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February 19, 2008

Via Email: testimony@capitol.hawaii.gov

The Honorable Clayton Hee and Committee Members
Committee on Water and Land
State Senate
Hawaii State Capitol
417 South Beretania Street, Room 228
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Re: Confirmation of Normand Lezy as a State Land Use Commission Member

Dear Senator Hee and Committee Members:

I am writing in support of the confirmation of Normand (Chip) Lezy as a member of the State Land Use Commission.

I have known Chip in a professional and personal capacity for more than ten years, and I have consistently admired his passionate commitment to his work, and the highest standards that he applies to every endeavor that he undertakes. Equally impressive is his commitment to his family, and to the quality of life that they live here in our State. Chip is hard-working and committed to excellence, and personifies the highest ethical standards. On this basis, I believe that he will be an excellent member of the State Land Use Commission.

I stand in strong support of Chip's nomination, and I urge the Committee to favorably consider his nomination, and recommend that he be confirmed by the full Senate.

Very truly yours,

/s/ SCOTT H. HIGASHI

Scott H. Higashi

cc: Normand (Chip) Lezy

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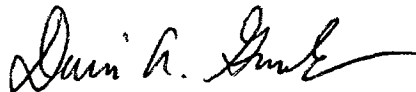
Dear Senator Hee and Committee Members:

I strongly support the confirmation of Normand (Chip) Lezy, as a State Land use Commission Member.

In my experience, Mr. Lezy is an outstanding attorney and solid individual with the necessary experience, knowledge and temperament to be an effective member of the State Land Use Commission. I have no doubt that Mr. Lezy's has a thorough understanding of the land use issues facing the State of Hawaii, particularly with the district boundaries involving landowners, developers and State and County agencies. I am confident that Mr. Lezy understands and embraces the nuances impacting Hawaii with respect to the preservation and protection of its land and natural resources.

Moreover, I know Mr. Lezy to be an attorney with the highest ethics, integrity and professionalism in his practice in Hawaii. I fully support the appointment of Normand Lezy as a Commission Member for the State Land Use Commission.

Sincerely,



DAVID A. GRUEBNER

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Dear Senator Hee and Committee Members:

I heartily endorse the confirmation of Normand "Chip" Lezy, as a State Land Use Commission Member.

It has been my pleasure to know Mr. Lezy for several years now, and I have consistently found him to be a person with the highest integrity, morals, and dedication in both his work and family life. Both qualities are crucial for any citizen who is called upon to serve our community. Since graduating from William S. Richardson School of Law, Mr. Lezy has earned an impeccable reputation as an attorney. His experience in the practice of law and his positive demeanor will only enhance his ability to assist and guide our State as a Member of the State Land Use Commission.

I support his nomination without reservation and would be happy to answer any questions you might have.

Very truly yours,



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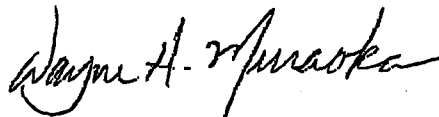
I strongly support the confirmation of Normand (Chip) Lezy as a State Land Use Commission Member.

I have known Chip since he started his law career at Goodwill Anderson Quinn & Stifel. I have always been impressed by his strong intellect and his ability to handle challenging issues and situations. He is well-liked and trusted by those who know and work with him. He listens well and is able to understand and address issues and concerns presented to him. While always a team player, I believe Chip will stand strong for what he believes is right. I also believe he will be exceptional at finding creative ways to address and resolve difficult issues.

For all of these reasons, I believe Normand (Chip) Lezy will be a valuable member of the Land Use Commission, and I request that his appointment to the State Land Use Commission be confirmed.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this testimony.

Very truly yours,



Wayne H. Muraoka

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Dear Senator Hee and Committee Members:

My name is Paul Grable and I have been an active member of the Hawaii State Bar Association practicing in the area of construction law for the past 22 years.

I understand that Governor Lingle has recently appointed my friend and colleague, Chip Lezy, as a permanent member of the State Land Use Commission. I fully and wholeheartedly endorse this appointment and I encourage you to confirm the nomination.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Very truly yours,



Paul R. Grable

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cc: Normand (Chip) Lezy (E-Mail: nrl@lkl-law.com)

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Re: Confirmation of Normand Lezy as a State Land Use Commission Member

Dear Senator Hee and Committee Members:

I support the confirmation of Normand (Chip) Lezy, as a State Land use Commission Member for the following reasons.

I have known Normand Lezy for the past 10 years professionally and socially. I have found his character to be nothing less than above board. He is a solid individual that can assess the pros and cons and draw a solid conclusion on what is right or wrong.

His appointment as a Commissioner to the State Land Use will definitely add to the further development and enhancement of our State.

Very truly yours,

MacArthur M. Avecilla

cc: Normand (Chip) Lezy (Fax: 524-7575; E-Mail:

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Re: Confirmation of Normand R. "Chip" Lezy as a State Land Use Commission Member

Dear Senator Hee and Committee Members:

I am writing to support the confirmation of Normand R. "Chip" Lezy as a State Land Use Commission Member, for a full four year term. Last year I wrote in support of Chip's interim appointment and I support his appointment to a full term for the same reasons stated in my earlier letter, which I will reprint below.

I have known Chip for over 13 years, both personally and professionally. I am privileged to also know his parents, wife and children. My late wife, Linda Z. Leong, was a partner in the law firm that Chip started with as an associate in 1994. Later, Chip joined the law firm that my wife and brother started in 1998. Although we are both attorneys, my relationship with Chip is more personal than professional, since we practice in different areas of the law.

A major part of my practice is real property law. I am aware of how important land use is to the people of the State of Hawaii. My firm represented the Kapiolani Park Preservation Society before the Land Use Commission in the Society's attempt to challenge the building of a Burger King restaurant in Kapiolani Park. Although the Commission disagreed with our position, we ultimately prevailed in the Supreme Court. The process of appearing before the Commission, appealing the Commission's decision to the Circuit Court and then appealing the Circuit Court's decision to the Supreme Court showed me how important the Commission's role is in a State where land is so limited and valuable.

I believe that Chip has the temperament and reasoning skills to serve the State well as a Commissioner. I know that the position has the potential for being very political and that Commissioners are subject to persons who attempt to influence the decision of the

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Commission. I also know that Chip has the integrity to make the proper decision without yielding to those outside pressures.

I wholeheartedly support Chip's confirmation, without reservation.

Very truly yours,



Kim C. Leong

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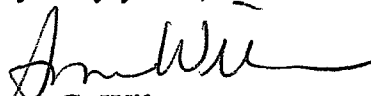
Dear Senator Hee and Committee Members:

I am writing this letter to support the confirmation of Normand "Chip" Lezy, as a State Land Use Commission member.

I have known Chip for more than a decade, both professionally and personally. As an attorney, he is brilliant, diligent, conscientious, ethical, and incredibly hard-working (truthfully, one of the hardest-working attorneys I know). His legal knowledge, civility, and capability (and witty sense of humor) are well known in the legal community. In addition, in the past few years, I have seen him become an amazing, supportive father to his two little girls.

There is no question in my mind that the Land Use Commission would greatly benefit from having Chip as a member. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,


Susan C. Wilson

cc: Chip Lezy

February 20, 2008

(Via Facsimile: 586-6659)

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Re: Confirmation of Normand Lezy as a State Land Use Commission Member

Dear Senator Hee and Committee Members:

I support the confirmation of Normand (Chip) Lezy, as a State Land Use Commission Member for the following reasons:

I have known Chip for over 15 years in academic and social arenas and believe he is bright, articulate, fair and accomplished. His professional experience and knowledge of environmental and maritime law will be of significant value to the Commission in its goal to preserve and protect Hawaii's lands.

I have also known Chip to be involved in the community, including his role on the Alison K. Adams Scholarship Selection Committee. Our committee's purpose is to select a (nontraditional law student) scholarship recipient. It's clear from our past meetings that Chip is fair, equitable and thorough in his decision making. I have no doubt this will carry through with whatever issues are placed before Chip.

For these reasons and many more not articulated here, it is with genuine honor that I request your confirmation of Normand Lezy's appointment to the State Land Use Commission. Thank you for this opportunity to be heard.

Very truly yours,



Harrilynn Kameenui

cc: Normand (Chip) Lezy (e-mail: nrl@lkl-law.com)

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Dear Senator Hee and Colleagues,

Please support Mr. Lezy's confirmation to the LUC. You can always trust him to be thorough and fair.

Mahalo,

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SUBJECT: Testimony in Support of the Gubernatorial
Nomination of Norman R. Lezy to the State Land Use
Commission

Honorable Senator Hee,

This testimony is in full support of the gubernatorial nomination of Norman R. Lezy to the State Land Use Commission, to be heard by your committee on Wednesday, February 20, 2008 at 2:45 p.m. in Conference Room 414.

Due to a previous commitment, I will not be able to testify in person and thus I am taking this opportunity to ask for your committee's favorable consideration for the appointment of "Chip" Lezy to the State Land Use Commission.

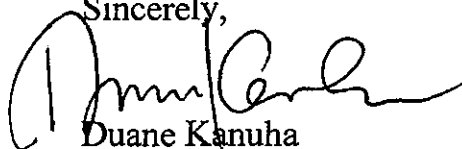
As a former Deputy Planning Director and Planning Director, I have had extensive opportunity to interact with the State Land Use Commission in the past. In 2006, I had the honor to be nominated and was confirmed to the Big Island seat on the State Land Use Commission, and I presently serve as the Commission's Vice Chairperson.

To the layperson and even to those with extensive knowledge of government and land use planning, the State Land Use Commissions quasi-judicial process can, and is extremely daunting. It takes a special kind of person

with a quick and inquisitive attitude to become an asset to the commission's deliberations and I can attest that for the short time that he has served as an interim appointee, Chip has those attributes.

I did not know Chip prior to his appointment but I believe that with his background and experience, and most importantly, his positive attitude, he will be an excellent commissioner...one that I would feel very comfortable with on the commission when my term is pau.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Duane Kanuha". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "K".

Duane Kanuha

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Dear Senator Hee and Committee Members:

It is with privilege that I write to you in recommendation of Normand ("Chip") Lezy. I have known Chip for approximately 11 years. I had the great opportunity of working with Chip for seven years as his legal assistant. While deadlines and trials put a lot of pressure on attorneys and their assistants, Chip always handled such situations with the highest degree of professionalism. What I admired most was that he never treated me as his subordinate; he works with the team concept in mind and always treated me and his colleagues with respect.

One of Chip's greatest qualities is his outstanding organizational skills. He has a list of things to do and his cases are neatly laid out based on priority. Even when his caseload gets hectic and files end up on the floor, he still lays them out in an orderly fashion. If he calls for me to look for something while he's away from the office, I would find it with ease. He works with enthusiasm and diligence.

Chip will be a valuable asset to the Land Use Commission. Chip is the type of person who cares deeply in anything he is involved with and you can count on him to remain committed to your mission. He works with great ethics and knowledge. In the 17 years that I worked as a legal secretary/assistant, Chip is by far THE BEST attorney I have ever worked with. If it were not for the fact that I went from reserve to active status with the military, I would work with Chip forever.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via telephone 341-0401 (cell) or 448-3566 (work) or the address noted above.

Very truly yours,



Chris Aragon-Lim

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Dear Senator Hee and Committee Members:

I am a partner with the law firm of Rush Moore LLP. I have known Normand "Chip" Lezy for approximately fifteen (15) years. We met while young associates at Goodsell Anderson Quinn & Stifel. I fully support the confirmation of Chip as a State Land Use Commission Member.

Chip is a hard-working, dedicated attorney. He possesses a broad knowledge base concerning land use issues, maritime law and commercial litigation. His work has always been top-notch.

Equally as important, Chip possesses an easy working style. Attorneys welcome his involvement in cases. Although a strong advocate, Chip has always had the ability to see both sides of a given issue. Chip would be a valuable asset to the State Land Use Commission.

Please let me know if there is any further information which may be helpful to Chip's confirmation.

Very truly yours,


SHAWN MAILE NAKOA

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Dear Senator Hee and Committee Members:

I am writing in strong support for Normand (Chip) Lezy's confirmation to the State Land Use Commission. I have known Chip for twelve years. We have been friends since law school, thus can attest to his good character and competence to serve the State Land Use Commission. Chip is intelligent and professional. He has a successful law practice and is well respected in the legal community. He has a strong work ethic and has had an impressive legal career. Chip is also a great friend, husband and father to his children. Chip is well qualified to serve the state in this capacity.

Thank you for your time in considering my recommendation.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tana Kekina-Cabaniero

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