

GET Committee

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Subject: APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS
(DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS) (GET-1(6))
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Dear Chair Molina,

I hereby submit the attached written testimony in support of confirming David Goode as the Director of Public Works.

Sincerely,
Derek Ono

January 25, 2019

Mr. Michael Molina, Chair
Governance, Ethics, and Transparency Committee
Council of the County of Maui
200 South High Street
Wailuku, HI 96793

Dear Chair Molina,

I am pleased to offer my endorsement of David Goode for the post of Public Works Director. My interactions with David over the past eight years as a Licensed Professional Engineer and as Chair of the Public Works Commission convince me that he is the ideal candidate to lead the Department.

Under his stewardship, the Department of Public Works has pursued ambitious initiatives such as Complete Streets, Safe Routes to School, and the LED Street Light Conversion. Furthermore, he oversaw the adoption of a modernized Building Code and facilitated improvements to the Subdivision Code. He enacted Storm Water Treatment Rules to protect the environment from polluted runoff, and later implemented the County's MS4 Program to advance that goal.

David's grasp of the County infrastructure makes him invaluable as a manager of maintenance and improvement efforts. This ensures that Department funds and attention are appropriately directed to the most critical areas to maximize public benefit. It also means that swift, pragmatic decisions are made in emergency and disaster situations.

Ultimately, confirming David Goode will provide the Department of Public Works with much needed continuity at the top and give the community a Director that exceeds the requisite qualifications. His fair-minded approach coupled with his experience assure me that he will be an excellent component of the Administration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Derek T. Ono", written in a cursive style.

Derek T. Ono