

**TESTIMONY**  
**GM 430**

**testimony**

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**From:** Donna Apisa [donna@oceanfrontrealty.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 19, 2008 11:31 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Cc:** lfc@kikiaola.com  
**Subject:** Committee on Land & Water, Feb. 20, 2008, 2:45 pm, Conf Rom 414 - RON AGOR RECONFIRMATION

Aloha,

Please reconfirm RON AGOR to the Board of Land and Natural Resources for a term to expire 6-30-2012. Ron is highly respected on Kauai and we want him there to represent us.

Mahalo nui loa.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna Apisa

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**From:** Bruce Pleas [hisurf3@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 19, 2008 10:52 AM  
**To:** Sen. Clayton Hee  
**Subject:** Ron Agor BLNR appointment

Aloha,

I have been informed that Ron Agor is being considered to continue as the Kauai representative on the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR). I have worked with Ron for the last 15+ years on various projects and have found him to be a good listener in all aspects, especially when I am on the other side of the fence from his projects. He presents a very professional aspect to the BLNR and in my opinion is a very good representative for the island of Kauai on the BLNR.

Please support the re-appointment of Ron Agor to the BLNR.

Mahalo,  
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**From:** Stephanie N. Iona [Stephanie.Iona@resortquesthawaii.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 19, 2008 12:18 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Testimony regarding Committee on Water and Land

Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 20th at 2:45pm in Conference room 414 State Capitol

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regarding confirmation of RON AGOR for the Board of Land and Natural Resources

I would like to submit my support for RON AGOR's confirmation to the Board of Land and Natural Resources. I have gone before Ron in several meetings concerning Kikiaola Land Company's lease of the Lodge at Kokee and his questions, his genuine concern for the welfare of the employees and staff at the establishment, and his knowledge of the rules and regulations, was admirable. He is a man of honor and vision for our State, and an individual that I believe can continue to serve and contribute to Hawaii and its citizens as an outstanding member of this Board.

Thank you for allowing me to share my comments, and I wish Ron the utmost of success in achieving confirmation.

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**From:** Ramon de la Pena [ramondlp@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 18, 2008 9:24 AM  
**To:** Sen. Clayton Hee; Sen. Colleen Hanabusa; Sen. Lorraine R. Inouye; Sen. J. Kalani English; Sen. Carol Fukunaga; Sen. Jill Tokuda; Sen. Paul Whalen; Sen. Russell Kokubun; Sen. Gary Hooser  
**Subject:** Ron Agor's re-appointment to the BLNR

Dear Senators:

I am rushing this brief message to ask for your support of Mr. Ron Agor's re-appointment to the State Board of Land and Natural Resources.

Mr. Agor, a professional architect and resident of the Island of Kauai understands local land use issues and has effectively represented the residents of Kauai in his first term as member of the Board of Land and Natural Resources. He has demonstrated his concern for the Island of Kauai by working with State government and local residents in solving some of their problems such as the need of Kilauea farmers for an irrigation system and the lease of Kokee Recreation Residences. I am confident that he will continue to work with and for all of us here in Kauai effectively.

Thank you very much.

Respectfully,

Ramon S. de la Pena  
Emeritus Professor and Agronomist  
University of Hawaii

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**From:** erik@islandunderground.net  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 19, 2008 12:08 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Ron Agor BLNR Confirmation

Aloha Senators on the Committee on Water & Land,

I would like to submit my brief testimony in support of the re-confirmation of Ron Agor as the Kaua'i representative to the Board of Land & Natural Resources (BLNR).

I am very frustrated by the current position taken by the DLNR regarding the Koke'e Master Plan, and their stated intention to have an auction for the Koke'e cabins in the next several months.

I trust Mr. Agor at his word that he intends to protect this invaluable resource from mis- and over-development, and to find appropriate ways to maintain Kaua'i families connections to their historic mountain cabins.

Therefore, I support Ron Agor's re-confirmation to the BLNR, in the hope that he will be the champion of the people he represents.

Mahalo,  
Erik Coopersmith

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**From:** Charles Iona [Chaz8899@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 19, 2008 1:42 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Testimony Status GM 430

Ref: Testimony in favor of Ron Agor to be appointed to the Board of Land and Natural Resources

I wanted to take this opportunity to send in my testimony in favor of appointing Mr. Ron Agor to the Board of Land and Natural Resources. Being the Director of Safety and Risk Management for Kikiaola Land Company, who is the management company for the Lodge at Koke'e State Park, I was most impressed with Mr. Agor's compassion for the employees presently working at Koke'e. He understood that jobs were difficult to come by on Kaua'i and he knew personal lives depended whether or not the contract for the management of lodge were to be extended or not. At the hearing which took place in Honolulu recently, he asked several hard but honest questions of those who were testifying that day. I found Mr. Agor to have been very even keeled and thorough in his decisions and statements as well as his knowledge of the rules and regulations and this I think is what the Board of Land and Natural Resources needs now and for the future. Please accept my testimony and extend my mahalo to Mr. Agor for all of the good work he has done so far.

Thank you!

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**From:** Mike Loo [mloo@princeville.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 19, 2008 1:52 PM

**To:** testimony

**Subject:** Nomination of Ron Agor to State Land Board, February 20, 2008 at 2:45 p.m. before Senate Water and Land Committee

Aloha Senator Hee and members of the Senate Water and Land Committee.

My name is Michael Loo and I am testifying in favor of Mr. Ron Agor's nomination to continue on the state Land Board. I have known Mr. Agor professionally and personally for more than 20 years and feel that he has the integrity, knowledge and experience to serve competently on this very, very important government body. Mr. Agor is a respected architect on Kauai, with a long history of selfless community service. He has and will represent the best interests of his community well. Please confirm his nomination to continue to serve the people of Kauai.

**Michael Y.M. Loo**

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**From:** Jerry Edlao [edlaoj001@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 19, 2008 2:10 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Cc:** Russell Tsuji; Laura Thielen; Ron Agor  
**Subject:** GM 430

To: WTL Committe Members,

This is to inform the committee that I, Jerry Edlao (current Maui Board member) am in support of Mr. Ron Agor's

confirmation to the BLNR during your meeting on 02/20/2008 @ 2:45 PM. Ron has brought a lot of insight to

issues particularly regarding Kauai. He is a tremendous and very well informed member on the Board. To have

him confirmed will assure that his expertise and knowledge will be a continued resource for all board members in

making decisions to, "Preserve & Protect Our Resources of Hawaii".

Thanking you in advance, your consideration is greatly appreciated.

Jerry Edlao  
Maui Land Board Member

JONATHAN J. CHUN  
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February 19, 2008

**VIA FAX ONLY (800) 586-6659**

Senator Clayton Hee, Chair  
Senate Committee on Water and Land  
State Capitol, Conference Room 414  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Hearing date: Wednesday, February 20, 2008, 2:45 p.m.  
Conference Room 414

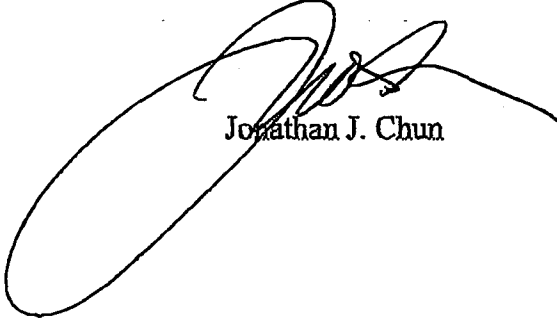
Re: GM 430, Ron Agor

Dear Chair Hee and members:

My name is Jonathan Chun and I am a private attorney with the law firm of Belles, Graham, Proudfoot Wilson & Chun, LLP. I am offering testimony in support of the reappointment of Ron Agor as a member of the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

Mr. Agor is a well known and respected architect here on the island of Kauai. As an architect he has donated many hours to various nonprofit organizations. Some of the nonprofit organizations/projects he has helped include the Kauai chapter of the YMCA, the Kauai Children's Discovery Museum, Kauai Economic Development Agency, Saint Catherine's Catholic Church, Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and the design of the new Kapa'a ballpark bleachers. I applaud him for his willingness to get involved and to help make our island a better place. He has been a very thoughtful and accessible representative on the Board of Land and Natural Resources and has made an impact on some of the major decisions facing our island. I respectfully request your kind consideration of Mr. Agor's nomination.

Sincerely,



Jonathan J. Chun

cc: Mr. Ron Agor

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COUNTY OF KAUAI  
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February 19, 2008

Honorable Senator Clayton Hee  
Chair  
Committee on Water and Land  
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 228  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Hee and Members:

RE: Gubernatorial Nominee, Ron Agor, to the Board of Land and Natural Resources

I am Fire Chief Robert F. Westerman of the Kaua'i Fire Department (KFD), and I strongly support the nomination of Ron Agor to the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

Ron has been an active, community minded citizen with an outstanding reputation of doing what is best for Kaua'i and Hawai'i as a whole. He is pro-active in problem solving and has the ability to balance the concerns of our citizens and the environment we live in.

I respectfully urge your favorable consideration on Ron Agor's nomination and thank you for the opportunity to testify on his behalf.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Westerman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Robert Westerman  
Fire Chief, County of Kaua'i

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