

**TESTIMONY**  
**GM 486**

## testimony

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THIS IS TESTIMONY FOR THE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND MEETING ON MONDAY MARCH 31, 2008 AT 2:45 PM IN CONF. ROOM 414

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Sunday, March 30, 2008

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

Re: Consideration of Lisa M. Judge as a State Land Use Commission Member

Dear Senator Hee and Commission Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today to as you consider my re-appointment to the State Land Use Commission. As you might be aware, I have served as the Maui Commissioner on the State Land Use Commission since July 1, 2004 and I have served as its Chair since July 2006.

The past four years have been both challenging and rewarding. I am aware of how the Commission functions, the importance of its work, and the far reaching implications on the communities and citizens of our State.

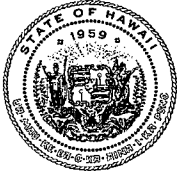
The Commission faces the important task of balancing the protection of the areas of State concern and the interests of the respective county while determining the best use of the use of the land. With the knowledge of the procedures and protocols of the process along with a commitment to fairness, I feel that I could be a valuable member of the Commission.

I respectfully ask that you support my nomination to the State Land Use Commission. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Aloha,

Lisa M. Judge

cc: Senator Russell Kokubunn



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Statement of  
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before the  
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER & LAND**  
Monday, March 31, 2008  
2:45 p.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 414

in consideration of  
**GM 486**  
**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION**  
**TO THE LAND USE COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE**  
**LISA M. JUDGE**

To the Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair, and the Honorable Russell S. Kokubun, Vice Chair, and Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land.

My name is Rod Maile, and I am the Interim Executive Officer of the Land Use Commission ("Commission"), and on behalf of the Commission, I am here to respectfully request that this Committee favorably consider the nomination of Lisa M. Judge to serve as Commissioner for the Commission for a second four-year term.

Ms. Judge was first appointed to the Commission on July 1, 2004, and has been the Chairperson of the Commission since July 6, 2006. During her tenure as Chairperson, Ms. Judge has guided the Commission through a number of high profile and very complex matters.

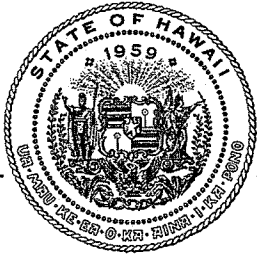
Ms. Judge has consistently demonstrated her leadership skills and her formidable knowledge of the land use planning laws and procedures which she developed during her tenure as the Director and Deputy Director of Planning for the County of Maui. Ms. Judge has a reputation for being fair and impartial in her role as Chairperson, and her leadership style is to ask the difficult questions of the parties, carefully listen and consider the information, and then seek consensus from the other members of the Commission.

Ms. Judge is extremely bright, and is quick to grasp even the most technical and complex legal issues. She is also very self-effacing, choosing to focus on the matters at hand before the entire Commission, rather than advocate her own individual perspective. All of the Commissioners are very independent and take their responsibilities very seriously, and Ms. Judge, as Chairperson, has fostered the participation of every Commissioner during the Commission's deliberations on matters submitted to the Commission, thereby assuring that every decision of the Commission is the result of careful and thoughtful consideration by every Commission member.

Above all else, as Chairperson of the Commission, Ms. Judge has made sure that every party, every member of the public presenting testimony on a proceeding, and every witness, is treated fairly, courteously, and with all due respect. Given the number of significant matters that are pending before the Commission, Ms. Judge's reappointment to the Commission will ensure that the Commission will continue to fulfill all of its responsibilities in a fair and open manner.

For these reasons, we respectfully ask for your favorable consideration of Ms. Judge's nomination to serve as Commissioner on the Land Use Commission.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify before this Committee.



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Statement of  
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**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION  
TO THE LAND USE COMMISSION,  
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, LISA M. JUDGE,  
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2012.**

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

As the Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, to which the Land Use Commission is administratively attached, I offer my strong support for the reappointment of Lisa M. Judge to the Land Use Commission ("Commission").

By way of background, from 1997 through 1999, Ms. Judge was the Deputy Director, and subsequently, the Director of Planning for the County of Maui. Subsequently, from August 1999, to January 2001, Ms. Judge was the Director of Marketing for the Kaanapali Beach Resort Association, and from October 2000 to February 2007, Ms. Judge was the owner and broker of Paliku Realty in Wailuku, Maui, Hawai'i. Since February 2007, Ms.

Judge has been a real estate sales consultant with Makena Bay Properties on Maui. Ms. Judge's resume is attached hereto for the Committee's reference.

Ms. Judge was previously appointed to the Commission on July 1, 2004, and her present term will expire on June 30, 2008. Ms. Judge was elected as Chairperson of the Commission on July 6, 2006, and during her tenure as Chairperson, Ms. Judge has presided over a number of significant and controversial matters that were filed with the Commission. Ms. Judge's integrity, character, intelligence, and fairness have been consistently demonstrated throughout her appointment to the Commission, and with the assistance of this Committee and the entire Senate, Ms. Judge will continue to faithfully and responsibly serve the people of the State of Hawai`i as a member of the Commission.

On behalf of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, I thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of Ms. Judge's confirmation to the Land Use Commission.

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March 29, 2008

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**Re: Confirmation of Lisa M. Judge as a State Land Use Commission Member**

Dear Senator Hee and Committee Members:

I write in support of the confirmation of Lisa M. Judge as a State Land Use Commission Member. Because of a prior commitment I will be unable to testify before you in person. I therefore respectfully request that you accept this written testimony and ask that you give favorable consideration to Ms. Judge's appointment.

I currently serve on the Land Use Commission with Ms. Judge. I have worked on the Commission for only a short period of time. I have been fortunate as a new member to have a group of fellow Commissioners who not only have a broad range of experience, but who also have shared generously with me of their experience as I continue to learn the work of the Commission. No member has been more obliging than Ms. Judge.

More important, I have also had the opportunity to observe Ms. Judge's work as the Commission's Chairperson. In the short time that I have served on the Commission we have had come before us a number of very contentious matters involving issues with far-reaching effect. Ms. Judge's work as Chairperson – an often difficult job even under “normal” circumstances – ensured that the issues before the Commission could be given proper consideration with the confidence of the parties involved in the proceedings.

I believe that Ms. Judge will continue to be a valuable asset to the Commission and encourage you to confirm her reappointment to the Land Use Commission. Thank you for your consideration of my testimony.

Aloha,

  
Normand R. Lezy

cc: Ms. Lisa M. Judge

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