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Aloha, my name is Cody Nemet Tuivaiti and i am testifying to the council to oppose the continuation of JD Kim as active prosecuting attorney for Maui County. I beleive it is in the best interest of Hawai'i's future, that we utilize growth, acceptance, and Aloha for not just the community but especially for the Kanaka OIwi, who are the seeds of Hawai'i. It is important that we do not lose the narrative, and that Kanka continue to be the authors of their own stories, which include them having the right and reserving the right to address themselves in their native tongue if they choose so. JD Kim claims that Kaleikoa could have spoken english but chose to speak Olelo to prove a political point. In my mind it was more of an opportunity then a political statement. It was an opportunity to represent himself as a Kanaka and as a recognized language of the state, he was also recognizing his right to represent himself. The tru question should be, how are we willing to govern the people and represent them, if they cannot even represent themselves? We must grow as the people begin to grow and learn more of who they are and how we are better fit to move forward in this world. Please do not let the stagnant ways of oppression hold back the voices of the people. They have every right to be represented the way they choose to be, and if that means to represntation thru identification, then so shall it be.

-Mahalo Nui Loa