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County Council Members
County of Maui
200 N. High Street
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Re: Appointment of Don Guzman as County Prosecuting Attorney

Respected Council Chair and Members:

As a resident of the County of Maui of close to 50 years, and mindful of the remarkable history of the county and the highly enriching multi-racial and multi-cultural composition of our people, and sharing a strong desire to keep "Maui no ka oi", it is with due respect that I appeal to you to consider approving and confirming the appointment of Mr. Don Guzman to the office of County Prosecuting Attorney.

Mr. Guzman was admitted to the practice of law in the State of Hawaii in year 2000, and he has served with competence and dedication in various capacities, in private law practice, deputy prosecuting attorney, elected Maui County council member, and as a valued volunteer in many community organizations.

There have been instances when Mr. Guzman and I disagreed on certain significant issues, and I have not been unsparing in expressing my views in opposition to his views or in letting him know of any conduct of his that I didn't appreciate or that others didn't appreciate. Nevertheless, I believe he is knowledgeable, intelligent, open to constructive criticism and different views, adjustable, and has outstanding leadership qualities. I can see that as County Prosecuting Attorney, he will be able to discharge his duties and responsibilities without "fear or favor", with strong and firm heart and mind of enforcing and exacting obedience to the laws, and maintaining and promoting law and order, while extending due respect for the rights of anyone suspected or accused of a criminal offense.

Not the least, Mr. Guzman exemplifies strong family values.

Respectfully submitted:


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