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To: Mike Molina - Governance, Ethics, and Transparency Committee Chairman

From: Jordan Santos

OFFICE OF THE
COUNTY COUNCIL

Re: Confirmation of David Goode as the Director of Public Works

Dear Mr. Molina and members of the Council I'm writing you today to give my full support for the confirmation of Mr. David Goode as Director of Public Works. I've known Dave for almost thirty years now and strongly believe that he is definitely the right person for the job. I first met Dave back in 1992 when at the time I was a Building Inspector for the County of Maui and Dave was working at The Iao Parkside Project at the time. Within a couple of years he was appointed to the Deputy Director of Public Works position under the Lingle administration at the time and with Charles Jencks as the Director. By that time I held a position as a Construction Inspector and would work with Dave and Charlie quite often. It wasn't long before Charlie left and Dave took over as Director. I remember going to see Dave when we had water line replacement projects where the scope of work involved resurfacing only half of the roadway, He would find the funds within his department and we would resurface the entire roadway at a cost savings of over 50% to Public Works. We would always say that the Public didn't distinguish one department from the other they just see the County as one. I always found Dave to be fair and approachable.

In more recent years I had to deal with the Federal, State and County Branches of Government due to me owning the property adjoining the Makawao Veterans Cemetery. The Department of Defense contacted me originally to inquire about expanding the Cemetery and purchasing some property from me. It was a very complex situation, Because of Counties involvement in this project Dave became the liaisons between me and the County. Honestly it was a horrible and very stressful experience for me, If it wasn't for Dave Goode I can assure you that things would have not go as smoothly as it did. Dave is the only person that treated me with honesty and respect right up to the last hour when he set up a meeting between himself, me and Patrick Wong in which we were able to resolve all issues and finalize the sale.

I would like to say that it is of my opinion that Dave Goode is very qualified and best suited for the position of Director of Public Works. Anyone can go to him, he'll listen and try his best to help in accordance to the law and maybe even if it's not what you may want to hear you'll leave feeling that you've been heard and know what your next options may be. I can truly say that after all these years of knowing Dave and also working with him from both as an employee of the County of Maui and from the private sector, that Dave is honest, fair and very important in a Director's position approachable.

Yours Truly

