

GM900

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the
Legacy Land Conservation Commission, Gubernatorial
Nominee, THORNE ABBOTT, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.

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GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



**STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

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**Testimony of
WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
WATER, LAND, AND HOUSING**

**Tuesday, April 17, 2012
2:00 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 224**

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 900 –
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE LEGACY
LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, THORNE ABBOTT,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2015.**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) strongly supports Governor's Message (G.M.) 900, nominating Thorne Abbott to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission (Commission) for a partial term to expire June 30, 2015. Pursuant to Section 173A-2.4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, Mr. Abbott fills the Commission composition requirement of being a person that possesses scientific qualifications evidenced by an academic degree, and is a resident of the City and County of Honolulu.

Thorne Abbott, M.S., is an environmental analyst and planner with TEC, Inc., in Honolulu. He possesses the required advanced science degree, a Master's of Science in Tropical Environmental Management from James Cook University, Department of Environmental Studies and Geography, in Townsville, Australia. Mr. Abbott has also studied Marine Science at the University of Maryland and Coastal Planning at the Department of Urban and Regional Planning at the University of Hawaii at Mānoa. His experience in coastal planning and familiarity with Hawaii land use laws and regulations will assist the Commission and the Department in reviewing and analyzing land acquisition grant proposals submitted through the Legacy Land Conservation Program. Mr. Abbott's proficiencies in marine science, shoreline protection and permitting, and protected area planning will enable him to provide the Commission and Department with a unique multi-disciplinary perspective.

The Department strongly supports G.M. 900 on the appointment of Mr. Thorne Abbott to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission and looks forward to working with Mr. Abbott.

WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.
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April 13, 2012

**TESTIMONY OF TIM BYNUM
COUNCILMEMBER, KAUAI COUNTY COUNCIL
ON**

**GM900, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE
LEGACY LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL
NOMINEE, THORNE ABBOTT, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2015**

Committee on Water, Land, and Housing

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

2:00 P.M.

Conference Room 224

Dear Chair Dela Cruz and Committee Members:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of GM900, Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, Thorne Abbott, for a Term to Expire 6-30-2015. My testimony is submitted in my capacity as an individual member of the Kaua'i County Council.

Mr. Abbott recently assisted the Kaua'i County with an ordinance relating to shoreline setbacks, and during this time, he was able to convey the importance of using science when making decisions. Mr. Abbott's vast knowledge, experience, and willingness to volunteer his assistance on this matter were greatly appreciated. I have since had a number of occasions in which Mr. Abbott has provided consultation and input on coastal land use issues, and his input has always been insightful and consistent with what may be considered best practices. For this, and other reasons, I feel that Mr. Abbott has the qualities and qualifications to make an exceptional Legacy Land Conservation Commission member.

For the reasons stated above, I am in strong support of GM900 and ask for your favorable support.

Again, thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony.

SB Sincerely,

TIM BYNUM
Councilmember, Kaua'i County Council

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From: Robin Newbold [robin@mauirobin.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2012 9:28 AM
To: WLH Testimony
Subject: GM 900 - In support of Thorne Abbott

Aloha Chairman Dela Cruz,

I strongly support Mr. Abbott's nomination to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission (LLCC). His work in the planning department of Maui County, as a member of the Maui Coastal Land Trust and an 'aina steward make him an excellent choice for this commission. Mr. Abbott's background in science and his career as a coastal scientist will greatly benefit the LLCC. Mr. Abbott has a reasonable and wise approach to conservation issues and his personal goals are perfectly aligned with the long-term preservation goals of the LLCC.

I encourage you to confirm Thorne Abbott for the Legacy land Conservation Commission.

Mahalo,

Robin Newbold, Chair
Maui Nui Marine Resource Commission

~~Dane Wicka~~

From: John S. Rapacz [rapacz@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, April 16, 2012 8:50 AM
To: WLH Testimony
Subject: *****SPAM***** Thorne Abbott; Legacy Land Conservatin Commission

To whom it may concern,

I am writing on behalf of Thorne Abbott, to request your support for his appointment as a volunteer scientist to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission. Thorne is extraordinarily well versed in these issues, very professional, and would be of benefit to any organization. I believe that any policymaking body should include members with good scientific or factual understanding of the subject matter. Thorne is experienced in the facts and science, as well as policymaking. He had a significant influence on the policy decisions and implementation for protection of, and protection of access to, Maui's shorelines.

Thank you,

John S. Rapacz

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Subject: Testimony for GM900 on 4/17/2012 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 224
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Peter Flachsbaart
Organization: Individual
E-mail: flachsba@hawaii.edu
Submitted on: 4/16/2012

Comments:

I heartily support Thorne Abbott's nomination to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission. As a coastal scientist, he contributed to protecting Maui's beaches and shoreline access, because he understood the science and policy behind the law.

~~James Walker~~

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Peter Ammerman
Organization: Individual
E-mail: peter.ammerman@us.army.mil
Submitted on: 4/16/2012

Comments:

The Hawaii DoD's Kalaeloa Environmental Assessment was being stalled from higher. With future projects in jeopardy of not being awarded, due to lack of environmental documents, our contractor assigned Thorne Abbott the task to finalize the project and really take control of the situation. He was a great asset to our project and truly helped get the final approval quicker than expected. The Legacy Land Conservation Commission would benefit greatly from his hard work.

~~Sane Wickes~~

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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To: WLH Testimony
Cc: oluolu@maui.net
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Conference room: 224
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Helen Nielsen
Organization: Individual
E-mail: oluolu@maui.net
Submitted on: 4/16/2012

Comments:

Thorne Abbott would be an excellent choice. I've known Mr. Abbott several years and know him to be knowledgeable, respectful and easy to work with. Please support his appointment. Thank you.

~~Gene Wicker~~

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Conference room: 224
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Sophie Fung
Organization: Individual
E-mail: srfung@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 4/16/2012

Comments:

Thorne Abbott is an excellent candidate as a volunteer scientist on the Legacy Land Conservation Commission. Thorne has extensive background and experience. He has contributed to the protection of Maui's beaches and shoreline access with the knowledge and understanding of the science and policy behind the law. In order for the Commission to make sound decisions it is very important to apply good science which Thorne Abbott can provide to the Commission.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Friday, April 13, 2012 4:30 AM
To: WLH Testimony
Cc: marc@bigbeachfilms.com
Subject: Testimony for GM900 on 4/17/2012 2:00:00 PM

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Conference room: 224
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: marc turtletaub
Organization: Individual
E-mail: marc@bigbeachfilms.com
Submitted on: 4/13/2012

Comments:

I'd like to recommend Thorne Abbott to serve as a volunteer scientist on the Legacy Land Conservation Commission. I've known him for ten years both in public service and his private consulting and have always been impressed with his knowledge of Hawaii's ecosystem and his commitment to the preservation of our most precious lands. Thank you. Marc Turtletaub

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Darren Okimoto
Organization: Individual
E-mail: okimotod@gmail.com
Submitted on: 4/12/2012

Comments:

My name is Darren Okimoto and I serve as the Extension Leader for the University of Hawaii Sea Grant College Program. I am offering written testimony as a private citizen in support of GM900.

I strongly support the nomination of Thorne Abbott because his experience and knowledge of coastal issues in Hawaii will be a valuable addition to the Commission. He will be able to provide scientific information to support informed decision making that promotes the conservation and wise-use of our precious marine and coastal resources in the state.

With your support, the state can help to ensure the sustainability of its natural resources by supporting the passage of GM900. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.

~~Page Wicked~~

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Submitted by: Warren Bucher
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Submitted on: 4/12/2012

Comments:

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Brandon Collins
Organization: Individual
E-mail: brandonacollins@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 4/13/2012

Comments:

Thorne Abbott is an experienced coastal scientist who holds a broad understanding of the interdependency of factors effecting shorelines throughout the islands. In the past six years of my professional experience with Mr. Abbott, he has faithfully and passionately protected Maui's natural resources with his balanced knowledge of coastal science, public interest, and the established policies and laws.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Yunmi Lim
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Submitted on: 4/13/2012

Comments:

~~Dane Wicke~~

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Testifier position: Support
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Submitted on: 4/13/2012

Comments:

Dane Wicker

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Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Jiyeon Kim
Organization: Individual
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Submitted on: 4/13/2012

Comments:

TESTIMONY OF NANCY MCPHERSON, CITIZEN
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND AND HOUSING IN SUPPORT OF

GM 900

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, THORNE ABBOTT, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.

April 12, 2012

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice-Chair Solomon, and Members of the Committee:

As a resident of Molokai and citizen of Hawai'i nei who supports legacy land preservation, particularly of shorelines, for future generations, I strongly support Governor Abercrombie's nomination of Mr. Thorne Abbott to serve on the Legacy Land Conservation Commission.

Mr. Abbott is a leader in the field of coastal zone management and shoreline protection who has dedicated countless hours advocating for coastal and shoreline preservation, access, hazard avoidance and other issues that matter to the citizens of the state. As a former colleague at the County of Maui Planning Department, while he served as the Coastal and Shoreline Planner I found his interests to be deep as well as broad, his knowledge of the shorelines of Maui to be profound, and his dedication to an ongoing healthy future for coastal ecosystems and environments in these islands to be limitless.

Mr. Abbott's knowledge of environmental stewardship and coastal sustainability, based on his own research and experience as well as his assistance to the public, will be an asset to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission. He is knowledgeable, diligent, and well informed. I respectfully request your favorable consideration of this nomination.

Mahalo, Nancy McPherson

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DALE B. BONAR, PH.D.

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April 14, 2012

**Testimony in Support of Thorne Abbott (GM 900) to the Legacy Lands
Conservation Commission (LLCC)**

Committee on Water, Land and Housing Hearing, Wednesday, April 17, 2:00 PM,
Conference Room 224

Chairman Dela Cruz, Vice-Chairman Solomon, and Members of the Committee on
Water, Land and Housing

I enthusiastically support the confirmation of Mr. Thorne Abbott's application for
the Legacy Lands Conservation Commission. I have known Mr. Abbott for the past 8
years in his role as shoreline planner for the county of Maui and more recently as a
private consultant for shoreline projects throughout the state. He has also served as a
trustee of the Maui Coastal Land Trust, the organization of which I am Executive
Director (now the Hawaiian Islands Land Trust).

Mr Abbott is an exceptionally competent planner and has worked throughout the
pacific basin in a wide range of issues. He is knowledgeable about conservation areas,
statutes, and regulations statewide, as well as the cultural significance of lands in
Hawaii. His range of experience and thoughtful analysis of projects will be a great asset
to the commission. In addition, Thorne brings a good balance of understanding of both
the public and private interests in the wide range of conservation lands with which the
NARSC deals.

As a member of the Legacy Lands Commission since it's inception in 2005, I
would be delighted to see Thorne on the LLCC. I strongly recommend his appointment.

Respectfully,

Dale B. Bonar, Ph.D.

Chair, Natural Areas Reserve System Commission (2006-2012)
Chair, Legacy Land Conservation Commission (2006-2012)
Executive Director, Hawaiian Islands Land Trust

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Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: FRANCINE PALAMA
Organization: Individual
E-mail: franpalama@gmail.com
Submitted on: 4/14/2012

Comments:

Permit me by these means to support the nomination of Mr. Thorne Abbott to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission. His contribution toward protecting Maui's beaches and shoreline access has made positive impacts for the local communities and visitors. Mr. Abbott thoroughly understand the science aspects and applicable policies as governed by law. It is important to apply solid science to be able to make sound decisions. Mahalo for allowing me by this means to support Mr. Abbot on his nomination.

Francine Palama, Principal Owner
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~~Caren Diamond~~

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Submitted by: Caren Diamond
Organization: Individual
E-mail: kaimanacd22@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 4/15/2012

Comments:
Aloha,I support Thorne Abbott's appointment to the Legacy Lands Commission as it would be beneficial to have a coastal scientist on the Commission. Thorne was instrumental in helping formulate good coastal protection rules on Kauai because he was able to understand and explain the science and policy behind the law.He'd be a great addition to the commission.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND AND HOUSING

Senator Donovan M. Dele Cruz, Chair

Senator Malama Solomon, Vice Chair

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

Conference Room 224

Statement by Kem Lowry

I am pleased to support the nomination of Thorne Abbott to serve on the Legacy Land Conservation Committee.

Thorne Abbott has dedicated much of his education and career to issues associated with effective coastal management. His work as a coastal manager in the Pacific and as part of the Maui County Planning staff have given him substantial experience in integrating science and policy in improving the quality of coastal management. He will be a conscientious and effective member of the Legacy Land Conservation Committee.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Lance Holter
Organization: Individual
E-mail: holter@maui.net
Submitted on: 4/15/2012

Comments:

I am a Building Contractor and Real Estate Broker. I represent clients and consult on issues surrounding oceanfront development. I have worked with Thorne Abbott on several occasions. Both when Thorne was working with Maui County as a shoreline planner and while Thorne worked in private practice as a consultant. I must say my experiences with Thorne were excellent. He is knowledgeable about Environmental issues, a conscientious planner and a very intelligent individual who provided me with exemplary and practical information for several projects. I honestly think he is the most informed Shoreline Planner in Hawaii. Most importantly Thorne understands the concept that our precious Hawaii Environment is our Economy. I highly recommend Thorne to this appointment with the Legacy Lands Commission. Thank you for this opportunity to support Thorne Abbott's appointment. Lance Holter

Aloha!

My name is Jim Buika, Coastal Resource Planner for Maui County, employed by the County of Maui Planning Department. I have been a professional geologist for 34 years and have been working on Maui for ten years and working with the State of Hawaii for 24 years.

I strongly support the appointment of Thorne Abbott to the volunteer scientist position on the Legacy Land Conservation Commission. I have worked closely with Thorne Abbott for the past five years and continue to do so. I understand that the Commission makes recommendations to the Board of Land and Natural Resources on lands proposed for protection through conservation easements or purchase.

I respect Thorne Abbott for his understanding of 1) Hawaiian law and culture, 2) environmental policy and laws at County, State, and Federal levels, 3) Hawaii land use planning, 4) ecology science of the ahupua'a systems, and 5) the legislative process.

Thorne Abbott's analytical skills and decision making abilities, based on the five above experiential qualities, are outstanding and make Thorne fully qualified to provide the Legacy Land Conservation Commission with sound recommendations. Thorne will also provide a unique perspective to his colleagues on the commission about coastal processes from years of experience working in coastal planning.

Thorne works tirelessly for the aina. I strongly encourage the Legacy Land Conservation Commission to take advantage of Thorne Abbott's dedication, knowledge, skills, and abilities for this important position.

I can be reached at (808) 283-8636 for any clarification and comment about Thorne Abbott or myself.

Mahalo Nui Loa,
Jim Buika, Planner, Maui County
(808) 283-8636

Jane Wicke

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Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Scott Glenn
Organization: Individual
E-mail: scotchglenn@gmail.com
Submitted on: 4/15/2012

Comments:

To the Honorable Chair Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee on Water, Land, and Housing:

I support Mr. Abbott's nomination to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission. Mr. Abbott is a leader in coastal management. He has a background in coastal science, coastal planning, and coastal development, which he capably integrates into making sound decision making. His experience in the non-profit, government, and for-profit sectors help him to examine issues from a variety of perspectives. He would be a valuable addition to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission.

Thank you for considering my testimony.
Scott Glenn

From: Pete155@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, April 15, 2012 6:46 PM
To: WLH Testimony
Subject: Support for Thorne Abbott - GM900 - Legacy LandConservation Commission

Aloha Senate Committee on Water, Land & Housing,

This is a letter of support for the appointment of Thorne Abbott to serve on the Legacy Land Conservation Commission.

Thorne has excellent qualifications for one of the science positions on the Commission. I believe Thorne would be a valuable asset for the Commission.

I have known Thorne for approximately ten years. When I was Maui County's Planning Director I hired Thorne to be the Department's shoreline expert. Thorne did a fantastic job processing numerous, complicated shoreline applications. He handled a controversial job with consistency and style.

Thorne is very dedicated to protecting Hawaii's numerous natural resources, and this position on the Legacy Land Conservation Commission sounds like a win/win situation for both the State and Thorne.

Michael W. Foley
former Maui County Planning Director
Makawao, Maui (808) 572 - 7281

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Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Bob Wardwell
Organization: Individual
E-mail: robert.wardwell@cardnotec.com
Submitted on: 4/13/2012

Comments:

I work with Thorne. He is a professional coastal planner/scientist who cares deeply about Hawaii. He would make an excellent choice for this position and I fully support his nomination.

~~Dane Wickey~~

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Cc: taram@hawaii.edu
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Submitted by: Tara Owens
Organization: Individual
E-mail: taram@hawaii.edu
Submitted on: 4/16/2012

Comments:

Thorne is about as dedicated to his causes as anyone I've ever known. He makes it a point to understand multiple perspectives of any issue. He would generally make a great asset to any committee for the above reasons, but also in this case to specifically support conservation of sensitive and jeopardized coastal lands.

Tara Owens
Coastal Hazards and Processes Specialist University of Hawaii Sea Grant College Program

April 16, 2012

The Honorable Shan Tsutsui, President
And Members of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 224
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Attention: Members of the Water, Land and Housing Committee

Dear Members of the Water, Land and Housing Committee:

RE: Appointment of Thorne Abbott to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission

In accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section 6, of the Hawai'i State Constitution, I recommend for your consideration and confirmation the following nomination to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission:

LEGACY LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION TERM TO EXPIRE

Thorne Abbott

6/30/2015

I support the nomination of Thorne Abbott to the **Legacy Land Conservation Commission** because he is tirelessly committed to his work in environmental protection and I am confident that he will contribute in significant ways to meeting your organization's goals. Mr. Abbott is well-equipped to provide a thoughtful and meaningful discussion and to provide well-researched and sound decision making towards environmental issues, in particular, relating to coastal management issues. Mr. Abbott extensive experience in protecting Maui's beaches and shoreline access has advanced the State's efforts in coastal management. His experience statewide and has allowed him to understand issues from both private and regulatory perspectives. He understands his role, and he will work tirelessly to protect Hawaii's fragile and valued environmental resources, while respecting private property rights. He will contribute a sound understanding of the science and policy behind the laws. Finally, Mr. Abbott's decades of experience in working with the public policy in many settings has garnered him with an affinity for understanding a vast array of legislative issues and approaching each issue in a manner that is at once helpful, affable, diplomatic, and well-balanced.

Sincerely,

Simone Bosco
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Makawao, Hawai'i 96768
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~~Landin Johnson~~

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Comments:

~~Jane Wilson~~

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Subject: re: GM900 in support of Thorne Abbott

April 16, 2012

The Honorable Shan Tsutsui, President
And Members of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 224
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Attention: Members of the Water, Land and Housing Committee

Dear Members of the Water, Land and Housing Committee:

RE: Appointment of Thorne Abbott to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission

In accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section 6, of the Hawai'i State Constitution, I recommend for your consideration and confirmation the following nomination to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission:

LEGACY LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION TERM TO EXPIRE

Thorne Abbott

6/30/2015

I support the nomination of Thorne Abbott to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission because he tirelessly committed to his work in environmental protection and I am confident that he will contribute in significant ways to meeting your organization's goals. Mr. Abbott is well-equipped to provide a thoughtful and meaningful discussion and to provide well-researched and sound decision making towards environmental issues, in particular relating to coastal management issues. Mr. Abbott's extensive experience in protecting Maui's beaches and shoreline access has advanced the State's efforts in coastal management. His experience statewide and allowed him to understand issues from both private and regulatory perspectives. He understands his role, and will work tirelessly to protect Hawaii's fragile and valued environmental resources, while respecting private property rights. He will contribute a sound understanding of the science and policy behind the laws. Finally, Abbott's decades of experience in working with the public policy in many settings has garnered him with an affinity for understanding a vast array of legislative issues and approaching each issue in a manner that is at once helpful, affable, diplomatic, and well-balanced.

Sincerely,

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Comments:
I support the nomination of Thorne Abbott.