

GET Committee

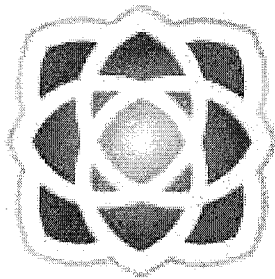
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Aloha,

Please see attached testimony on GET-1 for the meeting tomorrow 1/29/19 from Pamela Tumpap, President of the Maui Chamber of Commerce.

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**Testimony on GET-1 (4,5, 6,& 9)
Appointment and Removal of
Administrative Heads of Departments
Tuesday, January 29, 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 recognize William Spence, appointed as the Director of Housing & Human Concerns, and David Goode, appointed as the Director of Public Works. We have worked directly with both appointees and know them to be knowledgeable of their departments and helpful to the community. They both participated in our Affordable Housing Summit in 2017 and contributed in panels on addressing the affordable housing crisis. During the event, they both took the time to listen to the concerns and suggestions of other participants and the audience, while also sharing their ideas. They have shown that they are willing to work together with others to look at new approaches to address the barriers in getting affordable housing built. They are very experienced in their respective departments and have exhibited that they are working for the good of the community during their time in these positions in the previous administration. We support the appointments of William Spence and David Goode and ask that they be confirmed to continue their important work.

Further, we support the appointments of Scott Teruya as the Director of Finance and Jeffrey Pearson as the Director of Water Supply. While we have not recently had the opportunity to work with them, we support the Mayor's decision to appoint them and know they will be the best people for the jobs. We 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

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