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**From:** Tracie Takatani <tracie.takatani@gmail.com>  
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**Subject:** Testimony Supporting the Appointment of Don Guzman

Aloha Councilmember,

I am writing in support of Don Guzman as Prosecuting Attorney for the County of Maui. I have had the privilege of working for Don in previous years and saw first hand the fair and honest work ethics he would display. Don is someone I wholeheartedly believe in. He is a true leader who has a special ability to genuinely listen, connect, and have compassion towards people of all backgrounds.

During the time I worked for Don, we were on the road a lot and shared many meaningful conversations. These one-on-one "talk story sessions" gave me the opportunity to learn what Don Guzman was really all about. He shared his experiences working as a field representative for a congresswoman, about having his own private practice (as an attorney), and being a legislative aide - just to name a few. But what really stood out to me was his energy when he spoke about being a deputy prosecutor.

Don's face would light up with a glow as he reminisced about being an advocate for social services and public safety. I remember him saying, "you know Tracie...it's a tough job with many challenges but it's so encouraging to see the tremendous impact a community makes when it stands together against violence and drug abuse." As he went into greater detail, I could feel his passion and commitment to serving others. At that point, I knew Don was selfless and truly cared about doing what was right for the betterment of society.

Now, with his recent appointment to head the Office of Prosecuting Attorney, I am thrilled to know there is someone taking leadership in whom we can trust. I know he will put in the extra hours gathering facts, seeking input from constituents, and making legitimate decisions. Don is an intelligent and caring husband, father, and friend - a person who does his best to protect his loved ones. I am confident he will incorporate the same mindset when it comes to protecting and caring for the citizens of our county. It is my hope that you too will support Don's appointment so we can all rest assured that we're in good hands!

Thank you for your time!

Me ka 'oia'i'o (Sincerely),

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