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Council members, ladies and gentlemen

My name is Hilton Unemori, born and raised on Maui

I am a professional engineer, involved in the renewable energy area.

I am speaking in support of Michele McLean as appointee for Planning Director of the County of Maui.

I have known Michele since 2003, when we began work on the development of Kaheawa Wind Farm. Her job involved navigating through the complex process of securing permits and approvals from 28 federal and state governmental agencies, which enabled us to build Maui's very first windfarm.

Michele is a very capable, experienced professional who I know has Maui's best interests at heart. She proved this through her work not only on the windfarm but also when she was with the Kahoolawe Commission. Her sensitivity to the community's diverse interests allows her to provide productive solutions to issues and problems.

We will need visionary and perceptive policy makers in order for our community to get to 100% independence from imported fossil fuels by 2045. This is a very noble goal and will only be attained by hard work and much capital.

I urge the council to approve Michele McLean for the position of Director of Planning for the County of Maui. Mahalo.

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