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Governance, Ethics and Transparency Committee(GET)
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Re: Confirmation of Attorney Donald S. Guzman
Director, Office of the Prosecuting Attorney

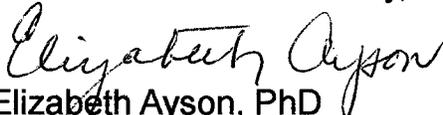
Dear Chair Molina:

First, thank you very much for taking leadership for the committee that does the critical and difficult work to educate all of us to expect the highest standards of ethics and transparency in the people who make up our government. In today's world of instant news, scandals and unethical behavior of public officials and others are revealed daily on the news reports of all media. Hopefully, this transparency will inspire a culture of self-correction in our next generation of aspiring politicians, and perhaps give young people the confidence and faith so urgently needed to make us proud of our leaders.

Having testified at Tuesday's confirmation hearing, I was present to listen to the full proceedings in the morning. With only one testimony in opposition to the otherwise well-supported confirmation of Attorney Guzman, I again restate my recommendation. Do revisit his well-documented, positive leadership to steadfastly affirm and uphold the rule of law, in all his roles in a model life---in his family, community and profession.

After reading the story of the confirmation hearing on pp. A3,4 of *The Maui News* yesterday, I am compelled to affirm that the allegations made in the single negative testimony were totally false, as I was a delegate to both events, and can state with eye-witness certainty that the information provided by Attorney Guzman, as corroborated by the report of the independent legal team, is the truth. For emphasis, to state the obvious, in his role as president of the UFCH, he was conducting the meetings of the Council, who reached together their final decisions related to the proposed changes to its constitution and by-laws. Clearly, he was responsible for leading the proceedings, and not the cause of the results. Thank you for your attention to my concerns. Please support the confirmation of Attorney Don Guzman. We will all benefit from his continued leadership in Maui County government. As so eloquently and gratefully described by a key testifier, Don is "a breath of fresh air."

With mahalo and mabuhay,


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