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Aloha!

It is with aloha and humility that I submit the attached letter in support of Don Guzman for Prosecuting Attorney for your review and consideration. Please feel free to contact me at (808) 222-9722 for discussion or clarification regarding my letter.

Mahalo nui!
Brandon Paredes

March 11, 2019

Maui County Council
Governance, Ethics, and Transparency Committee
Attn: Chairperson Mike Molina

Aloha kākou!

It is with aloha nui and humility that I submit this letter in support of Don Guzman for Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Maui, State of Hawai'i. I have known Don Guzman for over 18 years, having started with him in the District Court Division at the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney in the early 2000s. Both Don and I worked up the office ranks together in those early years, and we were assignment partners in the District and Family Court divisions. Outside of work, I also got to know Don as a wonderful and supportive husband and father; his daughter, Reese, was a haumāna in our hālau hula for several years, and she participate with us at the annual Queen Lili'uokalani Keiki Hula Competition in Honolulu, Hawai'i.

It is my humble opinion that Don Guzman possesses the tools needed and is highly qualified to lead our office in the right direction. As a former Maui County Council member, he is a proven leader with a kind and compassion heart that is dedicated to service and the betterment of our Maui Nui community. I admire Don's energetic and humble approach to all that he does; he listens, and he cares for the well-being of our community, as demonstrated in his commitment to a holistic approach to prosecution. As the department administrator, Don will bring a freshness and light to our office, which, I strongly believe, will allow us to continue to work in an environment that is positive and encouraging. Having worked up the ranks from an entry level position in our office, Don understands the importance of inclusion, and he will foster a strong sense of 'ohana that will permeate throughout the office.

Without reservation, I support Don Guzman for Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Maui, State of Hawai'i. His commitment to service, and his dedication to the betterment of our Maui Nui community will allow him and our office to thrive together!

Ma o ka nani kamaha'o o Ke Akua mana loa!

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