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The Honorable Brickwood Galuteria
Senator, Hawaii State Legislature
Chairman, Hawaiian Affairs Committee
Hawaii State Capital, Room 22
415 S. Beretania Street
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Re: Nomination of Leiane Paci to the
Island Burial Council, Islands of Maui and Lana'i

Dear Chair Galuteria:

I am very pleased to support the nomination of Leiane Paci to the Island Burial Council, Islands of Maui and Lana'i ("Maui Lanai Islands Burial Council").

I have known Ms. Paci for nearly fifteen years, shortly after she began her employment with Maui Lani Partners which was developing a residential and commercial complex named "Maui Lani," consisting of almost 1,000 acres in central Maui. I was one of the attorneys representing Maui Lani in a project in the development when we met. From the beginning, I was impressed by her intelligence and ability to work with people. She learned the Maui County entitlement procedures and permit processing quickly and was always responsive and polite to all the persons she worked with. Ms. Paci is persistent in her efforts to obtain county approvals for the project she is involved with but is not offensive in the manner that she pursues this objective. She is knowledgeable and articulate without being pedantic. Ms. Paci's extraordinary qualities are reflected in her achievement of becoming a partner in Maui Lani Partners and in the success of projects she has been a part of.

Ms. Paci, who moved from Honolulu, has become fully immersed in the Maui community. She has served on nonprofit community organizations such as Safe Community of Maui and Maui Youth and Family Services. She has managed to combine work with community activities while being a mother and wife for her family.

In her responsibilities at Maui Lani, Ms. Paci has become familiar with the objectives and responsibilities of the Maui Lanai Islands Burial Council. With such a large number of acres, a few of Maui Lani's projects have encountered burials. Ms. Paci and Maui Lani Partners have complied with the regulatory requirements of the State Historic Preservation Division and the

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Maui Lanai Islands Burial Council. Ms. Paci and the partnership have fully cooperated with these government bodies and sincerely believe that the work being done by them is extremely important for the preservation of the practices and culture of Native Hawaiians.

I respectfully request that the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs approve the nomination of Ms. Paci to become a member of the Maui Lanai Islands Burial Council.

Sincerely,



B. Martin Luna

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