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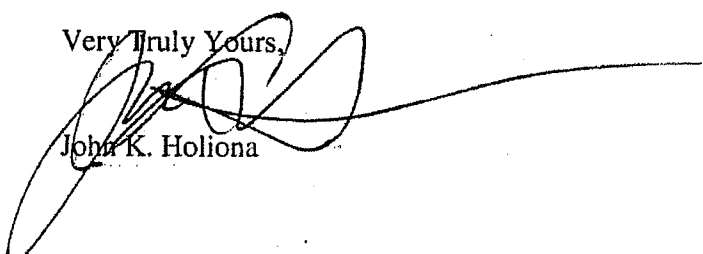
Re: GET-1(2) Confirmation of Moana M. Lutey as Corporation Counsel

I submit this written testimony in support of the confirmation of Moana M. Lutey as Corporation Counsel. As you are aware, the Department of Corporation Counsel represents the County of Maui, its departments, boards and commissions in a variety of areas in Hawaii and Federal law, which results in a large volume of legal issues that comes through our office on a weekly basis. The sheer volume of cases makes for a challenging job of keeping track of numerous legal issues at any one time. I believe Moana is the most qualified person to take on this challenge as she has been with the Department for several years, is familiar with the law and procedures for the legal issues the County of Maui faces, and has been involved in such cases as a litigator. In my opinion, there is no one more suited for the position of Corporation Counsel than Moana.

When I first started with the Department of Corporation Counsel in January 2018, I was assigned cases that involved various aspects of the law which I was not quite familiar with. In such instances, I sought Moana's guidance to avoid the potential legal pitfalls and to provide me with advice in steering a particular case to a resolution in favor of the County. Moana's knowledge of the law and insightfulness provided me guidance as to the best path to move the case forward. As a deputy for the past year and a half, Moana has helped in honing my skills and acumen as an attorney for the County of Maui.

As stated above, I believe that Moana is the most qualified individual for the Corporation Counsel position. I hope that you will confirm her as Corporation Counsel.

Very Truly Yours,



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