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To Whom it may concern:

I have attended and participated in nearly every meeting of the O'ahu Island Burial Council since its inception and I can testify that Ms Hinaleimoana Wong-Kalu is absolutely the right person for this position as head of the Council. She is eloquent in her Hawaiian voice and in her fairness to all parties and most of all to the caring for iwi kupuna of Hawaii. My colleagues and I fully support her confirmation. Thank you

Sincerely,

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Matt McDermott	Cultural Surveys Hawaii, Inc.	Support	No

Comments: On behalf of the management of Cultural Surveys Hawaii, Inc. I would like to offer my wholehearted support for the confirmation of Ms. Hinalaimoana Wong-Kalu as Chair of the Oahu Island Burial Council. I have been an archaeologist with Cultural Surveys Hawaii, Inc., for the last 25 years. My duties require that I work closely with the various island burial councils--particularly the Oahu Island Burial Council. Over the last several years it has been a pleasure to work with Hina. She has the cultural knowledge to carry out her duties conscientiously, appropriately, and well. She handles her responsibilities with intelligence, aplomb, creativity, and passion. Her commitment to the proper care of iwi kupuna is clear. She regularly takes time from her otherwise busy schedule to attend the development project meetings where iwi kupuna issues are discussed. She regularly comes into the field to personally observe the conditions and situations where iwi kupuna are disturbed. Hina has the diplomatic skills that help bring about resolutions to contentious issues. Under her leadership the OIBC competently fulfills its often difficult kuleana. --Matt McDermott, Project Manager, Cultural Surveys Hawaii, Inc.

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