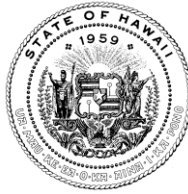


GM637

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Veterinary Examiners, Gubernatorial Nominee, ALICIA MALUAFITI, for a term to expire 06-30-2022.

Report Title: Board of Veterinary Examiners

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TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2018

Thursday, March 29, 2018
9:30 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 637, SUBMITTING FOR
CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF VETERINARY
EXAMINERS, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, ALICIA MALUAFITI, FOR A TERM TO
EXPIRE 06-30-2022.**

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE
COMMITTEE:

My name is Kedin Kleinhans, and I am the Executive Officer for the Board of Veterinary Examiners ("Board"), Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department appreciates the opportunity to testify on G.M. 637, regarding the **reappointment** of Alicia Maluafiti to the Board. The Department supports the confirmation of Ms. Maluafiti's reappointment to the Board.

Ms. Maluafiti was appointed as a public member to the Board on April 20, 2016. She has attended seven out of seven meetings since her appointment and actively participates in discussions. Ms. Maluafiti's active participation during meeting discussions demonstrates that she prepares for matters on the Board's agenda.

Ms. Maluafiti has more than twenty years of experience in community and government relations and is passionate about protecting pets. She has past experience serving on different boards, including the Hawaii Community Development Association

representing Kalaeloa. Ms. Maluafiti also founded Poi Dogs & Popoki, a non-profit dedicated to improving the quality of life for dogs and cats by providing nurturing environments that are safer and healthier for the animals and community. Some of the services provided include installing fences, providing shelter, and offering free or low-cost veterinary services. Given Ms. Maluafiti's experience and genuine care for animals, the Department believes that she will continue to be an asset to the Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of the confirmation of Ms. Maluafiti's reappointment to the Board.

GM-637

Submitted on: 3/27/2018 6:01:01 PM

Testimony for CPH on 3/29/2018 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kitty Ng	Testifying for Hawaii Happy Cats	Support	No

Comments:

I fully support Alicia Maluafiti for confirmation to Board of Veterinary Examiners as she has the qualifications with much involvement with animals and has a passion for them . She would be the perfect person to have on board in this capacity .

GM-637

Submitted on: 3/24/2018 9:59:59 AM

Testimony for CPH on 3/29/2018 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jolene Galaza	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support Alicia M. for her appointment. I have been given the pleasure of being blessed with Alicia's help & generosity more than once with the help of Poi Dogs & Popoki & The Big Fix, when I needed help with stray & abandoned kittens. Alicia's kindness & forthcoming of constant giving nature is what is needed to help in situations that call for Animal lives. All animal lives matter. Alicia would make the most suitable candidate for this honor.

GM-637

Submitted on: 3/24/2018 10:16:15 AM

Testimony for CPH on 3/29/2018 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sara Perry	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Alicia is an amazing and dedicated animal lover. She makes that passion into her profession through her Poi Dogs and Popoki rescue. Having someone like her on this Board is essential to its balance

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Submitted on: 3/24/2018 11:19:31 AM

Testimony for CPH on 3/29/2018 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Skyla Hammond	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Alicia Maluafiti is well-known in the community of animal rescue for her outspoken, passionate concern for animals. Having served on this board for two years, combined with her past experience at the Hawaiian Humane Society, O'ahu Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (OSPICA), and Poi Dogs and PÅ• poki PDP), Ms. Maluafiti is well-qualified to continue her service to the community as a consumer board member.

GM-637

Submitted on: 3/24/2018 11:33:45 AM

Testimony for CPH on 3/29/2018 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Barbara Burger	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I cannot imagine a better candidate for this position. She has given her soul to the non-profit community and this "Consumer" position on the Committee on Consumer Protection is vital in ensuring voices and interests are heard and considered using this venue. Alicia's background speaks for itself; her professional experience in community and government relations providing nonprofits, associations, businesses and government entities with strategic support in communications, public affairs, outreach and education, and grassroots organizing is beyond reproach. She is the epitome of what this board needs. Please, Senator Baker and Governor Ige, make the right decision and choose Alicia for this position. Mahalo for your consideration.

GM-637

Submitted on: 3/24/2018 12:24:48 PM

Testimony for CPH on 3/29/2018 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Anna C. Rose	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support Alicia Maluafiti to the State Board of Vet Examiner. She has been the Director of the Hawaiian/Humane Society, founder and president of Oahu SPCA, founder and President of Poi Dogs and Popoki. She operates 2 mobile clinics that offer spay neuter and wellness health. No one could be more devoted to the welfare of cats and dogs in Hawaii. Anna C. Rose Honolulu Hawaii

GM-637

Submitted on: 3/24/2018 12:32:15 PM

Testimony for CPH on 3/29/2018 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lisa Kaita	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support Alicia Maluafiti for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Veterinary Examiners, Gubernatorial Nominee. I feel she does an amazing job for the animal community. Thanks to her affordable Spay and neuter program and health clinics people can keep their pets healthy by getting them sterilized and getting them vaccinated at an affordable price. We all know the economy is bad and we all love to own pets because they are beneficial to our health. Alicia also has her adoption program at PetSmart so people can adopt animals that were surrendered, found in places that are not ideal for animals. This is a great opportunity for animals to have a second chance at life and for people to own pets that are already sterilized, has their health checked out so they know what they are getting. Thank you for your time.

GM-637

Submitted on: 3/24/2018 12:49:52 PM

Testimony for CPH on 3/29/2018 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tami Schatz	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Alicia Maluafiti is an advocate for the animals in Hawaii and has done a tremendous job at helping to reduce the animal over-population problem through the low-cost clinics that she established to help the people of Hawaii not only spay and neuter their animals but also vaccinate them at affordable rates. Alicia is a respected member of the animal communities and is passionate about ensuring the animals of Hawaii receive quality care. I support and encourage the consideration of Alicia Maluafiti to the Board of Veterinary Examiners as an advocate for affordable and quality care of animals in Hawaii there is no one better for the position.

GM-637

Submitted on: 3/24/2018 1:19:02 PM

Testimony for CPH on 3/29/2018 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
peggy pratt	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

The hard work and effort made by Alicia is outstanding. All animals do not have a voice so she is their voice and concerns. She is making a big impact on feral and other animals.

GM-637

Submitted on: 3/24/2018 2:03:48 PM

Testimony for CPH on 3/29/2018 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
alissa collins	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/24/2018 2:39:02 PM

Testimony for CPH on 3/29/2018 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gillian Stetekluh	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Alicia Maluafiti is highly qualified and an excellent choice for this position. Not only is she experienced and competent in public policy but she is perhaps the greatest animal advocate on this island with a wealth of knowledge on animal/veterinary issues.

GM-637

Submitted on: 3/24/2018 2:51:38 PM

Testimony for CPH on 3/29/2018 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
carole richelieu	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/24/2018 5:30:17 PM

Testimony for CPH on 3/29/2018 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Breanne O'Neill	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support Alicia Maluafiti's appointment to the Board of Veterinary Examiners. Alicia Maluafiti has dedicated the majority of her life to not only rescuing and providing care for her own cats and dogs, but she has provided care to animals who walk into her mobile clinics. She not only has a high volume spay and neuter clinic, but a wellness clinic at all to provide affordable and quality care to these animals all while helping to prevent the further overpopulation of cats on Oahu!

GM-637

Submitted on: 3/24/2018 5:46:12 PM

Testimony for CPH on 3/29/2018 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Marian Manaois	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/24/2018 7:12:55 PM

Testimony for CPH on 3/29/2018 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alexis E. Jamison	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support the appointment of Alicia Maluafiti to the Board of Veterinary Examiners. Alicia Maluafiti is one of the fiercest animal advocates and is perfect for one of the consumer representatives on the Board. I know she will ensure the best care for the animals of our state.

GM-637

Submitted on: 3/25/2018 6:41:49 PM

Testimony for CPH on 3/29/2018 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
J Ashman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/24/2018 6:38:45 PM

Testimony for CPH on 3/29/2018 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
udom stamegna	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I fully supported Ms Maluafiti for this position, she has done so much for the good of animals in our state to control feral and stray animals through TNR programs. I firmly believe in the next four years, there will be more goods to be done for our pets and animals in needs. We needs a voice that cares and compassion for those who can't speak. Ms Maluafiti is their voices.

Mahalo,

Ms. Udom Stamegna

GM-637

Submitted on: 3/24/2018 6:58:21 PM

Testimony for CPH on 3/29/2018 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Paige Blose	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/25/2018 2:14:03 AM

Testimony for CPH on 3/29/2018 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
lawrence laporga	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I would like to say that she is the only person fit for this position. Her dedication and love for animals are enormous. We are so thankful for what she has done.

GM-637

Submitted on: 3/24/2018 10:36:26 PM

Testimony for CPH on 3/29/2018 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Katherine Linster	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please allow me to express my wholehearted support of Alicia Maluafiti's appointment. We have truly been blessed with her service and tireless commitment to building a better, compassionate, and responsible community. She has my gratitude and support.

Katherine Linster

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COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chair

Thursday, March 29, 2018
9:30 AM
State Capitol Room 229

RE: GM 637 ALICIA MALUAFITI

Aloha! My name is Chris Teves and I am writing in support of Alicia Maluafiti to be re-appointed to the Board of Veterinary Examiners. Alicia is a strong advocate for animals and serves as the executive director of Poi Dogs & Popoki. I am a high school sophomore and have been a volunteer for Poi Dogs & Popoki for more than five years because of Alicia. I have helped with spay and neuter clinics, pet adoptions and fundraisers, including a golf tournament. Alicia inspires community members and young people to commit to helping animals. I would not be involved as a volunteer if it wasn't for Alicia.

Please approve her appointment.

Testimony from Celeste Kato

In strong support of GM 637– Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Veterinary Examiners, Gubernatorial Nominee, ALICIA MALUAFITI, for a term to expire 06-30-2022.Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health

Aloha Chair Baker and members of the committee,

My name is Celeste Kato and I am testifying in very strong support of the reappointment of Alicia Maluafiti to the Board of Veterinary Examiners (GM 637).

I know Alicia through her non-profit organization Poi Dogs and Popoki and The Big Fix, its mobile spay/neuter clinic. Alicia is the most passionate animal advocate that you will ever meet and she is tireless when it comes to the protection and welfare of the animals; she loves them all –young, old, cute, ugly, sick and healthy. She puts into action what most people only talk about doing. And she will always do what is right for the animals. Always.

I am positive that over the past 2 years, Alicia has proven to be fair, but firm. She does not let her attention to detail prevent her from seeing the big picture. Alicia is very organized and has an amazing ability to motivate and inspire others, myself included. You would be lucky to have her continue to be a part of your organization.

I really appreciate your consideration and humbly ask that you approve the reappointment of Alicia to the Board of Veterinary Examiners. Mahalo.

GM-637

Submitted on: 3/26/2018 12:43:34 PM

Testimony for CPH on 3/29/2018 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lee Cuccia	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Alicia Maluafiti is hardworking, caring: a voice for animals on this island that we desperately need. Her dedication is unmatched. She has my complete support.

GM-637

Submitted on: 3/25/2018 1:24:52 PM

Testimony for CPH on 3/29/2018 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dana Jones	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this candidate for her untiring and generous outreach to animals and people of Hawaii. She truly does the right thing. One person can inspire others and Alicia certainly has that ability. Mahalo,

Dana Jones

GM-637

Submitted on: 3/25/2018 11:32:31 AM

Testimony for CPH on 3/29/2018 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Helene P Navaro	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha

Alicia Maluafiti is a perfect person for this position with her knowledge, experience, love and compassion in all areas of animal services, animal health and public welfare. She is doing such a great job being on board of Veterinary Examiners. Her reappointment is the best option so she can continue to help our community and its animals.

We strongly recommend her reappointment and we thank you for your kind consideration.

Mahalo Nui Loa

GM-637

Submitted on: 3/25/2018 7:13:52 AM

Testimony for CPH on 3/29/2018 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shelly Esmeralda	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support Alicia maluafiti's

appointment to this Board. She is an experienced animal advocate that will be an asset to this Board. Mahalo.

GM-637

Submitted on: 3/24/2018 10:22:27 PM

Testimony for CPH on 3/29/2018 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
eva marie kelnhofer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/25/2018 1:40:21 AM

Testimony for CPH on 3/29/2018 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kat Miller	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha and mahalo for your valuable time.

I support Alicia Maluafiti in this position. Please reappoint her.

Thank you,

Kat Miller

GM-637

Submitted on: 3/25/2018 1:54:41 AM

Testimony for CPH on 3/29/2018 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
zeli laporga	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am honored to leave a testimony in support for Alicia Maluafiti to continue her service on the Board as consumers representative. I can't think of anyone better to serve on the board than Alicia Maluafiti. We are blessed to have her to represent us and the animal community.

Zeli Kina Laporga

GM-637

Submitted on: 3/24/2018 9:14:48 PM

Testimony for CPH on 3/29/2018 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Julie Chen	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please confirm Alicia Maluafiti to the Board of Veterinary Examiners for another term to expire June 30, 2022. Alicia has done so much for the animals in Hawaii. The animals need Alicia to be their voice. Thank you.

GM-637

Submitted on: 3/26/2018 11:15:33 AM

Testimony for CPH on 3/29/2018 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tammy Nichols	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Alicia should continue with her outstanding job. I can't think of anybody else that has the qualifications, knowledge, dedication, compassion, skill, determinations, energy and managing style to replace her. The animals on the island will vote for her if they could. She has to sacrifice a lot in order to protect the animals. It will be a tragedy if she can't continue her efforts. She has accomplished so much and it will be a mistake if she doesn't get reelected.

GM-637

Submitted on: 3/27/2018 11:43:51 AM

Testimony for CPH on 3/29/2018 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sabrina Dela Rama	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Board of Directors,

I am in support of Alicia Maluafiti for the position for another 2 years. Alicia gives all her time and life for animals and their well being. We need someone like her to help with the process of regulating with full understanding what animal welfare means and their care.

I want to thank you very much for your time in this matter.

Mahalo,

Sabrina Dela Rama

GM-637

Submitted on: 3/27/2018 6:48:58 PM

Testimony for CPH on 3/29/2018 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
LINDA SCHOONOVER	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I fully support Alicia Maluafiti to be reappointed to the State Board Veterinary Examiners. Ms. Maluafiti has done so much for the animals of Oahu. Her time and commitment is something along with all her dedication and devotion to help them in any way she can. I have yet to see an individual do as much work as she. She's an outstanding individual and very highly praised among so many. I have had the pleasure of meeting Alicia and words can not express how such a wonderful woman can be so involved in helping animals, especially the cats of Oahu. Her work continues and expands with the TNR mobile units in hopes to keep feral cats under control. It has already proven to be a huge difference. Her hopes that unnecessary killing of animals on Oahu is of significance as well. She provides services (spay/neuter/health/wellness) at a very affordable cost for individuals who can financially to care for their pets, as well as ones trying to care for strays, abandoned and feral. Alicia is a very active individual involved in many projects and gets them done. She would be an outstanding asset to the State Board of Veterinary Examiners.

Sincerely,

Linda Q. Schoonover

GM-637

Submitted on: 3/27/2018 6:21:33 PM

Testimony for CPH on 3/29/2018 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gabriele Schmidt-Stelljes	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Alicia Maluafiti is the perfect fit for this position.

March 24, 2018

Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chair
Conference Room 229
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

Dear Committee:

I am writing this letter of recommendation on behalf of Alicia Maluafiti because she continues to be a perfect fit for the Board of Veterinary Examiners as a Consumer Representative. I have had the honor of working with Alicia in Poi Dogs and Popoki. She is a determined advocate for Oahu's animals and their families.

Alicia is truly a leader in animal welfare for the community. She has been a founding member of the major animal rescue and welfare agencies of on Oahu and continues to find ways to help many animals and the people who care for them. Her relentless work with Poi Dogs and Popoki is completely volunteer and very time consuming, yet she always finds the time to complete the necessary tasks to keep the organization running while also caring for her own pets and community cats. She never loses focus of the goals of the organization nor her own personal objective of being a positive impact on animals' lives.

I have witnessed firsthand her ability to rally and coordinate people into action and truthfully believe her energy and leadership are endless. She is strong-willed, organized, and persuasively communicative while at the same time being empathetic and compassionate – all traits of a successful leader. Indeed one could not have accomplished as much nor affected as many animal and human lives as she has without those traits.

I enjoy working with Alicia greatly and highly recommend she continue to serve on the Board of Veterinary Examiners. Please feel free to contact me if you would like further testimony or perspective.

Sincerely,

Melissa Beyer, DVM
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GM-637

Submitted on: 3/28/2018 1:19:28 PM

Testimony for CPH on 3/29/2018 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melinda Buck	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support GM637. Alicia Maluafiti has been a positive asset cat community. She has provided low cost spay and neuter and wellness services into all community's. She is hard working and dedicated. She has the experience which she has shown representing the animal community. Please keep Alicia Maluafiti as a consumer representative.

Thank you,

Melinda Buck

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Veterinary Examiners, Gubernatorial Nominee, ALICIA MALUAFITI, for a term to expire 06-30-2022.

Alicia Maluafiti has served on the Hawaii Board of Veterinary Examiners for 2 years as the Consumer representative. Alicia is a wonderful person who is a tireless advocate for all animals and those that care for them, handling herself with professionalism and grace. She has expressed how honored she has been to serve where, as Sen. Bake has said, "I can do the most good." She has an extensive background of service to our community that she brings to support her position as "Consumer Representative," i.e., Director at Hawaiian Humane Society, founder/president of Oahu SPCA, founder/president of Poi Dogs & Popoki, which provides a mobile Veterinary service to our Oahu community for more than 10 years!

Poi Dogs & Popoki has provided excellent, compassionate Vet services for many of my pets and it is so convenient when they come right into your neighborhood. As you know PDP now operate two mobile clinics – one for high volume spay/neuter and the other for pet health/wellness—that is not an easy feat to staff and operate—but Alicia oversees a well run community service. She helps to make these services affordable for families struggling to care for their pets as well as the people caring for those animals abandoned, feral and stray. She truly lives what she preaches, "saving one animal won't change the world, but it will change the world for that one animal."

Alicia Maluafiti will continue to give your team of the Board of Veterinary Examiners not 100%--but 200%! No one has her wealth of experience (more than 30 years of animal rescuing, along with the cat sanctuary she owns in Nanakuli, her fund raising events and adoption events), commitment and love of animals that knows no bounds.

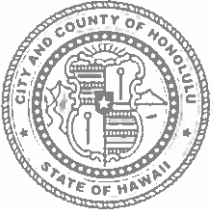
Please keep Alicia Maluafiti on your Board of Veterinary Examiners.

If you have any questions please contact me at the number below.

Sincerely submitted by,



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March 28, 2018

Honorable Rosalyn Baker, Chair
and Members of the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health
Hawaii State Capitol
Room 230
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Reappointment of Ms. Alicia Maluafiti to the Board of Veterinary Examiners

I am testifying in strong support for the reappointment of Ms. Alicia Maluafiti to the Hawaii State Board of Veterinary Examiners. It is an ideal place for someone who has devoted a lifetime to the care and wellness of animals – not just pets but even feral animals who have nowhere to go.

Alicia is a frequent testifier before the Honolulu City Council, especially on matters involving the treatment of animals as well as legislation with regard to the Hawaii Humane Society. She is a passionate and fierce champion for the humane and responsible care of pets and other animals.

She is a former director of the Humane Society, founded and led the Oahu chapter of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and also founded and led Poi Dogs & Popoki. She volunteers her time and personal funds to help care for these animals and remains very active with Poi Dogs & Popoki on a volunteer basis, managing its operation of two mobile pet clinics as well as organizing its various fundraising events.

I can think of no one who advocates more for the welfare of pets and animals in our communities. I urge you to give her your highest consideration.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.


Ernest Y. Martin, Chair and Presiding Officer
Honolulu City Council
District II