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RE	Council DHHC Confirmation Support Letter

**COVER MESSAGE**

Please process the attached letter to Governance, Ethics, and Transparency Committee in support of William Spence for DHHC. Thank you. Gary Furuta (gary@gsfhi.com;808.356.0455f;808.429.7815c)

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Attn: Governance, Ethics, and Transparency Committee

Re: GET-1... Support for Confirmation of Director of Housing and Human Concerns

Dear Chair Molina and Members of the Committee:

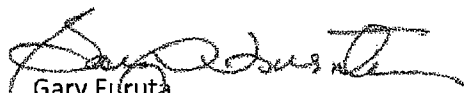
Catholic Charities Housing Development Corporation ("CCHDC") wholeheartedly supports the confirmation of Mr. William Spence as Director of Housing and Human Concerns.

CCHDC formed a project team to develop the master planned 165-unit Kahului Lani affordable senior housing project on Kane Street in Kahului. The project team has 1,800 affordable units built, under construction or in design on Maui, Big Island and Oahu.

Mr. Spence has demonstrated his support and effectiveness toward providing affordable housing for the County of Maui and adding new inventory to the State of Hawaii. As Planning Director, he strongly supported our project in the approval of the Special Management Area permit before the Maui Planning Commission. Later as the Director of Housing and Human Concerns, he found a way to "fast track" our building and other permits. That one key action allowed us to get our building permit 6 – 12 months sooner than normal, close on our project financing... and commence construction in 2018. This type of proactive action makes the difference between making and breaking an affordable project and accelerates the building of more affordable housing.

I believe Mr. Spence's experience and knowledge of state and county land use laws can only be an asset to the administration, this council, and especially the residents of Maui County.

Very truly yours,

  
Gary Furuta  
Project Manager