

GM 573

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COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

**GM 573, Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee, MARJORIE F.Y. ZIEGLER, to the
Environmental Council, term expiring June 30, 2015**

**Testimony of Gary Hooser
Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control**

March 31, 2011

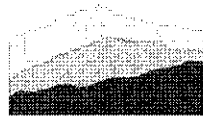
1 **Office's Position:** The Office of Environmental Quality Control strongly supports the
2 confirmation of Marjorie Ziegler to serve as a member of the Environmental Council.

3 Ms. Ziegler's career and life work over the last 20 plus years has focused on the
4 conservation and care of Hawaii's natural resources. She is well known and widely respected for
5 her consistent and informed advocacy on issues pertaining to conservation and environmental
6 protection. She is known for doing her homework, knowing her subject matter thoroughly, and
7 for having the ability to listen and to adjust her position when new information is presented.

8 Marjorie's experience, dedication and thoughtfulness will be a great addition to the
9 Environmental Council and I look forward to working with her as a Council member. She has
10 my unreserved support for this position and I urge the committee to likewise support the
11 confirmation of Ms. Ziegler to the Environmental Council.

12 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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**THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND'S TESTIMONY
IN SUPPORT OF GM 573 (MARJORIE ZIEGLER CONFIRMATION)
Senate Committee on Energy & Environment
Thursday, March 31, 2011, 3:00 p.m., Room 225**

The Trust for Public Land's (TPL's) Hawaiian Islands Program strongly supports the confirmation of the nomination of Marjorie Ziegler to the Environmental Council. TPL previously worked with Ms. Ziegler on the passage of the Legacy Lands Act in 2005, which established the Legacy Land Conservation Fund or Land Conservation Fund, and interacted with her in her capacity as Chair of Honolulu's Clean Water & Natural Lands Commission. In all instances, Ms. Ziegler has been thoughtful, helpful, and has always sought a balanced solution in the best interests of Hawai'i's people.

Ms. Ziegler is also extremely well versed in environmental laws and regulations dealing with HRS Chapter 343, environmental assessments, and environmental impact statements. She formerly worked at the Earthjustice Legal Defense Fund, a non-profit law firm that focuses solely on environmental issues. In her current position as Executive Director of the Conservation Council for Hawai'i, she has worked with federal and state agencies wildlife protection, water resources, and environmental issues for many years. She is eminently knowledgeable about environmental issues in Hawai'i. She has always conducted herself in respectful, professional, and civil manner in all her dealings.

Ms. Ziegler is extremely well qualified to serve on the Environmental Council. TPL strongly urges this Committee to confirm Ms. Ziegler's nomination.

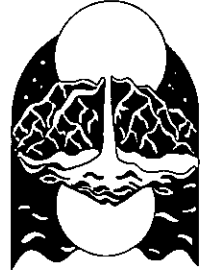
Mahalo for this opportunity to testify -

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lea Hong". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

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March 26, 2011

TO: Senate Committee on Energy and Environment
Hearing: March 31, 2011 at 3 pm in room 225

FROM: Joan Lander

RE: GM573 (nomination of Marjorie Ziegler to the Environmental Council)

I wholeheartedly support the nomination of Marjorie Ziegler to the Environmental Council. Her commitment to aloha `āina has been a shining example to our island community for decades. She's a hard worker and already accustomed to the regulatory process. She can hit the ground running once she is appointed and will serve our interests with energy and aloha.

Testimony for ENE 3/31/2011 3:00:00 PM GM573

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Arvid Youngquist
Organization: I Love Kalihi Valley

Submitted on: 3/26/2011

Comments:
Chair, ENE Committee
Honorable Committee Members

We support GM 573.

Recommend advise and consent for the confirmation of Ms. Marjorie F. Y. Ziegler.

Mahalo for this opportunity to submit written testimony in support.

Sincerely,

Arvid Youngquist
Founder & Editor
I Love Kalihi Valley

Testimony of The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i
Supporting G.M. 573 Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Environmental Council
Gubernatorial Nominee, MARJORIE F. Y. ZIEGLER, for a Term to Expire June 30, 2015
Senate Committee on Energy and Environment
Thursday, March 31, 2011, 3:00PM, Room 225

The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i is a private non-profit conservation organization dedicated to the preservation of Hawaii's native plants, animals, and ecosystems. The Conservancy has helped to protect nearly 200,000 acres of natural lands for native species in Hawai'i. Today, we actively manage more than 32,000 acres in 11 nature preserves on Maui, Hawai'i, Moloka'i, Lāna'i, and Kaua'i. We also work closely with government agencies, private parties and communities on cooperative land and marine management projects.

The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i supports the confirmation of Marjorie Ziegler to the Environmental Council.

We have worked with Ms. Ziegler for more than 20 years on projects and policy initiatives in support of protecting Hawaii's unique but fragile environment. Her commitment is unwavering and her knowledge and experience are vast. Although Marjorie has long been an activist for Hawaii's native plants, animals, and habitats, she approaches this work with an appreciation for what it takes for both the environment and people to thrive in these remote islands. For these reasons, we think that she has the right expertise and passion combined with reason and practicality to effectively carry out the duties of a member of the Environmental Council.

Thank you for this opportunity to support Ms. Ziegler's confirmation.

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GM 573

Good Afternoon Chair and Committee Members:

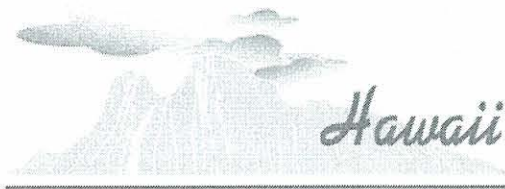
Kahuku Plantation Residents Association supports the nomination of Marjorie Ziegler to the Environmental Council. Ms. Ziegler's twenty-five years of work experience with wildlife, habitat, water resources protection and other environmental issues speaks well of how she can enable the review process at OEQC.

We first met Ms. Ziegler when she served on the City's Clean Water and Natural Lands Commission three years ago and we submitted the Kahuku Beachfront for CWNL funding in order to preserve the natural dune eco-system and shoreline. She visited the proposed site as part of the review process and during that time noticed a number of dead sheer-water birds along the adjacent municipal golf course. Examining that the fencing to protecting the nesting birds was inadequate (fallen mesh fence) she inquired as to ownership of the area and would try to work with them on protecting the sheer-water population. Although our proposal to preserve our beachfront was not funded due to an unwilling owner, Ms. Ziegler's concern for the unprotected wildlife and by her commission duties helped bring public awareness for the area.

We believe Ms. Ziegler will serve the public diligently as a member of the Environmental Council, please support her nomination.

mahalo nui,

Margaret Primacio
Kahuku Plantation Residents Association
Director/Spokesperson



Hawaii's Thousand Friends

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April 31, 2011

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair

Senator J. Kalani English, Vice Chair

GM 549 Charles Prentiss, GM 550 Mary Steiner, GM 573 Marjorie Ziegler

Senator Gabbard
Committee Members

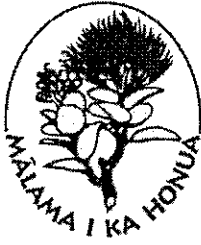
Hawaii's Thousand Friends supports the confirmation of Charles Prentiss, Mary Steiner and Marjorie Ziegler to the Environmental Council.

Charles Prentiss, president of Hawaii's Thousand Friends, has devoted himself to protecting Hawaii's environment and making the islands a better place to live. His leadership as chair of the Kailua Neighborhood Board has resulted in an active and effective board. His expertise in land use planning has helped board members and the community understand planning laws and processes. With his leadership skills and planning expertise Chuck will be a positive contributor to the Environmental Council.

As CEO of The Outdoor Circle *Mary Steiner* has led the effort to protect Hawaii's green landscapes, valuable trees and keep the islands billboard free. As chair of the Environmental Council she has worked to ensure that meetings are open and accessible to the public. With her knowledge of environmental laws and *let's get it done* style Mary will be a valuable asset to the Environmental Council.

Marjorie Ziegler is a team player, organizer and collaborator. Marjorie takes great pleasure in bringing people together for discussions on how to solve pressing environmental issues. Her life's work has been to protect Hawaii's fragile and finite environment. Her collaborative style and knowledge of Hawaii's environmental issues and laws make her an excellent choice for the Environmental Council.

Donna Wong
Executive Director



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SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

March 3, 2011, 2:45 P.M.
(*Testimony is 1 page long*)

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GM 547, GM 548, GM 549, GM 550, and GM 573

Aloha Chair Gabbard and Members of the Committee:

The Hawai'i Chapter of the Sierra Club, with 8,000 dues-paying members and supporters, is proud to *support* the appointments of David Atkin, Scott Glenn, Charles A. Prentiss, Mary Steiner, and Marjorie F.Y. Ziegler to the Environmental Council.

These candidates, by their service in a public or private capacity, have demonstrated significant knowledge about Hawaii's unique and fragile environment. We believe these candidates know that achieving a balance between economic development and environmental quality is a necessary component to Hawaii's long-term growth, and can provide the thoughtful consideration and care specified under Haw. Rev. Stat. § 341-1.

OEQC is currently facing many challenges. It needs strong leadership to fulfill its mission of ensuring informed decision-making. We believe these candidates can provide that leadership, as well as ensure the state is achieving its environmental goals and policies.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Testimony for ENE 3/31/2011 3:00:00 PM GM573

Conference room: 225

Testifier position: support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Cynthia K.L. Rezentes

Organization: Individual

Submitted on: 3/22/2011

Comments:

Marjorie Ziegler has been a consistent and positive proponent in the environmental and conservation community.

She will be able to clearly listen and determine the appropriate course of action for all items brought before the Environmental Council.

GM 573

Aloha. I am writing to support the appointment of Marjorie Ziegler to the Environmental Council. I have known Marjorie for the past three years, and found her to be an incredibly dedicated and knowledgeable person. I have often turned to her for information regarding environmental issues facing small Neighbor Island communities. She has always responded without delay and with extremely helpful responses and/or referrals to other knowledgeable sources. Her leadership of the Conservation Council for Hawaii has been extraordinary, exemplified by her sensitivity to community needs. At Hulopoe Beach Park, for example, on the island of Lāna'i, she made sure that a series of informative signs were created and appropriately displayed; signs that now educate residents and visitors alike.

She is smart, fair, passionate and would make a wonderful addition to a vital component of our State government. I support her wholeheartedly and without any reservations.

Robin Kaye

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**Testimony in support of *Marjorie Ziegler*,
nominee to the Environmental Council (GM 573).**

**Senate Committee on Energy and Environment,
Thurs., March 31, 2011, 3 pm, Rm. 225.**

Aloha mai kākou —

I have known Marjorie Ziegler personally and professionally for approximately 15 years and am honored to support her nomination to the Environmental Council (GM 573). Marj has tirelessly worked over the years to support efforts to preserve and protect Hawai‘i’s endangered flora and fauna. As a keiki o ka ‘āina or child of the land, Marj shares a strong connection to the environment and has been a strong advocate for many years ensuring its protection.

As kumu hula of Halau o ke ‘A‘ali‘i Kū Makani, I appreciate Marj’s efforts to ensure the vitality and accessibility of native flora that we rely on. The integrity of our mo‘omeheu ‘ōiwi (native culture) is dependent upon access to our lands and their many resources. Vibrant environment, vibrant culture.

For many years, Marjorie Ziegler has led the Conservation Council of Hawai‘i. I have on several occasions spoken at their annual meetings on topics of mutual interest and concern. Marj is looked up to by many as an expert in her field and as a humble steward. I also look forward to her well-written and informative newsletters she edits and produces for the council. Great attention to detail and Hawaiian language accuracy.

The state of Hawai‘i will benefit greatly with Marjorie Ziegler’s membership on the State Environmental Council. On behalf of my ‘ohana and hālau hula, please consider confirming the appointment of Marjorie Ziegler to this honorable body. I can be reached at Royal Hawaiian Center at Helumoa, 931-3111, should you have any questions or concerns.

Me ke kākō‘o,

Manu Boyd
Kumu Hula
Hālau o ke ‘A‘ali‘i Kū Makani

Cultural Director
Royal Hawaiian Center at Helumoa

Testimony on Measure: GM573
Senate Committee on Energy and Environment
Thursday, March 31 2011, 3 PM
Room 225

Testimony in support of Majorie Ziegler for the Environmental Council

Aloha Chair Gabbard and Distinguished Committee Members:

My name is Dave Raney. I have been a resident of Hawai'i since 1968 and have been active in environmental matters as a Sierra Club Hawai'i Chapter volunteer since the Chapter's inception in 1970.

Over the years I have worked closely with Marjorie on many environmental issues and have nothing but the highest respect and praise for her as a nominee for the Environmental Council.

I strongly support Marjorie's nomination.

Mahalo,

Dave Raney
1621 Mikahala Way

Testimony for ENE 3/31/2011 3:00:00 PM GM573

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Mary Ikagawa
Organization: Individual
Submitted on: 3/23/2011

Comments:

I strongly support Marjorie Ziegler's nomination to the Environmental Council. For over 20 years she has worked on behalf of the people of Hawaii to preserve the natural resources we all depend on for a good quality of life. She has shown that she can work with various stakeholders and can garner support for important measures. She is familiar with both terrestrial and marine issues on all the islands, not just Oahu. I can think of no better candidate to further the mission of the Environmental Council.

Testimony for ENE 3/31/2011 3:00:00 PM GM573

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Randy Ching
Organization: Individual
Submitted on: 3/24/2011

Comments:

Aloha Energy and Environment Committee members. I strongly support Marjorie Ziegler's nomination to the Environmental Council. She has been an active enviro for over 25 years here in Hawaii. I've known her for almost 2 decades and she is one of the most passionate people I've ever met. She has expertise in EIS, HEPA, NEPA issues. She would be an excellent member of the Environmental Council. Please appoint her. Mahalo nui loa.

Testimony for ENE 3/31/2011 3:00:00 PM GM573

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Jo-Ann M. Adams
Organization: Individual
Submitted on: 3/24/2011

Comments:

I strongly support the appointment of Marjorie Ziegler to the Environmental Council.

She has been working in the nonprofit environmental sector in Hawai'i for 25 years. During those years, she has worked with many of the organizations and activists dealing with wildlife protection, water resources protection, and HEPA and NEPA issues.

These are not easy issues, and the environmental review process is essential to informed decision-making by the people and its leaders.

She will work well with the OEQC Director, Gary Hooser, OEQC staff, and the Environmental Council on the exemption lists, rule making. She will ensure that OEQC and the Council receive the support they need to serve the public well.

She will bring a citizen activist perspective to the Council, as well as a background in, and passion for wildlife and habitat protection in Hawai'i. She will work hard to make the environmental review process as effective, transparent, and inclusive as possible.

She would serve well. I have found her to be an effective communicator, an ardent advocate. She will get things done!

Thank you for the opportunity to testify!

Testimony for ENE 3/31/2011 3:00:00 PM GM573

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Kevin Chang
Organization: Individual
Submitted on: 3/24/2011

Comments:

Aloha Legislators,

I support the nomination of Ms. Marjorie Ziegler to the Environmental Council and believe you should do to. I know Ms. Ziegler and highly respect the reason and passion she brings to her work. Ms. Ziegler is a strong advocate for the protection of our environment and will serve Hawai'i's people well.

Aloha

Kevin

Testimony for ENE 3/31/2011 3:00:00 PM GM573

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Evan Tector
Organization: Individual
Submitted on: 3/23/2011

Comments:

Appreciate consideration and appointment of Marjorie Ziegler to the Environmental Council. Her qualifications and involvement in the pantheon of environmental issues in Hawaii over the past 25 years is well known, but I speak in favor of her appointment on the basis of character, dedication and hard work in the public interest. The quality of expertise and knowledge she brings to this important table is noteworthy and exciting. Mahalo for creating this potential for quality on the council. Evan

Testimony for ENE 3/31/2011 3:00:00 PM GM573

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Leland Miyano
Organization: Individual
Submitted on: 3/24/2011

Comments:

Dear Senate Committee on Energy and Environment,

Aloha ("In the presence of the breath of life").

I am writing in support of Marjorie Ziegler for a position on the Environmental Council. I have known Marjorie for many years and was a fellow director with her on the board of, Environment Hawaii.

Through the years, I have worked with Marjorie on many environmental issues and found her extremely dedicated to wildlife, habitat protection, and many other important issues which impact our fragile island home. She has aloha for our 'aina, and will breathe life back into our environment at every opportunity she is given.

Please give your support to Marjorie Ziegler for the Environmental Council and she will return that favor with dedication, intimate knowledge, and a commitment that will not be beat. Hawai'i will ultimately benefit in so many ways from her selfless work.

Aloha,

Leland Miyano

Senate Committee on Energy and Environment confirmation hearing; March 31, 2011 at 3:00 PM

Senators:

I would like to endorse and urge you to support the nomination of MARJORIE ZIEGLER for the Environmental Council.

I have known Marjorie for many years. She would be an asset to the Environmental Council and the State of Hawaii. Marjorie is committed, hard working, smart and cares deeply about the environment and the future of Hawaii. Her experience in many facets of conservation will bring to the Council a wealth of knowledge about issues and policies. She has worked with a wide diversity of people, organizations and businesses that will add greatly to the Council and its deliberations. Marjorie is a dedicated and passionate conservation leader tempered with the pragmatism necessary to get things done.

I highly recommend that you vote in favor of the nomination of Marjorie Ziegler for the Environmental Council.

Jay Nelson

GM 573

I am writing in support of Marjorie Ziegler's nomination to the Environmental Council. As National Wildlife Federation's Regional Representative for the state of Hawai'i, I have worked with Ms. Zeigler on critical conservation issues that face the state of Hawai'i. I have seen her succeed with professionalism and acumen in addressing wildlife protection, water resources protection, HEPA and NEPA issues, endangered species, climate change and other issues. Ms. Ziegler is knowledgeable and sophisticated in her approach to this work while always being cordial and professional to all involved. She would bring a needed citizen activist perspective, along with an immense passion for wildlife and habitat protection, to her work at the Council. I enthusiastically recommend her to the Council and would surely be an indispensable asset. I recommend her without reservation.

Sincerely,

Les Welsh
Pacific Region Representative
National Wildlife Federation

I am writing in support of the nomination of Marjorie Ziegler to the Environmental Council (GM 573). I have worked in the field of conservation in Hawaii for 17 years and have known Marjorie for several of those years. I am impressed with her dedication and commitment to protection of Hawai'i's natural resources. Having worked in the non-profit environmental sector in Hawai'i for 25 years, she is highly qualified. She has tackled challenging issues on wildlife protection, water resources protection, and HEPA and NEPA issues. I am confident that she will work well with the new OEQC Director, Gary Hooser, staff, and Environmental Council on the exemption lists, rule making, and ensuring that OEQC and the Council receive the support they need to serve the public well. I am also very confident that she would work hard to make the environmental review process as effective, transparent, and inclusive as possible.

Sincerely,

Lizabeth Kashinsky

GM 573 and GM 609

Aloha Honorable Legislators;

I support the appointment and confirmation of Marjorie Ziegler and Malia Akutagawa to the Environmental Council. Both these women have worked for many years on conservation and environmental issues in Hawaii.

Ms. Ziegler comes from a family long involved in documenting and preserving the natural ecology of the Hawaiian Islands. She has extensive background in federal and state environmental law, as well as federal and state agency rulings including the Endangered Species Act and the Hawaii and National Environmental Protection Acts, from her work as a resource analyst with Earthjustice and as executive director of the Conservation Council for Hawaii. This familiarity with the laws that govern the management of our natural resources will serve the Environmental Council well in its advisory capacity to the Governor and state agencies.

As a keiki o ka aina o Molokai, Ms. Akutagawa brings a profound, thoughtful and eloquent approach to conservation issues in Hawaii that draws from her deep roots in Hawaiian culture. She has the ability to translate that across many cultures and experiences, as her key role in the Sustainable Molokai project demonstrated. The Environmental Council will truly benefit from her experiences in seeking balanced solutions to land and conservation issues on Molokai. Her service on many local projects and boards, including the Molokai Burial Council, the Molokai Rural Development Project and the Molokai Water Working Group provides her with insight to the many environmental issues faced by Maui County.

Both these women bring an opportunity for pro-active, engaged and well researched recommendations to the table if they are confirmed to the Environmental Council by the legislature.

Please support the appointment of these two intelligent, educated, culturally grounded and knowledgeable women.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.

Penny Levin

Testimony for ENE 3/31/2011 3:00:00 PM GM573

Conference room: 225

Testifier position: support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: William Devick

Organization: Individual

Submitted on: 3/25/2011

Comments:

Ms. Ziegler has for many years served as an advocate for a broad range of environmental matters and has striven to keep the community informed about pending actions and impacts. Her experience, commitment, energy, breadth of knowledge and high personal integrity make her well qualified to serve on the Environmental Council.

March 28, 2011

To: Mike Gabbard, Chair, Committee on Energy and Environment,
Kalani English, Vice Chair and Committee Members

From : Patrick Conant, PO Box 1172, Volcano HI 96785

Subject: Testimony in Support of the Nomination of Marjorie Ziegler to the State of Hawaii
Environmental Council

I met Marjorie Ziegler through her father Dr. Alan Ziegler, formerly of the B.P. Bishop Museum. He acted as a mentor to me when I was an undergrad at UH Manoa and he advised me on a rodent survey I did in the forest on Maui. With his help, I wrote the first key to the rodents of Hawaii. It is obvious to me that Marjorie learned about environmental protection from her father and adopted his same high standards in citizen driven environmental activism. Over about the last 20 years I have collaborated with Marjorie in testifying against many environmentally misguided or ill conceived legislative and county bills. She has been a genuine but under appreciated asset to our State in her tireless efforts to protect all aspects of Hawaii's imperiled native environment. When I need advice on the latest threat to native Hawaiian ecosystems and how to respond to it, I call Marjorie. Please approve of her nomination to the State Environmental Council.

The Honorable Shan Tsutsui, President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Tsutsui and Members of the Senate,

I support for the nomination of Marjorie Ziegler to the Environmental Council (GM 573 being heard before the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment is on Thursday, March 31, 2011 at 3 pm in Room 225.

I have known Ms. Ziegler for the better part of 13 years during my employment at the Department of Land and Natural Resources. She has been a committed, hard-working, fair and consistent supporter of wildlife and habitat protection in Hawaii, most recently with the Conservation Council of Hawaii.

She knows the issues of the non-profit environmental sector and has worked well with agencies such as DLNR on wildlife protection, water resources protection, and HEPA and NEPA issues.

I believe her background, and dedication to environmental review as an open process with public input will well equip her as a member of the Environmental Council, working with the new OEQC Director, Gary Hooser and staff.

Sincerely,

Deborah L. Ward
DLNR Public information specialist

March 27, 2011

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair

Senator J. Kalani English, Vice Chair

For: Thursday, March 31, 2011, 3:00 p.m. hearing, Conference Room 225, State Capitol

Re: GM 573, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Environmental Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, MARJORIE F.Y. ZIEGLER, for a term to expire 6-30-2015

Dear Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair English, and Committee Members,

My name is Jonathan Likeke Scheuer and I offer you my extremely strong support for the confirmation of Marjorie Ziegler to the Environmental Council.

Born and raised on O`ahu, I have worked in environmental protection and real estate professionally in Hawai`i for the past two decades. I have known Marjorie the entirety of my professional career. She has and continues to be one of the state's best experts on environmental policy in general, including especially the structure and implementation of HRS Chapter 343. She would bring to the Council significant experience in the review of environmental documents and related matters, which I believe is ideally suited to this position of service to our islands.

In addition to her deep knowledge, she brings both a strong sensitivity to the needs of everyday people as well as Hawaii's environmental resources. I can further personally attest that as someone who is approachable and always willing to have a thoughtful conversation on the merits of an issue, she would further serve the Council well in their interactions with other agencies and the public.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can further support her nomination.

Mahalo nui,

Jonathan Likeke Scheuer

THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

**Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair
Senator J. Kalani English, Vice Chair**

March 31, 2011

**CONCERNING GUBERNATORIAL NOMINATION 573, OF MARJORIE ZIEGLER
TO SERVE ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL**

It is with great pleasure that I testify in strong support for the appointment of Marjorie Ziegler to serve on the Environmental Council. Marjorie is an outstanding individual and tireless advocate for the environment; priceless natural heritage, working hard to take action, to do the right thing.

She is very familiar with many of the natural areas of Hawai'i, having actively worked in the field as well as in the halls of government. Marjorie is a force of nature: advocating and pushing for more enlightened, open participation in government processes that affect protection and management of water resources, native ecosystems, and the environmental planning process that can make or break their existence.

I consider her nomination to be one of the most significant demonstrations of a new day, for she will provide an active voice of reason and inclusiveness that will not only benefit and revitalize the Environmental Council, but all of the agencies, both public and private that are charged with protecting our resources.

I am submitting this testimony as an individual in support of Marjorie Ziegler, trusting that you will do the right thing and support her nomination to the Environmental Council. Mahalo for your consideration.

Submitted by Betsy Harrison Gagné, March 28, 2011.



Testimony for ENE 3/31/2011 3:00:00 PM GM573

Conference room: 225

Testifier position: support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Tanya Rubenstein

Organization: Individual

Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:

I highly support the appointment of Marjorie Ziegler to serve on the Environmental Council. Marjorie Ziegler is an expert on the environment and compliance issues and will serve as a fair and intelligent addition to the Council.

Testimony for ENE 3/31/2011 3:00:00 PM GM573

Conference room: 225

Testifier position: support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Tanya Rubenstein

Organization: Individual

Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:

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March 28, 2011

Testimony in Favor of GM 573
Nomination of Marjorie Ziegler to Environmental Council

To: Committee on Energy and the Environment
Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair
and
Senator J Kalani English, Vice-Chair

My name is Annette Kaohelaulii and I am a resident of Kaneohe. I would like to express my appreciation for the opportunity to provide testimony in favor of the nomination of Marjorie Ziegler to the Environmental Council.

I have known Marjorie for a very long time and over the years I have watched her develop in to a very devoted advocate for Hawaii's environment and natural resources. Ms. Ziegler has devoted over 25 years to the non-profit sector working to protect our national and local environmental laws, rules and principles of good environmental protection. She would be an excellent and devoted member of the Environmental Council.

Her many years of working with other environmental and cultural organizations to ensure protection of the natural resources of our state provide her with the extensive background and dedication needed to serve on a body that must make informed decisions. I urge you to support this nomination with your favorable vote.

Testimony Submitted to the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment
Thursday, March 31, 2011 3 pm
Room 225
In Support of GM 573

Aloha,

I'm writing in support of Marjorie Ziegler who has been nominated for the Environmental Council (GM 573). I've known her since 2003 and worked with her on community conservation projects and campaigns over those years. My experiences have all been positive and so I highly recommend her for this position. I believe that she cares about Hawai'i nei and carries aloha `aina in her heart. These two attributes are essential for the Environmental Council.

I've been a farmer, engineer, lomilomi practitioner and community sustainability advocate since 1994. At that time, I founded a land trust that subsequently with a statewide coalition representing several millions of people preserved 640 acres at Ballona wetlands in Los Angeles. In Hawaii, I've volunteered over 10,000 hours for a number of community groups. In my experience, Marjorie Ziegler has the the passion, patience, persistence and people skills to be of even greater positive effect in her new role. She hears the heartbeat of the environment.

I hope that she'll be asked to serve the keiki `o ka `aina by supporting her nomination to the Environmental Council.

Mahalo nui loa for your kokua.

For the children of the future, I remain,
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GM 573

Senator Gabbard

I am pleased to support this nomination.

I have been a twenty year resident of Hawaii and have been active in the environmental movement. I was a staff attorney at the State Senate for the Environmental Protection Committee during the 1990s. I also served for 12 years at the state Environmental Health Administration at the DOH. I have known Marjorie Ziegler a long time. I know her through her work with many environmental organizations in Hawaii, most currently the Conservation Council for Hawaii. I am currently on the Board of Hawaii's Thousand Friends. I can hardly think of a more passionate , dedicated, knowledgeable individual than Marjorie.

She would make an excellent member of the Environmental Council.

Thank you for the chance to testify.

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Testimony for ENE 3/31/2011 3:00:00 PM GM573

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Marion Poirier
Organization: Individual
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:

Dear Chair and Members of the Senate Committee on Environment:

My name is Marion Poirier, and I am providing to you this testimony in SUPPORT of Marjorie F. Y. Ziegler for the environmental council. I am aware of her commitment and expertise in the environmental field as a result of my community work. She is respected, and sought after for substantive contributions relating to environmental issues.

Please confirm her appointment. You will be happy that you did. She will add significantly to the future accomplishments of the council.

Thank yup for the opportunity to testify in SUPPORT of Marjorie F.Y. Ziegler for the environmental council.

Marion Poirier
Mililani

To: The **Committee on Energy and Environment**
Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair
Senator J. Kalani English, Vice Chair

From: Sally Kaye, Lana`i Resident
Date: March 29, 2011

Re: Nomination of **Marjorie Ziegler** to the **Environmental Council (GM 573)**
Hearing: Thursday, March 31, 2011, 3 p.m. Room 225.

Marjorie Ziegler has worked in the non-profit environmental sector in Hawai'i for the past twenty-five years. She has been a diligent supporter of wildlife/habitat protection measures, a strong advocate for water resources protection, and is extremely well-versed in HEPA and NEPA issues.

I have watched Marjorie work with individuals from varied and diverse backgrounds, and am singularly impressed with her ability to zero in on talents and interests others bring to the environmental review process, and suggest ways in which each could increase his or her participation in informed decision-making. I believe she will work extremely well with OEQC staff and other members of the Council on the tasks assigned by statute.

The Environmental Council will be fortunate indeed to have the abilities and passion Ms. Ziegler brings as a member.

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Subject: Support for GM 573

Aloha,

I'm writing to support the appointment of Marjorie Ziegler to the OEQC. Ms. Ziegler has been involved in countless environmental issues for many decades. She will be a valuable addition to the Council and will help inform the Council on conservation issues. Thank you for considering my testimony.

Emma Yuen

Testimony for ENE 3/31/2011 3:00:00 PM GM573

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: David Henkin
Organization: Individual
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

Comments:

I strongly support the nomination of Marjorie Ziegler to serve on the Environmental Council. I have had the pleasure of working with Ms. Ziegler over the past 16 years on a wide range of projects to protect Hawai'i's environment. She has consistently demonstrated her commitment to preserving our unique and fragile resources for future generations. Ms. Ziegler's background and depth of knowledge will be invaluable to the Council, and I urge the committee to support her nomination.

Testimony for ENE 3/31/2011 3:00:00 PM GM573

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: David Duffy
Organization: Individual
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

Comments:

I am writing in the very strongest possible support of Ms Ziegler who has a vast and deep knowledge of the environmental issues of the state and understands the complexities of our small isolated islands. She will bring an enthusiasm, dedication and hard work to the Council. She also works well with others.

In these difficult economic times, we need to make smart choices where the environment and the economy might come into conflict, thinking outside the box, instead of just breaking the box. Ms. Ziegler can play a helpful role in achieving this and I hope you will confirm her.

Many thanks.

To: Members of the Committee on Energy and Environment

Re: **GM 573**

Dear Members,

I am writing in **support** of the governor's nomination of **Marjorie F.Y. Ziegler** to serve on the Environmental Council.

I have known Ms. Ziegler for some 25 years during which I have had ample opportunity to witness her unflagging advocacy on behalf of Hawai'i's natural environment. Her peerless commitment to environmental protection and good public policy has found expression through many forms, both professional and avocational.

As a resource analyst with Earthjustice (formerly Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund) she became intimately familiar with the laws – both state and federal - governing environmental protection. She has reviewed and commented on numerous Environmental Assessments and Impact Statements and participated in two reviews of HRS 343, the Hawai'i Environmental Protection Act. She has also worked in the Division of Forestry and Wildlife at DLNR, and at The Nature Conservancy, Hawai'i.

Ms. Ziegler also possesses long-established grass roots credentials in environmental advocacy. She is currently the executive director of Conservation Council for Hawai'i, one of the state's oldest and largest environmental membership organizations specializing in native wildlife protection. She also worked at KAHEA, the Hawaiian Environmental Alliance on native biodiversity protection, and co-founded the award winning environmental newsletter, *Environment Hawai'i*. She has also led and participated in innumerable volunteer campaigns on behalf of our fragile native ecosystems.

Ms. Ziegler is imbued with an unimpeachable work ethic and is an excellent communicator who has developed wide ranging, long standing relationships within our island community which will serve the council's mission well. The state will be well served by Ms. Ziegler's service on the council. I urge her confirmation without reservation.

Aloha,
Doug Lamerson
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March 30, 2011

Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair
Senator Kalani English, Vice-Chair
Committee on Energy and Environment
Hawaii State Legislature

We support Marjorie Ziegler to be confirmed to the Environmental Council. She has been a tireless advocate for the environment and speaks to the issues that others do not. Her presence on the Environmental Council will ensure that Hawai'i's natural treasures—the flora and fauna that exist nowhere else on earth but here—will have a voice.

Marjorie understands the issues and the environmental review process as she has been participating in it for the past 25 years in the non-profit sector. She is committed to inclusivity and transparency and will serve the public well in this role.

Sincerely,
Rachel Neville and
Keith Swindle

Testimony for ENE 3/31/2011 3:00:00 PM GM573

Conference room: 225

Testifier position: support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Richard Poirier

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Submitted on: 3/30/2011

Testimony:

Dear Chair and Members of the Senate Committee on Environment:

My name is Richard Poirier, and this testimony is submitted to the Committee in SUPPORT of Marjorie Ziegler for appointment to the Environmental Council.

Ms. Ziegler has spent her working lifetime as an advocate of better environmental awareness. She possesses all of the requisite credentials and NGO experience to serve with distinction as a member of the revitalized Environmental Council. Her integrity is above reproach and her views on development and environmental issues are discerning, informative, and well-balanced.

Your favorable consideration of Ms. Ziegler for appointment to the Environmental Council would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Richard G. Poirier

R.E: Hearing: Senate Committee on Energy & Environment- GM 573- March 31, 3 pm Room 225

Hearing

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Aloha, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair English and Committee Members,

I am writing to express my strong support for the appointment of Marjorie Ziegler to the Environmental Council.

Ms. Ziegler has been a leader in the non-profit environmental sector in Hawai'i for over 25 years. She has a demonstrated track record of working effectively with a multitude of agencies, organizations and school & community groups on issues of wildlife protection, water resources protection, and HEPA and NEPA issues. These are not easy issues, and the environmental review process is essential to informed decision-making by the people and its leaders.

Ms. Ziegler will do an outstanding job of working with the new OEQC Director, Gary Hooser, staff, and Environmental Council on the exemption lists, rule making, and ensuring that OEQC and the Council receive the support they need to serve the public well. She is additionally committed to making the environmental review process as effective, transparent, and inclusive as possible. I respectfully ask that she be appointed.

Alyssa Miller, Ph.D.

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March 30, 2011

Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair
Senator J. Kalani English, Vice-Chair
Committee Members
Committee on Energy and the Environment
Hawai'i State Senate

Dear Chair Gabbard, Vice-Chair English, and Committee Members:

My name is Casey Leigh and I am writing in strong support of the nomination of Marjorie Ziegler to the Environmental Council (GM 573). I have known Ms. Ziegler for over 20 years both in my capacity as a law professor who started the Environmental Law Program at UH Law School and as a member of various governmental and non-profit boards and commissions (such as the Land Use Commission and the Hawai'i Audubon Society).

I have the highest respect for Ms. Ziegler as a passionate and articulate citizen activist on behalf of the environment, particularly in wildlife and habitat protection. She is a person of high integrity who makes her arguments based on solid research. She believes in transparency in government and will help ensure the Council is effective and inclusive. She is conversant with Hawai'i's environmental review process and will not flinch from her responsibilities, whether the issue in question is controversial or routine.

I strongly urge you to vote in favor of her nomination to the Environmental Council. Thank you for providing this opportunity to comment and support Governor Abercrombie's excellent appointment.

Sincerely,

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Measure: GM 573

Date and Time of Hearing: March 31, 2011, 3pm

Aloha Chair Gabbard and members of the Senate Committee on Energy and the Environment,

I support the nomination of Marjorie Ziegler to the Environmental Council. Marjorie dedicated the past 25 years of her life to protecting Hawaii's precious environment and understands the environmental review process better than anyone. I believe she has the knowledge, experience, work ethic, and passion necessary to do an amazing job on the Council.

Mahalo for your consideration of my testimony.

Mele Coleman

J.D. Candidate, William S. Richardson School of Law, class of 2013

Legal Intern at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

GM 573

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair English, and honorable members of the Senate Energy and Environment Committee,

I am writing in STRONG SUPPORT of Governor Abercrombie's nomination of Marjorie Ziegler to the environmental council. Ms. Ziegler has worked tirelessly for our state's environmental interests for a great many years and in a broad range of capacities, including as a state employee in the Department of Land & Natural Resources, as an office manager for Earthjustice Hawai'i, and most recently by leading the Conservation Council of Hawai'i. I know that through these unique experiences, and through my personal work with her and her colleagues, that Ms. Zeigler has the legal expertise, passion, critical insight, and community relationships that will ensure her conscientious and highly dedicated performance as member of a council. I truly believe the Environmental Council needs Ms. Zeigler, and humbly ask that the committee support her nomination for this very important position.

Thank you very much for your consideration in this matter.

Mahalo nui,

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March 30, 2011

To: Committee on Energy and Environment
Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair
Senator J. Kalani English, Vice Chair

Hearing: Thursday, March 31, 2011, at 3:00 P.M., Room 225

Re: **GM 573 – Confirmation to the Environmental Council,
Gubernatorial Nominee, Marjorie F. Y. Zeigler**

Testimony in Support

Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair English, and members of the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment. My name is George Massengale and many of you may know me as the Government Relations Director for the American Cancer Society. However, today I am here as a birder, and member of the Hawaii Audubon Society, to offer comments in support of Marjorie Zeigler's confirmation to the Environmental Council

Before returning to Hawaii in 2005, I had the opportunity to live and work in Alaska for almost 17 years. While living in there, I developed a passion to do more to protect our environment and natural habitats. Four years ago I was offered the opportunity work with Hawaii Audubon as their Legislative Analyst. It was then that I met Marjorie who was with Conservation Council for Hawaii.

Needless say, I have found Marjorie to be one of the most knowledgeable individuals that I've ever met with respect to environmental and ecological issues. For me, this was a blessing. Marjorie has always been willing to share her insights, (including her perspective on hidden agendas) that have proven to be invaluable to me.

In addition, if I had a historical question regarding a certain environmental issue, a quick email to Marjorie was all I needed. She would get back to me, not in eco-talk, but in language that a layperson could understand. This really is a skill and a quality we can all appreciate.

As we move forward and seriously look at the environmental issues are impacting our state, I can think of no one better than Marjorie. She is an individual you can trust and can count on to do what is right for our environment.

Mahalo for giving me the opportunity to offer testimony in support Majorie's confirmation.

Respectfully,

George S. Massengale, JD
Legislative Analyst

To: The Senate Committee On Energy and Environment:
Re: Support for Nomination of Marjorie Ziegler to the Environmental Council (GM573)
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Date: March 30, 2011

Dear Committee Chair and Members:

I am writing in support of the nomination of Marjorie Ziegler to the Environmental Council (EC). In my current position as the Public Participation Coordinator for the DOH Environmental Planning Office, I have had the opportunity to work with the EC over the years and feel that Marjorie would be an excellent addition to the Council. She not only has excellent knowledge of Hawaii's environment, but also an immense amount of energy for accomplishing work. She does thorough research to understand all sides of environmental issues, and is not afraid to ask hard questions. I trust that she will ensure the review process is thorough and fair.

Prior to working at DOH, I was also the Information and Education Coordinator for the DLNR Forestry and Wildlife Division where I often worked with Marjorie on natural resource issues. She has an excellent understanding of environmental concerns that affect Hawaii from the top of the mountains down to the ocean, and up into the air.

I feel she will be an asset to the EC, and help to re-energize the Council and its activities. I highly recommend Marjorie to this position.

Sincerely,

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GM 573

ENET hearing for March 31, 2011 3:00 p.m. Room 205

RE: Consideration for appointment of Marjorie Ziegler to the Environmental Council

Aloha Sen. Gabbard and Senator English,

I am in full support of Ms. Ziegler being appointed to the Environmental Council.

As a long time natural resource manager, I have known Ms. Ziegler for 20+years in which her passion for protecting Hawaii's environment has never wavered. She has assisted me in some of the most difficult environmental issues faced on the Big Island, including working with pig hunters, State officials and resource managers to work out an agreement amenable to all parties to manage forest resources. She has been involved in some of the most controversial environmental issues in this State including protecting the Palila on Mauna Kea, Kauai seabirds and lighting issues, bio-control efforts for strawberry guava, the protection of the main Hawaiian island monk seal populations, and more. She judges issues fairly and is willing to sit down with all sides to address concerns. In addition she has spent countless hours educating Hawaii's public about environmental issues, including our legislators. Being one of the original founders of the widely distributed environmental journal, "Environment Hawaii", is a testament to this fact. She shares this passion with Hawaii's keiki at numerous events.

Aloha for you time;

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Testimony of
William J. Aila Jr.

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT
THE TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2011

Thursday, March 31, 2011
3:00 p.m.
Conference Room 225

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair J. Kalani English, and members of the committee, mahalo for giving me the opportunity to provide testimony in support of the nomination of Marjorie Ziegler to the Environmental Council (GM 573).

I have known Marjorie Ziegler for over ten years and in that time I have seen the way she tirelessly works on protection of wildlife, water resources, HEPA and NEPA issues, and countless other conservation issues related to our island environment. She continuously works effectively with people and state leaders on the environmental review process which is essential to making well informed decisions about our precious natural resources.

In her work she has shown that she possesses the ability to work well with decision makers such as Gary Hoosier, the new OEQC Director and his staff, as well as with the Environmental Council. In particular, working on exemption lists, rule making and ensuring that OEQC and the Council receive the support they need to serve the public well.

Marjorie is committed to wildlife and habitat protection in Hawai'i and I know that she will work very hard to make the environmental review process as effective, transparent and inclusive as possible. Please approve this nomination and in your doing so you will give our unique island state a real chance of being preserved for future generations.

Mahalo nui loa,


William.J.Aila Jr.



PERSONAL STATEMENT
MARCH 28, 2011

1. Why do you wish to be a member of the Environmental Council?

I would like to serve on the Environmental Council because I believe in public service, and I have been working on environmental issues in Hawai'i for 25 years – including the environmental review process.

2. How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the Environmental Council?

One of the Environmental Council's most important responsibilities is to work with Office of Environmental Quality Control on overseeing the environmental review process. The Council is also a liaison between the OEQC director and the public, and is responsible for providing recommendations to the governor, legislature, and public on how to better meet the state's environmental goals.

3. Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a member of the Environmental 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 Environmental Council.

I am generally familiar with the state and federal environmental review statutes and process. I have read and commented on environmental assessments and impact statements, and participated in two comprehensive reviews of HRS Chapter 343. I have also worked in the non-profit environmental sector for 25 years, and have a sufficient network of grassroots activists, colleagues, and agency representatives, with which to communicate the Environmental Council's and the OEQC's goals and objectives.

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

I would like to see the Environmental Council fully appointed, active, and supported in terms of logistics, staff, etc. I would also like to see the Council and the OEQC accomplish its goals, whether they are accepting agency exemption lists, rulemaking, preparing annual reports, and/or making recommendations on better meeting the state's environmental goals.

5. Name three qualities that best describe you and that would make you stand out. How would these qualities benefit the Environmental Council?

I work hard, I do my homework and prepare for the task at hand, and I have a grassroots network of hundreds of colleagues, community leaders, and agency representatives who are actively promoting environmental protection and sound policy in Hawai'i. I believe these qualities will serve me well on the Environmental Council, and I hope to contribute to the Council meeting its goals in the coming years.



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6. Name one previous experience that would make you stand out. How would this benefit the Environmental Council?

In my previous employment with Earthjustice (previously Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund), I read and commented on many environmental assessments and environmental impacts statements, and I assisted the attorneys in citizen lawsuits under HRS Chapter 343 and the National Environmental Policy Act. I bring a citizen-activist perspective to the Council, which I believe is essential on the Council and beneficial to the many challenges we face protecting our unique and fragile environment.

7. Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the Environmental Council? How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest?

I do not foresee any conflicts of interest that could arise during my service on the Environmental Council. However, should any possible or perceived conflicts of interest arise, I will disclose the conflict and refrain from taking action on the Council if necessary.