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Please accept the attached letter for my strong support of Michele McLean's appointment for Planning Director. Thank you.

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Council Chair Kelly King
GET Chair Mike Molina
GET Vice-Chair Keani Rawlins-Fernandez

RE: Appointment of Planning Director, GET-1: Strong Support

Dear Council Chair, GET Chair, and GET Vice-Chair,

I am writing in strong support of Michele McLean's appointment for Planning Director. I have known Ms. McLean for over 12 years, and I believe she has the qualifications, professionalism, and ability to be an excellent Planning Director. The County of Maui would be well served to have her in that position.

I first met Ms. McLean when she worked for the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC). I was the KIRC's Deputy Attorney General at the time, and was able to interact with Ms. McLean very closely. She proved to be (and continues to be) an asset for the KIRC. She knew the ins and outs of the operations and was cognizant of cultural sensitivity. She was instrumental in the retrofitting of Base Camp, spearheaded the environmental review of the KIRC's landing craft, the Hale at Hakioawa, and the Kihei site. Ms. McLean used her extensive planning knowledge to further the KIRC's mission. She has moved the KIRC in a positive direction as the previous Deputy Director and now Chair.

Ms. McLean is a proven leader. She is well respected and has exemplary work ethic. She is admired by those who work with and for her. Similarly, she is open and willing to listen to all points of view and make reasonable and rational decisions. Her decisions are always well thought out and supported by the law.

I also consider Ms. McLean to be a close friend. She is loyal, trustworthy, and a pleasure to be with. She was proven to be an excellent Deputy Planning Director and Director, and I urge you to support her nomination. She has my **strong support**.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at the above email address or telephone number.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Rowena A. Somerville, Esq.