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The Honorable Mike Molina  
Chair, Governance, Ethics and Transparency Committee  
Maui County Council  
200 S. High Street  
Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii 96793

RE: Nomination of William Spence for Director of Housing and Human Concerns

Dear Chair Molina:

While you have not yet scheduled his nomination for consideration, I write to wholeheartedly support the nomination of William Spence as director of the Department of Housing and Human Concerns (DHHC). While Will served only briefly as director at the end of the previous administration, he brings considerable passion and insights to the important work of the DHHC.

I have worked with Will in both his capacity as a planner in private practice and as a County planner, including his service as director of the Department of Planning. In his private sector work, I found Will professional and committed to his clients in private practice while always mindful of the project's impacts to the community. As director of planning, Will served with sound dedication and integrity in properly implementing County planning goals and dealing with applicants in an honest, even-handed way.

I also believe that as DHHC director, he will bring his compassionate side as an advocate for the vital social programs that DHHC is charged to implement. I know that he understands as well the important role of DHHC in facilitate housing for Maui County's working people and is committed to championing homes that are affordable for local residents and not just outside investors.

Mahalo for considering my comments.

Very truly yours,

  
GILBERT S.C. KEITH-AGARAN