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Michael Molina, Chair,

Attached please find my letter of support for Don Guzman.

Please let me know if you have any questions, or require any further information.

Thank you,

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Michael Molina, Chair  
Governance, Ethics, and Transparency Committee  
County of Maui, State of Hawaii

Re: Donald Setias Guzman

Dear Chairman Molina & Honorable Members of the Maui County Council:

I am writing to support the appointment of Donald Guzman for the vacant Head Prosecutor position for Maui County. I have known Don since year 2000 when he began practicing law on Maui, a period of almost twenty years. I interacted with him directly when he worked as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for Maui County as I represented several cases that he was handling. In his dealings with me and with the assigned judges on our cases, Don was always fair, candid, honest and up-front while he advocated on behalf of Maui County and the State of Hawaii. The same can be said for my interactions with Don after he entered private practice in the several cases where we represented opposing clients.

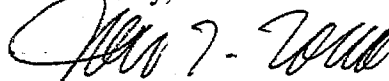
Don has always impressed me with his intelligence, diligence and preparation on cases, as well as his thorough understanding of the law and the rules of evidence and procedure, and his compassion and his integrity.

Don is a positive and community minded individual with a warm and outgoing personality. I supported him after he disclosed to me that was seeking to be a Maui County Council member, as well as his mayoral candidacy. I believe him to be a hard-working, industrious and capable individual, and I have no doubt that he will keep a deep commitment when serving as Maui County's Prosecuting Attorney.

Knowing his background on Maui, and his intelligence, integrity and humility, I believe that Don is a capable and worthy candidate to become the head prosecutor for Maui County.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

  
JOSEPH T. TOMA