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Aloha,

Attached, please find a copy of County of Hawai'i Planning Director Michael Yee's testimony in support of Michele McLean's appointment to Maui County Planning Director.

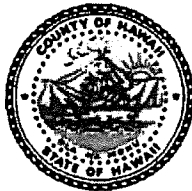
Mahalo,

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Ms. Kelly King, Maui County Council Chair
Mr. Mike Molina, Governance, Ethics & Transparency Committee Chair
Ms. Keani Rawlins-Fernandez, Governance, Ethics & Transparency Committee Vice-Chair
Maui County Council
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawai'i 96793.

Dear Chair King, Chair Molina & Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez and Committee Members:

SUBJECT: Testimony in Support of Appointment of Michele McLean as Planning Director of Mau'i County

I am writing in support of the appointment of Michele McLean as Planning Director of Mau'i County.

As the Planning Director of Hawai'i County, I have had the opportunity to work directly with Michele the last two years. My experience working with Michele indicates to me that she is well-prepared to serve Mau'i County as the planning director. Mau'i County can leverage her eight years of executive level experience to navigate operational and political systems within the County and State. Most importantly, Michele has nurtured numerous positive relationships over the years that can lead to more positive impacts for your communities.

The various planning directors at county and state level typically meet to coordinate legislative priorities. As recently as last week, Michele, I and other planning directors met to prepare for the 2019 legislative session. Michele stepped right in and was a key participant, especially, on proposed vacation rental enforcement issues.

Lastly, Michele recently achieved the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) designation as a planning professional. This means she has met rigorous qualifications, pledges to uphold a code of conduct and pursue advanced professional education.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Michele McLean.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL YEE
Hawai'i County Planning Director