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Hello Councilmember Kama, my name is Ralph Nagamine.

Although I am a Maui resident, I'm currently in Battle Ground, Washington visiting my daughter. Last night, I had dinner with Alexis and her husband, Mason, and I asked her to forewarn you that I would be reaching out to you regarding Mike Victorino's appointments for department heads. Normally, I would not get involved in these matters, but Alice Lee spoke to me (during golf a few days ago) about what is happening in the County Council and that your vote on Mike's selections would be extremely critical.

Firstly, I know two of the appointees (Mike Miyamoto, Environmental Management, and Jeff Pearson, Water Supply) both from when I was working at the county and through a golf club that plays mostly on holidays. Both of these gentlemen are honest and reasonable and have the experience to run their departments.

I wrote a letter to Chair Molina in support of David Goode (Public Works) before I left Maui. I hope you have a chance to read it and support David's appointment.

Lastly, I think Michele McLean (Planning) is a good choice. During the last twenty years of my 30-year career at the county, I headed Public Works' Development Services Administration (DSA). DSA works closely with the Planning Department and Michele is one of the better directors for that department. Her work in the private sector prior to her coming to the county is valuable experience that will serve the county well.

I won't mention the other appointees because either I don't know them well enough to form an opinion or am unimpressed.

In short, I hope you will be able to support the appointments of David Goode, Michele McLean, Mike Miyamoto and Jeff Pearson.

Thank you, Ralph Nagamine.

P.S., I originally intended to send you an email from my iPad, but for some unknown reason cannot. I'm retyping the contents on my phone so please excuse the typos.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Verizon Wireless 4G LTE network.