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Honorable Nohelani U'u-Hodgins, Chair
Honorable Tamara Paltin, Vice-Chair and Members of the
Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency (GREAT) Committee
Maui County Council, County of Maui
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

RE: RESOLUTION 25-133; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF KELLY SHANE DAVISON FOR APPOINTMENT AS A MEMBER OF THE SALARY COMMISSION OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

Dear Chair U'u-Hodgins, Vice Chair Paltin, and Members:

I write in **support** of Resolution 25-133, relating to Mayor Richard Bissen's nomination of Kelly Shane Davison to serve as a member of the Salary Commission of the County of Maui.

My name is Jared Sam, a constituent from Kahului. Although I serve as Chair of the Maui County Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i and as an executive assistant within the legislative branch, I submit this testimony strictly in my personal capacity—as a resident, community member, and someone who has had the privilege of knowing and working alongside Mr. Davison. This testimony does not reflect an official position in either of my roles.

I have had the privilege of knowing Kelly Davison for over seven years, beginning with our shared volunteer roles in high school youth ministry. Over time, Kelly has become both a mentor and a role model not only to me but many within our faith community. I have consistently observed his humility, integrity, and deep care for people—traits that are reflected in every aspect of his leadership.

Kelly's qualifications are extensive and distinguished. He recently concluded a 24-year military career, retiring as a Major in the United States Army where he served as a Military Intelligence Officer. His leadership roles across numerous commands—including Fort Shafter and global assignments—speak to his strategic capacity and steadfast commitment to service.

In the private sector, Kelly serves as the Senior Executive Vice President of Exertus Financial Partners, where he leads the Maui office and manages operations across 12 states. His mentorship of over 200 financial agents demonstrates his dedication to empowering others, cultivating leadership, and building systems that serve both people and purpose.

Beyond his professional achievements, Kelly has been a tireless contributor to the Maui community and beyond through his involvement with King's Cathedral and Chapels. His

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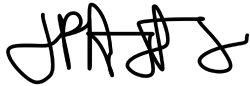
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leadership in building ministries, running business and leadership seminars, and supporting global administrative transformation reflects his passion for people and his ability to turn vision into action.

Kelly is deeply rooted in Maui. He is a devoted husband and father, and someone who exemplifies servant leadership. As a Maui resident and young professional, if appointed, I believe that Kelly will serve the people of Maui County with distinction.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of **Resolution 25-133** approving the appointment of Kelly Shane Davison to the Salary Commission of the County of Maui.

With aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jared Sam Agtunong', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Aloha Chair U'u-Hodgins, Vice-Chair Paltin, and GREAT Committee Members:

Please see attached testimony in support of Resolution 25-133 offered in my personal capacity.

Mahalo,
Jared Sam Agtunong
Kahului, Maui