

**TESTIMONY OF THE
COUNTY OF KAUA'I
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

**TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE
ON WATER AND LAND**

**TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2008**

**February 20, 2008
2:45 p.m.**

LATE TESTIMONY

**TESTIMONY ON GM 430, RELATING TO GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE RON AGOR TO
THE BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES.**

TO THE HONORABLE CLAYTON HEE, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Bryan J. Baptiste, Mayor, providing testimony in support of
Gubernatorial Nominee Ron Agor to the Board of Land and Natural Resources (Board).

Mr. Agor is a member of the Board, and has been nominated for a term to expire on
June 30, 2012. During his present tenure, the Board has considered a number of high
profile issues affecting Kaua'i, including the Kokee leases and applications involving sites
in historically significant locations such as Kōloa. Not surprisingly, the Kaua'i community
has diverse opinions on these important issues, and emotions may run high during the
Board's deliberations. Throughout, Mr. Agor conducted himself calmly and professionally,
and showed the community he is open to all points of view. The Board will inevitably face
many more controversial issues, and Mr. Agor's expertise and demeanor will be an asset to
the Board in their current and future deliberations.

We ask you to confirm his nomination, and thank you for the opportunity to present
testimony on this matter.

GM 430

February 19, 2008

Senator Clayton Hee
State of Hawaii Senate

LATE TESTIMONY

Dear Senator,

I am very pleased to write in support of Mr. Ron Agor re-appointment to the State Land Board.

As a Kauai-born resident, his experience as an Architect and on the board, he is sensitive and advocates the importance of preserving Hawaii's uniqueness which are all vital to sustaining our natural resources, economy and way of life.

I asked that you earnestly consider him to continue serving the State Land Board. I thank you very much and should you need to talk to me, I can be reached at (808)482-0267.

Sincerely,

Liza Cabal Trinidad

Liza Cabal Trinidad
Nursing Home Administrator
Kauai Care Center
&
Board Member, Kauai Filipino Chamber of Commerce

LATE TESTIMONY

From: Jerry Edlao [edlaoj001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 19, 2008 2:52 PM
To: Sen. Clayton Hee; Sen. Russell Kokubun; Sen. Jill Tokuda; Sen. Carol Fukunaga; Sen. Paul Whalen
Cc: Russell Tsujii; Laura Thielen; Ron Agor; Ron Agor
Subject: GM430 - Ron Agor confirmation

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

2/20/2008

LATE TESTIMONY

Honorable Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
Committee on Water and Land

Aloha, Senator Hee:

I am testifying in support of Mr. Ron Agor's reappointment to the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

Mr. Agor is a model citizen and a role model for the youth of Kauai and the State of Hawaii. Having grown up on the Westside of Kauai, in what was largely a sugar cane community, Mr. Agor took responsibility for his future and moved to the mainland, where he earned his degree in Planning and Architecture.

In the mid-80's, he moved back to Kauai with his family and he embarked on a successful architectural business.

One of the positive qualities that I see in Mr. Agor is his desire to make things better. Whether it is the permitting process, government procedures or the livelihood of our citizens, he is always pushing the envelope for new and better ways to get things done.

Mr. Agor always gives freely of his time and resources. He is a forward looking planner who is deserving of this confirmation. I humbly ask that your Senate Committee on Water and Land approve Mr. Agor's confirmation today.

Aloha,

Roland D. Sagum III