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Karen Piltz Support

March 31, 2010

The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair and
Committee Members
Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture, and
Hawaiian Affairs
Hawaii State Senate, State Capitol
415 S. Beretania St., Rm. 228
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: GM 341 Consideration and Confirmation to the Land Use Commission, Gubernatorial
Nominee, Ransom A.K. Piltz for a term to expire 6-30-2014

Dear Senator Hee and Committee Members:

My name is Karen Piltz and I am writing in support of Ransom A.K. Piltz to the Land Use
Commission.

The Land Use Commissioners are faced with making decisions on issues that are very complex
and at times seem to be unyielding. Serving through a term that has had to deal with major land
use issues, Ransom Piltz has worked diligently to find workable solutions. His leadership style,
grace, humility and ability to work with everyone has helped him and the Land Use Commission
through many long, arduous and demanding commission meetings.

I support Ransom in his goal to continue serving his community on the Land Use Commission.
His previous experiences will help serve the Commission in finding the right solutions for very
tricky and tough issues.

Thank you for this opportunity to express my comments and I respectfully ask that you support
the confirmation of Ransom Piltz to the Land Use Commission.

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To: Senator Clayton Hee, Chairman

From: Thomas Contrades
Kauai Member of the State Land Use Commission

Re: Testimony on behalf of Ransom Piltz

I regret that I cannot personally present this testimony to you but my schedule prevents me from appearing before your committee. I am writing to you and your committee to urge you to confirm the appointment of Randy Piltz to the State Land Use Commission. Randy is presently our chairman and is doing an excellent job in that capacity. Randy brings a wealth of knowledge to the commission both as a former member of the Maui County Planning Commission and the owner of an electrical contracting firm.

I ask that Randy be reconfirmed to the State LUC as he is a valuable asset to the commission.

The Pacific Resource
PARTNERSHIP



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Testimony of Kyle Chock
Executive Director
The Pacific Resource Partnership

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Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs
Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
Senator Jill Tokuda, Vice Chair

GM 341 Confirmation of Ransom A.K. Piltz to the State Land Use Commission

Wednesday, March 31, 2010
3:15 pm
Conference Room 229

Chair Hee, Vice Chair Tokuda and Members of the Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs:

Aloha, my name is Kyle Chock, Executive Director of the Pacific Resource Partnership (PRP), a labor-management consortium representing over 240 signatory contractors and the Hawaii Carpenters Union.

I am pleased to support testimony in support of the re-appointment of Ransom A.K. Piltz to the State Land Use Commission. I have had the opportunity to serve on the Land Use Commission alongside Commissioner Ransom (Randy) Piltz for the past two years. In those two years he has proven to be a valuable and dedicated member on the commission and has since been appointed Chair of the Commission.

Let me express my personal experience to speak of Commissioner Piltz's character and integrity during my tenure as a fellow commissioner. Commissioner Piltz possesses a clear understanding of the quasi-judicial procedures and has the ability to lead the meetings in an orderly manner. He is committed to the time it takes to read through numerous dockets and attend commission meetings. His outgoing aloha spirit is a reflection of his kama'aina heritage which is truly an asset for anyone serving on any public commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my support for Ransom A.K. Piltz and re-appointment to the State Land Use Commission.

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HONORABLE SENATOR HEE,

I WAS HERE TODAY TO EXPRESS MY
FRUSTRATION OVER THE KNOT DRAGGING
SEEMINGLY INCOMPETENCE of L.U.C.
NOMINEE, RANSOM PLITZ

FOR 2 FULL YEARS OUR ORGANIZATION
DEVELOP COAST COALITION HAS BEEN PETITION-
ING THE L.U.C. FOR A SIMPLE HEARING OUT ON
THE NORTH SHORE REGARDING TURKIE BAY.
2 YEARS & 6 MEETINGS LATER, THE
CURRENT COMMISSION HAS BEEN UNABLE TO
ORDER A SHOW CAUSE HEARING.

I STRONGLY RECOMMEND AGAINST THE
CONFIRMATION of ANY of the CURRENT
COMMISSIONERS DUE TO THEIR INABILITY
TO MAKE A DECISION.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION &
ASKING THE HARD QUESTIONS.

I HOPE YOU WILL READ THE ATTACHED
ARTICLE IN THE FAIRWAY PRESS & SHARE IT
w/ YOUR FELLOW COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

Aloha, Mark Cunningham

MARK CUNNINGHAM
824-3626

DOWN ON OUR LUC

Defend O'ahu Coalition's Timeline of Disappointment with our State Land Use Commission (LUC)

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The case revolves around a 234-acre parcel of land that the developer at Turtle Bay had reclassified from Agriculture to Resort/Urban in 1986. The developer provided statements to the Land Use Commission at the time that they would be done building on the parcel within 5 years. Over 23 years have passed and the resort developer has yet to make good on its promises. The LUC is simply being asked to do its job and revert the land back to its original Agricultural classification. The community looks to this Commission to enforce the State Land Use Law. Here is the story of what has transpired...

4/01/08: Defend Oahu Coalition (DOC) files Motion for Issuance of An Order to Show Cause as to why the Boundary Classification of Kuilima Development Company (KDC) should not be revoked for Failure to Perform Conditions, Representations and Commitments ("Motion").

4/24/08: First Land Use Commission hearing at which the LUC moves to set the Motion for another hearing at its next Oahu meeting on 6/5/08 and 6/6/08. This meeting was eventually changed to 7/10-7/11/08.

7/11/08: Hearing before the LUC. LUC voted to defer ruling on the Motion in order to receive additional legal advice, but also voted to require the submission of a status report by KDC, due 8/18/08.

10/02/08: LUC hold a hearing at which it considered KDC's status report and questioned KDC about progress made thus far. Several LUC commissioners seem frustrated with the obvious lack of progress by the developer and what one commissioner calls "an inadequate representation".

11/06/08: LUC holds another meeting on the "status" report. Commissioners vote to set a hearing on the Motion for the next Oahu meeting.

2/06/09: LUC hearing on the Motion. The LUC moves to defer ruling (punts) on the Motion until it could further consult with its Deputy Attorney General on legal issues.

4/03/09: LUC Executive Director Dan Davidson sends a letter to DOC stating that the LUC was receiving legal advice and was also giving "hearing priority" to matters with statutory deadlines. Defend Oahu's Motion is shuffled to the bottom of the pile.

11/05/09: After waiting almost one year for another hearing, and over a year and a half for even a preliminary ruling on the case, Dan Davidson tells DOC that the State Land Use Commission is "waiting to see what happens with the Supreme Court Case" (Keep the North Shore Country's unrelated EIS lawsuit against the City's Department of Permitting and Planning), leaving the bewildered community organization wondering

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"What the LUC?????!!!!!!"

Who at the City or State will have the courage to do the right thing?"

ork began on the 4-lane entrance at Turtle Bay Resort just days before the LUC meeting which was to address activity by the resort developer in regards to upholding their part of the Unilateral Agreement. It took them 23 rs, at least 4 different developers, and the threat of a contested case hearing to make them start the project.



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