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Testimony of SUZANNE D. CASE Chairperson

Before the Senate Committee on WATER AND LAND

Friday, March 16, 2018 2:45 PM State Capitol, Conference Room 224

In consideration of GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 542 SUMBITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE KANEOHE BAY REGIONAL COUNCIL, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, MAURICE RADKE, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2021.

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports the Governor's nomination (Governor's Message 542) of Mr. Maurice Radke to the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council for a term to expire on June 30, 2021.

Mr. Radke has served on the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council since 2014. He has lived in Kāne'ohe since 1999 and brings a wealth of knowledge about Kāne'ohe and the bay to the Council. He is passionate about the many issues and wants to ensure that cultural and historical resources of the area are respected and preserved. Mr. Radke's many years in military service and experiences there have served him well. He has been an active and engaged Council member and we anticipate that he will continue to be a valuable asset to the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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Comments:

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Senator Karl Rhodes Senate District 13 State Capitol Room 204 Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Nomination to the Kāne'ohe Bay Regional Council

Dear Senator Rhodes:

I'm honored and proud to submit the following information relating to reassignment/re-nomination to the Kāne'ohe Bay Regional Council. I have taken the liberty of answering your questions under their numerical heading.

- 1. Please describe your understanding of the role and jurisdiction of the Kāne'ohe Bay Regional Council (Council).
 - a. My understanding from my prior four years as a Kāne'ohe Bay Regional Council (KBRC) is an advisory body reporting to the Division of Land and Natural Resources.
- 2. How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the Council?
 - a. Maintain adequate background and historical data relating to the issues of concern that are brought forward and development of sustainable and resilient planning for future events and issues.
- 3. Why do you wish to serve as a member of the Council? Please note if you applied to be nominated to the Council or if you were invited to apply.
 - a. As the Chair of the Kāne'ohe Neighborhood Board, there was a vacancy to be filled by a board member. I was originally nominated in 2014 and have served continuously since then.
- 4. Please describe why you believe that you are qualified to be a member of the Council including the specific council seat you have been designated to

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represent. Please discuss any skills, expertise, knowledge, or volunteer involvement that would aid in your decision-making ability.

- a. Four years' service on the KBRC
- b. Direct involvement in establishment of NEERS He'eia
- c. Involvement to protect the Bay and curtail efforts to commercialize operations
- d. Knowledge of the Kāne'ohe Bay Master Plan and the original intent of its creators and how the future is effectively managed for our community.
- 5. What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service on the Council?
 - a. Update of Kāne'ohe Bay Master Plan
- 6. What issues do you believe that the Council has handled well in the past? What issues do you believe that the Council should address in the future?
 - a. I was impressed with the work involved in hearing community concerns and business concerns relating to the expansion of the Kamaaina Kids operation on the Bay.
 - b. I'd like to see an update of the Master Plan.
- 7. Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests involving you that could arise during your service on the Council? How would you address any possible conflicts of interest?
 - a. I presently have no conflicts of interest and do not envision any in the future. My financial and business dealings do not cross over into KBRC issues or concerns. If one were to arise, I would follow appropriate ethics laws and reporting procedures.
- 8. Is there any other information regarding your experience and background that you believe should be considered for your nomination?
 - a. I am and have always been committed to service. The kuleana that embraces us when attempting to mālama this resource is pressed on us by our ability and permission to hear the 'ōlelo of ancestors, the living kupuna, and how we want to be remembered and thought of by those that follow us. Sometimes, the best development is no development. Our bay remains pristine and relatively safe because a group of concerned citizens developed a master plan to protect it. There will always be competing

interests and protection of $K\bar{a}ne$ ohe Bay must be correctly balanced with desires for recreational use, environmental concerns and commercial use through a level-headed, thoughtful and completely open process. I have maintained that same mindset for the past four years on this council and pledge to do the same if permitted.

Aloha Pumehana,

Maurice 'Mo' Radke