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Attached, please find my letter supporting confirmation of Moana Lutey as Corporation Counsel. I did not see it posted, but it is my understanding that it will be on the May 2, 2019 agenda. Please confirm you received it. thanks, tom

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## April 26, 2019

To: Committee Chair Mike Molina Maui County Council

## Re: <u>GET-1 (Confirmation of Moana Lutey as Corporation Counsel)</u>

It is with great enthusiasm that I submit this letter in support of the confirmation of Moana Lutey as Corporation Counsel. I have worked with Moana since September, 2011, when I first became a deputy in the Department of the Corporation Counsel. I believe Moana is an excellent lawyer with a depth of experience regarding the legal issues that arise here in the County of Maui. As the supervisor of the litigation section, Moana has been ready to address personnel issues with alacrity and I expect her to have no problem doing so as the Corporation Counsel. In her litigation role, she has also been the point person for the handling of claims against the County, and understands the challenges of litigating in the state and federal courts.

On a personal level, Moana has always been willing to sit down with me to discuss cases, and I value her opinions and viewpoints, even when they are sometimes different than mine. Importantly though, she is a respectful person and has been willing to discuss matters and to consider differing viewpoints. Moana demonstrates a strong commitment to the County, where she is born and raised. I hope that you will confirm her as the Corporation Counsel. There is no question that she is qualified.

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Sincerely yours,

Thomas Kolbe