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Dear Committee Members:

I am a Deputy Corporation Counsel in the Department of Corporation Counsel and am writing this testimony in support of the nomination of Patrick Wong as Corporation Counsel.

I have worked in the Department of Corporation Counsel for nearly five years. Prior to that I practiced in San Francisco for several years and was a law clerk here on Maui.

Pat Wong oversees hundreds of cases, many of which are quietly, creatively, and skillfully handled in a way that unquestionably benefits the County. I am consistently impressed with his compassion for residents, his commitment to our ethical obligations as attorneys, and his ingenuity in dealing with those cases where the County has been pitted between a rock and a hard place.

I can also attest to his leadership in our office. It is an effective balance of trust in his deputies and a high expectation of us. I've worked in many offices where as a woman I felt undervalued and unheard; this is not one of them. Our office has a tone of collegiality and trust, and I believe that is in great part because of Pat's leadership, his innate understanding of his deputies' strengths, and the general tone he has set.

Thank you for your time, and for reading this.

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