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Aloha Committee Member,

It has come to my attention that Scott Teruya will have to be confirmed by the Council as the Director of Finance. I strongly urge you not to make that confirmation.

Mr. Teruya couldn't be more unfit or unqualified for the job. The morale at the property tax office where he came from is at an all time low. Mr. Teruya has allowed a feeling of hatred and distrust among the staff. There has been a lot of turnover and the majority of the staff that remain are actually glad Mr. Teruya is no longer in the office.

He self reports to the council that he performs well while at the same time spending most of his budget on himself and his wanderlust. I'm sure you won't find any other Administrator taking as many trips as he does on the county dime. He even travels a lot internationally (with Riki Hokama and a large entourage).

Also, under his watch he has let his "favorites" in the office get away with all kinds of corruption. His assistant administrator purchased a property that was slated to be on the tax sale list and then turned a \$90,000 profit on it a couple years later. (I alerted Mike White and the County Auditor at the time but none of them wanted anything to do with it.)

This is just the tip of the iceberg. Even if the council does confirm him there should be an audit of the real property tax system at the very least.

As far as his qualifications go, Mr. Teruya has no financial background or business degree. The mayor didn't even want to release the name of his bachelor's degree knowing it wouldn't look very good. What the finance department needs is a strong leader that people respect. Someone willing to make hard ethical decisions and a financial background to make sure the county is protected. None of these boxes can be checked off by Mr. Teruya, just ask his former staff.

I'm sure all the people who currently work in the finance department and show up to testify will be pro Teruya. No one dare go against for fear of retaliation.

Thank you for your time.

Tai