

GET Committee

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Aloha,

Please find this email in support of Marc Takamori for Director of Transportation for Maui County.

I've known Marc for about 4 years, since he went through the Ka Ipu Kukui Future Leaders of Maui Program. I was on the interview panel and on the Board that was selecting the Fellows. During the selection process, I learned that Marc is born and raised on Maui (in fact his father was my grade school teacher), Marc is a BRAINIAC, overachiever, Kama'aina who come home....Who actually came home to work on Maui after majoring in Computer Engineering from the mainland. Marc initially worked on DoD programs in the Maui Research and Tech Park, so this is where I first heard of him, as I worked there as well. Marc worked on the High Accuracy Network Determination Systems (HANDS) program that deployed robotic telescopes around the world for use as sensors for Space Situational Awareness.

Marc later received his Master's in Business Administration, and somewhere along this process, Marc stopped playing with engineering toys and computers in outer space, and began playing with transportation systems/infrastructure focusing on safe, and economical movement of people and goods for Maui County.

Marc and I have worked closely together serving on the KIK Future Leaders of Maui Board of Directors for the last 3 years. Besides being a brainiac, I've come to admire Marc's leadership style. He is someone whom I deeply respect. I have observed him to be calm, analytical and thoughtful under pressure. When he is quiet, it just means that his brains are working extremely hard. Marc is someone who is knowledgeable, observant, detail oriented and kind. He is always well prepared, and organized. Marc provides logical, well thought out solutions, and is very considerate in his communication style.

Did I mention that Marc is very passionate and committed to transportation? I'll share a story with you. Transportation is such a focal point for him, that when we attended a party several years ago and were supposed to build gingerbread houses, Marc turned his into a transportation hub, complete with bus stop and little gingerbread people boarding buses.

Marc is someone who I know will provide solid, dependable leadership for Maui County.

Please contact me if you have any questions. I will also attend the meeting in person tomorrow.

Regards,
Lianne Yoshida