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Aloha Committee Chair and Members,

Attached, please find testimony in support of Mr. Scott Teruya's nomination to the position of director of finance.

Respectfully submitted,

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The Honorable Kelly T. King, Chair  
Maui County Council  
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The Honorable Michael J. Molina, Chair  
Governance, Ethics, and Transparency Committee  
200 South High Street  
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**RE: APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS  
(DIRECTOR OF FINANCE) (GET-1(5))**

Dear Council Chair King, Committee Chair Molina, and Members of the Maui County Council,


Please accept this testimony in support of the nomination of Mr. Scott K. Teruya, as the director of finance, County of Maui. I have known Mr. Teruya for more than 12 years beginning from when I was the director of finance for the County of Maui between 2004 and 2009.

The responsibilities of the director of finance are significant. To be successful in the role the position requires someone of intelligence, strong financial acumen and, most importantly in my opinion - accountability. While I cannot say that every Maui finance director has done a good job at the role, I would say that I believe Mr. Teruya is well prepared to take on the responsibility.

As the county's real property tax administrator Mr. Teruya leads one of the most important financial inputs for the county's revenue scheme, budget components, and fiscal execution. In that capacity, Mr. Teruya has experience dealing with the myriad of areas related to county finance. At the same time, he has also had to manage a significantly-sized administrative operation. The responsibilities of managing personnel, making strategic decisions of countywide impact, and the dynamics of balancing competing or conflicting issues, emphasize both the challenge and the importance in having the right person serve as the director of finance.

Mr. Teruya has the capability and the drive to execute and deliver in this role to lead the department of finance and to provide quality service to the County of Maui. I urge the Governance, Ethics, and Transparency Committee and the Maui County Council to confirm Mr. Scott Teruya for the position of director of finance.

Sincerely,

  
Kalbert K. Young