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Aloha,

Please process and provide attached testimony to all members. Mahalo, Steven

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January 28, 2019

The Honorable Kelly T. King  
Chair and Council Members  
200 South High Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Flr  
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Dear Chair King and Councilmembers:

SUBJECT: GET-1, ITEM 5: APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS  
SCOTT K. TERUYA (DIRECTOR OF FINANCE)

I urge you to confirm Mayor Victorino's nominee, Scott Teruya, for the appointment of Director of Finance. Mr. Teruya has over 22 years of public service and has diligently worked his way up from a real estate appraiser to the county's Real Property Assessment Administrator. A position he has held since 2007. As a friend and colleague, I've admired his commitment of family, career, and community.

Professional:

- Oversees the complex real property tax program of approximately 74,000 parcels that has generated nearly \$320 Million in county revenue during the 2018-19 fiscal year.
- Has taught real estate appraisal classes locally and speaks at events throughout the United States.
- International Association of Assessing Officers (IAAO)\* resume:
  - Region 1, Board of Director (term 1/2018 - 12/2020)
  - In 2018, his office earned the Certificate of Excellence in Assessment Administration. 37<sup>th</sup> jurisdiction of 13,000+ jurisdictions worldwide eligible for this certificate
  - 2014 IAAO member of the year
  - In 2013, earned his Assessment Administration Specialist designation
  - Created IAAO Hawaii Chapter in 2013. Served as president till 2017
  - No other individual in Hawaii outside of the County of Maui has earned any IAAO designation, certificate, or has served on the board of directors.

\*IAAO established in 1934 with 8,000+ members worldwide to uphold mass appraisal standards.

Community:

- 10+ years as youth baseball coach. As head coach of the Maui's youth team, Scott has honorably represented Hawaii during global television broadcasts and other national tournaments
- Serves as coach, umpire, and organizer of 40 youth teams that simultaneously participates in the annual ALL PONO Memorial Day baseball tournament.
- Currently part of Maui High School baseball coaching staff.

Scott has passion and skill set to serve as the Director of Finance. Given the opportunity, his leadership and innovated ways will contribute toward the success of Maui County.

I encourage you to confirm him as your county's Director of Finance and keep Maui NO KA IO.

Sincerely,

