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Aloha Council Chair King, Council Member Rawlins-Fernandez, and Council Member Molina,

I humbly ask Your support of Michele McLean being confirmed to continue as Planning Director.

I have been with the Department of Planning for almost 27 years and I feel Michele is one of the most knowledgeable, fair, and supportive Planning Directors we have had. She has brought the morale of the Department up by being clear of her expectations of staff, treating everyone in a fair manner, and respecting and supporting her staff in big and small ways. I am very appreciative of her allowing us to just walk into her office to discuss something, whether County related or on a personal basis.

Michele is very conscientious with the Department's budget, insuring that monies are spent wisely and not frivolously, which helps with the overall function of the Department.

I have come to admire Michele in how she relates to applicants, consultants, and members of the public; how she is always willing to assist them; is direct; is unbiased - responses and decisions based on rules and regulations, yet, she is not without compassion. Because of her experience and expertise, I believe she is an important asset to the County of Maui. I have no doubt in how passionate she is about her work, her staff, County government, and, most importantly, doing what is best for ALL the people of the County of Maui.

Mahalo,

Suzette Esmeralda

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