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Chairman Mike Molina and Members of the Governance,
Ethics, and Transparency Committee
County of Maui
200 S. High Street
Wailuku, HI 96793

**RE: CONFIRMATION OF MICHELE MCLEAN AS DIRECTOR OF PLANNING
(GET-1)**

Dear Chair Molina and Committee Members,

I write to strongly endorse the nomination of Michele McLean as the Planning Director for the County of Maui and ask that the Governance, Ethics, and Transparency Committee confirm her nomination.

I have known Michele McLean since 2001 and have worked with her extensively in private business as well as in public service with the County of Maui. She is one of the most intelligent, hardworking and honest people I have ever had the pleasure to know. In all of my years dealing with the County of Maui, Michele is by far the most knowledgeable Planning Director I have dealt with. She knows land use ordinances and their nuances inside and out. Unlike many bureaucrats Michele strives to find a way to say "yes" instead of "no" to citizens requests.

In her time in the Planning Department she has among other things; adopted digital zoning maps, assisted in loosening regulations on ohana units to create much needed opportunities for housing, worked closely with the Finance Department on a Community Facilities District ordinance and overhauled the parking code.

Michele McLean is an excellent leader, has years of experience in planning and related fields and will provide much needed continuity to the Planning Department. The County of Maui needs more people of Michele's caliber. Please confirm her as the Director of Planning. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Mark R. Walker