

GM 669

Legacy Land Conservation Commission

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, **LORI BUCHANAN**, for a term to expire 6-30-2016

The Honorable Senator Malama Solomon
Chair, Senate Committee on Water and Land

March 5, 2013

RE: Lori Buchanan; Nomination to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission

Dear Honorable Chair and Committee Members,

Aloha, my name is Lori Buchanan and I am humbled by the appointment to the Legacy Lands Conservation Commission by our Honorable Governor Abercrombie. I come before the Senate Committee on Water and Land as part of the confirmation process and am happy to provide the following responses to your questions.

1. Why do you wish to be a member of the Legacy Land Conservation Commission?

This appointment to LLCC will be my second appointment to this Commission. I was first appointed by the Honorable Governor Linda Lingle in 2008. My initial interest in serving on the commission back then is the same as it is now, to help save important cultural, agricultural, historical, natural and recreational lands of Hawaii nei in perpetuity.

2. How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the Legacy Land Conservation Commission?

I perceive the role and responsibilities of commissioners to the LLCC to be informed members of the perspective they represent, and to do their due diligence in reviewing and validating projects applying to receive funding. As commissioners, our responsibility is to be familiar with federal, state and county laws and regulations with reference to the LLCC program. Commissioners have a responsibility to ensure that monies set aside by the state to the LLCC are used intelligently and wisely to the highest value possible.

3. Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a member of the Legacy Land Conservation Commission, 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 Legacy Land Conservation Commission.

This is the hardest question for me to answer because it asks the appointee to “toot your own horn”, something I admittedly have never been comfortable with and will never be comfortable doing. In my responsibility to honored committee members and the public I submit that I believe my past experiences having already served on the commission for the past several years, have further strengthened my decision-making skills and abilities I can offer to the LLCC.

I have served 2 terms (10 years) as Chair and Vice-Chair of the Molokai Planning Commission where I immersed myself in learning about Special Management Area law and Coastal Zone Management law. With that responsibility I became familiar of the county charter and ordinances, state land use law, and federal overriding authorities. I was tasked with the final authorization of all projects proposed in those areas.

I humbly served for many years as a trustee for a private school whose focus was on sustainability and the environment.

I have participated in official consultations at the federal, state and county government level including the Department of Defense.

I have been or are currently a member of several community-based organizations over a wide spectrum of areas of interest.

For the past 10 years I have been the lead person for invasive species issues on Molokai and for the past nine months managed the invasive species committee on Hawaii Island. Most of my professional career has been working in conservation and I have developed relationships across broad and diverse sections of conservation work.

I have spent most of my life in service to the public and find being a community advocate the most rewarding part of my life.

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

During my term of service I hope to see the promulgation of rules created by the LLCC. I hope to see rules and protocols adopted for the distribution of management funds. I hope to approve funding for awesome community based and supported project!

5. Name three qualities that best describe you and that would make you stand out. How would these qualities benefit the Legacy Land Conservation Commission?

A few qualities I hope describe me are passionate, committed and diligent. I believe the broad spectrum of issues related to the LLCC program most certainly would benefit from someone possessing those qualities. Much of the due diligence associated with the application paraphernalia, site inspection and applicant testimony call for persons of review that are passionate about protecting cultural, historical, natural and recreational land value. Persons who are very committed to go beyond submitted physical documents to search for feedback. And persons of diligence, committed to doing the homework and analysis needed to ensure that the best possible projects get funded.

6. Name one previous experience that would make you stand out? How would this benefit the Legacy Land Conservation Commission?

A previous experience transpired when an applicant went on record to state that their purpose for the land purchase/easement was to ensure the easement holder would secure access to areas with scientific and cultural values. The applicant also stated that the areas of scientific and cultural values did indeed hold items of cultural significance but that the intent was for exploration and protection and cultural items of significance would not be disturbed. I went on record in opposition based on several factors drawing on my knowledge of my fiduciary duties and responsibilities concerning our state constitution and statutes. I believe my input on record was helpful and transparent and I believe set precedence that LLCC projects must be scrutinized to the fullest possible extent to ensure that the protections afforded in our constitution/statutes are met.

7. Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the Legacy Land Conservation Commission? How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest?

I do not perceive any conflicts of interest to occur however, should they arise I would choose the side of caution and recuse myself from a decision making vote. I may reserve the right to participate in discussion if I felt that it would be pertinent and helpful. I believe ensuring the overall integrity of the LLCC is one of the most important overarching goals of a commissioner. All Boards and Commissions of government should be held to the highest scrutiny in their decision making processes and commissioners and members need to work to ensure a transparent process.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond,
Lori Buchanan-Molokai

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

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

**Thursday, March 07, 2013
1:15 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 225**

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 669 –
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE LEGACY
LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, LORI
BUCHANAN, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2016.**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) strongly supports Governor's Message (GM) 669, nominating Lori Buchanan to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2016.

Pursuant to Section 173A-2.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), the Legacy Land Conservation Commission (Commission) shall: 1) Advise the Department and the Board of Land and Natural Resources (Board) on any proposal, public or private, for the acquisition of any interests or rights in land having value as a resource to the State; 2) Advise the Department and the Board on any requests for grants from the fund to a qualifying state or county agency or nonprofit land conservation organization for the preservation of lands having value as a resource to the State; 3) Recommend to the Board the acquisition of interests or rights in certain lands having value as a resource to the State; and 4) Review and adopt rules relating to the criteria it applies in advising the Department and the Board and making recommendations to the Board regarding land acquisitions and grants made pursuant to Chapter 173A, HRS.

Ms. Buchanan is a resident of Moloka'i and an active member of The Nature Conservancy. For the past nine years, she has served as a field and outreach technician for the Moloka'i/Maui Invasive Species Committee. During that time, she worked with state, county and federal partners to coordinate, and carry out invasive species control on Moloka'i. Previously, Ms. Buchanan served five years as the Chairperson of the Moloka'i Planning Commission. During this time, she developed expertise in land use law and policy. Ms. Buchanan's past experiences as a trustee and teacher at two Moloka'i schools, and her heavy involvement in community organizations and activities connect her to the Moloka'i community.

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For the past four years, Ms. Buchanan has been a dedicated member of the Commission and has used her planning and conservation knowledge to develop and advance the Commission and Legacy Land Conservation Program. The Department strongly supports GM 669 and is appreciative of Ms. Buchanan's continued service as a member of the Legacy Land Conservation Commission.



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TESTIMONY OF RUSSELL S. KOKUBUN
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
MARCH 7, 2013
1:15 PM

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 669

Chairperson Solomon and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on Governor's Message No. 669, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission, Ms. Lori Buchanan. I would like to express my support for Ms. Buchanan's nomination to serve another term on the State's Legacy Land Conservation Commission.

Ms. Buchanan's tireless work through the Hawaii Invasive Species Council, specifically with the Molokai/Maui Invasive Species Council and the Big Island Invasive Species Council, has been instrumental in combating invasive species here in Hawaii. Recently, she served as the Interim Manager for the Big Island Invasive Species Council (BIISC) where she continued to exhibit her strong leadership skills in guiding the daily workings of the BIISC. Her continued dedication to fighting invasive species clearly show her desire and passion to protect and preserve Hawaii's critical resources.

In addition, Ms. Buchanan has been a positive force in the community of Molokai, actively advocating for the betterment of the island community and dedicated to improving the way of life there.



I am confident that Ms. Buchanan will continue to be a positive contributor to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer my support.



The Senate
Committee on Water and Land
Thursday, March 7, 2011
1:15 p.m., Conference Room 225
State Capitol

Testimony in Support of GM 699 – Lori Buchanan, Gubernatorial Nominee

Aloha Chair Solomon, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the multi-agency/NGO partnership CGAPS (Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species), I respectfully request your support of Gubernatorial Nominee Lori Buchanan to serve as a commissioner on the Hawai'i Legacy Land Conservation Commission. Aunty Lori is an excellent choice for commissioner. As the program manager for the Moloka'i Invasive Species Committee, recent interim manager for the Big Island Invasive Species Committee, and as a staunch community advocate, Aunty Lori is not afraid to ask difficult questions or say what everyone is thinking but isn't brave enough to say. She is guided by her strong sense of what is pono, and she helps all of us to examine our own motives and methods. I ask that you please confirm Lori Buchanan to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission. Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

Aloha,

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March 5, 2013

TO: Chair Solomon
Water and Land Committee

FROM: Keren Gundersen, KISC Project Manager

RE: Confirmation of Lori Buchanan to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission

Aloha Chair Solomon,

I would like to fully endorse Lori Buchanan as a Commissioner to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission (LLCC).

Ms. Buchanan has done an outstanding job as Commissioner since first being appointed by Governor Lingle in 2008. Lori works diligently to protect important lands, knowing the significance of this priority to the Hawaiian culture, to natural resources, to agriculture, to historical relevance, and to recreational resources.

She tirelessly serves the community and has an extensive network of people across the state that she can access for a deeper understanding of any complex problem or situation. It is refreshing to know that, as a Commissioner, Lori will serve in the best interest of Hawaii as a whole.

I would urge you to confirm Lori Buchanan as a Commissioner to the LLCC so that she can continue with this important work.

Respectfully,

Keren Gundersen
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Testimony of The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i
Supporting GM 669 and the Confirmation of Lori Buchanan
to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission
Senate Committee on Water and Land
Thursday, March 7, 2013, 1:15PM, Room 225

The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i is a private non-profit conservation organization dedicated to the preservation of the lands and waters upon which life in these islands depends. The Conservancy has helped to protect nearly 200,000 acres of natural lands in Hawai'i. Today, we actively manage more than 32,000 acres in 10 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 Lori Buchanan to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission.

Approved in 2005, the Legacy Land Act has provided a critical source of funding for land acquisitions to protect important natural, cultural, agricultural, and recreational areas. Thanks to this landmark legislation and the work of government and private partners, this program has contributed key funding support to protect undeveloped lands around the state that will be a natural legacy for generations to come.

With their individual and collective expertise in conservation, culture, agriculture, and community service, the Legacy Land Conservation Commission plays the critical role of reviewing and making recommendations on proposals for Legacy Land funding. The Nature Conservancy believes that Lori Buchanan will continue to be a significant asset to the work of the Commission. Lori has valuable experience in conservation and land protection, including on-the-ground management and land use planning. She has a strong track record of organizing, managing and successful conservation and land protection projects on Moloka'i and Hawai'i island, and a very positive reputation for bringing diverse partners together in challenging circumstances to achieve successful results.

Thank you for this opportunity to express our very strong support for Lori's confirmation to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission. We hope you will give her appointment your most enthusiastic recommendation for approval to the full Senate.

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Date: Tuesday, March 05, 2013 2:28:47 PM

Testimony Relating to GM669 on consideration and confirmation to the
Legacy Land Conservation Commission,
Gubernatorial Nominee, Lori Leimano Buchanan, for a term to expire 06-30-2016
Senate Committee on Water and Land
Thursday, March 7, 2013 1:15 pm
Room 225

Aloha Chair Solomon, Vice Chair Shimabukuro and Committee Members:

I am writing to support the confirmation of Lori Buchanan to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission. I have had the honor of knowing and working with Ms. Buchanan on natural resource issues for the last ten years. She is professional in all she does and passionate about protecting Hawai`i's natural resources. As the lead person for invasive species issues on Moloka`i, and for most of the last year on the island of Hawai`i, Ms. Buchanan has excelled at building coalitions. She has developed support and trust across diverse sectors, including agricultural, hunting, and conservation communities, working with state, federal (including the military), county, and non-profit agencies, and also with local businesses and private individuals. She has translated the respect she commands into a supportive environment for invasive species control projects across the state. Ms. Buchanan has extensive experience working within governmental processes. As the previous Chair of the Moloka`i Planning Commission, she presided over many contentious community issues. She has served on the Legacy Land Conservation Commission for the last four years, during which time the LLCC has had to make difficult decisions given reductions in funding levels. She has a natural ability to identify and articulate the central issue in a conflict in a way that allows participants to make clear choices under complex circumstances. Her focus is always on how to achieve positive action, for which she is widely respected. Given her demonstrated commitment to public service along with her professional accomplishments and personal attributes, I am confident that Ms. Buchanan will continue to make significant contributions to the Legacy Land Commission. I recommend her to you without hesitation or reservation.

Ua Mau Ke Ea O Ka `Aina I Ka Pono.

Me ka ha`aha`a,

Randy Bartlett, Program Manager

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Aloha,

I am writing to you in support of the confirmation of Ms. Lori Buchanan to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission. Ms. Buchanan is known throughout the state for her passionate yet practical approach to land conservation.

Throughout the past year, Ms. Buchanan served as the acting manager of the Big Island Invasive Species Committee (BIISC), and island-wide public-private partnership with a staff of 18 and an annual budget of over \$1,000,000. During this transition year, she secured funds needed to maintain operations through a difficult budget crunch, established new relationships, and refocused our program on core goals to achieve success. In this capacity she worked tirelessly and with dedication to the public good. Her demonstrated ability to build bridges and find common ground among diverse viewpoints will surely continue to serve the Legacy Lands Conservation Commission.

I recommend her to you as commissioner wholeheartedly.

Sincerely,

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From: [Kip and Leslie Dunbar](#)
To: [WTLTestimony](#)
Subject: Lori Buchanan Legacy Lands Committee appointment
Date: Monday, March 04, 2013 10:23:34 AM

Aloha no ho'i e Malama Solomon, I am writing on behalf of Lori Buchanan who has been sponsored by the Governor for confirmation to the Legacy Lands Commission. I have known Lori for many years and have interfaced with her on many venues. We have sat together on the Moloka'i Planning Commission, where as Chairman of that Commission I thought that she was always well prepared and expressed herself thoughtfully and knowledgeably. We have one of the same passions in keeping invasive species out of sensitive watershed areas and maintaining our native flora and fauna. We have been able to aid each other in preventing unwanted species from entering Molokai and also Hawai'i and out planting endangered species in a number of areas to reduce the chances of extinction. As the past Branch Manager for Bank of Hawai'i on Moloka'i, I also was aware of her capabilities as a business woman. I think that the Legacy Land Commission would be well served by having Mrs Buchanan on their board. Thank you for the opportunity to favorably respond on her behalf. Me ka ha'a ha'a Kip Dunbar

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Testimony for WTL on Mar 7, 2013 13:15PM in Conference Room 225

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Penny Levin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha; I strongly support the appointment of Lori Buchanan to the Legacy Lands Conservation Committee. Ms. Buchanan's leadership as head of the Molokai Invasive Species Committee has created strong support within the Molokai community for the staff and work of MoMISC. Lori's experience in conservation, as a cultural practitioner, and her familiarity with the lands of Molokai make her an excellent addition to the Committee. I encourage you to confirm Ms. Buchanan to the Legacy Lands Conservation Committee. Mahalo.

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March 2, 2013

To: Chair Malama Solomon
Water and Land Committee

From: Dr. Robert Shallenberger, Conservation Biologist

Subject: Reappointment of Lori Buchanan to the Legacy Lands Conservation Committee

Chair Solomon:

I strongly support confirmation of Ms. Buchanan to the Legacy Lands Conservation Committee. I have had the distinct pleasure of working closely with Ms. Buchanan on the Commission. She has been a dedicated and knowledgeable Commission member who takes this responsibility very seriously. She brings a wealth of land conservation experience to this volunteer position.

Aloha,

s/ Robert Shallenberger

Robert Shallenberger, Ph.D.

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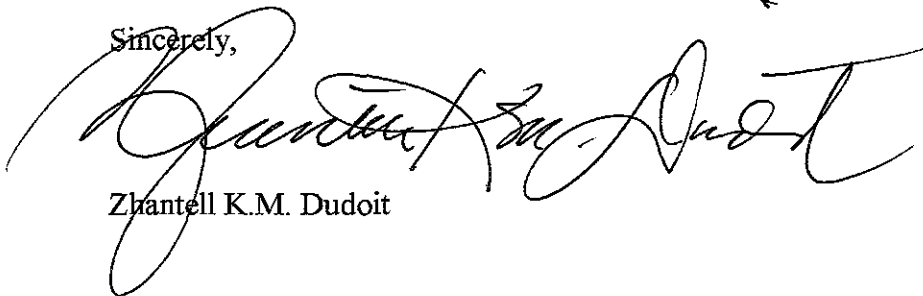
Dear Madam Chair:

My name is Zhantell Dudoit and I am writing to support the appointment of Lori Buchanan as a Commissioner of the Legacy Lands Conservation Commission. Ms. Buchanan's knowledge and experience in conservation and her efforts to preserve the cultural and environmental integrity of lands and resources throughout the State are numerous and note-worthy. Her steadfast and un-wavering commitment to educating the community in regards to natural resources and preservation has proven beneficial for the communities in which she serves. Ms. Buchanan is knowledgeable and experienced in governmental processes including but not limited to; land use and zoning, Charter issues and lawmaking, community planning and water resource management.

I have served with Ms. Buchanan in several community groups and commissions and currently serve with her on the Molokai Planning Commission. I know her to be trustworthy and dedicated. She is always well prepared and knowledgeable about matters she is tasked with. Her professionalism and compassion makes her a great leader; her understanding of the multi-cultural facets that make Hawaii unique, gives her the ability to think out of the box and remain solution oriented. I am confident that Lori will serve Molokai and the entire State with integrity and aloha and I am certain the Commission will benefit from her involvement.

Thank you for time and consideration. You may contact me with questions or concerns at (808)213-5450 or via email at zhan.dudoit@gmail.com

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Zhantell K.M. Dudoit', written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned above the printed name.

Zhantell K.M. Dudoit