Councilmembers relayed these comments without identifying the sources.

It is my understanding that once a communication is received by the elected official or any other office of government, the document becomes public property and is subject disclosure.

With transparency being part of the goal of this committee, I would ask that you advise the committee members if they are going to quote "numerous" sources, that those documents become part of the official record of the meeting.

It is imperative that ethical behavior be the rule in all Council actions. It is unethical to place before the public charges that are anonymous and then to compound the error by not providing the nominee the right to respond in a legal lawful manner. The public also deserves the opportunity to hear the other side.

Thank you for your leadership.

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