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Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 226
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Ms. Chun Oakland,

I have known Ms. Norita De Lima since 1990 when I was her vocational rehabilitation counselor and assisted her with training and employment. Norita worked as an administrative assistant clerk for Ka Lima O Maui, a private non-profit organization serving adults with disabilities and economic disadvantages. Ms. De Lima showed commitment, diligence and compassion in her work with clients and staff.

After a few years, Ms. De Lima needed to focus on other priorities. However, she continued to serve as a volunteer for community programs and organizations who served persons with disabilities or the disadvantaged.

I can say without reserve that Ms. De Lima is a leader in our Maui community for persons with disabilities. She has a good sense of advocacy needs and strength to represent others in need due to disabilities or other disadvantages. I am pleased to write this letter of recommendation for Ms. De Lima's nomination to the State Rehabilitation Council.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lydia Sheets".

Lydia Sheets, M.Ed. CRC
Rehabilitation Counselor