

GET Committee

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Please refer to the attached written testimony.

Thank You,
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Mr. Michael J. Molina, Committee Chairperson
Governance, Ethics, and Transparency Committee
Council of the County of Maui

Dear Chairperson Molina and Committee Members:

Subject: **LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR JEFFERY T. PEARSON (GET-1(4))**

I am writing in support of Jeffery T. Pearson's appointment as Director of Water Supply. I am confident that Jeff will do a great job as director.

I am providing written testimony as an individual. I would like to provide a little background on myself. I have worked at Fukumoto Engineering in Wailuku as a licensed professional civil engineer for the past 15 years. I have also volunteered and held various positions at the Hawaii Society of Professional Engineers, a local non-profit trade organization that is also part of a national organization.

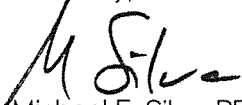
My office at Fukumoto Engineering has worked with Jeff on many engineering projects while he has worked at Kapalua Water Company, County Department of Water Supply, and State Department of Natural Resources. As manager of the Capital Improvements Program at the Department of Water Supply, Jeff successfully pushed projects along so they were completed in a timely fashion. As director, I know Jeff will continue to push to complete the much-needed water improvement projects that are identified and funded by County Council. He will get you results.

Jeff is an active member of the Hawaii Society of Professional Engineers. For many years he served as the chairperson for the Math Counts event. Math Counts is an annual math competition for intermediate school students. Local Maui winners advance to the state competition on Oahu, and those winners advance to the national competition. It has been a few years since Jeff has passed on the chairperson's role but he continues to volunteer at the event. His time spent on this event shows his dedication to the community, youth education, and the future of this county.

I may be a little biased being an engineer, but I firmly believe that engineering is one of the most ethical professions. Engineers are entrusted with the public's health, safety, and welfare. I believe the Director of Water Supply needs to be a professional engineer, and Jeff exemplifies what a professional engineer should be.

Without a doubt Jeff has the experience and qualifications for the Director of Water Supply position. Thank you for considering Jeff's appointment. I believe our county will greatly benefit while Jeff serves in this position.

Sincerely,



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