

TESTIMONY

GM 258

2/27/08

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February 26, 2008

Senator Clayton Hee
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**RE: GM 258, Gubernatorial Nominee for Director Office of Planning, Abbey Seth Mayer
Testimony submitted for the Hearing: February 27, 2008 at 11:00am**

Aloha Chair Hee, Vice-Chair Kokubun, and Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for scheduling this hearing on Moloka'i, and giving the people of Moloka'i a chance to be fully heard on this matter.

Interest in the Office of Planning

According to DBEDT's 2003 Hawaii Housing Policy Study and Population Projections, Hawaii's planners will have to accommodate an additional 282,000 persons and 112,000 new dwelling units over the coming 20 years. In an island state where significant population growth is expected over the coming twenty years, and land and natural resources are increasingly limited, I can think of no greater responsibility than the provision of solid planning supported by an empowered state Office of Planning. Balancing economic growth and development with the need and desire to retain the essential places, character and cultures that we value is not only thoroughly essential, but also an extremely delicate task.

My primary interest in seeking the Director position of the Office of Planning (OP) stems from my love for and commitment to help preserve rural Hawaii. Out of this love and commitment, my family and I chose Moloka'i to be our home upon our move to Hawaii in 2004. Opportunities to protect and realize sustainability for rural Hawaii through the work of OP have been most enticing to me in my consideration of the position. Specifically:

- Working with the Legislature and Lingle Administration to help implement knowledge gained through OP's rural policy and best practices project of 2005-2007.
- Continuing to follow-up on the 2005 legislation to identify and protect Important Agricultural Lands (IAL), as required by the 1978 Constitutional Convention. Finding creative and broad-based solutions for identifying and protecting IAL lands is of vital importance to the State, in preserving the State's ability to produce its own food sources, and in preserving the rural character, open spaces and cultural resources that are so vital and unique to Hawaii.
- Pushing forward on the Leeward Coast Initiative (LCI), the multi-agency effort led by OP to identify and address the deeper systemic issues underlying homelessness and economic challenges in Leeward Oahu. Strong leadership will be necessary to continue to expand collaborations with other agencies to implement the 32 "Great Ideas" proposals that were crafted over the last two years. There are additional opportunities here to develop these

programs statewide, in the ongoing effort to bring economic sustainability to all of rural Hawaii.

- Focus on urban planning and the maximization of urban resources to ensure sustainability and to prevent sprawl and other unplanned uses of areas outlying urban centers.
- Community and economic diversification planning through the coordination of statewide economic strategies outlined in the Hawaii Statewide Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). Continuing to support efforts for Sustainable Entrepreneurial Development and Planning for Rural Economic Development.
- Working through the Coastal Zone Management Program (CZM) Program to ensure a balance between competing demands for limited and often fragile coastal and marine resources. Continuing to integrate ahupua'a/moku/watershed knowledge into CZM policies, while working collaboratively to maximize benefits of ICRI's 2008 Year of the Reef Initiative.
- Working with the Legislature and Lingle Administration to create systems and structures to implement findings of the 2050 Sustainability Report.

The essential nature of planning and the successful implementation of plans rely intrinsically on the ability to collaborate. Interfacing efficiently and effectively with all State agencies, County and Federal departments and governments is of paramount importance to ensuring successful implementation of plans. The Office of Planning always aims to achieve a triple bottom line, whereby comprehensive social, economic and environmental outcomes are balanced and maximized. My professional experience mated with my well-rounded education provides me a broad perspective and all necessary skills to direct OP and advance its many projects.

At the same time, I am an accomplished administrator, having demonstrated a strong ability to coordinate operations, establish priorities among competing interests, anticipating problems and needs, and maintaining fiscal controls.

Professional History, Experience and Accomplishments

During the hearing at the State Capitol on Feb. 20, 2008 questions were raised about my fulfillment of the training requirement listed in HRS Section 225M-2. It is my belief that my professional experience, combined with training completed constitutes an equivalency for this requirement. Highlighted here, this experience includes:

- Four years of dedicated work in community based economic development and planning -- two years as Executive Director of the Molokai Livestock Cooperative and two years as Executive Director of the Molokai EC. This experience is in true 'bottom-up', community-based planning, which will represent a fresh, exciting and innovative perspective for the State;
- The two years with the EC included reviews, updates and implementation of the Molokai EC strategic plan, details and highlighted achievements of which are listed on my resume and in my testimony, below;
- Close involvement and participation in the planning process and implementation of the Community-Based Master Land Use Plan for Molokai Ranch, including close involvement

with Molokai Properties Ltd.'s petition to the State Land Use Commission for a zoning change at the La'au Point project area;

- Graduate of Hawaii Alliance for Community-Based Economic Development's (HACBED) 2006 Community Connections program -- a year-long course on community-based planning and economic development.

For the past two years I have served as Executive Director of the Ke 'Aupuni Lokahi (KAL), the Moloka'i Enterprise Community, a nonprofit organization tasked with implementing a comprehensive and holistic strategic plan for the island of Moloka'i. This plan, which includes 28 active projects, addresses all sectors of life on Moloka'i, from environmental preservation to economic development, health care to education, and agriculture to Native Hawaiian cultural programs. In my present capacity, I have served as lead project coordinator for all 22 priority projects of the Moloka'i EC. In doing so I have gained invaluable firsthand experience in planning for and realizing sustainability for rural Hawai'i.

These projects, categorized into four major project areas, include:

Environment: Watershed Protection; Native Plant Nursery; Historic Sites Inventory; Waste Management; Northwest Molokai Erosion Control; Solar for Molokai.

Productivity: Taro Production; Fishponds/Aquaculture; Commercial Kitchen; Brownfield Redevelopment; Slaughterhouse; Kalani'anaole Hall; Community-Based Compatible Development.

Self-Governance: Youth Leadership Development; Learning Centers; Education Coordinator; Aka'ula School; Fire Protection; Community Land Trust; Moloka'i Land Trust.

Healthy Community: Dialysis Center; Mālama Cultural Park; Visitor Coordinator; School-to-Work; Community Health Center; Kahua Ola Hou.

The EC's 22 priority projects have established and maintained over 100 distinct partnerships during my tenure with all levels of federal, state and county government, as well as public and private foundations. During the same period, 2006-2007, Ke Aupuni Lokahi has been awarded over \$2.2 million in direct grant funding, with EC projects leveraging an additional \$12 million dollars. Over 60 jobs were created by EC projects during these same two years.

Prior to working for the Moloka'i EC, I served as Executive Director of the Moloka'i Livestock Cooperative (MLC), where I authored a comprehensive strategic business plan for the revitalization of the livestock industry on Moloka'i.

Some of my personal accomplishments during the past four years include:

- Negotiating, and securing funding for, the fee-simple acquisition of a 196-acre, perennial stream watershed (Kawaikapu) on East Moloka'i, to be conserved in perpetuity by the Moloka'i Land Trust.

- Securing \$500,000 to fund planning and initial construction of a new Moloka'i Community Health Center facility.
- Leveraging approximately \$2 million to finance low-interest mortgages for ten affordable homes currently being constructed in Maunaloa.
- Acting as lead project manager for the reconstruction of the historic Kalaniana'ole Hall in Kalama'ula.
- Coordinating all fundraising, technical assistance and capacity building for the Moloka'i Land Trust.
- Organizing and fundraising for a steering committee to establish a Moloka'i Community Development Corporation (CDC), the primary role of which will be to provide affordable homes and community facilities for Moloka'i.
- Authoring a comprehensive, strategic business plan for the revitalization of the livestock industry on Moloka'i.
- Opening and obtaining full federal certifications for the Moloka'i Livestock Cooperative's slaughter and meat processing facility, after the plant sat vacant and inoperable for over five years.
- Graduating from the University of Hawaii, Shidler College of Business's Executive Accounting Program -- an intensive, full-time, 24-credit hour, 6-month graduate accounting program, supplying all education prerequisites for obtaining CPA licensure -- while being employed fulltime by the Moloka'i EC.
- Graduate of the Hawaii Alliance of Community-Based Economic Development (HACBED) *2006 Community Connections* -- a year-long course on community-based planning and economic development.
- Guest lecturer in 2006 and 2007 at the University of Hawaii, Manoa, Dept. of Urban and Regional Planning, *URP618 Community-Based Planning*.

Support for the Community-Based Master Land Use Plan for Molokai Ranch

While I am strongly of the belief that my selection and confirmation as Director of the Office of Planning should be based on a far greater range of criteria than my position on this one issue, I expect that a fair volume of people will object to my appointment based solely on this matter. Opponents to the proposed development at La'au Point have expressed concerns that the reason for my appointment to direct OP is so that I will be able to use the power of my position to help push the project through its various permitting processes, in particular Molokai Properties Ltd.'s (MPL) petition to the State Land Use Commission. I would very much like to take this opportunity to address this concern:

1. I have already initiated discussions with both the Attorney General's Office and the State Ethics Commission, as to whether my future involvement in this matter on behalf of the State of Hawaii would represent a conflict of interest and would warrant a recusal. I, of course, will be bound by their findings.
2. I believe in my ability to be impartial in this matter, and I will be offering MPL no unwarranted advantage or preferential treatment. Staff planners will assess their application using the same standards and operating procedures used on all LUC petitions. Namely, there are nine key areas OP examines, including, but not limited to: Water Supply; Agricultural

Lands; Housing; Public Health; Ocean Resources; Cultural/Historic Resources; Environmental, Recreational and Scenic Resources; Coastal Zone Management; Conservation District. OP will examine these areas and coordinate the State's positions on areas cross-cutting state concern.

3. The State Land Use Commission -- which will be deciding the outcome of the application, not OP -- is an independent body. The LUC has the authority to make decisions contrary to the opinions of the State, and has done so in the past.
4. Should MPL's LUC petition be approved, there are three additional permitting steps that will need to be decided, in which OP has little or no involvement: Application for a additional water allocation to the State Commission on Water Resources; Applications to the County of Maui for a zoning change/Community Plan Amendment; Application to the Molokai Planning Commission for Special Management Area permits.

In Conclusion

Being able to face and work through controversy while remaining successful and productive requires a range of personal traits: Courage, self-discipline and self-assurance; loyalty and trustworthiness; intelligence, thoughtfulness and deep consideration; an ability to listen to all sides, while remaining attentive to detail and maintaining a broad perspective. These are many of the traits that I bring to the table, all of which have been required of me in my years on Moloka'i and will continue to serve me well as the Director of the Office of Planning. Above all, my desire to serve comes from a place that is heartfelt and earnest, while my dedication, commitment and diligence are extremely real.

In short, I believe I will make a fair, balanced and dynamic leader of the Office of Planning -- for the great benefit of all the people of the State of Hawaii. Helping to guide the State through future changes is a task that I would approach with only the deepest sense of sincerity and humility.

I look forward, with a deep sense of honor, to working with you.

Abbey Seth Mayer

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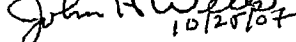
Letter dated October 25, 2007 from John H. Wells, Director, Cooperative Development Division, USDA Rural Development.



**United States Department of Agriculture
Rural Development**

Date: October 25, 2007

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Subject: Review of Molokai EC Board Compliance

Please find attached document on subject: USDA Review of Molokai EC Board Compliance.

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Subject: USDA review on Molokai EC Board compliance

Background

Recently, some questions have been raised about whether the Molokai EC has been in compliance with USDA rules and regulations regarding Board composition and operations. These questions are raised in the context of a debate among Molokai citizens regarding a plan which includes the development of a portion of land on Molokai.

Beginning in 2003, with technical assistance from The Conservation Fund, the Molokai EC facilitated a community-wide process for the development of a Community-Based Master Land Use Plan for lands owned by Molokai Ranch. Participants in this process included the Molokai Ranch, the Molokai EC, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, and the citizens at large of Molokai. In November 2005, the EC board voted to support the resultant plan. Prior to implementation of this plan, under State law, further approval must be granted by several bodies. The State Land Use Commission and the Molokai Planning Commission have begun their deliberations on the plan. Further down the road, the State Water Commission and the Maui County Council will be involved.

Since these other bodies have not yet completed their decision making processes on the plan, some plan opponents who live in the Molokai EC would like to see the EC revisit--and reverse--the November 2005 vote supporting the plan.

In conjunction with the development of the Community-Based Master Land Use Plan, planning process participants also founded the Molokai Land Trust, an organization designed to accept land and easement donations to the community from various donors, including the Molokai Ranch.

Review: Questions and answers

During the past 5 years, has the Molokai EC been in compliance with USDA rules pertaining to the composition and operations of its Board of Directors, including any rule(s) regarding a) the proportion of the Board that is elected by the community; b) the voting eligibility of Board members with financial and/or fiduciary interests in a specific EC action or recommendation; and c) the provision of appropriate public notice prior to appointment by the Board of one or more Board members?

a. Regarding the proportion of Board elected:

The Molokai EC has complied with all USDA rules regarding the proportion of the Board that is elected by the community.

USDA rules require that the Molokai EC Board must have at least 55 percent of its members elected by the community.¹ The Molokai EC Board has had its composition change several times over the past few years, including changes in the total number of Board members. Nonetheless, detailed analysis of the roster of Board members indicates that, at no point over the past 5 years, did the EC Board ever fail to meet the 55 percent minimum requirement.

USDA allows appointment of up to 45 percent of its Board members; this provision applies to all ECs across the nation. Among the common reasons boards have chosen to appoint members are to provide for diversity or certain types of expertise, and for organizational continuity.

Some members of the Molokai EC Board and some members of the community have expressed concerns about the validity of the election of the Census Tract 319 representative, who began serving in 2002. USDA finds insufficient evidence to declare the representative's election invalid in terms of conformance with USDA regulations. Since 2002, there have been no other nominees from Census Tract 319, and to date there have been no other Census Tract 319 residents who have expressed an official interest in serving on the EC board. Public announcements for interested nominees for the seat were made in November and December 2006 prior to the last election, with no candidates applying. However, for the future, we recommend that the EC list candidates for all vacant slots on its ballots, including unopposed candidates.

b. Regarding voting eligibility of Board members with financial and/or fiduciary interests in a specific EC action or recommendation:

The Molokai EC has complied with USDA rules regarding voting eligibility of Board members with financial and/or fiduciary interests in a specific EC action or recommendation.²

USDA has determined that there is no non-compliance with respect to Molokai Land Trust Board members who are also serving on the EC Board.

Some Molokai EC Board members have had membership on the Molokai Land Trust Board. Such concurrent membership has existed for the following EC Board members:

¹§ 25.404(b)(3). *Board membership. The membership of the board must be representative of the entire socio-economic spectrum in the designated community including business, social service agencies, health and education entities, low income and minority residents. Board membership may be determined by either broad-based election or by appointment to meet this diversity requirement; however, not more than 45 percent of the board members may be selected by appointment. Elections of community residents to the board may be done by any locally acceptable process; however, at least one board member from each of the designated community's census tracts must be elected and representative of the low income residents in their census tract.*

²Guidance (on avoiding conflicts of interest) from USDA to all ECs has been provided in OCD Technote #15: *Conflict of Interest: What It Is and How to Avoid It.*

EC Board Member	Period where this EC Board member was a member of both Boards (the EC Board and the Molokai Land Trust Board)
Stacy Crivello	June 14, 2006, through present
Rikki Cooke	June 14, 2006, through present
Colette Machado	June 14, 2006, through Jan 31, 2007; and March 15, 2007, through present
Cheryl Corbiell	March 15, 2007, through present

Given the purpose of the Molokai Land Trust (to manage its land, assuring that land is not developed and is held in perpetuity for the benefit of the community as a whole), the land trust's Board members do not have any personal financial and/or fiduciary interests in any EC action or recommendation regarding the Molokai Land Trust. But, to be doubly sure, common members of the two Boards have recused themselves from voting on any EC Board action or recommendation related to EC funding for the Molokai Land Trust.

It is recognized that in small communities, residents often serve in multiple civic capacities. In the case of any EC Board member who simultaneously serves as an employee of the Molokai Ranch, such member should be recused from voting on land use issues related directly or indirectly to the Molokai Ranch. USDA recognizes there have been cases where this did not occur. USDA has notified the EC of the error and has investigated the past votes on land use issues. In the instances investigated, outcome would not have changed, even if the recusal had occurred. For the future, the board must adhere to the above recusal practice. USDA will be monitoring the Board to ensure compliance with this recusal practice.

c. Regarding the provision of appropriate public notice prior to appointment by the Board of one or more Board members:

USDA has no rules regarding the provision of appropriate public notice prior to appointment by the Board of one or more Board members.

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Dear Senator Hee:

In considering Governor Linda Lingle's appointee for the Director of the Office of Planning for the State of Hawaii, I strongly urge you to confirm Mr. Abbey S. Mayer for the position. Mr. Mayer's qualifications for this position are outstanding, as cited below:

In 2006, when Mr. Mayer was appointed to the executive directorship of Ke Aupuni Lokahi--the non-profit organization administering the Molokai Enterprise Community--he brought marked stability to the organization. Through his leadership, the organization has successfully provided oversight in the Island's 10-year revitalization plan as part of its Enterprise Community designation, which it received in 1998. In doing so, he has built a strong foundation upon which to carry out the plan by, among other things, coordinating operations, establishing priorities among competing interests, anticipating problems and needs, and maintaining fiscal controls.

The substance of the EC work involved comprehensive planning and the implementation of multiple inter-related projects. It also involved working with many constituencies and audiences, who often differed with each other.

The MEC's decision to express support for a community-based land use plan for approximately one third of the island owned by Molokai Properties, Ltd. drew controversy because of one aspect of the plan which would allow the development of 200 homes around the area of La'au Point. Regardless of the positions segments of the community have taken on this part of the plan, all will agree that the comprehensive land use plan is a complex and a far-reaching one with vast positive impacts for the future of Molokai. This plan provides realistic and sustainable avenues for addressing many of Molokai's most endemic problems -- through the reopening of the Kaluakoi Resort, to the perpetual protection and conservation of over 51,000 acres of land, and the creation of affordable homes.

As Executive Director of the Molokai Enterprise Community, supporting some 20 active projects, Mr. Mayer has operated with dedicated professionalism. He has the ability to listen to and work with many different constituencies. While able to think in a visionary and bold manner, he is also able to focus with intensity on the details necessary to move plans to concrete reality. Mr. Mayer possesses foresight and the ability to think strategically as well as to develop creative solutions. He exercises leadership and

decisiveness coupled with a high degree of intelligence and steadiness. He holds unwavering values for integrity and ethics.

It is obvious that he possesses a care and concern for the communities he works with and for the future of Hawaii. These qualities when applied to the position under consideration will serve well the Office of State Planning.

I have worked as a community volunteer in various capacities with Abbey Mayer. As the MEC board president I served as his direct report. His integrity, commitment and unselfish dedication are qualities he upheld throughout his tenure as our executive director. On a personal level, I value his appreciation for the environment and love for our lands and her people.

Please contact me, should you wish any further information.

Sincerely,

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February 3, 2008

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To the Honorable Senator English:

This letter is to formally oppose the appointment of Abbey Seth Mayer to the position of State Director of Planning.

My husband and I are kama'aina, his family from a long line of Hawaiian ancestry. We have seen many challenges for Moloka'i. The battle we face at this time to stop large development on this truly, Hawaiian island is one for experienced administrative leaders who have heard what the people really want. We need the respect of a planning director, with regard for slow growth as opposed to bulldozing sacred and pristine aina to gain enormous, tax revenue.

Abbey Seth Mayer has openly stated that he is in favor of the La'au Point development, a proposal of grandure by Molokai Properties Limited. Too often, eager, young politicians are not aware of the true needs and desires of the residents of a given area. In this case the majority of the residents of Molokai are not in favor of the La'au Point development; so, how can Mr. Mayer represent our wishes fairly?

Help guide the Governor in this matter to find a suitable candidate, without preconceived notions, and, who really has the best interests of the people in mind, while protecting our natural and cultural resources.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



Stefani Bush

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Shirlee J. Newman
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January 29, 2008

Senator Kalani English
State Legislature
415 S. Beretania St.
Honolulu, HI 96813

To the Honorable Senator, Kalani English:

You have been to Moloka'i. Can you relate to the idea that the majority of the people here want to keep the island, as is?

Do you really think that Abbey Mayer, appointed to the position of State Director of Planning can represent our true interests?

Governor Lingle's "opinion" that Abbey Mayer has the ability to balance economic growth while protecting our natural resources is a joke. He will follow the lead, whatever that is. He will be the new kid on the block. This is not a good time for Moloka'i to have an inexperienced Planning Director.

We are in a crucial and serious position of standing up for what we believe in. And, we do not believe in the type of development that is being proposed for La'au Point. Honestly, the majority of the people are opposed to this quest of Molokai Properties Limited to have their way and make billions of dollars by developing sacred and untouched lands.

We are not feeling very good about a newcomer, who is openly in favor of La'au Point (Governor's lead) to be heading the Planning Commission.

Please speak up for me and my neighbors, who are definitely in agreement about this issue. We want representation that is well aware of our wishes and will be brave enough to speak out in favor of allowing Moloka'i to remain Molokai.

Set a precedence! Go down in history as someone who protected the last Hawaiian island.

Many thanks for supporting the people; you are our voice.

Sincerely,



Shirlee Newman
Retired teacher and Moloka'i resident

January 19, 2008

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Hawaii State Senators;

Aloha, my name is STEVE NORIEGA,
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X Steve Noriega

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X Jane LaVae

From: Mulholland [jjill@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Sunday, February 17, 2008 12:10 PM
To: Sen. Clayton Hee
Subject: Abbey Mayer

Dear Senator
Thank you for taking time to read this e mail.

My name is Jill Mulholland and I am writing to voice my opposition to Governor Lingle's appointment of Abbey Mayer as State Director of Planning.

In a time of increased concern for the conservation of natural resources and cultural lifestyle, a pro luxury development candidate seems highly inappropriate. Governor Lingle claims Mayer to be able to balance economic growth and the protection of natural and cultural resources, yet his support of the seriously flawed Plan for the development of La'au Point contradicts this. The water clearly does not exist for this development, and there are only false projections of economic impacts along with unenforceable cultural protections.

Please be representative of the many voices here on Molokai, and do not allow such an influential position to be filled by such a biased candidate.

Surely there are more qualified and truly forward looking candidates.

I hope you will seriously consider not appointing Abbey Mayer.

Mahalo again for your time
Sincerely,
Jill Mulholland

February 19, 2008

Aloha mai kakou. My name is Joshua Pastrana and I am writing this letter to oppose Governor Linda Lingle's appointment of Abbey Seth Mayer to become the State Director of Planning.

I am a Kanaka Maoli born and raised here on Molokai. As a native to these islands, I feel that we as a people deserve more than Governor. Lingle's "opinion" of whom she feels is the best candidate for this position. I do not feel that Abbey has the abilities to balance economic growth while protecting our natural and cultural resources in Hawai'i Nei. He has not lived in Hawai'i long enough to gain the experience needed to understand our culture, our people, and the importance of protecting our natural resources.

I'm a board member of Molokai's Enterprise Community under Ke Au Puni Lokahi in which Abbey Mayer is our Executive Director. Having been a part of the same organization and observing how he works I cannot support Governor. Lingle's appointment of Abbey Mayer. He does not have island lifestyle experience nor the credentials to take on this big kuleana for the State of Hawai'i. According to newspaper quotes, Mr. Mayer is openly in favor of the La'au Point development on Molokai. I'm sure you are already aware that this development that would bring 200 luxury homes on our Island and destroy our "natural and cultural resources". I do not understand why newcomers would hold such high power positions when there are many more qualified kama'aina who understand our culture and way of life who should be considered, for this position. We call upon you to be our voice and not allow this to happen to the future planning of the State of Hawai'i.

Mahalo nui loa
E malama ku pono

Joshua Pastrana

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As Abbey's sister-in-law, I can attest to his abilities. For example, as valedictorian of Roslyn High School '91, his natural aptitude provided a tangible distinction from the rest of his classmates. Abbey's growth continued at Yale as he began to demonstrate sensitivity towards left- and right-brain activities, concentrating in Art while balancing an otherwise strenuous course load. Finally, while in Molokai, Abbey's development of both strategic and tactical competencies has been impressive to say the least. To that end, it allows Abbey unique perspective that enables the implementation of sustainable initiatives.

In short, I hope Hawaii has the opportunity to take advantage of Abbey's comprehensive vision, energetic spirit and impeccable ethics. Please contact me by either phone or e-mail if I can provide any additional support for this decision.

Sincerely,

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I have worked as a community volunteer in various capacities with Abbey Mayer. As the MEC board president I served as his direct report. His integrity, commitment and unselfish dedication are qualities he upheld throughout his tenure as our executive director. On a personal level, I value his appreciation for the environment and love for our lands and her people.

Please contact me, should you wish any further information.

Sincerely,

Yoav Grunstein

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Urca, Rio de Janeiro, RJ
Brazil CEP 22290-240
Tel. (55-21)-3344-2355

David Mayer
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Red Bank, NJ 07701

February 17, 2008

Senator Clayton Hee
Chair, Water and Land Committee
23rd Senatorial District
Hawaii State Capitol, Rm. #228
415 S. Beretania St.
Honolulu, HI 96813
(Submitted via email)

2/27/08
hearing

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Via e mail

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.Submitted via FAX: 800-586-6659

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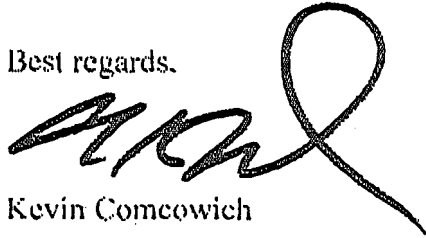
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Please contact me at 203-254-4500, should you wish any further information.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kevin Comecowich', with a large, stylized loop at the end of the signature.

Kevin Comecowich

Sen. Clayton Hee

From: Teri Waros [teriwaros@heartofhawaii.com] on behalf of Teri Waros [teriwaros@mobettah.net]
Sent: Friday, February 22, 2008 12:10 AM
To: Sen. Clayton Hee; senkokubon@Capitol.hawaii.gov; senwhalen@capitol.hawaii.gov; Sen. Carol Fukunaga; Sen. Jill Tokuda
Subject: Testimony in Opposition of GM 258 Abbey S Mayer
Importance: High
Attachments: WinZip Compressed Attachments.zip

Aloha Kakou Chairman, Senator Clayton Hee, Vice Chairman, Russell Kokubon and Members of the Water & Land Committee:

I am including several formats of the resume of Mr. Mayer (that does not include his most recent position as Executive Director of the Molokai EC) for your perusal. I would hope that you have seen this before; however I think it important to point out what seems like a resume that is lacking the essential requirements for such a public servant. I cannot understand what qualifications Mr. Mayer has that would meet the prerequisites for the position of Director, Office of Planning for the State of Hawaii, (also included in this email).

I am not only in absolute opposition to his appointment; I believe that a full investigation into the governor's appointment of such an unqualified candidate should be convened. It is very apparent to many of the residents of Molokai that Mr. Mayer's most recent job position as Executive Director of the MKK EC has necessitated direct cooperation with the current developer, Molokai Properties, Ltd. in their efforts to rezone and develop La`au on Molokai. In my opinion, this presents a direct conflict of interest to the duties and responsibilities of such a significant position.

I am hoping that you will give serious consideration to the potential impacts of such a conflict and thoroughly investigate how someone who does not meet any criteria to serve and protect the people and aina of Hawaii would be so appointed. I also hope that you will deny his appointment.

With Serious Concern for the Protection and Service to all the people of Hawaii and particularly the Kama`aina of Molokai,

Taryn Waros
PO Box 480
Hoolehua, Hawaii 96729

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 - (B) Examining and evaluating the effectiveness of state programs in implementing state policies and priorities;
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 - (B) Formulating mechanisms to simplify, streamline, or coordinate interagency development and regulatory processes; and
 - (C) Recognizing the presence of federal defense and security forces and agencies in the State as important state concerns;
- (4) Statewide planning and geographic information system. Collecting, integrating, analyzing, maintaining, and disseminating various forms of data and information, including geospatial data and information, to further effective state planning, policy analysis and development, and delivery of government services by:
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- (6) Coastal and ocean policy management. Carrying out the lead agency responsibilities for the Hawaii coastal zone management program, as specified in chapter 205A. Also, developing and maintaining an ocean and coastal resources information, planning, and management system further developing and coordinating implementation of the ocean resources management plan, and formulating ocean policies with respect to the exclusive economic zone, coral reefs, and national marine sanctuaries;
- (7) Regional planning and studies. Conducting plans and studies to determine:
 - (A) The capability of various regions within the State to support projected increases in both resident populations and visitors;
 - (B) The potential physical, social, economic, and environmental impact on these regions resulting from increases in both resident populations and visitors;
 - (C) The maximum annual visitor carrying capacity for the State by region, county, and island; and
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- (8) Regional, national, and international planning. Participating in and ensuring that state plans, policies, and objectives are consistent, to the extent practicable, with regional, national, and international planning efforts. [L 1987, c 336, pt of §1; am L 1988, c 352, §5; am L 1990, c 160, §3; am L 1996, c 299, §1; am L 2000, c 253, §150; am L Sp 2005, c 12, §3; am L 2006, c 65, §2; am L Sp 2007, c 4, §3]

ABBHEY SETH MAYE

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EXPERIENCE:

2004-2005 MOLOKAI LIVESTOCK COOPERATIVE (MLC), KAUNAKAKAI, HI

Executive Director and Plant Manager

- Managed and oversaw all fiduciary responsibilities for the Coop.
- Authored and implemented a comprehensive business plan for the MIX, including the opening of its slaughter and processing facility, including the development and marketing of Molokai-raised meat and meat products. Emphasis on Certified Organic niche marketing,
- Wrote, received and administered over \$135,000 in grant funding from multiple sources,
- Opened the slaughter and processing facility for public use, July, 2005.
- Full USDA compliance and certification for stamping beef and hogs for resale expected Jan., 2006. An effort that included major facility upgrades, HACCP development staffing and extensive training.

2003-2004 EDDY FOUNDATION, BLACK KETTLE FARM, Essex, NY

Resident Manager and Contractor

- Resided upon a historic, circa 1780, 200 + acre farm in New York State and managed the maintenance, repairs and restorations of the main *home* and several post-and-beam barns.

2000-2002 WRITER, Yukon Territory Canada

- Wrote, edited and completed a 550 page novel entitled *American Terrorist*, a commercial thriller involving ballet and espionage.
- Began two additional novels, currently in progress.

1999 – 2000 Foreman

- Management of all day to day operations of boat yard composed of 13 active yacht storage and repair sheds and a 68-slip marina.
- Duties included: hiring and direct personnel supervision (8-13 employees varying seasonally), estimating and scheduling repairs and restorations; purchasing and supplier assessments, advertising and sales
- Specialized in the restoration and repairs of antique wooden sailing yachts

1999-2000 Brokerage Manager

- Created a website for international sales, listings and advertising of yachts
- Expanded the total value of yacht listing from \$60,000 to over \$21 million
- Pursued and received yacht donations for non profit purposes
- Increased total sales over 320%.

1998– 1999 Ship's Carpenter

- Repair and maintenance of all aspects of woodworking on fiberglass and wooden boats

EDUCATION:

1991 - 1996 YALE UNIVERSITY, New, Haven, CT

BA- Art, Painting Concentration. June 1996

Painting Fellowship Awardee. Yale Summer School for Art & Music, Norfolk, CT, 1995

1987 – 1991 Roslyn HIGH SCHOOL, Roslyn, NY

Diploma 1991

Valedictorian; National Merit Scholar Awardee

ABBEY SETH MAYER

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ADDITIONAL SKILLS:

- 1992-1999 CONNECTICUT AIKIKAI, New Haven, CT
 Black Belt (Shodan), Aikido (USAF) 1998
- 1996 GATEWAY COMMUNITY **TECHNICAL COLLEGE**
 New Haven, CT Emergency Medical Technician Program
 Graduate
 CT License EMT, 1996-1998

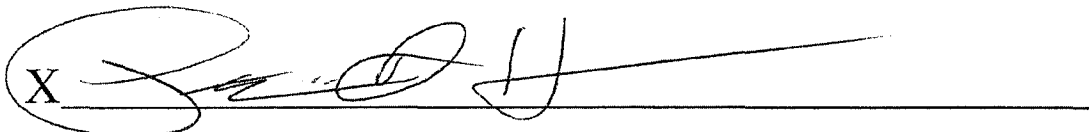
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OPPOSITION OF GM 258
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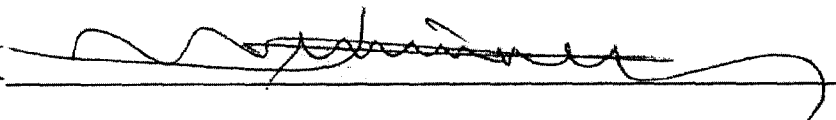
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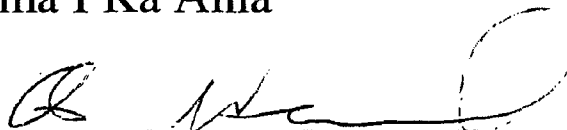
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Mahalo,
E Malama I Ka Aina

X Jade Dela Cruz

January 19, 2008

Hawaii State Senators;

Aloha, my name is Donald Eugene Albin,
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X Donald E. Albin

January 19, 2008

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Aloha, my name is Anela W. Florendo,
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X Anela W. Florendo

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X Joseph Albino

January 19, 2008

Hawaii State Senators;

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X Jokona K. Florance

January 19, 2008

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Mahalo,
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X Jokepa Albin

January 19, 2008

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Aloha, my name is Benjamin S.K. Albino,
and I oppose Gov. Linda Lingles appointment of
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x Benjamin S.K. Albino

January 19, 2008

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X Genella Albino

January 19, 2008

Hawaii State Senators;

Aloha, my name is Anthony Dowling,
and I oppose Gov. Linda Lingles appointment of
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Mahalo,
E Malama I Ka Aina

X _____


January 19, 2008

Hawaii State Senators;

Aloha, my name is PARRIDIA LUCAS,
and I oppose Gov. Linda Lingles appointment of
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Mahalo,

E Malama I Ka Aina

X PARRIDIA LUCAS

January 19, 2008

Hawaii State Senators;

Aloha, my name is Lacey Pouha-Alo,
and I oppose Gov. Linda Lingles appointment of
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Mahalo,
E Malama I Ka Aina

x Lacey Pouha-Alo

January 19, 2008

Hawaii State Senators;

Aloha, my name is Ipunohu Akahapi-Kacimwai, and I oppose Gov. Linda Lingles appointment of Abby Seth Mayer to the position of State Director of Planning. As a Hawaii resident, I feel that we, the public, require, and deserve more than Gov. Lingles 'opinion' on his abilities to balance economic growth while protecting 'our' natural and cultural resources. According to newspaper quotes, Mr. Mayer is openly in favor of the La'au Point development on Molokai. I'm sure you know that this would bring 200 luxury homes the "natural and cultural resources" of Molokai. I fear for the future of Hawaii's communities if we allow malihini (new comers) to hold such high power positions while there are more qualified kama'aina to be recognized and considered, naturally and culturally, for the position. We call upon you to be our voice and not allow this to happen to the future Planning of the State of Hawaii.

Mahalo,
E Malama I Ka Aina

X Ipunohu Akahapi-Kacimwai

January 19, 2008

Hawaii State Senators;

Aloha, my name is Flonda Kahalewala,
and I oppose Gov. Linda Lingles appointment of
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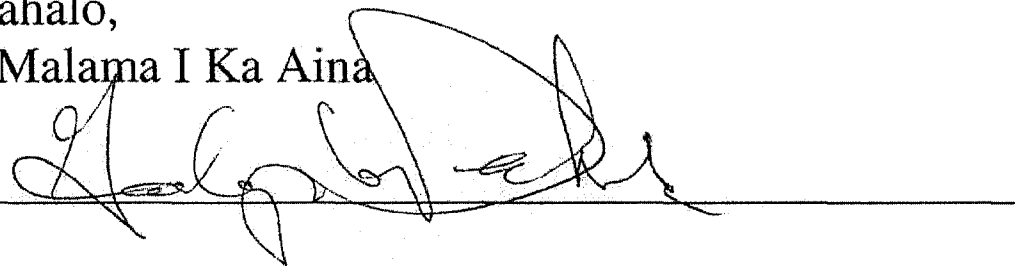
January 19, 2008

Hawaii State Senators;

Aloha, my name is Cecwyn K. Puuakule, and I oppose Gov. Linda Lingles appointment of Abby Seth Mayer to the position of State Director of Planning. As a Hawaii resident, I feel that we, the public, require, and deserve more than Gov. Lingles 'opinion' on his abilities to balance economic growth while protecting 'our' natural and cultural resources. According to newspaper quotes, Mr. Mayer is openly in favor of the La'au Point development on Molokai. I'm sure you know that this would bring 200 luxury homes the "natural and cultural resources" of Molokai. I fear for the future of Hawaii's communities if we allow malihini (new comers) to hold such high power positions while there are more qualified kama'aina to be recognized and considered, naturally and culturally, for the position. We call upon you to be our voice and not allow this to happen to the future Planning of the State of Hawaii.

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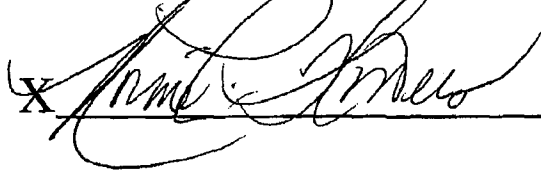
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Hawaii State Senators;

Aloha, my name is Waring P. Flowers,
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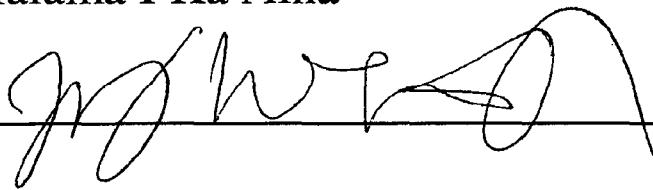
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Mahalo,
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X



January 19, 2008

Hawaii State Senators;

Aloha, my name is NEIL KAPOLANI KAWANO, and I oppose Gov. Linda Lingles appointment of Abby Seth Mayer to the position of State Director of Planning. As a Hawaii resident, I feel that we, the public, require more than Gov. Lingles 'opinion' on his abilities to balance economic growth while protecting 'our' natural and cultural resources. According to news paper quotes, Mr. Mayer is openly in favor of the La'au Point development on Molokai. I'm sure you know that this would bring 200 luxury homes the "natural and cultural resources" of Molokai. I fear for the future of Hawaii's communities if we allow malihini (new comers) to hold such high power positions while there are more qualified kama'aina to be recognized and considered, naturally and culturally, for the position. We call upon you to be our voice and not allow this to happen to the future Planning of the State of Hawaii.

Mahalo,
E Malama I Ka Aina

X 

January 19, 2008

Hawaii State Senators;

Aloha, my name is Karen Larsen,
and I oppose Gov. Linda Lingles appointment of
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*Thank you for your important
reconsideration of this important post.*

Mahalo,

E Malama I Ka Aina

X K Larsen

HC01 Box 1010

Kaunakakai, HI 96748

January 19, 2008

Hawaii State Senators;

Marvin Alapai

Aloha, my name is *Marvin Alapai*,
and I oppose Gov. Linda Lingles appointment of
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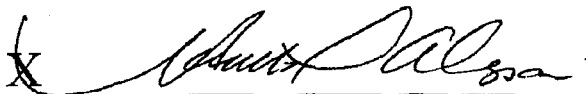
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Mahalo,
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January 19, 2008

Hawaii State Senators;

Aloha, my name is Leslie Inouye,
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Mahalo,
E Malama I Ka Aina

X Leslie Inouye

Mau

OPPOSITION

January 19, 2008

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Aloha, my name is Kelly Wooldridge,
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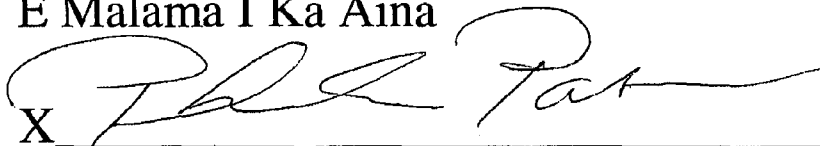
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Mahalo,

E Malama I Ka Aina

X 

January 19, 2008

Hawaii State Senators;

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Mahalo,
E Malama I Ka Aina

X Marcia Anela Kikina

January 19, 2008

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and I oppose Gov. Linda Lingles appointment of
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Mahalo,
E Malama I Ka Aina

X Robert F. Wilt Jr

January 19, 2008

Hawaii State Senators;

Aloha, my name is Linda Raymond,
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Mahalo,
E Malama I Ka Aina

X Linda Raymond

January 19, 2008

Hawaii State Senators;

Aloha, my name is TRINA GEORGE,
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Trina George

January 19, 2008

Hawaii State Senators;

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Mahalo,

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Puniola Alavaro

January 19, 2008

Hawaii State Senators;

Aloha, my name is Veronica Numanu,
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Mahalo,
E Malama I Ka Aina

X Veronica M. Numanu

January 19, 2008

Hawaii State Senators;

Aloha, my name is Malia A. Waits,
and I oppose Gov. Linda Lingles appointment of
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BENNY BOY RAGOONION

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January 19, 2008

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X Wade Sims

February 24, 2008

Senator Clayton Hee
Chair, Water and Land Committee
Hawaii State Capital, Rm. # 228
415 S. Beretania St.
Honolulu, HI. 96813

**In Support of GM 258, Gubernatorial Nominee for Director Office of
Planning, Abbey Seth Mayor**

Testimony submitted for the Hearing: February 27, 2008 at 11:00 am

Dear Senator Hee and Members of the Water and Lands Committee:

**My name is Billy Buchanan a long time resident of Molokai,
Homesteader and a concerned citizen of this Island, I to Support Abbey
Mayor for Office of Planning. My wife and I have known this man since
his arrival to our Island. He is a confidant, hard working, Loyal,
Dedicated and great family man.**

**My support of Abbey Mayor is simple, Look at his work record
especially with the Molokai Enterprise Community he was able to keep
the (MEC) group abreast through out the entire time with the
Development at La'au Point. He did his job and did it well. And if this is
what Mr. Mayor is all about, Then he should be appointed to the
position to the Director of OP.**

**If I can be of more assistance please do not hesitate on calling me at 808-
553-3811. Mahalo for your consideration in this matter and know that
he will do a great job for our STATE.**

Mahalo!

Billy Buchanan
**Billy Buchanan
Resident Manager
Molokai Shores**

24 February 2008

Senator Clayton Hee
Chair, Water and Land Committee
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415 S. Beretania St.
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: GM 258, Confirmation Hearing for Abbey Mayer on 27 February 2008
Nominee for Director, Office of Planning

Dear Senator Hee & Members of the Water and Land Committee:

I am writing to voice my strong support for Mr. Abbey S. Mayer and to urge you to confirm him as the next Director of the Office of Planning for the State of Hawaii. I have had the pleasure of working with Mr. Mayer over the past two years as a Committee member of the Molokai Land Trust (MLT) and have been consistently impressed by his quiet leadership, collaborative style, strategic thinking, unshakeable integrity and ability to get things done. These are essential qualities for a successful State Planning Director.

The Molokai Land Trust is only one of the many projects under Mr. Mayer's responsibility as Executive Director of Ke Aupuni Lokahi, Molokai's Enterprise Community organization. Yet he provided outstanding leadership and staff support to MLT's all-volunteer Board and committees. In particular, he initiated and led the effort to acquire a significant property at Kawaikapu on East Molokai and quickly engaged the landowners, MLT Board, resource experts, neighboring landowners, other partners and funding sources in securing key elements of this transaction in less than one year.

Mr. Mayer also ably supported MLT in its establishment, first strategic plan and discussions with Molokai Ranch for transfer of the Mokio parcel, which includes more than 5 miles of wild coastline on Molokai's northwest shore and important cultural sites. The Land Trust will receive this gift of land regardless of the decision on the La'au Point development. Though the Molokai Land Trust has been challenged as part of the La'au Point controversy, Mr. Mayer remained focused on the long-term benefits to the community.

Throughout this work, Mr. Mayer demonstrated outstanding professionalism and a warm humility that makes him a joy to work with. He is an excellent listener with an open mind and willingness to learn from others. He is equally comfortable leading an effort and working as part of a team. He also has shown great strength of character, responding to strident controversy with respectfulness and constructive engagement.

Finally, Mr. Mayer has a deep personal commitment to Hawaii – its lands and waters and its people -- as evidenced by the many projects he has shepherded to success during only four years on Molokai and two years as leader of the Molokai Enterprise Community.

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I have lived in Hawaii for 25 years, where I have worked on conservation projects and planning around the state and throughout the Pacific region as the Senior Conservation Advisor for The Nature Conservancy. In fact, I had the pleasure of working with the Office of State Planning when it was first established. I recognize the critical importance of this office and its Director in helping Hawai'i shape its future while addressing the growing demand for our limited resources today. I sincerely believe that Mr. Mayer has the skills, integrity, intelligence and perspective needed to build and lead an effective team at the Office of Planning.

I hope you will confirm him today and support him in his work over the coming years.

Thank you very much,

Audrey Newman
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February 19, 2008

Senator Clayton Hee
Chair of the Water and Land Committee
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
[Via facsimile transmission]

Re: GM258, confirmation of Mr. Abbey Mayer as Director of the Office of Planning

Dear Senator Hee and Water and Land Committee members:

In confirming a director for the State of Hawaii's Office of Planning, I strongly recommend that you consider Mr. Abbey Mayer, former executive director of Ke Aupuni Lokahi, Inc., a Hawaii nonprofit tax-exempt corporation. Mr. Mayer's qualifications for this position are outstanding. I recite a few of them below.

The Director of the Office of Planning will need a superb administrator, and Mr. Mayer is exactly that. He developed what is now one of the most effective nonprofit organizations in the State and on Molokai, in particular. Through his leadership, the organization has successfully provided oversight in the Island's 10-year revitalization plan as part of its Enterprise Community designation, which it received in 1998. In doing so, he has built a strong foundation upon which to carry out the plan by, among other things, coordinating operations, establishing priorities among competing interests, anticipating problems and needs, and maintaining fiscal controls.

The Director of The Office of Planning will need to involve the community and community leaders in its affairs, as well as local public and private industry and groups, and Mr. Mayer has worked effectively with and developed positive relationships with such persons. His success in this respect is based in part on his ability to develop rapport and trust, as well as to gain cooperation among diverse interests. He is also active in community affairs, and is popular among the youth because of his participation in the 4-H of Molokai and being Chief Instructor of Aikido of Molokai.

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The Director of the Office of Planning should be someone who loves the State. Mr. Mayer has shown his love many times -- most recently by his generous volunteer work, for which he received a certificate of recognition from The Office of Hawaiian Affairs in 2007.

The Director of the Office of Planning will need to be innovative. Mr. Mayer is innovative: his initiative to develop a comprehensive strategic business plan to revitalize the livestock industry on Molokai and, most recently, successfully spearheading the initiative to bring Kawaikapu Ranch and Watershed into conservation are just a few examples. The success of these initiatives brought to bear Mr. Mayer's imagination, and abilities to conceptualize and visualize the desired outcomes.

For these reasons, I urge you to confirm Mr. Mayer for this position. I know him through my legal work with public charities in the community and have no personal stake in his confirmation. I believe that Hawaii's community will benefit if he is placed in charge of The Office of Planning.

Very truly yours,



Brian L. Ezuka

testimony

From: BFCHeim@aol.com
Sent: Monday, February 25, 2008 7:25 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Committee on Water and Land, Meeting, Wed., Feb. 27, 2008, 11:00 a.m.

Senator Clayton Hee
Chair, Water and Land Committee
23rd Senatorial District
Hawaii State Capitol, Rm. #228
415 S. Beretania St.
Honolulu, HI 96813
(Submitted via email)

RE: GM 258, Gubernatorial Nominee for Director Office of Planning, Abbey Seth Mayer

Dear Senator Hee:

In considering Governor Linda Lingle's appointee for the Director of the Office of Planning for the State of Hawaii, I strongly urge you to confirm Mr. Abbey S. Mayer. Mr. Mayer's qualifications for this position are outstanding, as cited below:

In 2006, when Mr. Mayer was appointed to the executive directorship of Ke Aupuni Lokahi--the non-profit organization administering the Molokai Enterprise Community--he brought marked stability to the organization. Through his leadership, the organization has successfully provided oversight in the Island's 10-year revitalization plan as part of its Enterprise Community designation, which it received in 1998. In doing so, he has built a strong foundation upon which to carry out the plan by, among other things, coordinating operations, establishing priorities among competing interests, anticipating problems and needs, and maintaining fiscal controls.

The substance of the EC work involved comprehensive planning and the implementation of multiple inter-related projects. It also involved working with many constituencies and audiences, who often differed with each other.

The MEC's decision to express support for a community-based land use plan for approximately one third of the island owned by Molokai Properties, Ltd. drew controversy because of one aspect of the plan which would allow the development of 200 homes around the area of La'au Point. Regardless of the positions segments of the community have taken on this part of the plan, all will agree that the comprehensive land use plan is a complex and a far-reaching one with vast positive impacts for the future of Molokai. This plan provides realistic and sustainable avenues for addressing many of Molokai's most endemic problems -- through the reopening of the Kaluakoi Resort, to the perpetual protection and conservation of over 51,000 acres of land, and the creation of affordable homes.

As Executive Director of the Molokai Enterprise Community, supporting some 20 active projects, Mr. Mayer has operated with dedicated professionalism. He has the ability to listen to and work with

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many different constituencies. While able to think in a visionary and bold manner, he is also able to focus with intensity on the details necessary to move plans to concrete reality. Mr. Mayer possesses foresight and the ability to think strategically as well as to develop creative solutions. He exercises leadership and decisiveness coupled with a high degree of intelligence and steadiness. He holds unwavering values for integrity and ethics.

It is obvious that he possesses a care and concern for the communities he works with and for the future of Hawaii. These qualities when applied to the position under consideration will serve well the Office of State Planning.

Please contact us, should you wish any further information.

Charles and Barbara Heim
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Cheryl Corbiell
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February 25, 2008

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Honolulu, HI 96813

**Re: In Support of GM 258, Gubernatorial Nominee for Director Office of Planning,
Abbey Mayer Testimony submitted for the Hearing: February 27, 2008 at 11:00am**

Dear Senator Hee and Members of the Water and Lands Committee:

I support the confirmation of Abbey Seth Mayer as the Director of the Office of Planning (OP) of the State of Hawaii. Abbey Mayer is a talented man and has made contributions to Molokai by working hard as an employee and volunteer. He could also make significant contributions to the State of Hawaii.

In his employment as the Executive Director of the Molokai Enterprise Community (MEC), and prior to that as Executive Director of the Molokai Livestock Cooperative, Mr. Mayer has demonstrated an outstanding combination of training, qualifications, experience and skills. He would succeed and thrive as Director of the Office of Planning.

Mr. Mayer is a talented and honorable individual. He is a deep-thinker without being aloof or pretentious. He always listens first and engages well with a range of individuals – from the kua'aina of Moloka'i to heads of state, Mr. Mayer is always welcoming and accessible, puts people at ease, and inspires confidence. Mr. Mayer is a quiet person with strength paired with remarkable courage, integrity and strong ethics -- an extremely rare combination for a man of his age. He is willing to take a stand on controversial issues and live and work in very uncomfortable environments without compromising his beliefs. Young leaders in Hawaii should be encouraged to step up and lead Hawaii forward. I applaud the Governor for making such a farsighted appointment.

The substance of Mr. Mayer's work for the Molokai Enterprise Community involved planning, budgeting, and the implementation of multiple inter-related projects. During his two years with MEC, he lead is work team to establish and maintain over 100 distinct partnerships with multiple agencies within federal, state and county governments, private and public foundations and organizations. It is precisely this ability to forge relationships that will be central to his success at OP.

More specifically, the timing of this appointment could not better, as finding solutions for sustainability of rural Hawaii is imperative. Mr. Mayer's passion is for rural places, could not be greater. At this time several of OP's projects addressing rural Hawaii are at critical phases:

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- Advancing the Leeward Coast Initiative,
- Following through on OP's Rural Best Practices project,
- Identifying and protecting Important Agricultural Lands,
- Implementing strategies outlined in the 2050 Sustainability Report,
- Balancing competing demands for limited and often fragile coastal and marine resources through the Coastal Zone Management and Ocean Resources programs, and
- Implementing the economic strategies outlined in the Hawaii Statewide Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS).

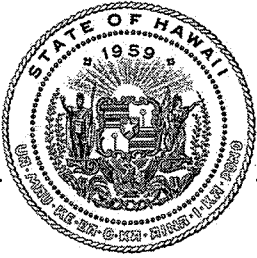
Mr. Mayer's educational background, professional experience and personal passions make him an ideal candidate to advance these most critical projects.

I urge you to support him in his confirmation, and I thank you for your close consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cheryl Corbiell". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Cheryl Corbiell



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Statement of
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before the

COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Wednesday, February 27, 2008

11:00 a.m.

Kulana 'Oiwi Halau - Molokai

in consideration of

GM 258

**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF PLANNING,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, ABBEY SETH MAYER
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 12-06-2010.**

Chair Hee, Vice Chair Kokubun, and Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land.

I support the confirmation of Abbey Seth Mayer as Director of the Office of Planning.

Mr. Mayer has the personal qualities, skills and experience that will provide for effective leadership for the Office of Planning.

Mr. Mayer possesses long-range, strategic and community-based planning skills. He served as Executive Director of the Ke 'Aupuni Lokahi (KAL), the Molokai Enterprise Community for two years. This organization is tasked with implementing a strategic plan for the island of Molokai. The plan includes 28 projects and addresses all sectors of life on Molokai. The Office of Planning is charged with conducting comprehensive, long-range and strategic planning to meet the physical, economic and social needs of Hawaii's people. Mr. Mayer has the planning skills to carry out the core mission of the Office of Planning.

The Office of Planning also balances economic development and the environment and must reconcile conflicting goals in developing policy. In his work with the Molokai Enterprise Community, Mr. Mayer has worked to improve all sectors of life on Molokai with projects undertaken in natural resource protection, economic development, health care, affordable housing, historic preservation and agriculture. He has demonstrated a balanced perspective which will serve him well as director of the Office of Planning.

Another major function of the Office of Planning is to facilitate coordinated and cooperative planning and policy development among State agencies and between the State, county and federal governments. This translates into the building of partnerships. In his work with the Molokai Enterprise Community, Mr. Mayer developed partnerships with many community groups in order to carry out the organization's goal of improving the quality of life on Molokai.

The Office of Planning has developed a niche/area of focus in planning for rural areas. In particular, OP has coordinated the efforts of the Leeward Coast Initiative which is a follow up to the Administration's work with the homeless in the Leeward Coast area. There was the recognition that while the transitional housing projects were good first steps that additional steps would be required to build the community economic development opportunities in the area. Mr. Mayer has been intimately involved in on-the-ground rural community development and can apply his experience and leadership to immediately tackle this issue and work toward effective solutions. His skill in working "together" with rural communities will be a tremendous asset to this effort.

Further, OP has worked on rural land use issues and proposals to retain rural character and lifestyle. Mr. Mayer has expressed an affinity for rural areas and through his work has demonstrated a commitment to retaining their special character and uniqueness.

Mr. Mayer also supports the protection of Hawaii's unique environmental and cultural resources. His work in capacity building for the Molokai Land Trust and negotiating and securing funding for the fee simple acquisition of a perennial stream watershed in East Molokai are examples of this.

Mr. Mayer is a person who listens to various viewpoints; a person who thinks before he acts; and a person who can build relationships. In addition and importantly, as you talk to him, you recognize that he is committed to the well-being of Hawaii's land, natural resources and people. He is well-suited for the position of director of the Office of Planning and will be an effective leader.

I urge you to approve the confirmation of Abbey Seth Mayer as Director of the Office of Planning.

Aloha Kakou,

My name is Steve Morgan, I have been a resident of Molokai for almost 25 years and currently serve as an elder at the Molokai Seventh Day Adventist Church and have served on it's Church and School board for over 20 years. I am also actively involved with various community groups and activities which include currently serving on the "Molokai Water Working Group" and serving as vice-chair for the "West End Community Fire Station Committee". For the purpose of this letter, my professional occupation for the last 32 years has been as a surfboard builder/designer and I am currently employed by Hawaiian Island Creations(HIC).

I am very concerned about the potential of Mr. Abbey Mayer assuming the position of Director for the Office of Planning for the State of Hawaii. In my opinion Mr. Mayer does not meet the qualifications or prerequisites necessary to assume such a position. I believe that Mr. Mayer's role as Executive Director of the Molokai EC has been less than adequate. While there is no question that EC meetings at times have been volatile, in no way did Mr. Meyer contribute to bringing these meetings to a reasonable order, in fact quite the opposite was accomplished by Mr. Meyer allowing certain individuals, without authority, to take control and dominate such meetings. This took place on several occasions thus demonstrating Mr. Mayer's lack of ability to lead out in a heated situation.

Further more I was very disappointed by an accusation cast upon myself by Mr. Mayer several months ago, an accusation that seems to demonstrate Mr. Mayer's lack of judgment and investigative reasoning. In this accusation Mr. Mayer alluded to Tim Kline, publisher of The Molokai Times, the fact that Mr. David Lichtenstein, editor for the Molokai Times, had allowed himself to receive a bribe of sorts from myself in the form of a heavily discounted new surfboard. This accusation was referencing the fact that I openly do not support Molokai Ranch's effort to develop La'au Point and Mr. Mayer's point being that this surfboard was being used to influence Mr. Lichtenstein's point of view on the matter.

While the issue it's self may appear rather benign in the scope of much larger concerns, what does concern me about this matter isn't so much that someone would unjustifiably accuse me of an act that I am innocent of, it is the fact that someone being considered for such an important position of public trust and leadership would end up on such a tangent and come to such a conclusion without any reasonable investigation.

First of all in my defense, I never had any previous relationship with Mr. Lichtenstein, something that is easily verifiable. Second of all, as one of the most established and respected surfboard companies in the world, HIC uses strict sales and inventory procedures. From the introduction of the foam core into the factory, every surfboard is given a serial number and has an exact destination. Only under very limited circumstances are surfboards ever sold below standard wholesale pricing. This would include occasional assistance to legitimate charities and boards going to a handful of professional surfers that HIC sponsors, of which neither one of these categories does Mr. Lichtenstein fall into.

I am also concerned with Mr. Mayer's most recent job position as Executive Director of the Molokai EC, which has placed him in a position of influence and cooperation with Molokai Properties Limited (MPL). I believe that such influence creates a conflict of interest and impairs Mr. Mayer's ability to make unbiased decisions in regard to any circumstances that may relate to MPL's proposed project at La'au Point or any other projects proposed by MPL, of which the Director for the Office of Planning will be partially involved.

Your review and consideration in these matters is greatly appreciated.

Mahalo,

Steve Morgan

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From: Bridget Mowat [plhkki@hawaiiintel.net]
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2008 3:01 PM
To: Sen. Clayton Hee
Cc: Vice Chair, Senator Russell Kokuban; Sen. Carol Fukunaga; Sen. Jill Tokuda; Sen. Paul Whalen
Subject: Abbey Seth Mayer

Dear Senator Clayton Hee,

Ano ai from the island of Moloka'i!! I am emailing you in response to Governor Lingle's recent appointment of Abbey S. Mayer as Director of State Planning. I am amazed and angry that Governor Lingle would even consider him in light of the La'au Pt controversy on Moloka'i island. He is the Executive Director of Ke Aupuni Lokahi, the key organization that partnered with the MPL in developing the Molokai Ranch Master Plan. I believe his appointment is unethical because he supports the development of 200 to 400 million dollar homes on the coastline of Molokai which is a direct threat to Molokai's existing water shortage, endangered monk seals, endangered plant life and cultural sites. This appointment is unethical because Mr. Abbey has personal and perhaps financial interest in the La'au Pt development because of the MPL Master Plan and Land Trust. His position would certainly be an advantage in this community opposed development. Preserving public confidence in our government is certainly a priority in this appointment.

In the recent LUC hearings for La'au Pt. rezoning, Mr. Mayer publicly spoke in support of the MPL's Environmental Impact Statement. He stated he found the document "to be adequate." The LUC found the document inadequate and was ready to reject it until the petitioner withdrew the EIS. Mr. Mayer did not read the document thoroughly and overlooked very important issues that would affect our island. The Director of Planning has to be wise and thorough. His testimony shows me that he didn't do his homework. He hasn't even lived in the islands long. He worked as the manager of our slaughter house prior to Ke Aupuni Lokahi. Prior to that, I've never seen the man. As far as I'm concerned, he is a poor choice and I know there are far better candidates in Hawai'i. Mr. Mayer and his family live a secluded lifestyle. I never see them out in the community. I've only seen him at EC Board Meetings, La'au Pt. community hearings, in which he is pro development, or in the Ke Aupuni Lokahi office. He is not seen at community activities or even walking through town. He is not a sociable person. During one of our rare conversation, he stated that another EC Board member "would not support the Master Plan if there was no water on the island." Did he base his decision to support the Master Plan because someone told him too? Did he do any research on his own?. He doesn't portray himself as a strong character. These are qualities that I would want a Director to have in order to provide balance.

The Molokai's community is quite shocked at Governor Lingle's appointment. Before your committee confirms her decision, I really feel it is necessary for your committee know Mr. Mayer. If possible, I am requesting that the committee hold your hearing on the island of Moloka'i. Where would you get the best information on him but the place he lives? There are many who would like to testify and it would be quite an expense on us. I would appreciate if your committee would make the trip here to Molokai. I'm sure the Senate has funds for necessary travel. I will be happy to arrange a place and time at your convenience. Please discuss with your colleagues and let me know. We have so much to share.

I appreciate your time as I know you are very busy.

Mahalo,

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2/25/2008

Aloha Kakou Chairman, Senator Clayton Hee, Vice Chairman, Russell Kokubon and Members of the Water & Land Committee:

After reading the responsibilities of the Director of Planning for the State of Hawaii and Abbey Seth Mayer's resume I am *very perplex* that the Governor would want this person as the State Planning Director of Hawaii.

Here are my questions:

1. He only worked a least *one year* at a job, and 2 years in writing his novel. *Can he hold a job for longer than one year?*
2. As a ship' carpenter and a foreman of a boat yard, does this qualify him to carrying out the responsibilities of *Coastal and Ocean policy management for State of Hawaii?*
3. With a Yale art degree, in what way does this meet the Planning Director's job description and responsibilities qualifications: *The director shall have: training in the field of urban or regional planning, public administration, or other related fields; experience in programs or services related to governmental planning; and experience in a supervisory, consultative, or administrative capacity.*
4. How does working at the Molokai Livestock slaughter house as the Executive Director and Plant manager make him qualified when he left after 1 year and they had to close MLC Plant because they ran out of money? He says in his resume that *he wrote and received \$135,000.00 in grant money* of which \$48,000.00 was for his own salary? Where is the *comprehensive business plan* he authored and implemented to the result that the slaughter house had to closed down when he left? Where is the plan for sustainability for MLC in his comprehensive business plan?
5. He has been working as the Executive Director of the Community Based Economic Development (CBED) Grant Program at annual salary of \$90,000.00 and intimately and publicly supporting Molokai Properties Limited development of Laau and testified in favor of the development at Land Use Commission meeting held on Molokai November 2007. *How can he not be impartial and fair to developments in State of Hawaii when he supports the Laau development when the Molokai community does not want this development?*

Thank you for your time and I am in opposition of Abbey Mayer's appointment for the State Planning Director of Hawaii because he has not showed from his resume or his 2 jobs on Molokai that he qualifies to represent the people of the State of Hawaii as the State Planning Director.

Has the Governor missed something or does she know something we do not know about his job history?

Mahalo,
Julie Lopez

§225M-2 Office of planning, establishment; responsibilities. (a) There is established within the department of business, economic development, and tourism an office of planning. The head of the office shall be known as the director of the office of planning, referred to in this chapter as director. The director shall have: training in the field of urban or regional planning, public administration, or other related fields; experience in programs or services related to governmental planning; and experience in a supervisory, consultative, or administrative capacity. The director shall be nominated by the governor and, by and with the advice and consent of the

senate, appointed by the governor without regard to chapter 76, and shall be compensated at a salary level set by the governor. The director shall be included in any benefit program generally applicable to the officers and employees of the State. The director shall retain such staff as may be necessary for the purposes of this chapter, in conformity with chapter 76. The director shall report to the director of business, economic development, and tourism and shall not be required to report directly to any other principal executive department.

(b) The office of planning shall gather, analyze, and provide information to the governor to assist in the overall analysis and formulation of state policies and strategies to provide central direction and cohesion in the allocation of resources and effectuation of state activities and programs and effectively address current or emerging issues and opportunities. More specifically, the office shall engage in the following activities:

(1) State comprehensive planning and program coordination. Formulating and articulating comprehensive statewide goals, objectives, policies, and priorities, and coordinating their implementation through the statewide planning system established in part II of chapter 226;

(2) Strategic planning. Identifying and analyzing significant issues, problems, and opportunities confronting the State, and formulating strategies and alternative courses of action in response to identified problems and opportunities by:

(A) Providing in-depth policy research, analysis, and recommendations on existing or potential areas of critical state concern;

(B) Examining and evaluating the effectiveness of state programs in implementing state policies and priorities;

(C) Monitoring through surveys, environmental scanning, and other techniques--current social, economic, and physical conditions and trends; and

(D) Developing, in collaboration with affected public or private agencies and organizations, implementation plans and schedules and, where appropriate, assisting in the mobilization of resources to meet identified needs;

(3) Planning coordination and cooperation. Facilitating coordinated and cooperative planning and policy development and implementation activities among state agencies and between the state, county, and federal governments, by:

(A) Reviewing, assessing, and coordinating, as necessary, major plans, programs, projects, and regulatory activities existing or proposed by state and county agencies;

(B) Formulating mechanisms to simplify, streamline, or coordinate interagency development and regulatory processes; and

(C) Recognizing the presence of federal defense and security forces and agencies in the State as important state concerns;

(4) Statewide planning and geographic information system. Collecting, integrating, analyzing, maintaining, and disseminating various forms of data and information, including geospatial data and information, to further effective state planning, policy analysis and development, and delivery of government services by:

(A) Collecting, assembling, organizing, evaluating, and classifying existing geospatial and non-geospatial data and performing necessary basic research, conversions, and integration to provide a common database for governmental planning and geospatial analyses by state agencies;

(B) Planning, coordinating, and maintaining a comprehensive, shared statewide planning and geographic information system and associated geospatial database. The office shall be the lead agency responsible for coordinating the maintenance of the multi-agency, statewide planning and geographic information system and coordinating, collecting, integrating, and disseminating geospatial data sets that are used to support a variety of state agency applications and other spatial data analyses to enhance decision making. The office shall promote and encourage free and open data sharing among and between all government agencies. To ensure the maintenance of a comprehensive, accurate, up-to-date geospatial data resource that can be drawn upon for decision making related to essential public policy issues such as land use planning, resource management, homeland security, and the overall health, safety, and well-being of Hawaii's citizens, and to avoid redundant data development efforts, state agencies shall provide to the shared system either their respective geospatial databases or, at a minimum, especially in cases of secure or confidential data sets that cannot be shared or must be restricted, metadata describing existing geospatial data. In cases where agencies provide restricted data, the office of planning shall ensure the security of that data; and

(C) Maintaining a centralized depository of state and national planning references;

(5) Land use planning. Developing and presenting the position of the State in all boundary change petitions and proceedings before the land use commission, assisting state agencies in the development and submittal of petitions for land use district boundary amendments, and conducting periodic reviews of the classification and districting of all lands in the State, as specified in chapter 205;

(6) Coastal and ocean policy management. Carrying out the lead agency responsibilities for the Hawaii coastal zone management program, as specified in chapter 205A. Also, developing and maintaining an ocean and coastal resources information, planning, and management system further developing and coordinating implementation of the ocean resources management plan, and formulating ocean policies with respect to the exclusive economic zone, coral reefs, and national marine sanctuaries;

(7) Regional planning and studies. Conducting plans and studies to determine:

(A) The capability of various regions within the State to support

projected increases in both resident populations and visitors;

(B) The potential physical, social, economic, and environmental impact on these regions resulting from increases in both resident populations and visitors;

(C) The maximum annual visitor carrying capacity for the State by region, county, and island; and

(D) The appropriate guidance and management of selected regions and areas of statewide critical concern.

The studies in subparagraphs (A) to (C) shall be conducted at appropriate intervals, but not less than once every five years; and

(8) Regional, national, and international planning. Participating in and ensuring that state plans, policies, and objectives are consistent, to the extent practicable, with regional, national, and international planning efforts. [L 1987, c 336, pt of §1; am L 1988, c 352, §5; am L 1990, c 160, §3; am L 1996, c 299, §1; am L 2000, c 253, §150; am L Sp 2005, c 12, §3; am L 2006, c 65, §2; am L Sp 2007, c 4, §3]

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February 25, 2008

The Honorable Senator Clayton Hee, Chair Senate Committee on Water and Land State Capitol
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Re: Nomination of Abbey Seth Mayer as Director of the State Office of Planning

Dear Chairman Hee:

Please accept the following testimony against the nomination of Abbey Mayer to the position of Director of the Office of Planning.

We view Abbey Mayer as a person who will not be beneficial to the State of Hawaii and its people. He will be more detrimental to all of mankind.

Abbey Mayer is backed by a big developer to destroy whatever else we have left of Hawaiinei. He has made very bad decisions on the island of Molokai. He has publicly said that Molokai is poverty-stricken. I take this as an insult to all Molokaians'. We are not homeless, we are not without food, clothing and education. We are Kanakas' who do not rely on money, what we do rely on is our resources, food from our ocean and land.

Therefore, we do not need someone like Abbey Mayer who has no compassion for our island people; his only purpose is for self interest/ self gain..

On behalf of my Ohana, we ask that Abbey Mayer not be nominated as Director of the State Office of Planning.

Mahalo,

Sis Dudoit Naehu & Ohana

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Re: Nomination of Abbey Seth Mayer as Director of the State Office of Planning

Dear Chairman Hee:

I am strongly against the nomination of Abbey Mayer to the position of Director of the Office of Planning. We know him best as he is new to Hawaii and has spent most of his time on Molokai.

I have had to have many encounters with Mr. Mayer with issues and situations which have had major consequences and impacts upon our Island of Molokai. As one of the leaders on Molokai and as a founding board member of The Enterprise Community (EC), I have important insight as to how Mr. Mayer will affect the future of our State if he remains as the Director of the Office of Planning.

I have seen his decision making under pressure, his ability to solve problems, bring people together, communicate his ideas and positions, and move Molokai forward. He has none of the skills or temperament to do any of the things I have mentioned.

Not only is he lacking in the needed skills, according to his accomplishments and record as the director of the EC, but his resume tells the same story.

I resigned as an EC board member because of the poor way the EC was being staffed. Under the leadership of Mr. Mayer, the EC IMPLODED along with all the dreams of what we wanted to accomplish with this great community based tool that was praised by the federal government.

The EC was temporarily shut down by the federal government, the community has no trust in the EC, meetings were held behind closed doors, and board elections have been canceled until further notice. The decline and deterioration of a once vibrant and active community organization is no stepping stone to the Directorship of the Office of Planning.

THE QUESTION MUST BE ASKED, how can the State of Hawaii pick a person who's last job was the destruction of a highly acclaimed community based organization? If it is the intent of the Governor of this State to get rid of the Office of Planning, then her appointment makes sense.

My message may seem harsh, but don't blame the messenger, I am dumbfounded at this appointment, and feel that with all of the talent in our state, the Governor came all the way to Molokai and picked a lemon. Walter Ritte

testimony

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In Support of GM 258, Gubernatorial Nominee for Director Office of Planning, Abbey Mayer

Testimony submitted for the Hearing: February 27, 2008 at 11:00am

Dear Senator Hee and Members of the Water and Lands Committee:

I would like to take this opportunity to voice my support for the confirmation of Abbey Seth Mayer as the Director of the Office of Planning (OP) of the State of Hawaii. I have known Abbey and his family since they moved to Molokai. Abbey, in my opinion, is impartial he looks at all aspects of an issue with an open mind before making a decision. He is intelligent, calm and without personal agendas. I urge you to recommend approval of his appointment. Abby will be an asset to the State. I am sorry to see him leave Molokai but we need the expertise he can bring to the table at the State level.

Sincerely,

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Testimony

In Support of GM 258, Gubernatorial Nominee for Director Office of Planning, Abbey Mayer

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THE TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION OF 2008

COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Senator Clayton Hee, Chair

Senator Russell S. Kokubun, Vice Chair

DATE: Wednesday, February 27, 2008

TIME: 11:00 a.m.

PLACE: DHHL/OHA Conference Room at Kulana 'Oiwi - Moloka'i

Honorable Senators Hee, Kokubun and Members of the Water and Lands Committee:

Please accept my testimony in strong support for the confirmation of Abbey Seth Mayer as the Director of the Office of Planning (OP) of the State of Hawaii.

I know Abbey to be an honorable and hard working individual with the best interests of the diverse Hawaii community at heart.

His credentials are impeccable and he has worked tirelessly in the Molokai community to enhance the well being of all he served. I have no doubt that he will do the same at a State level.

2/25/2008

My very best regards,

Raymond J. Foster

Business Services Manager

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Re: Nomination of Abbey Seth Mayer as Director of the State Office of Planning

Dear Chairman Hee:

Please accept the following testimony against the nomination of Abbey Mayer to the position of Director of the Office of Planning.

My name is Matt Yamashita. I am 30 years old and a 3rd generation resident of Molokai. Aside from 4 years spent earning a college degree in Southern California, I have spent my entire life living on Molokai. I was previously the director of the Molokai Media Center under Akaku Maui Community Television, a non-profit organization that works to "empower our communities' voice through access to media." In this position I spent 5 years working directly with hundreds of individuals within our community via community outreach, education, and partnership programs. Today I own and operate Quazifilms Media out of Kaunakakai, Molokai. I continue to be very active within the community and dedicate much time and energy to projects that help educate others about the positive and unique aspects of the people, history, culture and natural resources of our special island.

As a part of my involvement in community issues, I have been actively participating in the Molokai Ranch "Community Based" Planning Process since it began in 2004. I was a co-chair of the Alternatives to La'au Development Committee (ALDC) as referenced under section 7 of Molokai Properties Limited currently submitted Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

In this capacity I have witnessed the painful fragmentation of our tightly knit community over the controversy of developing La'au Point. If you live on Molokai it is very clear that the majority of Molokai residents are opposed to the development of La'au Point and have been since the project was first proposed.

Yet, because of the backing of Ke Aupuni Lokahi Molokai Enterprise Community (EC) and its political ties, the project has moved forward. Much of the controversy and division that has come from this project are the direct result of the actions of the EC and its inability to address critical community concerns. Under Mr. Mayer's leadership the EC has effectively alienated itself from the Molokai community.

This is why I must regretfully oppose Abbey Mayer's nomination to the position of Director of the Office of State Planning. It is not a personal grievance towards Mr. Mayer, but a lack of confidence in his ability to lead such an important organization in the right direction for the people of Hawaii.

I also fear that Mr. Mayer is too closely aligned with MPL's La`au Point Development Proposal. The State Office of Planning will play an important role in the acceptance or denial of this project as it moves forward. I fear Mr. Mayer will not be able to stand unbiased on this particular project.

Mahalo for your Consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt N. Yamashita". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Matt N. Yamashita

PETITION

TO THE STATE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

**SUPPORTING GM258, THE CONFIRMATION OF ABBEY SETH MAYER AS
DIRECTOR FOR THE STATE OFFICE OF PLANNING**

February 2008

We, the undersigned residents of Moloka'i, support the confirmation of Abbey Seth Mayer for the position of Director for the Office of State Planning because of his integrity and abilities, as demonstrated in his ability to handle complex planning processes and the good work he has done on Molokai over the past 4 years.

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February 26, 2008

Senator Clayton Hee
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**In Support of GM 258, Gubernatorial Nominee for Director Office of
Planning, Abbey Mayer**

Testimony submitted for the Hearing: February 27, 2008 at 11:00 am

Dear Senator Hee and Members of the Water and Lands Committee:

It is with great pleasure to write in support of Mr. Abbey Mayer.

I have known Abbey since 2004 when he first moved to Molokai. I got to know him as a Sensei as my children were Aikido students of his. Observing him in that setting was quite similar to seeing him in controversial times. Abbey always had a calm demeanor and never seemed "rattled".

Abbey is a very humble, intellectual individual who is able to "talk story" with locals as well as dignitaries. He is a risk taker and is not afraid to be a part of controversial issues. This is very courageous for a young man who is passionate about finding solutions for the sustainability of Hawaii.

Abbey has already proved that he can get the projects done. Imagine what he can do when given the opportunity to be the Office of Planning Director.

I urge you to support him in his confirmation.

Sincerely,



Guy Y. Takata

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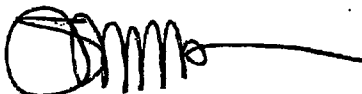
I am honored to write in support for the confirmation of Abbey Mayer as the Director of the Office of Planning of the State of Hawaii.

Mr. Mayer is a humble man with many talents. He has the wisdom, intellectual ability, integrity and strong ethics to work cohesively with individuals who may have different views. This is a special "gift" that not many have discovered in them selves but Mr. Mayer uses quite well.

It is quite evident that Mr. Mayer is a problem solver. As the Executive Director and Plant Manager of Moloka'i Livestock Cooperative, he opened and obtained full federal certifications for the Moloka'i Livestock Cooperative's slaughter and meat processing facility for business after being inoperable for over five years. Mr. Mayer also is securing \$500,000.00 to fund planning and the initial construction of a new Moloka'i Community Health Center and is leveraging approximately \$2 million to finance low-interest mortgages for ten affordable homes currently being constructed in Maunaloa. This is just some evidence that he is very capable of completing great tasks.

Mr. Mayer's educational background and professional experience make him an ideal candidate for this position. When given the opportunity, Mr. Mayer will prove his great "gift" will benefit all of the State of Hawaii.

Sincerely,



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Dear Senator Hee and Members of the Water and Lands Committee:

I would like to take this opportunity to voice my support for the confirmation of Abbey Mayer as the Director of the Office of Planning of the State of Hawaii.

In his work as the Executive Director of the Molokai Enterprise Community, and prior to that as Executive Director of the Molokai Livestock Cooperative, Mr. Mayer has demonstrated time-and-time-again that he has the perfect combination of training, qualifications, experience and skills to succeed and thrive as Director of Office of Planning.

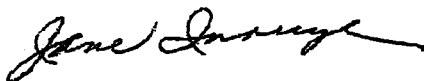
As a retired educator, meeting Abbey has given me hope in the younger generation. He is a unique individual who is quiet, understanding and willing to stand up for what is right for the community and state and not influenced by specific groups.

At this time several OP projects addressing rural Hawaii are at critical phases such as identifying and protecting important agricultural lands and following through on OP's rural best practices projects. Abbey has the ability to see these project through to completion.

Abbey's educational background, professional experience and personal passions make him an ideal candidate to advance these most critical projects.

I urge you to support him in his confirmation. I thank you for your close consideration.

Sincerely,



Jane T. Inouye

February 25, 2008

Re: Hearing, February 27, 2008 11:00am, DHHL/OHA Conference Room, Kulana
'Oiwi, Moloka'i, fax 1-800-586-6659

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as Director of the Office of Planning,
Gubernatorial Nominee, ABBEY SETH MAYER, for a term to expire 12-06-2010.

The Honorable Senator Clayton Hee, Chair, and members of the Water and Land
Committee of the Senate of the State of Hawaii, Aloha!

Thank you for this opportunity to present and to enter into the record this testimony in
support of Abbey Seth Mayer's confirmation as Director of the Office of Planning.


My name is Pualani Akaka of Kalae, Moloka'i and participate in our community as
teacher at Kualapu'u Public Conversion Charter School; Treasurer of Hawaii State
Teacher's Association Moloka'i Chapter, Board member of Ka Hale Pomaika'i, and
Charter Review Panel member. I write to you as an active community member and as
a friend of the Mayer family of whom I have known since their move to Moloka'i in 2004.

The current scope of the Office of Planning is vast. The Yearly Activity Plans for the
Office of Planning, Coastal Zone Management Program Division, and the Geographic
Information System Division willingness of stakeholder groups and government
agencies to engage in cooperative discussions, finding common ground among
various interests. The Office advocates for relevant, poignant research, spatial
information and the continued encouragement for the State GIS and tools for easier
access and greater accuracy as key elements. Abbey has demonstrated these traits
and skills with a blend of grace and tenacity as Executive Director and Plant Manager
of the Moloka'i Livestock Cooperative and as Executive Director of Ke Aupuni Lokahi.

Tracking the increasing evidence and the numbers of discussions about the
impending effects of the global climate, population growth and development changes
on our beloved island State, we all share together the responsibility for our future. I
believe, truly, Abbey possesses not only the skills for this position, but also the value
system the Office requires to navigate these important realities. He does what he
believes; and in what he believes is reflected by his good works.

I urge your favorable consideration of Abbey Seth Mayer as Director of the Office of
Planning.

Sincerely,



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testimony

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RE: GM 258, Gubernatorial Nominee for Director Office of Planning, Abbey Seth Mayer

Dear Senator Hee:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on our Governor's nomination of Abbey Mayer for Director of Office of Planning. I strongly support his nomination and urge you to do likewise.

For the last two years I have known Mr. Mayer primarily as "Sensei" as he has been my leader and teacher at Aikido Molokai. Many years of hard training have elevated him to a very high level in this martial art. And so I think it would be appropriate to offer a quick word on the philosophy and principles of Aikido which he clearly embraces.

O Sensei, the founder of Aikido, emphasized the moral and spiritual aspects of this art, placing great weight on the development of harmony and peace. "The Way of Harmony of the Spirit" is one way that "Aikido" may be translated into English. Although the idea of a martial discipline striving for peace and harmony may seem paradoxical, it is the most basic tenet of the art. Most Aikido training is of a cooperative rather than antagonistic nature, with students working as partners and trying to optimize the experience of the other.

This philosophy may be learned and practiced on the mat but I assure you it has incredible practical applications in the everyday world. This win/win, cooperative outlook will serve Mr. Mayer very well in his negotiations with businesses and politicians alike during the course of his duties at the Office of Planning.

I have observed many other attributes that should help to qualify him. To name a few- he's highly intelligent, organized, very hard working, moral, and dedicated. He has a love of Nature and an appreciation for our Island lifestyle. If confirmed, I trust Mr. Mayer to do what's best for Hawaii and to do it effectively.

Please contact me, should you wish any further information.

Sincerely,

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testimony

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Chairman Hee and ViceChairman Kokubun:

I ask that you vote a resounding no to the nomination of Mr. Abby Mayer as the State Director of the Office of Planning.

He has been an active leader in the planning of Moloka'i Ranch's (MPL) development of La'au Point.

This shows his ignorance of the will of the people-Moloka'i has taken a firm stance against the type of growth MPL represents.

It seems interesting that testimony in favor of his getting this position comes from the East Coast of the U.S. Should they be influencing our decisions on planning?

Three favorable testimonies from Hawaii came from John Sabas and Dan Orodener (both leaving out their affiliation with MPL) and MaryLou Kobayashi (not mentioning her connection with the Office of Planning.)

You have shown your concern for Hawaii's fragile environment in past, a no vote on this candidate may be one of the most important statements of this concern you will ever make. Mahalo for your consideration

Aloha, Judith Mick, Kailua, O'ahu

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Re: Nomination of Abbey Seth Mayer as Director of the State Office of Planning

Dear Chairman Hee:

My name is Adam T. Kahualaulani Mick. I am originally from Kailua, Hawai'i, and I know reside about 3/4s of my time on Molokai. On Molokai I am very involved with community issues and affairs. Thus, having viewed Mr. Mayer's resume, and with personal first-hand knowledge of his recent EC position on the island of Molokai, (as well as a personal interactions with him in the EC office, I am strongly against the nomination of Abbey Mayer to the position of Director of the Office of Planning.

To start with, Mr. Mayer supports the development of at least 300 luxury shoreline homes for pentamillionaires at La'au Point, Molokai. This is one of the most pristine areas left in Hawai'i - untouched by roads or development - and a prime habitat for at least 18 endangered Hawaiian monk seals. The development will not only destroy the spiritual nature of the La'au area and displace these monk seals from their home, but the injection of 200 - 400 millionaires and pentamillionaires into the Molokai community will change Molokai forever. Mr. Mayer has consistently supported this development and these changes. What might he support as the head of the Office of Planning? Scary thought it you ask me...

Mr. Mayer has allowed the Enterprise Community to make false statements that the community supports La'au because over 1000 people participated in the community-planning process. There may indeed have been 1000 participants, but the vast majority of those people who were part of the process do not support this development and never have.

At every single meeting you go to, the testimony is always 90 - 100% against the development. (All on film.) Mr. Mayer has allowed these misleading and simply false claims of community support to be circulated throughout Molokai and the State. He has sanctioned a development the community is strongly against. What kind of false claims might Mr. Mayer make or allow as Director of the Office of

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Planning? Will he listen to the people? More scary thoughts...

We don't want someone who is pro-development in charge of planning for our State. We might end up with La'au type developments being proposed everywhere! We need someone who is committed to preserving prime agricultural lands (like La'au) and conservation/wilderness areas (like La'au) in line with our State Constitution - not sacrificing these precious lands to developers and development!

Here are some relevant parts of our State Constitution that the director should uphold. Mr. Mayer's support for La'au goes against these things:

"ARTICLE XI

CONSERVATION, CONTROL AND DEVELOPMENT OF RESOURCES

CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF RESOURCES

Section 1. For the benefit of present and future generations, the State and its political subdivisions shall conserve and protect Hawaii's natural beauty and all natural resources, including land, water, air, minerals and energy sources, and shall promote the development and utilization of these resources in a manner consistent with their conservation and in furtherance of the self-sufficiency of the State. All public natural resources are held in trust by the State for the benefit of the people. [Add Const Con 1978 and election Nov 7, 1978]

AGRICULTURAL LANDS

Section 3. The State shall conserve and protect agricultural lands, promote diversified agriculture, increase agricultural self-sufficiency and assure the availability of agriculturally suitable lands. Lands identified by the State as important agricultural lands needed to fulfill the purposes above shall not be reclassified by the State or rezoned by its political subdivisions without meeting the standards and criteria established by the legislature and approved by a two-thirds vote of the body responsible for the reclassification or rezoning action. [Add Const Con 1978 and election Nov 7, 1978]

ENVIRONMENTAL RIGHTS

Section 9. Each person has the right to a clean and healthful environment, as defined by laws relating to environmental quality, including control of pollution and conservation, protection and enhancement of natural resources. [Add Const Con 1978 and election Nov 7, 1978]"

What a tragedy!

There is nothing in Mr. Mayer's resume that seems to highly qualify him for the job of Director of the Office of Planning. The OSP staff may feel that he is easy to get along with, but unfortunately that is not one of the statutory requirements. Rather the law states:

"§225M-2 Office of planning, establishment; responsibilities. (a) There is established within the department of business, economic development, and tourism an office of planning. The head of the office shall be known as the director of the office of planning, referred to in this chapter as director. The director shall have: training in the field of urban or regional planning, public administration, or other related fields; experience in programs or services related to governmental planning; and experience in a supervisory, consultative, or administrative capacity..."

I think much more questions need to be asked of Mr. Mayer regarding his experience and regarding what qualifies him to lead such an important office of this State. I hope that your committee will ask these types of questions.

It has been brought to my attention by others that:

- Many letters of support for Mr. Mayer apparently are from people Mr. Mayer knows in New Jersey, New York and Connecticut.
- Mr. John Sabas and his wife sent in a letter without identifying they are attached respectively to MPL - who is the developer of La'au Point - and to Senator Dan Inouye (Mrs. Sabas is his Chief of Staff in Hawaii, and interestingly, Senator Inouye also supports the La'au development. So does Governor Lingle!)
- MPL's Mr. Dan Orodener supported Mr. Mayer but also did not identify his own affiliation with MPL or La'au.
- Mary Lou Kobayashi supported Mr. Mayer but did not identify her position with the Office of Planning.
- There was a letter from OHA trustee Machado in support of Mr. Mayer. (Trustee Machado supports the development of La'au and is a partner with MPL in the development as a member of Mr. Mayer's former EC Board and the Land Trust Board.)

I have not been able to research and verify the accuracy of people not announcing their affiliations and conflict of interests above (as I said they were pointed out to me by others); however I ask that the committee try to do so, if possible.

In light of all of the above, I am sure you will discover that Mr. Mayer is not qualified for the job. And I ask you to reject his nomination as Director of the Office of Planning.

Mahalo nui loa,
Adam T. Kahualaulani Mick
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In support of GM 258, Gubernatorial Nominee for Director, Office of Planning,
Abbey Mayer

Testimony submitted for the Hearing, February 27, 2008 at 11:00am

Dear Senator Hee and Members of the Water and Land Committee:

I wish to give my strong endorsement in support of the confirmation of Abbey
Seth Mayer as the Director of the State of Hawaii Office of Planning.

Mr. Mayer is a very capable and ethical administrator who has worked in very
difficult circumstances as the Executive Director of the Moloka'i Enterprise
Community. He has always remained clearheaded and unflinching in his
commitment to the work at hand maintaining an intelligent, creative outlook
for both the short and long-term outcomes of his efforts and the stated goals of
the organization. His leadership at the EC achieved a 100% compliance audit
and administrative review by the USDA, the EC's main funding source, while
external efforts attempted to destabilize the organization and its many
important community projects. I consider this a mark of his capability as an
excellent administrator.

His clearheadedness combined with efficiency has given the community of
Moloka'i a functioning slaughterhouse, a new facility that lay dormant for years
until he forged a strategy to put it to full usage and certification to serve and
revitalize the Moloka'i Livestock Cooperative.

For the Moloka'i Land Trust he has engineered capacity building and fundraising
as the Trust becomes the owner in perpetuity of 1600+ acres with 4 1/2 miles
of Moloka'i's northwest coastline, gifted to the Trust by Moloka'i Properties
Limited. In addition, he negotiated the fee simple acquisition and Legacy Land
funding for the 196 acre Kawaikapu ahupua'a watershed, also to be held in
perpetuity by the Moloka'i Land Trust.

His outlook remains consistent and directed toward the preservation of the
environment, protection of agricultural land and rural lifestyle, along with a
balanced economy to sustain it.

Mr. Mayer's ethics, knowledge, energy and thoughtful manner will give the Office of Planning valuable and sound leadership above partisanship.

I encourage you to take this rare opportunity to engage a dynamic and committed individual, Abbey Mayer, in public service.

With sincere thanks for your review of my endorsement, I remain

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "David Lunney". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "D".

David Lunney
Member, Board of Directors
Moloka'i Land Trust

testimony

From: Rose Gladstein Mayer [rosegladsteinmayer@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 25, 2008 10:22 PM
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February 25, 2008

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**In Support of GM 258, Gubernatorial Nominee for Director Office of Planning, Abbey Mayer
Testimony submitted for the Hearing: February 27, 2008 at 11:00am**

Dear Senator Hee and Members of the Water and Lands Committee:

I would like to take this opportunity to voice my support for the confirmation of Abbey Seth Mayer as the Director of the Office of Planning (OP) of the State of Hawaii. I met Abbey in 1995 and we have been married for ten years. As his wife, I obviously believe in his skills and abilities to serve the State of Hawaii as the Director of the Office of Planning. But more importantly, I can speak very personally about our commitment to the People and State of Hawaii.

Abbey and I moved to Molokai with our son in 2004 when I was hired to teach math at Molokai Intermediate School. When the Department of Education reduced the number of faculty positions in 2005, I was fortunate to find a position at Kualapuu Public Conversion Charter School, the elementary school serving Kualapu'u, Kalae, Manila Camp, Kalamaula and Hoolehua Homestead areas. For the past three years, I have served as the curriculum coordinator for the school. Upon moving to Molokai, we also selected Kualapu'u School for our son, then a first grader. He entered the Hawaiian Language Immersion program at the school and spent three years speaking Hawaiian and learning cultural practices along side his classmates. We are grateful for this rare opportunity.

Shortly after we moved here, Abbey accepted the position of executive director and plant manager for the Livestock Cooperative. To me his accomplishments in this position went beyond writing the business plan, opening the slaughterhouse and receiving the USDA "stamp of approval". To me, his greatest accomplishment was his dedication to getting the job done by acting in all capacities necessary from head butcher to business manager.

Abbey's work with Ke Aupuni Lokahi and the Molokai Land Trust showed the same dedication and diligence. He worked tirelessly in the midst of controversy to serve the organizations' missions and the objectives of the Enterprise Community. We have had many conversations about how best to serve the community in our respective roles here on Molokai.

I know Abbey will use his great talents and skills to serve this State well. I ask you to please confirm his nomination.

Sincerely,

Rose Mayer
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Lokahi Pacific

February 22, 2008

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**In Support of GM 258, Gubernatorial Nominee for Director Office of Planning, Abbey Mayer
Testimony submitted for the Hearing: February 27, 2008 at 11:00am**

Dear Senator Hee and Members of the Water and Lands Committee:

I would like to take this opportunity to voice my support for the confirmation of Abbey Seth Mayer as the Director of the Office of Planning (OP) of the State of Hawaii.

In his work as the Executive Director of the Molokai Enterprise Community (MEC), Mr. Mayer has demonstrated that he possesses the perfect combination of training, qualifications, experience and skills to succeed and thrive as Director of Office of Planning.

Although he may appear quiet and shy, one knows he is sincerely listening to your concerns. He is very unique in that sense. I find him to be well-grounded and well-versed in the needs of today. I do find that he displays deep strength paired with courage, integrity and strong ethics – a rare combination for a man of his age. He is willing to take a stand on controversial issues, and live and work in uncomfortable environments without compromising his beliefs. It is precisely young leaders such as he that we should cultivate and ask to contribute to public service, and I applaud the Governor for making such an appointment.

Mr. Mayer's passion is for rural places—rural Hawaii in particular—could not be greater. Mr. Mayer's educational background, professional experience and personal passions make him an ideal candidate to advance these most critical projects.

I urge you to support him in his confirmation, and I thank you for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,

KAMAILE M. SOMBELON
Executive Director

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RE: GM 258, Gubernatorial Nominee for Director Office of Planning, Abbey
Seth Mayer

Dear Senator Hee:

In considering Governor Linda Lingle's appointee for the Director of the Office of Planning for the State of Hawaii, I strongly urge you to confirm Mr. Abbey S. Mayer. Mr. Mayer's qualifications for this position are outstanding, as cited below:

In 2006, when Mr. Mayer was appointed to the executive directorship of Ke Aupuni Lokahi--the non-profit organization administering the Molokai Enterprise Community--he brought marked stability to the organization. Through his leadership, the organization has successfully provided oversight in the Island's 10-year revitalization plan as part of its Enterprise Community designation, which it received in 1998. In doing so, he has built a strong foundation upon which to carry out the plan by, among other things, coordinating operations, establishing priorities among competing interests, anticipating problems and needs, and maintaining fiscal controls.

The substance of the EC work involved comprehensive planning and the implementation of multiple inter-related projects. It also involved working with many constituencies and audiences, who often differed with each other.

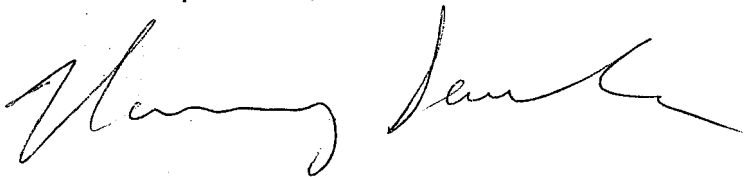
The MEC's decision to express support for a community-based land use plan for approximately one third of the island owned by Molokai Properties, Ltd. drew controversy because of one aspect of the plan which would allow the development of 200 homes around the area of La'au Point. Regardless of the positions segments of the community have taken on this part of the plan, all will agree that the comprehensive land use plan is a complex and a far-reaching one with vast positive impacts for the future of Molokai. This plan provides realistic and sustainable avenues for addressing many of Molokai's most endemic problems -- through the reopening of the Kaluakoi Resort, to the perpetual protection and conservation of over 51,000 acres of land, and the creation of affordable homes.

As Executive Director of the Molokai Enterprise Community, supporting some 20 active projects, Mr. Mayer has operated with dedicated professionalism. He has the ability to listen to and work with many different constituencies. While able to think in a visionary and bold manner, he is also able to focus with intensity on the details necessary to move plans to concrete reality. Mr. Mayer possesses foresight and the ability to think strategically as well as to develop creative solutions. He exercises leadership and decisiveness coupled with a high degree of intelligence and steadiness. He holds unwavering values for integrity and ethics.

It is obvious that he possesses a care and concern for the communities he works with and for the future of Hawaii. These qualities when applied to the position under consideration will serve well the Office of State Planning.

Please contact me, should you wish any further information.

Sincerely yours,
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nancy Jacobsen', written in a cursive style.

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February 25, 2008

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Re: Nomination of Abbey Seth Mayer as Director of State Office of Planning

Dear Senator Hee:

I have concerns about Mr. Mayer's qualifications for the position. As manager of a cattle cooperative, a New York land trust and a boating facility I don't think he has the experience to qualify. His academic background in accounting doesn't meet the standard either.

In addition, I believe he comes to the position with a pre-disposition in favor of La'au development demonstrated during his term as director of the Molokai Enterprise Community. I would hope a Director of Planning would at least be neutral in his planning assessments. This looks suspiciously like 'stacking the deck' in favor of La'au development which the Governor has supported.

Respectfully submitted, Darlene Toth
Cc: Senators Russell Kokubun, Carol Fukunaga, Jill Tokuda and Paul Whalen

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The Honorable Senator Clayton Hee, Chairman
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Re: Nomination of Abbey Seth Mayer as Director of the State Office of Planning

Dear Chairman Hee:

Please consider the following testimony against the nomination of Abbey Mayer to the position of Director of the State Office of Planning.

I am opposed to the above mentioned appointment for a number of reasons. The first of which is that, Mr Mayer was the administrator for Molokai's Enterprise Community (EC), the agency that is a supporter of Molokai Properties Limited's (MPL) Master Land Use Plan, as is the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) and Governor Linda Lingle. All of which are obviously concerned about the recent Land Use Commission's (LUC) rejection of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) submitted to the LUC by MPL. Therefore this appointment of Mr Mayer by Governor Lingle is highly suspect at this time when MPL is fast-tracking their revised EIS, soon to be resubmitted to the LUC. LUC member Mr Ching's resignation, so soon after the Molokai LUC meeting, is another suspicious change, when coupled with the disappearance of the Molokai LUC meeting transcript, it sure looks to me like someone is stacking the deck. I fail to see the big picture because it is out of focus. Secondly, in my opinion, Mr Mayer has no credentials indicating that he is suited to the position of Director of the State Office of Planning. He was Valedictorian of his graduation class and earned a National Merit Scholar Award at Roslyn High School in Roslyn, New York. Received a BA-Art, Painting Concentration from Yale University. He was a ship's carpenter, brokerage manager, foreman for Dutch Wharf Boat Yard & Marina, writer in Canada, resident manager & contractor at Black Kettle Farm in Essex, New York, then came to Kaunakakai and worked as Executive Director and Plant Manager of Molokai Livestock Cooperative, before becoming Administrator for the EC. I see no fault in him as a person, yet I am disenchanted with the idea that, he is a pawn in the big money game to push development at La'au Point.

Mahalo nui loa ka kou. Mahalo nui ke Akua.

From: Leila Stone [ululanid@hotmail.com]
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Aloha,

My name is Leila Ululanid Dudoit Stone, Kama'aina of Molokai. I am in absolute opposition to the appointment of Abbey Mayer for the position of Director, Office of Planning for the State of Hawaii. I feel that he will not service our people or protect our aina. He is strickly for development and is for the rich.

Abbey Mayer is the Executive Director of the Molokai EC, in which I am a board member. We have been in opposition with the development of La'au on Molokai for a number of months/years and Abbey Mayer has been in direct cooperation with the developer, Molokai Properties, Ltd., even though our community opposes it. I believe this presents a conflict of interest to the duties and responsibilities should he be appointed to this position.

I am hoping that you will reject his appointment. We need someone who shares the same vision and will protect what we have left.

Mahalo & Aloha,

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February 26, 2008

The Honorable Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
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Re: Nomination of Abbey Seth Mayer as Director of the State Office of Planning

Dear Chairman Hee:

Please accept the following testimony regarding the nomination of Abbey Mayer to the position of Director of the Hawai'i Office of Planning. With all due respect to Mr. Mayer, I cannot support his nomination. In his brief tenure as the head of the Moloka'i Enterprise Community organization, he has worked to promote one of the most poorly planned developments in Hawai'i's recent history. To the extent that his actions reflect his understanding and aptitude for land use planning, he is not the best choice to lead the state's top planning agency.

I have been a resident of Moloka'i since 1981, and have been involved community development throughout the years that I have lived here. I am the Executive Director of the Moloka'i Community Service Council. In 1998, my organization coordinated an island-wide strategic planning process to create an economic recovery plan for the island of Moloka'i. We prepared the plan and entered it in a national competition to become a federal Enterprise Community. 160 communities competed for this designation, and only 20 were awarded nationally. Moloka'i received one of these designations. After it was awarded, my organization staffed the project for four years, and worked to implement the projects identified as important by the Moloka'i community. Then, in 2003, the EC board formed its own independent organization.

After the EC project became free-standing in 2003, Molokai Ranch (which had refused to write a letter of support for the 1998 plan) persuaded the new EC organization to endorse the Ranch's own development plans, including an upscale new subdivision at Lā'au Point. Although the current EC leadership supports development of Lā'au Point, this project was never part of Moloka'i's original 1998 strategic recovery plan.

Mr. Mayer was hired as the EC's executive director in 2006, after the Ranch's plan was completed. My experience with him has been in this capacity.

The proposed Lā'au Point development has sparked intense community debate. For the past two years, Mr. Mayer has actively helped Molokai Ranch to promote this development and to seek necessary governmental entitlements, even testifying on their behalf before the state Land Use

Commission. He has taken a decidedly partisan position in defense of this foreign-owned corporation, despite overwhelming evidence – including a 2-to-1 democratic vote in January 2007 – that the Moloka‘i community opposes the development.

The controversy over development at Lā‘au is sometimes characterized as purely political. But when the development is analyzed strictly from a land use planning perspective, it fails virtually every standard advocated by modern-day planners. For example:

- **Urban Sprawl:** Because Lā‘au is remote from existing infrastructure, the planned new subdivision will require construction and maintenance of new roads, water lines, utility lines, and public safety facilities. Planners now call this kind of development “urban sprawl,” and communities across the country are working to contain it.
- **Wildlife Habitat:** Developing Lā‘au will have significant adverse environmental impacts on an area that is home to a number of endangered species, including the Hawaiian monk seal. Modern planners recognize the importance of protecting critical wildlife habits, and preventing degradation of environmentally sensitive areas like Lā‘au Point.
- **Energy Consumption:** Fuel consumption by Lā‘au residents will greatly increase Moloka‘i’s carbon “footprint,” since the nearest urban amenities (the post office, airport, grocery stores, drug store, etc.) are 20 to 30 miles away. In this era of global warming, top planners are working hard to minimize energy demands of all new land development.
- **Agricultural Lands:** Lā‘au lands are currently classified by the state as Agricultural, and the soils found there are rated high-quality. Protection of farmlands is yet another guiding principle for today’s land use planners. But the Ranch, with Mr. Mayer’s active support, has petitioned the Land Use Commission to change the area’s classification from Agriculture to Rural, so that large-lot estates can be built there instead of farms.
- **Water Resources:** Development at Lā‘au will require additional water resources. Moloka‘i has only one aquifer, and three of the island’s five potable water wells are becoming increasingly salty. The Ranch’s plan to pump an additional 1 million gallons per day from the aquifer may have ruinous consequences for the island and its inhabitants. Water availability is a critical issue for planners. Yet Mr. Mayer has backed the Lā‘au development without any hydrologic proof that existing water resources can sustain it.

These are serious, purely factual concerns about the wisdom of proceeding with this particular development. We need the head of the Office of Planning to evaluate development proposals impartially, and to insure that due diligence will be applied to all issues raised by such proposals. Unfortunately, Moloka‘i’s experience with Mr. Mayer does not provide much cause for optimism in this regard. Although his loyalty to his employer and the Ranch might be perceived as admirable, it seems to have overwhelmed his ability to objectively analyze the planning

implications of a large and controversial project. Yet this is precisely the work that will be required of Mr. Mayer should he be confirmed as the state's top planning official.

Hawai'i law makes it clear that the person who heads the Office of Planning must have appropriate credentials to do so. As I understand HRS ' 225M, both education and experience are required. To the best of my knowledge, Mr. Mayer does not have the educational credentials needed for the position, nor does he have significant experience in the realm of governmental planning. And as far as I know, his administrative and supervisory experience is primarily limited to two relatively short-term positions held on Moloka'i from 2004 through 2007. Although Mr. Mayer can undoubtedly claim many positive accomplishments in his life thus far, he simply does not meet the legal requirements for the position to which he has been nominated.

Finally, it should be noted that although Mr. Mayer has staffed the Moloka'i EC board for the past two years, he was not involved in the 1998 strategic planning process that won the island its federal EC designation. Nor was he involved in the creation of Molokai Ranch's "Community-Based Master Land Use Plan," which precipitated the Lā'au development controversy. The duties of the state's top planner include comprehensive planning and program coordination and strategic planning. If Mr. Mayer has any leadership experience in these areas, it did not come as a result of his employment with the Moloka'i EC.

On a personal note, I certainly wish Mr. Mayer the best in his future endeavors. My testimony is offered because I believe that wise planning is critical to the long-term welfare of our state and to the sustainability of our resources. For all of the reasons stated above, it does not appear that Mr. Mayer's background has adequately equipped him to take on the important responsibilities of the Director of the Office of Planning.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

Sincerely,

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February 26, 2008

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I would like to take this opportunity to voice my support for the confirmation of Abbey Mayer as the Director of the Office of Planning of the State of Hawaii.

In his work as the Executive Director of the Molokai Enterprise Community, and prior to that as Executive Director of the Molokai Livestock Cooperative, Mr. Mayer has demonstrated time-and-time-again that he has the perfect combination of training, qualifications, experience and skills to succeed and thrive as Director of Office of Planning.

I have known Abbey since his arrival on Molokai. Our friendship started at church and continued as we talked stories. I found him to be a deep thinker and intellectual without having to brag about all that he's done. He always listens first! He is willing to take a stand on very controversial issues and live and work in very uncomfortable environments without compromising to any specific group. This is the type of young leaders we must encourage to step up to the plate and work to make Hawaii a greater place to live.

As a pig farmer on the east end of Molokai, I wish Abbey were here 10 years ago so I could use the Molokai Livestock Cooperative instead of reducing the amount of swine I had.

I urge you to support him in his confirmation, and I thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Shigenobu "Shige" Inouye

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END

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