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January 22, 2021

Mr. Michael Molina, Chair
Government Relations, Ethics,
Transparency Committee
Maui County Council
200 S. High Street
Wailuku, HI 96793

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COUNTY COUNCIL

Dear Chair Molina and Committee Members:

Re: Consideration and Confirmation for Andrew H. Martin as the Prosecuting Attorney
for the County of Maui

I have known Andrew H. Martin for several years and he has always been highly motivated in his job as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney. Through several high profile cases he impressed me as an intelligent person with a genuine and insightful approach. He has worked well with our Detectives and other officers while dealing with huge cases that impact our community.

For these reasons aforementioned, I strongly support the nomination of Andrew H. Martin to be the next Prosecuting Attorney for the County of Maui. Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.

Dean M. Rickard
Deputy Chief of Police

January 25, 2021

TO: The Honorable Michael J. Molina
Chairperson
Government Relations, Ethics,
and Transparency Committee

FROM: John E. Tam
Deputy Prosecuting Attorney (Retired)
County of Maui

RE: Confirmation of Andrew Martin as Prosecuting
Attorney for the County of Maui
Agenda No. GREAT-1(1) on January 26, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Molina and Members of the Committee:

I would highly recommend your Confirmation of Andrew Martin as Prosecuting Attorney for the County of Maui.

I worked with Mr. Martin as a fellow Deputy Prosecuting Attorney since 2005, except for a time when he was in private practice.

I observed him to be an extremely competent and ethical Trial Attorney and Supervising Deputy.

He is highly respected by the Court, the Police, opposing Counsel, and the Staff of the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney.

He is not only dedicated to the Rule of Law, but also caring, compassionate, and understanding in working with others.

Your favorable consideration of Mr. Martin would be most greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

John E. Tam
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Pukalani, Hawaii 96768

January 25, 2021

To: Chairman Mike Molina and members of the County Council
Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee

From: Alison Nakagawa, retired Law Technician II

Re: Support of Andrew Martin as Maui County Prosecutor
Date of Hearing: Tuesday, January 26, 2021
Agenda No. GREAT-1(1)

I am writing in support of Andrew Martin for Maui County
Prosecutor. He is easy to work with - he was gracious, polite,
knowledgeable and approachable. Andy will be a good leader for
the office.

ALMA K. NAKANO
380 Hokulani Street
Pukalani, HI 96768

January 25, 2021

The Honorable Mike Molina, Chair
Maui County Council
Government Relations, Ethics and Transparency Committee
County of Maui
200 S. High Street
Wailuku, HI 96793

Subject: Appointment and Removal of Administrative Heads of Departments
(Prosecuting Attorney) GREAT-1(1) January 26, 2021

Dear Chair Molina and Council Members:

I am writing this letter in support and consideration for Andrew Martin's confirmation as Prosecuting Attorney for the County of Maui.

I have worked in the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney's office for over thirty (30) years since my retirement in 2017. My last position at the office was a Law Technician II in the Circuit Court Division.

I have worked with many attorneys in all my years at the office and worked closely with Andrew as he was the Supervisor in the Circuit Court Division and the lead attorney in the same courtroom that I was assigned to. When working with Andrew, I saw superior qualities in his work skills and leadership. His performance of professionalism, expertise and knowledge, excellent organized management skills, efficiency in problem-solving techniques, and handling of personnel concerns, are all good indicators of a leader. It was a privilege to work with Andrew. I knew he would someday advance to being the head prosecutor and even higher positions with his outstanding qualities. He is a devoted family man and a compassionate supervisor who treats the office staff like family. Andrew's leadership, dedication and duties are essential for the safety of the community.

I ask that you confirm Andrew Martin as the next Prosecuting Attorney for the County of Maui.

Sincerely,

/s/ Alma Nakano

ALMA NAKANO

393 Aulii Drive
Makawao, Hawaii 96768

January 24, 2021

The Honorable Michael Molina, Chairman
Government Relations, Ethics and
Transparency Committee
County of Maui
200 S. High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Re: Appointment of Deputy Prosecutor Andrew Martin
as the Prosecuting Attorney of the County of
Maui, GREAT-1(1), January 26, 2021

Dear Chairman Molina and Members of the Council:

As a longtime member of the community of Maui County, I am deeply honored and humbled to support the appointment and confirmation of Deputy Prosecutor Andrew Martin as the head Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Maui

Having been a previous deputy prosecutor myself, I know Mr. Andrew Martin to be highly qualified to assume the leadership of the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney. He is a dedicated and respectful public servant, a man of the highest probity and integrity of character. It also goes without saying that he is humble and respectful of his fellow employees and all the people that the office serve and deal with.

Mr. Andrew Martin has the innate recognition that the efforts and hard work that the employees and/or workers from the lowest level, are no less important than those performed at the upper levels. The unified efforts of all employees and worker are all crucial elements in achieving the stated goals of the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney in serving the public and/or the communitih.

Very respectfully yours,

ARTEMIO C. BAXA

WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF:
Dukie Racadio, Internal Affairs Officer
Maui County Department of Fire and Public Safety

January 25, 2021

TO: MICHAEL J. MOLINA, COMMITTEE CHAIR, GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, ETHICS AND
TRANSPARENCY COMMITTEE

KEANI N. W. RAWLINGS, COMMITTEE VICE-CHAIR, GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, ETHICS
AND TRANSPARENCY COMMITTEE

MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, ETHICS AND TRANSPARENCY COMMITTEE

FROM: DUKIE RACADIO, INTERNAL AFFAIRS OFFICER, COUNTY OF MAUI - DEPARTMENT OF FIRE
AND PUBLIC SAFETY

SUBJECT: NOMINATION OF ANDREW H. MARTIN, PROSECUTING ATTORNEY FOR THE COUNTY OF
MAUI

My name is Dukie Racadio and I am the Internal Affairs Officer for the County of Maui, Department of Fire and Public Safety. I have been in the Public Safety profession in the public and private sector for 21 years. I am writing this letter to you on behalf of Andrew H. Martin, Mayor Michael Victorino's nomination as Prosecuting Attorney for the County of Maui.

I have had the privilege of knowing "Andy" for nearly 15 years, both professionally and personally. Andy is dynamic, honest, organized and has a service-oriented mentality. He works positively and constructively with people. He is supportive of his family, colleagues, friends and to the public, to which he proudly serves. Andy's honesty and integrity was clearly demonstrated to council members through previous testimony he has provided. These qualities show how Andy is not afraid to do the right thing when placed in a situation of having to choose, even if it meant personal friendships being affected.

I have had the pleasure of coaching youth baseball to his son Charles and interacting with his daughter, Leila. They possess the same positive qualities in them as do their parents. Andy and his wife, Tiare are quintessential role models as parents.

To close, Andrew Martin is a team player and can be trusted as a firm yet fair Prosecuting Attorney. He has clearly demonstrated competent leadership and someone who has the ability to create a safe and cohesive work environment. Andy's high integrity has been demonstrated numerous times through previous council testimony. He has a clear dedication to bringing justice and closure to victims and the family's victims, a duty he was sworn to uphold. I strongly support Andrew H. Martin's nomination for Prosecuting Attorney for the County of Maui. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee
Attn: Michael J. Molina, Chair
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair Molina:

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY (GREAT -1(1))

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony on the proposed “**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY GREAT -1(1)**”. I am in strong support of approving Andrew H. Martin as the next Prosecuting Attorney.

I have known Andy since he started in the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney back in 2005 as my husband is also a deputy prosecuting attorney. Andy was always a pleasure to talk to and was very courteous and respectful to all around him. He has always been genuine in our conversations and is very knowledgeable and passionate of his professional work.

Over the years I was very fortunate to see his family grow. I am familiar with his wife Tiare and am very familiar with his children, Leila and Charles. For the past four years, both Leila and Charles dance for Hālau Kekuaokalā`au`ala`iliahi where I am one of the Kumu Hula for this hālau hula. His son and my son are also school classmates and are very close. Though this, I have personal experience with Andy and can testify that he’s a very hands-on father and a person who is very committed to his `ohana. Andy is always willing and able to participate in all parent-related activities and he always has an enthusiastic attitude! He’s a very kind and attentive parent and is always willing to help with other keiki that need help.

With all these personal experiences with Andy, I firmly believe he will be a fair, kind, and compassionate leader as the next Prosecuting Attorney! Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on behalf of Andy Martin and mahalo you for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,



Joy Hanani Paredes, Secretary & Kumu Hula
County of Maui Department of Planning
Hālau Kekuaokalā`au`ala`iliahi
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32 Kopi Lane, #206
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January 22, 2021

Honorable Michael Molina, Chairman
Government Relations, Ethics and
Transparency Committee
County of Maui
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Re: Appointment and Removal of Administrative
Heads of Departments (Prosecuting Attorney)
GREAT-1(1), January 26, 2021

Dear Chairman Molina and members of the Council:

I am writing this letter in support of the appointment of Andrew H. Martin as Prosecuting Attorney for the County of Maui.

Mr. Martin is very qualified and competent to perform the duties required of the Prosecuting Attorney.

Mr. Martin is very dedicated to his job. As the second deputy prosecuting attorney, he is the supervisor in charge of the Circuit Court and Screening Divisions, which deals mainly felony cases, which includes murder, robbery, burglary, theft, drug offenses, and sexual assault. He is a hard working supervisor. He makes sure that the attorneys are on top of things. He is knowledgeable and shares his knowledge with everyone. He is there to give advice and lend a helping hand to the other attorneys and even the clerical staff. This makes working in the office very comfortable for everyone. He tries to treat everyone fairly, and yes, if you don't do your job, you will get a talking to. Our office has a lot of staff that have been here since Mr. Martin was a deputy prosecutor. This office is like a second family to a lot of us, sometimes we see them more than our immediate family.

Mr. Martin understands the problems and the needs of the community. He is compassionate and cares about the community. He sees the big picture and can be firm and fair to those in the community. He will be able to make well-reasoned and intelligent decisions about public safety.

I have been working in the department since 1978. I am a Law Technician and am assigned to Courtroom No. 4, which involves

Michael Molina, Chairman
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dealing with domestic violence cases and misdemeanor jury demand cases. I have worked with almost all the attorneys in the office and Mr. Martin is one of the easiest to work with. He is confident in his decision making, which makes it easy for the office staff to do their work.

Thank you for considering Mr. Martin and humbly ask that he be appointed as next Prosecuting Attorney.

Sincerely,

Linda H. Tengan

Great Committee

From: County Clerk
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 2:26 PM
To: Great Committee
Subject: FW: Letter of Recommendation for Andrew H. Martin for Prosecuting Attorney

-----Original Message-----

From: Lorraine Katakura <lorraine_ori@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 2:09 PM
To: County Clerk <County.Clerk@mauicounty.us>
Subject: Letter of Recommendation for Andrew H. Martin for Prosecuting Attorney

Please accept my letter of recommendation, for the position of Prosecuting Attorney, for the County of Maui, for Andrew H. Martin.

I have known Andy for many years and have known him to be reliable, honest and a man of integrity.

I have full confidence that Andy will be a great asset to the County of Maui.

Sincerely,
LA Katakura

Sent from my iPhone

201 Ani Street
Kahului, Hawaii 96732

January 23, 2021

Michael Molina, Council Chairman,
and Members of the Council
Government Relations, Ethics and
Transparency Committee

Subject: Appointment and Removal of Administrative
Heads of Departments (Prosecuting Attorney)
Agenda No. GREAT-1(1)
January 26, 2021

Dear Chairman Molina and Members of the Council:

This letter is written in strong support of Andrew Martin
as Prosecuting Attorney for the County of Maui.

I worked in a clerical position with Mr. Martin while
previously employed with the office of the Department of the
Prosecuting Attorney. It was a pleasure working with Mr. Martin.
He is a knowledgeable and conscientious attorney who possesses a
calm demeanor, is honest, personable, humble and worked
exceptionally well with the entire staff, treating everyone with
respect.

I highly recommend that Andrew Martin be confirmed as
Prosecuting Attorney for the Department of the Prosecuting
Attorney. He has the qualities necessary for this position and
will be a huge asset to the office as well as Maui County.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my recommendation.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Naomi Yamashiro

NAOMI YAMASHIRO

WRITTEN TESTIMONY
OF
DAVLYNN RACADIO, SESD
MAUI POLICE DEPARTMENT
To The
GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, ETHICS AND TRANSPARENCY COMMITTEE
ON
Tuesday, January 26, 2021
9:00 AM

RELATING TO NOMINATION OF ANDREW H. MARTIN
FOR PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

Chair Michael J. Molina, Vice-Chair Keani N. W. Rawlins, and Committee Members, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on the nomination of Andrew H. Martin.

I am Davlynn Racadio, a Communications Supervisor at the Maui Police Department. I am testifying in strong support of Mr. Martin.

I have known Mr. Martin for several years both within the business world and personally. He is a solemn individual that understands the responsibilities he holds and fulfills them with the utmost of respect to anyone involved.

Outside of the work environment, he is a kind, responsible and attentive parent.

Andrew Martin is a hard worker with solid beliefs. He will do what is in the best interest of the County of Maui and support our goals. His skills will enhance the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney and bring forth a cohesive environment. The Mission Statement of the Department is a great description of Andrew Martin. "To Seek Justice through competent leadership and integrity, the Prosecuting Attorney ensures that the pursuit of justice is one in a fair, effective and efficient manner through a victim-centered approach in prosecution."

Respectfully submitted,


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Great Committee

From: County Clerk
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 9:28 AM
To: Great Committee
Subject: FW: Testimony re Andrew Martin

From: JO KAMAUNU <johannakamaunu@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 8:58 AM
To: County Clerk <County.Clerk@mauicounty.us>
Subject: Testimony re Andrew Martin

Re: Andrew Martin

I am Johanna Kamaunu from Waihe'e Valley providing testimony supporting Andrew Martin for prosecutor.

We are kuleana land owners and voters. We raised 6 children and are blessed with 11.5 grandchildren. I currently serve the community on the Maui Lanai Island Burial Council coming to the end of my second term. For 11 years I have been an insurance agent working in Property and Casualty Insurance, specifically bail bonds. Before that I worked the Dept of Education as a Kupuna in the schools for 15 years.

My support of Andrew Martin as Prosecutor for Maui County is based on 6 years of association with him as the prosecutor for the case of State vs Jesse Walsh and for about a year as a father who brings his child to weekly hula halau class.

As prosecutor for our case in which our son and two others were killed in a collision on Mokulele Hwy our family came to see his skills as an attorney and negotiator. He tediously prepared his presentations and counseled with others in his office each time bringing us clear facts and detailed probable outcomes. He listened to and responded to all our concerns, except one. (We could not satisfy all the families of the final outcome and so it was left to me to make the final settlement agreement.)

In the end, Andrew brought our ohana to the point of understanding that we did prefer closure with love and beginning forgiveness than pursuing the hope of full extent of justice. We had few upsides and many downsides to our 5 years in trial. Andrew was steadfast and efficient, on point and forward thinking as he maneuvered motions of defendants mental competency claims and delays, of dealing with exclusion of blood evidence and testimony and of prepping witnesses from MPD. As he prepped us before each court hearing we were not surprised by decisions or actions that played out in the court room.

Needless to say, Jesse Walsh had an exceptionally competent attorney in our case. Andrew proved that detail, deliberate diligence prevails.

Treat him well, I think he will do good.

Mahalo,

Johanna Kamaunu

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