

GM 783

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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

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

**Monday, April 18, 2016
2:50 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 224**

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 783
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE KAHANA VALLEY
LIVING PARK PLANNING COUNCIL, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, MAY AU, FOR A
TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2017**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) expresses its strong support for Governor's Message 746 on the confirmation of May Au as a gubernatorial appointed member to the Kahana Valley Living Park Planning Council (Planning Council) for a term to expire on June 30, 2017.

The Planning Council, created by way of Act 15, Session Laws of Hawaii 2009, consists of five voting members; a member of the general public, a representative of the Department, and three members representing the residents of Kahana ahupua'a.

May Au or Aunty May currently resides in Kahana Valley and is a graduate of Kamehameha Schools and attended the University of Hawai'i. She retired from the U.S. Postal Service after 40 years as Postmaster at the Hau'ula, Kailua and Kane'ohe Stations.

Aunty May has been active in her community with the Ko'olaupoko and Ko'olauloa Hawaiian Civic Clubs as well as a Kupuna Council member of the Ko'olauloa Community Health and Wellness Center. She serves as Treasurer of the Kahana Community Association and was a volunteer organizer of the opening of the Kahana store.

Aunty May will assist with the Planning Council in future planning efforts establishing a successful model of how to manage Kahana Valley Living Park. The Department urges your support of May Au for confirmation to the Kahana Valley Living Park Planning Council.



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Gubernatorial Nominee, May Au, is submitted as a Gubernatorial Nominee for consideration and confirmation to the Kahana Valley Living Park Planning Council, for a term to expire on June 20, 2017.

A life-long resident of Kahana Valley, Aunty May Au is a respected and much loved kupuna and historian from Moku O Kakuhihewa (O'ahu), the Moku of Ko'olauloa and the ahupua'a of Kahana. An original member of the 200+ kupuna and expert native Hawaiian traditional resource experts who restored the Aha Moku Process from the 9th century oral chants, Aunty May was one of the authors of the Aha Moku Bill which was introduced via Act 212 in 2007, then updated and finalized as Act 288 in 2012. She is a *lawaia* (traditional fishing practices), and a *mahiai* (traditional agricultural practices).

Devoted to Kahana, Aunty May knows the Valley intimately. She loves her aina and kai, and has helped the families of Kahana retain their history, culture and love of their place. Having this knowledge is important as this will encourage families who have kept their generational knowledge of Kahana can continue to pass this down to their children. It is important that the families historically connected to Kahana remember and maintain their heiau, fishponds, agricultural places and shoreline and coastal fishing koa.

May Au is a Hawaiian of Kahana who is able to walk comfortably in two cultures, Hawaiian and western, with one goal – the well-being of the residents of Kahana Valley.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony and we ask that this committee accept and confirm May Au to the Kahana Valley Living Park Planning Council. Mahalo nui loa!

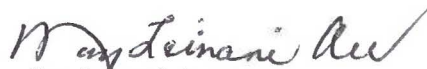
April 11, 2016

Hon. Senator Mike Gabbard, Chairman
Water, Land, Agriculture & Hawaiian Affairs
Hawaii State Capitol Room 201
Honolulu, HI 96813

Aloha Senator Gabbard & Committee Members:

1. I, May Leinani Au, am requesting reappointment to the Kahana Valley living Park Council because of the comprehensive and encouraging Scope Report submitted by Bruce Tsuchida of Townscape, Inc. I am grateful for the State Parks CIP funds that made it possible.
2. After six years of much planning, time and effort (but no money) I declined reappointment in early September. I now want to finish my tenure on a positive note as an active, contributing Kahana Kupuna of Hawaiian culture. I want to make a lasting contribution to the community in which I live.
3. I am the second qualified nominee of the Kahana Community Association in an election conducted by the League of Women Voters (2010) and President Ervin Kahala has submitted my name for the 2016 term. My 40 years in the U.S. Postal Service as Postmaster of Hauula, Kailua, Kaneohe and Acting Director of Customer Service in the Honolulu Postal District Office, afforded me diverse experiences to work with all kinds of groups and individuals; training; budgets; vehicle fleets and customer service. I am a participating resource for visiting groups and individuals to the valley. I also manage the Kahana Visitors Center (Former Kam Mon Store).
4. I pledge to contribute to a successful plan that will serve as a roadmap for what happens in Kahana which will be acceptable to State Parks of DLNR, lessees and the public.
5. I am a people person, a good listener, have an open mind to weigh alternatives and can be decisive when needed. Considering my age (85) I am in good health.
6. Returning to Kahana after the passing of my husband in 2006, I successfully established a non-profit for Kahana: Hoala Aina Kupono (Restoring Ancient Lands). My intent was to have the young adults of the valley run with it to obtain funds to expand lo'i, garden plots plus cultural programs. At present their educational pursuits are limiting their time/effort to manage major projects. They have successfully launched the Kilo Kai (Malama Kahana Bay) Program and the Lawai'a (fishing) camp held 2x per year. The non-profit is still viable and can be helpful in the future. My extensive experiences will be of benefit to the Council.
7. Ronald Johson (nephew) 52-236 A1 Trout Farm Road Kahana will not pose a conflict of interest to me in my role as a Council member. I am confident my decisions will be for the good of all in issues pertaining to Kahana as a successful cultural living park.

Mahalo Piha for your consideration of my request.



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