

**TESTIMONY**  
**GM 233**

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The Honorable Clayton Hee  
Chair, Senate Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs  
The Senate  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Nomination to the Island Burial Council, Island of Molokai  
G.M. 233

Dear Senator Hee:

I am submitting the following responses to your questions in order to assist the Senate with the confirmation process on my nomination to the Island Burial Council, Island of Molokai. Responses coincide with your numbered questions.

- (1) Why do you wish to be a member of the Island Burial Council, Island of Molokai?
  - a. I am willing to serve as a member of the Island Burial Council, Island of Molokai. It is service rather than a wish that prompts me to write.
  
- (2) How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the Island Burial Council, Island of Molokai?
  - a. I perceive the role and responsibilities as a member of the Island Burial Council, Island of Molokai to keep abreast of matters pertaining to burial sites on Molokai, and to be available for meetings of the Council. Also, having attended the only meeting with quorum which was a training session, I do have a sense of the issues that may come before the Council and how they may be resolved within the law.
  
- (3) Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a member of the Island Burial Council, Island of Molokai, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise, or knowledge that would aid in your decision-making ability as a member of the Island Burial Council, Island of Molokai.
  - a. I believe that whatever skills, expertise, knowledge that might qualify me for this position comes from being a native of Molokai and knowing stories of the area not only found in books and respecting the people that came before, the people here now and people to come. I will draw upon my educational background as a political scientist, teacher and information

specialist to make sound and solid decisions by taking time to know and understand issues that come before the Council.

- (4) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?
  - a. I would certainly hope that the Island Burial Council, Island of Molokai could meet so that I can feel a sense of accomplishment in at least trying to resolve pending issues that the people of Molokai have.
  
- (5) Name three qualities that best describe you and that would make you stand out. How would these qualities benefit the Island Burial Council, Island of Molokai?
  - a. I am honest, willing to listen and have a strong sense of self, which are qualities that would help the Council.
  
- (6) Name one previous experience that would make you stand out. How would this benefit the Island Burial Council, Island of Molokai?
  - a. One standout experience is serving as a member of the Governor's Advisory Board for Island of Molokai, 2005 – 2007 which gives me a working knowledge on Sunshine Law, structure of community hearings, which would be useful on the Island Burial Council.
  
- (7) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the Island Burial Council, Island of Molokai? How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest?
  - a. I don't foresee conflicts of interests at this time. If a conflict of interest should arise, I will disclose.

I have answered your questions as best as I could and with some thought. I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

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