

**TESTIMONY**  
**GM 399**  
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LIFE TESTIMONY

## SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, AGRICULTURE, AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009, 11:00 A.M.

### TESTIMONY SUPPORTING THE CONFIRMATION OF GM 399, KAREN YOUNG TO THE LEGACY LANDS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

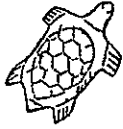
Chair Hee and members of the Committee:

The Sierra Club, Hawai'i Chapter, with over 5500 dues paying members statewide, supports GM 399, the appointment of Karen Young to the Legacy Lands Conservation Commission.

Karen has been an active resident on environmental and land use issues on the Waianae coast for years. Her commitment to the environment was apparent in her recent decision to purchase an expensive photovoltaic energy system for her home – complete with battery backup. She learned the value of that system last October during the blackout after the earthquake when they didn't even realize that the power had gone down.

Karen will be a welcome voice on the new Legacy Lands Conservation Commission.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.



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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND,  
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February 16, 2009, 11:00 A.M.  
Room 229

**(Testimony is 1 page long)**

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GM 399, KAREN YOUNG  
TO THE LEGACY LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Chair Hee and members of the Committee:

I am submitting testimony in support of GM 399, Karen Young to serve another term on the Legacy Land Conservation Commission. I am submitting this testimony in my personal capacity, as the role of this Commission falls outside the scope of Blue Planet Foundation's direct mission and interests.

I have known Karen for a number of years and have always admired her passion, interests, and knowledge on environmental matters. Karen has been an active resident on environmental and land use issues on the Waianae coast for many years. Karen's actions show that she not only talks the talk but she walks the walk.

Her commitment to the environment was apparent in her 2006 decision to purchase an expensive photovoltaic energy system for her home. The system she purchased can complete with battery backup to store the energy she collects from her rooftop. That system has served her and her family well through two blackouts on O'ahu.

Karen is a patient and thoughtful voice on the Legacy Lands Conservation Commission. Her continued participation as a member serves us all well.

Mahalo for the opportunity to share my testimony.

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