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From: Nick Drance
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Here's my proposed draft of testimony for tomorrow.

The rules require submission no later than Friday 24th noon, however, unfamiliar with the protocol and having just learned of the meeting because it is not published on the official County of Maui website, I wish to submit my request here in a formal manner in the hope that my voice will be heard.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Nick Drance,
State House 11th District
Kihei, Wailea

Subject: Establishment of the position of County Manager.

Position: In support

Testimony

The proper establishment of this position must overcome many challenges, however, given the obvious and timely need for stewardship, the Job Description and clear extent of authority and accountability, should be established with urgency.

I and many others, wish to see the creation of this position in order to establish the ideal management of county resources and long term stewardship and accountability. The position should be established according to

standard corporate protocol whereby the residents of the County of Maui, as voiced by the County Council, function as the Board of Directors. The establishment of standard performance evaluations should be agreed upon and formalized for this position.

The primary Job Description and goal of the County Manager position should be established essentially as ;

The County Manager is responsible for:

1.
Ensuring that the combined interests and long term well being of the residents of the County of Maui are maximized, based upon input by residents.
2.
Accountability and transparency are maximized.
3.
The position be appropriately compensated and serve at the pleasure of a majority vote by the County Council.
4.
The position be established by "popular vote".

Background

1.
At this moment, the Island of Maui is only able to sustain itself with regard to food and water, within a relatively narrow scope of circumstances. In my view, many of the recommendations contained in the report offered by the Office of Planning, Dept. of Business Economic Development and Tourism, submitted October 2012, have yet to be implemented. In the event of a disruption in the delicate balance of circumstances we now enjoy, the well being of those on the island is in jeopardy.
2. The Governor has a Bill for signature on his desk at this moment, regarding Organic Farmer Certification providing up to \$50,000 per farmer in fees and equipment. The County Manager would be responsible to ensure that the Bill is properly written and supported with regard to the long term interests of the island.
3. Our island sees now, perhaps it's third most significant event in modern history, after the annexation by the United States and implementation of the colonial style Planation System now controlling 90,000 acres of land on Maui. My understanding is that just 27,000 acres of that land is pledged toward agriculture. The position of City Manager would bypass the double speak and ensure that the interests of residents are furthered in all areas.

Thank you.

IMAGE

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