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Michael Molina, Chair  
Governance, Ethics and Transparency Committee  
Council of the County of Maui

RE: Letter of support of Moana M. Lutey as Corporation Counsel for the County of Maui,  
GET-1(2)

Dear Chair Molina and members of the GET Committee,

I urge you to approve the appointment of Moana Lutey as Corporation Counsel.

I have known Ms. Lutey as a colleague in the Department of the Corporation Counsel for over eight years. Although I had practiced law for more than twenty years when I came to this office, I had never worked in county government and had a steep learning curve. Ms. Lutey was generous in sharing her knowledge and experience in representing the interests of the County of Maui. Because of the depth and breadth of her experience as a deputy prosecutor and deputy corporation counsel, Ms. Lutey was a terrific sensei to me.

Ms. Lutey is highly principled, with a moral compass that does not waver. The decisions she made and the advice she has given were always guided by the facts, the law and that which is in the best interest of the people of the County of Maui. She is a tough cookie and is not going to be swayed by special interests or personal agendas. I can assure you that Ms. Lutey will do nothing to make you regret her confirmation.

I believe Ms. Lutey is the first Native Hawaiian woman to be appointed as a corporation counsel for a county in Hawaii. Please be the first County Council to confirm one.

Sincerely,

  
Gary Murai