

GET Committee

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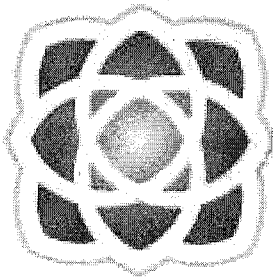
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Aloha,

Please see attached testimony on GET-1 for the reconvened meeting on 1/30/19 from Pamela Tumpap, President of the Maui Chamber of Commerce.

Mahalo,

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**Testimony on GET-1 (1, 2, 3, 7 & 8)
Appointment and Removal of
Administrative Heads of Departments
Wednesday, January 30, 2019**

Dear Chair Molina, Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez and
Members of the Governance, Ethics & Transparency Committee,

We appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony on the appointment of the Department Directors proposed by Mayor Victorino. Mayor Victorino went through a blue-ribbon committee who vetted and thoroughly reviewed candidates for his department head positions and we support the full slate of directors put forth.

In particular, we would like to highlight the work of Michele McLean (appointed as Planning Director) and Sandy Baz (appointed as Managing Director). In our work with Michele at the Planning Department, she has been fair, knowledgeable and extremely helpful to businesses. She worked to modernize and improve the County Code, updating the sections on signage and parking and much more. She has consistently reached out to us and others and held forums so those affected by changes could share their concerns and ask questions before the sections were finalized for Council review. She was happy to listen and incorporate feedback from the meetings held. We are pleased to support Michele McLean as the Director of the Planning Department so she can continue to lead and make positive, progressive changes to better our community.

We have also worked closely with Sandy Baz and support his appointment as Managing Director. We worked with Sandy in the previous administration when he was the Budget Director and are confident that he has the experience and skills to serve in the important role of Managing Director. His leadership and knowledge of County departments and administrative responsibilities makes him ideal for the position. We support his appointment and know that he will do great things for the County in that role.

Finally, while we have not recently worked with Michael Miyamoto, John Kim and Patrick Wong, we support their appointments and know that in their appointed positions, they will benefit the County. We therefore support the Mayor's decision and look forward to working with them in the future.

We ask that you please confirm all of the director appointments before you today and appreciate the opportunity to submit testimony on this matter.

Sincerely,

Pamela Tumpap
President

To advance and promote a healthy economic environment for business, advocating for a responsive government and quality education, while preserving Maui's unique community characteristics.