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**From:** Richelle Thomson <richelle.thomson@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 22, 2019 7:58 AM  
**To:** GET Committee  
**Subject:** Re: GET-1(8) Appointment of Michele McLean as Planning Director

Dear Chair King, GET Chair Molina, and Councilmembers:

I am writing in support of the re-appointment of Michele McLean as Planning Director. As a deputy corporation counsel for the past 8 years, I've rotated assignments with other counseling and drafting attorneys as advisor to the Maui, Molokai, and Lanai Planning Commissions as well as the Hana Advisory Board. During this time, I've had the pleasure of working with Michele McLean in her role as deputy director and director of the Planning Department.

Michele is one of the hardest working, sharpest businesswomen I've met. She is exceptionally competent, both as a planning official and as a manager. She has directed the department's efforts to modernize its systems and is currently overseeing the overhaul of the zoning code, which is an immense and complex effort but also extremely necessary. These are just two examples of ongoing work that is making the Planning Department a more vital and responsive agency serving Maui County's residents and businesses.

Michele McLean's integrity, responsibility, and competence make her the very best choice for Planning Director.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to submit this testimony.

Sincerely,

Richelle Thomson