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To: The Maui County Council Committee on Governance, Ethics and Transparency
GETcommittee@mauicounty.us

Re: Advice & Consent on appointment of David Goode, Director of Public Works

Aloha Honorable County Council GET Committee Members,

The Kaupo Community Association would like to express it's strong support for the confirmation of Maui Department of Public Works Director David Goode's re-appointment to the departmental directorship.

Residents of our community of Kaupo and the surrounding Southeast Maui area are perhaps the most highly dependent on a County roadway of any residents of Maui County. Our health and safety, the ability to get to work or to school and to get home again, to get help when needed depends on the narrow strand of Pi'ilani Highway and it's bridges, river crossings and it's maintenance.

Although the Hana District DPW engineers and crews have always given the community great support and selfless service when the weather gets ornery, until several years ago when large slope or bridge projects were planned for our area, the road would be completely closed for long periods of time. This was terribly disruptive to local families, who could not get around, and many long time residents would move to other areas of Maui or other islands either temporarily or permanently to survive the closures.

For the past several years, when a major project in our area with a potential for disruption was being planned, Director Goode and his team have come out to Kaupo and Kipahulu and Hana and explained the project and asked for community input, which they used to design the project. Director Goode has found solutions that have allowed local residents to travel in and out as needed, while repairs are being done. For example, the current rehabilitation of Waiopai Bridge is being done one lane at a time, with a few well-advertised night closures through the use of special concretes. When the recent slope repairs at Nuanualoa were done, the community agreed on hours of closure with the project engineers that allowed residents to get in and out in the early morning and late afternoon and night. These projects took months, and we feel very appreciative of the numerous trips Mr. Goode made to Kaupo to work out the details and save terrible disruptions. Our County facilities have been well maintained under Mr. Goode's watch.

Please keep him on as Director of the Maui Department of Public Works.

Mahalo,


Linda Clark, President

And Board Members of the Kaupo Community Association, Inc.