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Aloha e Councilmember Molina, Chair, County Council Governance, Ethics and Transparency Committee,

I am attaching a letter of support for Karla Peris Peters who was appointed Director of the County of Maui Parks and Recreation Department by Mayor Michael Victorino. I believe she has both the credentials and experience to effectively fulfill the responsibilities of the position of Director of Parks and Recreation, as most of her governmental experience and professional career have been in that department. As a life-long resident of Maui, Karla will bring her perspective to the job while also being open to the growing and changing needs of this dynamic department and community.

Please contact me if you have any questions about my letter of support. Mahalo for your confidence in confirming Karla Peris Peters to this position.

Sincerely,

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Michael Molina, Maui County Council
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Aloha e Mr. Molina:

It is a pleasure to submit a letter of support on behalf of **Karla Peris Peters** who was recently appointed Director of the County of Maui Parks and Recreation Department by Mayor Michael Victorino. Let me preface my remarks by explaining that I am also her aunt. However, this letter is based on my knowledge of her work from my professional vantage point.

As the retired coordinator of the MCC (UHMC) Cooperative Education (internship) and Job Placement office, I managed the County Co-op Partnership grant for more than fifteen years which placed qualified students in various County departments. The Parks Department was a very supportive field site, and Karla Peters was one of the most effective internship field supervisors/mentors. Karla believed in the purpose of the County-MCC Co-op program which was to engage students in County government by providing them with opportunities to see how Parks and Recreation, one of the largest County departments, operated in providing direct services to the community through its extensive network of regional, mid-size, and neighborhood level recreational facilities and programs. Interns learned about the arduous planning processes that needed to occur before shovels hit the dirt; they came away with knowledge of and an appreciation for the fiscal component too. It was Karla's willingness, patience, and knowledge-base that enhanced the interns' experiences. We were very pleased to partner with Karla and the Planning Division of the Parks and Recreation Department.

In reference to the position that Karla was recently appointed to, there is no doubt in my mind that she will fulfill those duties at the highest level, given that she has more than ten years of experience in project management of several CIP projects and the implementation of park dedication ordinances. Furthermore, she understands fiscal management and budget preparation and implementation. Tracking the details yet keeping the big picture in focus is Karla's forte. The South Maui Community Park is a testament to her ability to lead a multi-million dollar project which was a model for upcoming community park facilities. As a Parks Project Manager, including her rigorous

assignment as Capital Improvements Project Coordinator for the South Maui Park, she was able to see and be involved in all aspects of the Planning Division's work.

Karla's upward mobility in the Parks and Recreation Department was due to her ability, inclusive work style, innovative vision, and passion for enhancing the quality of life for Maui's residents through its recreational facilities. Her successful tenure and movement from a secretarial position through the ranks to her current position are evidence of what she is able to accomplish.

And I also have to say that Karla, as a wife and mother, lives an exemplary life, raising three well-rounded and intelligent children, while providing loving support and kokua to her parents and sister. So it is clear to those of us who have worked with her and also care about her that Karla Peters will bring the kinds of qualities to her new position that she has always demonstrated. As her former colleague and aunt, I give my strongest endorsement to Karla Peris Peters as the Director of the County Parks and Recreation Department. Mahalo nui loa for continuing to strengthen the Department through its valuable human resources.

Sincerely,

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