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Honorable Michael J. Molina, Chair
and Members of the Governance, Ethics, and
Transparency Committee
Maui County Council
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair Molina and Members:

**SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEADS
OF DEPARTMENTS (DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS) (GET-1[6])**

I am honored to submit a letter in support of Acting Public Works Director Rowena Dagdag-Andaya.

For the past eight years, it has been a privilege and pleasure to work as the Private Secretary to Rowena Dagdag-Andaya, Deputy Director of Public Works, and now, the Acting Director of Public Works.

When Ms. Dagdag-Andaya was first appointed as the Deputy Director of Public Works in 2011, she was an unknown coming from the private sector. She immediately proved herself by diligently familiarizing herself with the day-to-day operations of the Department. Only 13 days into her new position, Maui was hit with a major winter storm. With the Director on leave, Ms. Dagdag-Andaya stepped up to the plate coordinating with staff what needed to be done to keep the residents of Maui County safe.

Ms. Dagdag-Andaya is compassionate, intelligent, hard working and is skillful in facilitating meetings that bring the residents and State, County, and Federal agencies together to work for a better Maui County. As Acting Director of Public Works, she connected with staff and residents for comments and concerns that were incorporated to establish the Department's vision and objectives.

I truly believe that Ms. Dagdag-Andaya has proven her ability to do an excellent job in leading the Department of Public Works, and I humbly request that the Committee vote in support of Acting Public Works Director Rowena Dagdag-Andaya's confirmation. Thank you.

Sincerely,



JILL ANNE S. ONO
Private Secretary