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The Honorable Mike Molina Councilmember, Maui County Council Kalana O Maui Building 200 South High St. Eighth Floor Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Re: Support for the confirmation of John D. Kim, Esq., as Maui County Prosecutor

Dear Councilmember Molina:

Î am an attorney, licensed to practice law in Hawaii, since 1987. For the last thirteen plus years, have been employed as a Deputy Prosecutor with the Maui County Prosecutor's Office, assigned to the felony trial division.

I write, today, to note my continued enthusiastic support for the reappointment of John D. Kim ("JD") as Maui County Prosecuting Attorney.

I first met JD, in a social setting, more than twelve years ago; and, what immediately impressed upon me was not only his positive professional and personal demeanor, but, as we talked, the depth of his knowledge in both civil and criminal law.

In a professional setting, I have worked with JD for more than ten years, the last eight as his deputy. During that time, I have watched, with comfort, pride, and respect, as he has grown and excelled in all aspects of his duties as Maui County Prosecutor.

JD exemplifies the very best in the Maui legal community and his confirmation will only allow the continuity that Maui County has enjoyed and will continue to enjoy as for <u>justice being served</u>, <u>for all</u>.

Nothing has changed since JD was first confirmed, except that JD has since compiled an admirable record of working with other county departments and overseeing an office where criminal prosecution is second to no other county. I support JD's confirmation with great enthusiasm.

Sincerely

Jeffery Temas, Esq.

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