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**Subject:** Support for Sananda "Sandy" Baz

Aloha Madam Chair,

Attached is my testimony in support of the confirmation of Sananda "Sandy" Baz as the next Maui County Managing Director. I understand the meeting on the 23rd will be a confirmation meeting for Mr. Baz, however, the agenda has not been posted yet. Consequently, I do not what item this will be on the agenda. Mahalo.

A hui hou,  
Paul

Aloha Madam Chair and members of the County Council,

My name is Paul Janes-Brown, and I reside in Pukalani, HI.

I am writing to support the confirmation of Sananda "Sandy" Baz as the next Maui County Managing Director. Both in temperament and experience there is no one in our community who is better able to handle this job. It can be said, Mr. Baz has been preparing for this position for a lifetime. I have known Mr. Baz for 15 years. First when I was development director for Maui Youth & Family Services, we frequently interfaced with MEO where Sandy worked in IT. When Gladys Baisa left MEO to become a member of this Council in 2005, she hand-picked Mr. Baz to be her successor.

After my wife passed in 2007, I became the development & marketing director of MEO where I had the privilege of working closely with Sandy on the projects that were important to MEO. In this capacity I had the opportunity to observe not only his organizational acumen, but also his management expertise. MEO, is the oldest and largest social service agency on Maui with a storied tradition of excellence in the community. Sandy, expanded the agency, led the move from the old yard on Vevau & Kane St. to the new location in Pu'unene, and when he was called to expanded public service as Maui County Budget director under Mayor Arakawa's administration, he left MEO substantially better then when he began.

As budget director, I don't need to tell members who served during the previous administration what an excellent job he has done, insuring that the budgets presented to the council were sensible, served the needs of the community and would allow for the County to maintain it's reputation for fiscal accountability and management excellence.

Mr. Baz is eminently qualified not only through experience, but also by education. He holds a degree in business management, was a winner of the Pacific Business News "Forty Under 40" award in addition to other leadership awards, and has a master's degree in public administration. I urge the esteemed members of this Council to look favorably upon Mr. Baz and confirm his appointment as the next Maui County Managing Director. We cannot do any better. Mahalo.