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Aloha -

Please see attached letter in support of David Goode.

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January 25, 2019

Via email: county.clerk@mauicounty.us

Maui County Council 200 S. High Street Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Re: Appointment of David Goode as Director of Public Works

Honorable Council Chair King and Council Members:

Hawaii Pacific Solar is a Maui-based company that engineers, constructs and maintains solar photovoltaic systems across the State. We have installed solar systems for Whaler's Village, Maui Lani golf course, Maui Preparatory Academy, Hawaii Nature Center and the Boy Scouts Camp Maluhia, among others. We also developed the South Maui Renewable Resources solar project in Kihei as well as the Ku'ia Solar project in Lahaina; the first two utility sized projects on Maui.

As you know, the State has mandated that 100% of our energy come from renewable sources by 2045. This is a lofty goal that can only be achieved through the cooperation of all stakeholders – government, private sector and individuals. Having individuals in the government sector with experience in reviewing renewable energy projects aids in this cooperation. There are several new utility solar projects proposed for Maui that, if approved, will be built in the next several years. Indeed, to insure that federal tax credits can be fully utilized, construction of these projects will need to commence before December 31, 2019. In addition, there are several larger sized community solar projects that have also been proposed.

I fully support Mayor Victorino's appointment of Dave Goode to continue in position of Director of Public Works. During Mr. Goode's tenure in the position, South Maui Renewable Resources and Ku'ia Solar were permitted by the County. Since these were the first utility size solar farms to be constructed on the island, Mr. Goode's willingness to meet with us and go through various concerns and issues that we needed to address was extremely helpful in getting these projects permitted and completed in a manner acceptable to the County. In particular, his knowledge of issues on other projects, for example run-off concerns, was helpful in guiding us through the Lahaina project. His knowledge will not only assist the developers/contractors of the proposed solar projects, but insure that the requirements of the County are met. Please know that neither I nor Hawaii Pacific Solar



have any financial interest in the proposed projects; our only interest is to continue to see Maui work towards sustainability.

I urge you to approve the nomination of David Goode as Director of Public Works.

Very truly yours,

Patricia Rohlfing

VP Finance