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June 12, 2023

Mr. Shane M Sinenci, Councilmember County of Maui
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Aloha Councilmember Sinenci,

Re: EAST MAUI WATER AUTHORITY APPOINTEE

DHHL has reconsidered its initial recommendation of a representative on the East Maui Community Water Authority Board. DHHL recommends Mr. Dwight Burns as the designated representative for DHHL on this Board.

Mr. Burns has served on as the Maui Island Representative for the Operating Engineers Hawaii Stabilization Fund for nearly 10 years. Before becoming the Maui Island Representative, Mr. Burns has served as a Political Action Committee member for Local 3 and would often provide testimony for upcoming projects within the County of Maui to advocate for employment stability for Local 3 members and signatory companies. He is currently serving on the Fire and Public Safety Commission in Maui. Mr. Burns is a Native Hawaiian with East Maui kalo farmer family roots.

Sincerely,

Kali Watson, Chairman,
Hawaiian Homes Commission

Dwight Burns

June 12, 2023

Aloha oe,

My name is Dwight Kaleo Burns and I am writing to apply for the Representative of the Hawaiian Homes Commission and recommended by the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands for the East Maui Regional Community Board. I am a lineal descendant of East Maui and was raised in Wailuanui, Wailuauke, Keanae, Nu Wailua, Honomanu, Peahi, Ulumalu, Halehaku; just to name a few of the areas where we practiced our gathering rights and cultural practices. I come from a long line of lineal descendants from the Hana, Wailuanui, Keanae, Peahi, Ulumalu:

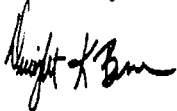
- Hana- Nahuina, Koko, Konohia, Kealoha
- Wailuanui, Keanae, Honomanu- Kealohanui, Koko
- Ulumalu, Peahi- Konohia, Kealoha.

In addition, my mother, Apolonia Day, is an awarded land-lessee of DHHL in Makuu on Hawaii Island, and I as her beneficiary. It is for these reasons I feel I would be an asset to this Board.

As a youth growing up in Wailuanui I helped our families with our taro patches, went fishing, gathered opai, hooked O'opu, caught prawns all for food and sustenance. While working in the loi with my grandmother, she would take me up to clean the Kahawai that feeds the water into the taro patches. I would go with my uncle to gather opai and other resources and at the same time be given a lesson not only on the names of the streams but also the correct names of the area we were in at time. As a young adult I had the opportunity to learn from my father of the Haiku, Huelo, and Kailua area about the streams in those areas as we hunted for food and sustenance. Like me, he was taught about the area from his father and his grandfather who were cattle ranchers and farmers in those areas. I continue to visit these areas when given the chance to teach my kids and grandkids and hopefully for generations to come to preserve our natural environment and water resources on Maui Nui.

I value the importance of water resource management and watershed restoration. From my strong cultural upbringing and experiences, it has helped me preserve the knowledge from my kupunas. I humbly believe that my qualities and experiences would make me an asset to be a successful candidate. If there is any more information you would like me to provide, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Dwight K. Burns

DWIGHT BURNS

EXPERIENCE

NOVEMBER 2013 – PRESENT

MAUI ISLAND REPRESENTATIVE, HAWAII OPERATING ENGINEERS INDUSTRY STABILIZATION FUND (HOEISF)

Maintain regulatory knowledge on the Hawaii Legislatures. Collaborate with elected Mayor and County Councilmembers, County officials and State and County representatives. Monitor compliance of city, state, and federally funded construction contracts, including but not limited to the Federal Davis-Bacon Act and HRS Chapter 104. Assuring compliance with the law, to create an atmosphere of fair, competitive, and safe contracting for the benefit of the entire construction industry. Provide monthly reports to the Executive Director and subcommittee of Board of Trustees. Conduct investigations on non-signatory payroll. Attend planning commission meetings to screen potential Developers who will commit to using signatory contractors.

Notable Accomplishment:

- Introduced Responsible Bidder regulation to Maui County Council Members, now in moving in House of State representatives.
- Suspension of a Contractor due to findings of violations for non-compliance with prevailing wage laws and HRS Chapter 104.

2013

EXCAVATOR OPERATOR GROUP 10A, KIEWIT CONSTRUCTION

Notable project: Oahu Rail System; relocating existing utilities

2011 - 2013

EXCAVATOR OPERATOR GROUP 10A, GOODFELLOWS BROS. CONSTRUCTION

Notable project: Rock Groins at Iroquois Point, Ewa Beach with Healy Tibbets Builders, Inc. to stabilize the severely eroded shoreline adjacent to Iroquois Point.

<https://www.healytibbitts.com/projects/project-details/iroquois-point-beach-nourishment>

2009 - 2011

HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR, HAWAIIAN DREDGING CONSTRUCTION

Notable Project: Restoration of Maalaea Harbor

<https://mauinow.com/2010/12/03/state-breaks-ground-on-16-million-maalaea-harbor-improvements/>

1998 - 2008

HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR, GOODFELLOWS BROS. CONSTRUCTION

EDUCATION

1985

MAUI HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

SKILLS

- Investigative and able to identify compliance issues
- Ability to interpret data
- Dedicated and highly motivated
- Strong knowledge of HRS Chapter 104
- Excellent relationship builder
- Detail oriented
- Problem solver
- Effective communicator

ACTIVITIES

- Commissioner on Department of Maui Fire and Safety, 4th year.
- Continuous engagement with other Union Trades
- Engaged with various working groups to collaboration and find solutions for the betterment of Maui County.
- Member of Go Maui, Inc.; an organization that engages and represents local residents on key initiatives and issues that affect Maui's quality of life and champions for a cohesive community on Maui.
- Member of Democratic Party – 1st Vice President District 12 Precinct 3 (2018-2020)
- Maui Political Action Committee Member 2009 – 2013

WASSP Committee

From: Shane M. Sinenci
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2023 9:49 AM
To: WASSP Committee
Subject: FW: DHHL East Maui Water Authority Appointee
Attachments: E Maui Water Authority Appointee_ Dwight_burns_Ltr to Councilmember Shane Sinenci_06.12.23_signed.pdf; DB Cover_1_.pdf; Dwight Burns resume[21511].pdf

Per your request James.

Dawn

From: Choy, Andrew H <andrew.h.choy@hawaii.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2023 7:30 PM
To: Shane M. Sinenci <Shane.Sinenci@mauicounty.us>; Alice L. Lee <Alice.Lee@mauicounty.us>; Thomas M. Cook <Thomas.Cook@mauicounty.us>; Gabe Johnson <Gabe.Johnson@mauicounty.us>; Tasha A. Kama <Tasha.Kama@mauicounty.us>; Tamara A. Paltin <Tamara.Paltin@mauicounty.us>; Keani N. Rawlins <Keani.Rawlins@mauicounty.us>; Yukilei Sugimura <Yukilei.Sugimura@mauicounty.us>; Nohe M. Uu-Hodgins <Nohe.Uu-Hodgins@mauicounty.us>
Cc: Hana <Council.Hana@mauicounty.us>; Gina M. Young <Gina.Flammer@mauicounty.us>; Watson, Kali <kali.watson@hawaii.gov>; Ducatt, Katie L <katie.l.ducatt@hawaii.gov>; Matsunaga, Stewart T <stewart.t.matsunaga@hawaii.gov>; Randy Awo <randyawo@gmail.com>
Subject: DHHL East Maui Water Authority Appointee

Aloha Maui County Councilmembers,

Attached, please find DHHL's new recommendation to represent DHHL on the East Maui Water Authority.

Andrew

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