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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF

Jerry L. Ornellas

GM No. 374

TO THE STATE SENATE

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Regular Session of 2010

GM No. 374 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Agriculture, Gubernatorial Nominee, Jerry L. Ornellas, for a term to expire 6/30/2014.

I am pleased to offer testimony in full support of the nomination of Jerry L. Ornellas as the Kaua'i representative to serve on the Board of Agriculture.

I have had the privilege of working with Mr. Ornellas over the past several years on various projects relating to agriculture on Kaua'i and throughout the State of Hawaii. During that period of time, I have been able to observe first hand his deep commitment to the State and his willingness to involve himself in public service. Mr. Ornellas currently serves as the Co-Chair of Kaua'i Economic Development Board's Food & Agriculture Committee, and is also a Member/Stakeholder on the Committee of the County of Kaua'i Important Agricultural Lands (IAL) Study, on which I also serve. He has demonstrated strong intellect, leadership and analytical abilities; as well as the ability to listen, be open-minded and work well with others.

Having served myself on government boards, I am confident that Mr. Ornellas will be an involved and strong contributor to the Board of Agriculture. He will bring his approach of reaching out to the community, engaging in open discussion and looking out for the interests of Hawaii's agricultural community.

I respectfully request that you confirm Mr. Ornellas as the Kaua'i representative to the Board of Agriculture and thank you for this opportunity to submit written testimony.

Yours truly,

Mattie A. Yoshioka
President & CEO