

TESTIMONY
GM 308

February 18, 2010

Dear Governor and Senators,

This is a resume of my interests, knowledge and skills, and work experience that I feel qualifies me to be on the Kahana Valley Living Park Planning Council. Your approval of my application is appreciated. I will be in attendance at the hearing on Friday should you have any questions.

(1) Why do you wish to be a member of Kahana Valley Living Park Planning Council?

When I was asked by several people including some residents of Kahana to help them with their planning process, I had no hesitation in giving consent. For the last 10 years I have been the Queen Emma Foundation and later Queen's Health Systems representative Coordinator for Malama 'Ohana. It is comprised of leaders from each ahupua'a in Koolau Loa District charged with addressing individual ahupua'a and district community impact issues.

(2) How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the Kahana Valley Living Park Planning Council?

As a member of the Planning Council, I see myself as an enabler in promoting the communication between the residents, government, and other interested groups that will result in a planning document for Kahana Valley.

(3) Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a member of the Kahana Valley Living Park Planning Council, 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 Kahana Valley Living Park Planning Council.

I have 27 years of government work experience with Hawaiian Homes Lands Commission, Department of Social Services and Housing, Hawaii Housing Authority and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. Prior to that I was a social worker doing individual, family and community building groups with the Queen Liliuokalani Children's Center. Currently as a retiree from Queen's Health Systems I volunteer with the Hau'ula Native Hawaiian Health Center, consultant with the Windward Unit of QLCC in Punaluu.

I have hiked Kahana Valley from the summit to the ocean during my teenage to young adulthood years. I know of its legends, history, archaeological site restoration ie Huilua Fishpond and through membership on the State Historic Sites Review Board for over 16 years (chairman for 8 years),

(4) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

To develop a mutually agreeable planning process among the Council members in concert with the residents of the Valley.

- (4) Name three qualities that best describe you and that would make you stand out. How would these qualities benefit the Kahana Valley Living Park Planning Council?

I am HONEST, SINCERE/GENUINE, KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT HAWAIIAN CULTURE AND CULTURAL PRACTICES, AND have the DEMONSTRATED skills to establish working relationship to make this happen.

- (5) Name one previous experience that would make you stand out. How would this benefit the Kahana Valley Living Park Planning Council?

As staff to assist in Malama 'Ohana's planning and implementation of the arrival of Hokule'a at Kahana Valley on two different occasions. Resultant outcomes were 1,000-2,000 people were hosted at these events, mobilizing over 900 volunteers from the 8 ahupua'a of Koolau Loa District.

These events demonstrate my abilities to support and work with people from different walks of life in generating community pride towards achieving a goal.

- (6) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the Kahana Valley Living Park Planning Council? How would you overcome any conflict of interest.

I do not perceive a conflict at this time. If and when it happens I will deal with it openly and bring it to the Council's and appropriate governmental agency's attention.

Sincerely,
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