

GM 507

FEBRUARY 2016

Aloha Senator Gabbard,

The following are answers to the questions which you have posed.

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

I strongly endorse the commission's role in recommending lands to be given permanent protection for their natural, cultural, recreational and educational values. Throughout the Islands, such lands are rapidly being acquired by offshore interests and thereafter are lost to development or speculative real estate sales. The sooner the involvement and the greater the extent of acquisition by Legacy Land Conservation Program and other partnering entities, the more of Hawaii's resources can be saved for Hawaii people.

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

I perceive the commission's role of vetting, and inspecting pieces of land to be acquired to be vital in the process. The Legacy Land Conservation Commission's performance of these steps and its discussions and rankings of each application provide a degree of review after and in addition to that of DLNR staff, and before the Board of Land and Natural Resources votes on funding the recommended applications. This additional examination and discussion brings more depth to the review, and the public input at the meetings also brings in additional perspectives to the ranking and importance of the applications. This would not happen without the role of the commission. The commissioners are responsible to weigh the relative merits of the applications and to use their backgrounds and perspectives to get the most out of the ranking process.

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.

I am a field biologist who has worked with native plants and vegetation on all the main islands but Ni'ihau over the last 45 years, and who has gotten to know the islands well in the process. During that time I also worked for six years as a Coastal Zone Management Planner for the Hawaii County Planning Department, back when much of the zoning and land use changes

were happening that redirected the island's future irrevocably. I saw firsthand the fallibilities of existing land use regulatory structures to protect that which made Hawaii unique in many ways. Growing up and living on three islands and witnessing the changes to the land and resources of my youth have motivated me to spend time and effort where my skills and experiences can be applied to preserve the resources and sense of place that I treasure. Serving on the Legacy Land Conservation Commission is one of those roles.

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

The primary accomplishment would be to contribute substantively to the thorough vetting of the applications for funding that we review. Additionally, if there are ways to advocate for increasing the scale and effectiveness of the Legacy Land Conservation Program I would love to do so, as I believe strongly in the accomplishments of the program.

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

I take a broad view of issues before me, and apply my skills and experience to scrutinize and enhance the outcome. I am not afraid of suggesting different views and alternate pathways where such could be useful. I am honest.

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

I have already served actively on the commission on an interim basis for one funding cycle, and can hit the ground running. Already having the experience and interactions with the commission work and commissioners will increase my effectiveness on the commission.

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 lack the generic conflicts possibly inherent in significant land holdings, consulting business, regulatory connections, employment and legal operations. I do not see personal gain resulting from public acquisitions in which I have no financial interest. Should a possible conflict of interest be perceived in specific applications, the commission practice tends to be recusal from voting on applicant ranking. Sharing information and views with other commissioners during meeting discussions has been allowed and is consistent with Ethics Commission guidance.

Mahalo, Frederick R. Warshauer

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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
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**Before the Senate Committee on
WATER, LAND, AND AGRICULTURE**

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State Capitol, Conference Room 224

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 507
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE LEGACY
LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,
FREDERICK WARSHAUER, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2018**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) strongly supports Governor's Message 507, nominating Mr. Frederick ("Rick") Warshauer to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2018.

Pursuant to Section 173A-2.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), the Legacy Land Conservation 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.

Mr. Warshauer is a botanist and biologist possessing a M.S. in Zoology and over 30 years of experience in working with Hawaii's natural and archeological resources. Mr. Warshauer has worked in various roles for federal and local government, including as a Wildlife Biologist and Botanist for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, a Coastal Zone Management Planner for Hawaii County, and Senior Research Associate for the U.S. Geological Survey, Pacific Islands Ecosystems Research Center. He has made significant contributions to the existing body of

knowledge on Hawaii's natural and archeological resources through surveys, reports, and publications. Mr. Warshauer's range of knowledge and experience in resource protection has made him an excellent member on the Legacy Land Conservation Commission representing the Island of Hawaii and Science.

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Comments: As an existing member of the Legacy Lands Conservation Commission, I served with Rick Warshauer last year when he was an interim appointment. It is great having Rick on the Commission so we can benefit from his many years of botanical experience. Rick is a dedicated and experienced conservationist, whom I have worked with professionally for over 20 years.

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