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Aloha Committee Chair Molina and Committee Members~

Please accept the attached testimony for your committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 23, 2019.

Thank you very much!

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

Dear Chair Molina and Members:

**SUBJECT: TESTIMONY FOR THE MAUI COUNTY COUNCIL GOVERNANCE,
ETHICS AND TRANSPARENCY COMMITTEE - APPOINTMENT OF
THE PLANNING DIRECTOR (GET-1)**

I respectfully submit this testimony as my 100% heartfelt, sincere and enthusiastic endorsement of Michele McLean as Director of the Department of Planning.

I have worked with Michele as her Private Secretary for the past 8 years. I have come to know her very well on a professional level in this capacity and can confidently without a doubt attest to the fact the Michele is one of the hardest working professionals I have had the pleasure of working with. Her passion, compassion, intelligence, logical-thinking, knowledge, and love for the department's staff as well as the community as a whole is evident in every action she takes and every decision she makes.

Michele never runs from the difficult issues, but tackles them head-on working to find the best solution for all sides. She thoughtfully works with the staff, the public and representatives of the public to understand the laws and navigate the land use permitting processes. She makes the "difficult calls" and decisions with great care and consideration. It is true that not everyone can be pleased with some of the decisions that are made, but if one takes the time to look at the "big picture", one will find that the decision was made to make the least negative impact to the least amount of people possible. Oftentimes, the decision is not the end of the story, but Michele will continue to attempt to remedy a situation by working to improve and change the laws and ordinances.

Michele's strongest asset is that she CARES and she works tirelessly to make our community better, stronger and ultimately the very best place to call our home!

Very Truly Yours,

