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Chair Molina and Members of the Governance, Ethics, and Transparency Committee,

I am writing to you in support of the confirmation of Mr. Patrick K. Wong as the Corporation Counsel for the County of Maui.

I have been a Deputy Corporation Counsel for over 11 years, 8 of which have been under the direction of Mr. Wong. Under his leadership I have witnessed our department grow and improve to a level which I never thought possible. He is an excellent leader who has the ability to make those working with and around him better, which makes him a great Corporation Counsel.

Mr. Wong has also shown to have a deep understanding of the law and our role as a department. His guidance on legal matters has proven to be sound, reasonable, and wise over the years. The Corporation Counsel is presented with a variety of issues covering numerous areas of law and over the years Mr. Wong has shown that he is able to familiarize himself with the specifics of the matter at hand and offer legal advice. He has navigated the County through complex legal matters and has always fulfilled his responsibility to the County as its Chief Legal Adviser. In my opinion the County of Maui is in a better position with Mr. Wong serving as its Corporation Counsel.

I ask that you confirm Mr. Wong based on his body of work over the past 8 years where he has applied the law to all legal matters presented and given intelligent legal advice. I can say that I have learned a lot from Mr. Wong over the years and truly hope to continue to benefit from his guidance and leadership in the years to come.

Sincerely,
Jeffrey Ueoka