

TESTIMONY
GM 307

February 23rd, 2010

Senator Clayton Hee
Chair, Senate Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs
Hawai'i State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Re: Request for a written statement for nomination by Governor Linda Lingle GM 307
to serve on the Kahana Valley Living Park Planning Council

Dear Sir;

The following is my written statement as requested:

- 1) I believe first of all that my role is one of service to my community. As a member of the Kahana Valley Living Park Planning Council, I will continue to serve my community. I believe my degree in Urban Regional Planning can be fully utilized to help to set the perimeters of goals and objectives and guidelines needed to accomplish the task of planning a Master Plan for the Ahupua'a O Kahana.
- 2) The role and responsibilities is a large task and undertaking for this Council. The fact that our community has had many Consultants plan master plans for Kahana from the Mogi Plans to the People's Plan and presented to the Board of Land and Natural Resources only to be accepted but none approved, will be challenging. I feel this new Council is ready to do all that is necessary to come up with a solid planning process for the entire Ahupua'a O Kahana. This will include planning for the future of the families and their role and responsibility in Kahana, recognizing the importance of every resident will be significant.
- 3) I believe the Council should be comprised of members that have and understanding of land-use planning, environmental planning, social and cultural impacts and knowledge of all of the natural resources as land and water and how the Ahupua'a system works for the benefit of our community. I am a graduate of the University of Hawai'i-Manoa, Department of Urban and Regional Planning, a major/field I elected because of my love for the land-base and people of Hawai'i. Today, I believe I am the only one in Kahana with that background. I believe our community wanted to have an election for their representatives on the Council, and then have our Kahana Community Association President submit their names for nomination by Governor Linda Lingle. I am pleased that I was one that was considered. I have served my community since 1972 and will be a willing participant to serve on the Kahana Valley Living Park Planning Council. As cited in my testimony, as a kupuna I have lived my culture. My skills include sharing our culture through interpretive programs of history and facts, skills in canoe paddling and

canoe building, skills of taro planting, restoration of the Huilua fishpond, arts and crafts and la'au lapa'au or medicinal herbs.. My decision-making will always be based on the benefit to our community and its residents.

- 4) A master plan acceptable to the legislature, the Board of Land and Natural Resources and the residents of the Ahupua'a O Kahana will help to accomplish respect and peace in our community.
- 5) I can truly say that I am a trooper for my 'ohana first as a Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother, known as kupuna and respected by those that acknowledge those titles. I am a leader in my moku and community, past president of the Kahana Unity Council, Past president and past secretary of Kahana Community Association, Vice-President of Friends of Kahana, Board member of Malama 'Ohana, Government Relations Chair of the O'ahu Council of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs and President of the Ko'olauloa Hawaiian Civic Club. And third, I am an advocate for native Hawaiians and issues pertaining to minorities. All these attributes and qualities are needed to serve the Ahupua'a O Kahana, therefore I believe that I can contribute all my expertise to make the Kahana Valley Living Park Planning Council one of service.
- 6) Serving as the Representative for the 46th District and being honest in my dealings. Always sharing the correct information in all my work.
- 7) If there are any conflicts at all, the possible conflicts would arise out of family relationships. As all residents of Kahana are related to each other one way or another in our Na Mo'okuauhau/Geneologies. To always be fair, I would always be open to any and all discussions from the residents and other public members that wish to participate. Unfortunately, those being evicted and given two year moratorium include Lena Soliven my sister's daughter and my niece. The other is Sherri Lynn Johnson, my adult daughter and her two sons. Both clearly understand that Kahana is special and all lessees are required to participate in cultural programs to benefit the public. As mentioned in my testimony, I can acknowledge three generations of ancestors and three generations of my posterity. I thank you for the opportunity to share my heartfelt statement.

Mahalo,

Danielle Ululani Beirne-Keawe

February 23rd, 2010

Senate Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs
Senator Clayton Hee, Chair and Committee Members
Hawai'i State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

RE: Presentation before the Committee for the Nomination by Governor Linda Lingle to the Kahana Valley Living Park Planning Council G.M. 307

Aloha Chairman Clayton Hee and members of the Senate Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs,

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide you and members of your committee with background information for your consideration of my confirmation to the Kahana Valley Living Park Planning Council, GM Number 307.

I am Danielle Ululani Beirne-Keawe and was born in Honolulu and raised in Kahana Valley and also Maunaloa Valley. My father was Daniel Francis Beirne, retired Chief Petty Officer in the Navy for over twenty years and my mother was Mary Hart Kawaauhau, former kumu hula and both were raised in Kahana Valley. My paternal grandmother was Nancy Lokalia Kaaikai from Punalu'u and my paternal grandfather was Joseph Beirne from Roscommon, Ireland. My tutu later married Sam Nuhi of Kahana and raised her siblings in Kahana. My maternal grandmother was Mary Kanihokui Duchalsky from Maunaloa and my maternal grandfather was James Hart Kawaauhau, whose lineage is from Miloli'i, the opelu fishing village from the Big Island. I am a kupuna. I have four siblings, two sons and two daughters, nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren and a very large extended 'ohana.

I attended Kamehameha Elementary Schools, transferred to Ka'a'awa Elementary Schools after four years and then Kahuku High and Intermediate School, Kamehameha Schools again as a sophomore and graduated from McKinley High. There were many other schools in between coming from a military family and traveling to even a country as Japan. After graduation, I started my family quite young, worked for the Foodland food chain for many years, also for the Hawaiian Telephone Company and then retired from the Outrigger Hotels after twenty-five years of service in 1992. My work opportunities were all people oriented and service related. While in the working industry, I decided to further my own education, having supported all four siblings and in 1983 till 1992 entered the educational system once more as a non-traditional student at Windward Community College. I received my Associates Degree in Liberal Arts in 1985, and attended the University of Hawai'i-Manoa and received my Bachelors Degree in Hawaiian Studies in 1988 and my Masters Degree in Urban Regional Planning, completing all my studies in 1992. I became politically involved with issues of interest to my 'ohana and community and served as a Representative for the 46th District from 1992 to 1994. I was awarded my degree in 2001 after completing my AOC on Citizen Participation in the

Community-Based Planning based on the Housing Planning Process for Kahana. I started my own business as the Native Hawaiian Protocol and Consultant Services, Inc. since 1995 and found that as a consultant on many issues that it was a business to serve humanity. I was a Consultant to the Obayashi project that won overwhelming support in 1995 on Hawaiian issues.

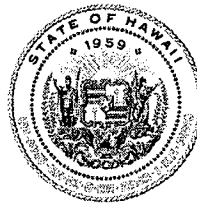
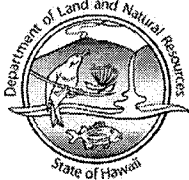
I am a resident of the Ahupua'a O Kahana, one of the original 31 lessees in Kahana. I can acknowledge three generations of ancestors and three generations of my posterity in Kahana. I have been part of the planning process for Kahana from 1972, supporting my father in all those tireless meetings for our kupuna since the condemnation of Kahana in 1965. The Hui O Kahana was the community association back then working with Ernest Heen. We later formed the Hui Malama Aina O Kahana with Adella Johnson and Lilliana Vincent, to address the caring of the 'aina and the natural resources as the land, water, auwai and estuary/ river, the Church and our people. Others involved were Marion Kelly and Winona Rubin from Alulike. Many of the original kuleana land owners came to contribute to the caring of Kahana. We also formed the Kahana 'Ohana Unity Council while presenting our case to the legislators as the political arm for Kahana. I was present with the Kupuna then to study the the Environmental Impact Statement back in the 1978 and studied every Master Plan presented to the Board of Land and Natural Resources only to have them documented as received and not approved. I sat on the Kahana Advisory Board with Bob Stauffer in our presentation to every legislator to support long-tenure leases versus 30 day revocable permits, back in 1987, and was instrumental in Governor John Waihe'e signing into law Act 5 to give our residents that opportunity. I have been a lobbyist for the cause of Housing, Infrastructure and Cultural funding for Kahana. I have been the lobbyist for those being evicted for cause and for desiring to continue to live on these lands we call home. I was very fortunate and grateful to have built my own home in Kahana in 1998. I have shared the history of Kahana through interpretive programs to many educational institutions that visit Kahana, through arts and crafts, medicinal herbs and our Huilua Fishpond and lo'i kalo. I have over 4,000 plus hours in voluntary hours being over the limit in credit hours for Kahana.

There is a real need to malama our kupuna, to malama our 'ohana, to malama our 'aina, to malama our wai and waiwai. I believe a healthy community will make for a healthy environment. I believe I can offer the tools needed to serve my community, the wealth of knowledge to share in the planning process and can render the support needed for those in need of homes. My background includes service to humanity and a love of people. I humbly ask for your support in my nomination by Governor Linda Lingle to serve on the Kahana Valley Living Park Planning Council.

Mahalo Piha

Danielle Ululani Beirne-Keawe

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**Testimony of
LAURA H. THIELEN
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**Before the Senate Committee on
WATER, LAND, AGRICULTURE, AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Wednesday, February 24, 2010
2:45 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 229**

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 307
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE KAHANA
VALLEY LIVING PARK PLANNING COUNCIL, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,
DANIELLE ULULANI BEIRNE-KEAWE, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2012**

Thank you for this opportunity to express support for the nomination of Danielle Ululani Beirne-Keawe to the Kahana Valley Living Park Planning Council for a term to expire 6-30-2012.

"Ulu", as she is called by everyone who knows her, was co-founder of the Friends of Kahana, an organization that was set up to provide support to Kahana residents in their dealings with the State. She is President of Malama 'Ohana and the Ko'olauloa Hawaiian Civic Club, and participates actively in the Kahana Community Association. Always striving to improve her skills and knowledge, she obtained a graduate degree in Urban and Regional Planning in 1992. Then to utilize those skills, she started a consultant business providing a variety of planning and community services.

Mrs. Beirne-Keawe's personal knowledge of the history of the Kahana ahupua'a and her dedication to Hawaiian cultural practices and values will serve her well and the Department of Land and Natural Resources supports her appointment for a two-year term and request that the Senate consent to her nomination.

From: malamapono@aol.com
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2010 3:48 PM
To: WTLTestimony
Subject: Testimony in support of Danielle Ululani Beirne - Kahana Valley Living Park Planning Council

This testimony is offered in support of Ululani Beirne, who has been nominated to serve on the Kahana Valley Living Park Planning Council.

The Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club strongly supports her confirmation and urges approval of this nomination by your committee.

Ulu Beirne is a dedicated native Hawaiian cultural practitioner and leader of the Kahana Valley community and the moku o Ko`olaupoko. She has given much of her life in service to the people of our community, and would be a knowledgeable asset to this council.

Mahalo for this opportunity to offer our mana`o.

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