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Please see attached letter regarding Don Guzman. Please disseminate to committee members.

Thank you,

Hermelina Lorenzo

*March 10, 2019*

*Mike Molina, Chair  
Governance, Ethics, and Transparency Committee*

*Dear Mr. Molina and Committee Members:*

*I am writing in support of the confirmation of Don Guzman as the Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Maui.*

*My name is Hermelina "Lena" Lorenzo. I retired from government service after 32 years, the last 25 years as an employee of the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney. I retired in 2013 as the director of the Victim/Witness Assistance Division, a position I held for 18 years.*

*I have known Don Guzman since the year 2000 when he was employed at the Prosecutor's office. The management team of which I was a part of interviewed him for the position. We unanimously recommended to hire him as a deputy prosecuting attorney. From the interview, Don brought up his desire to be of service to the people not only in the area of law but also to the general community.*

*Throughout Don's employment as a deputy prosecuting attorney, the Victim/Witness counselors worked closely with him especially during his last two years handling domestic violence cases. Don developed an exceptional working relationship with the Victim/Witness counselor assigned to his cases. There were occasions I was also involved because of a language barrier with Ilokano speaking victims and witnesses. Don personally met with victims and oftentimes made home visits before proceeding with the case. He showed genuine concern and sincerity as he gathered the facts and explained the process to the victims.*

*I also had the opportunity to work with Don doing volunteer service with the Filipino community. Don carried out his duties and responsibilities professionally with the same care and concern like his regular employment. He demonstrated his leadership qualities by emphasizing team effort, not for individual interest. Don is also integral, resilient, and has a positive outlook of life.*

*I humbly ask you to confirm Don Guzman as the Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Maui. I urge you to consider his amalgamation of experiences as a deputy prosecuting attorney, private law practice, county council member, volunteer service to the community as well as his positive character traits as an individual. I believe he will be a great leader of the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney as well as the law enforcement community.*

*Thank you very much for your attention and your favorable consideration.*

*Sincerely,*

*Hermelina Lorenzo*