

April 12, 2017

The Honorable Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair  
Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

**Subject:** Testimony in support of the confirmation of Kali Fermantez ,  
Beverly Amaral and Danna Holck to the Oahu Island Burial  
Council

Dear Chair and Committee Members:

Thank you for this opportunity to support the confirmation of Kali Fermantez,  
Beverly Amaral and Danna Holck to the Oahu Island Burial Council (OIBC) .

As the Council's current chair, I can testify to their strong participation on the  
Oahu Island Burial Council. Just yesterday at our monthly council meeting, each  
individual actively contributed to making our meeting a success.

**Kali Fermantez:** Kali represents the Koolauloa District which covers the  
communities of Kahuku, Laie, Hauula and Kaaawa. He frequently interfaces  
with these communities, especially when issues of iwi o kupuna arise. As a  
professor of Hawaiian Studies at BYU Hawaii, he has good knowledge of  
Hawaiian cultural practices.

**Beverly Amaral:** Having served as a council member for the last year, Ms.  
Amaral exhibits a good ability to make insightful statements that bring a new  
focus to any discussion. Her background in real estate provides an interesting  
and unique perspective.

**Danna Holck:** Danna represents the large landowner/developer interests on the  
council. She shows a good sensitivity to all cultural issues, big and small, and  
will take time out to confer. when appropriate, to address individual concerns.  
Her cultural interests extend beyond her place of employment, Turtle Bay Resort  
on the north shore.

Again, I greatly appreciate the opportunity to insert my remarks on these e  
individuals as this is my last year on the Oahu Island Burial Council. I know they  
will each continue to help the council grow and fulfill its mission.

Aloha,

Charles A. Ehrhorn, Chair  
Oahu Island Burial Council