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Governance, Ethics, and Transparency Committee

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Testifying in support of CC 19-138 Nominating and approving the appointment of Lori Buchanan to the Molokai Planning Commission.

Welina me ke aloha Chairman Mike Molina and GET Council Members;

I am submitting my written testimony in support of Lori Buchanan's appointment to the Molokai Planning Commission. Thank you for allowing me to testify and I hope by sharing my mana'o , you may also conclude that Lori is an excellent person for this position.

I have known Lori for over 40 years now, so I know, first hand, her passion for Molokai island and people. She dives into studies, does the research, presents her findings and shares information so the community is informed and able to make collective decisions. She seeks solutions and ways to present issues that involves community input. Her support or non- support on issues are based on educated conclusions and not by the influence of others. She is up-to-date on concerns we face today and tomorrow because she looks for facts and solutions.

She's articulate and she has a quality to speak to all individuals at any level. This is a good quality when receiving and commenting to testimony from various ethnic groups. Lori will be seen in all Moloka'i's community meetings, sitting with mounds of research, notes, clippings, and facts to educate the community. Her bag of information has become part of her persona.

She is a good role model and I know I can learn from her. She does not hold grudges, she can agree to disagree, and does not allow decisions to come between friendship or business. She understands her role as a Molokai Planning Commissioner and has not presented herself lofty to any means. She is experienced as she has service in 2 five years terms in the past and has currently serviced a one year term at the resignation of another commissioner. Lori has much to contribute to the Molokai Planning Commission.

Lori has a reputation of dedication, public service and carries herself in the highest professional manner. She will continue to be an asset to the Molokai Planning Commission especially at the time of new appointees who will be just learning Maui Codes, Zones, and other things out of the norm.

I am asking for your support in the appointment of Lori Buchanan. She is the type of person you need on the Molokai Planning Commission

Me ka mahalo nui,

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