

GET Committee

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Please see the attached testimony.

Mahalo!

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RE: Appointment of the Planning Director- Michele McLean GET-1(18)

Aloha Chairmen Molina and Committee Members:

I strongly support the appointment of Michele McLean to the Director of the Planning Department. I have been actively involved in the planning professional both as a regulator and as a private consultant for over 15 years on Maui. I respect Michele's approach to problem solving and her inclusion of staff ideas, perspectives and debate on sticky planning problems, of which there are many on Maui. Department staff respect her for this inclusive type of leadership. Having predictability and consistency in the decision making process is very important to landowners and the development and conservation community. I did not always agree with Ms. McLean's decisions, but I respect the strong, organized, recordable means by which those decisions were made, how they were reached, and that they were memorialized for later reference.

Her many years of service to the County as Deputy Director is an added benefit that will make her a much more effective and efficient Director than someone who has not been actively engaged in recent Planning Commission meetings. I have great confidence that she can get the job done and instill the types of changes needed to facilitate better planning and greater sustainability in Maui County. Please confirm her appointment!

Mahalo!



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