

GET Committee

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Subject: APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS
(DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS)
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Please see the attached testimony on the subject item. Thank you.

January 18, 2019

Honorable Michael J. Molina, Chair
Governance, Ethics, and Transparency Committee
Maui County Council
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

**SUBJECT: MAUI COUNTY COUNCIL CONFIRMATION ON THE APPOINTMENT OF
DAVID GOODE, ACTING DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS
GET-1(6)**

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

The Department of Public Works (DPW), Engineering Division, Design Section expresses full support for David Goode's confirmation to be appointed as the Director of Public Works.

Mr. Goode has a long history of experience leading DPW and is very familiar with the challenges associated with our roadway, bridge, and drainage systems. He has led DPW through years of disaster events, annual budgets, policy changes, personnel matters, and numerous changes in administration. His experience enables him to make difficult decisions in the best interest of DPW and the public.

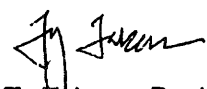
Mr. Goode works closely with staff and remains informed on the status of various projects. After receiving feedback from the public, he doesn't hesitate to speak directly with engineers to ensure issues are resolved. Mr. Goode is also very respectful of the opinions and concerns from the community. He exemplifies a professional and open-minded attitude when working with the public and other agencies.

Under Mr. Goode's directorship, our section will continue to keep our roads, drainage, and bridge infrastructure operating in the most efficient way possible. Mr. Goode and Deputy Director Rowena Dagdag-Andaya have consistently worked with the Mayor's administration and Council to secure matching capital improvement program funds toward our federal-aid pavement and bridge projects, which brings the County millions of dollars from the Federal Highways Administration each year. We are confident that his experience will help us tackle new and ongoing challenges, such as addressing the effect of climate change on our coastal roads, replacing our aging drainage infrastructure, and improving stormwater quality through our growing Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) program.

We respectfully request your approval of Mr. Goode's appointment. We need his leadership, experience, and his working relationship with the public and government agencies to ensure the safety and the welfare of Maui County are preserved.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this matter.

Sincerely,



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