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Testimony of
David Y. Ige
Governor, State of Hawai'i

Before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
April 12, 2019
1:15 p.m., Room 229

In consideration of
GM 666, Mary Alice Evans
as the
Director of the Office of Planning
Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism

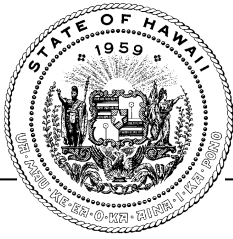
Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and committee members:

I respectfully request your support in confirming the appointment of Mary Alice Evans as the director of the Office of Planning (OP).

Mary Alice has extensive planning and administrative experience as demonstrated by her work in a variety of state positions including planner and planner program manager in the Office of Planning, deputy comptroller, as well as deputy and interim director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT). She holds a bachelor's degree in sociology from the University of California at Santa Barbara and a master's degree in urban and regional planning from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

My administration is committed to reshaping the culture of government by embracing and accelerating change. I am confident that Mary Alice Evans will continue to support our employees in the Office of Planning in this effort. Moving forward together, we can build a better home for our keiki, kūpuna, and all the residents of Hawai'i.

Mahalo for your consideration.



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Statement of
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before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Friday, April 12, 2019
1:15 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

in consideration of

Governor's Message (GM) 666

Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land.

I strongly support the nomination of Ms. Mary Alice Evans to serve as the Director of the Office of Planning.

I have known Ms. Evans, both professionally and personally for well over 25 years, and have had the opportunity to work directly with her in her past capacities in the Office of Planning and the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism. Her diligent work, dedication to public service and the planning profession, breadth of knowledge and experience in a number of areas, and “big picture” approach are a few of her many assets.

Ms. Evans has gained my trust and respect, as someone that will uphold the highest levels of leadership, and there is no question that she will greatly contribute and apply her passion, knowledge and experiences to the work of the Office of Planning. As a former Director of the Office of Planning, I cannot think of anyone else currently in the profession with the experience that Ms. Evans has and would be very well qualified to lead and guide the Office of Planning to higher levels.

I respectfully encourage the Committee to advise and consent to the nomination of Ms. Mary Alice Evans as Director of the Office of Planning.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on GM 666.



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Statement of
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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Friday, April 12, 2019

1:15 p.m.

State Capitol, Conference Room 229

in consideration of

GM 666

**Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the
Office of Planning, Department of Business, Economic
Development & Tourism, Gubernatorial Nominee,
MARY ALICE EVANS, for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022.**

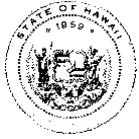
Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee.

I **strongly support** the appointment of **Mary Alice Evans** to serve as the Director of the Office of Planning, Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism (DBEDT).

Mary Alice has served the State of Hawaii for the past 45 years with conviction, through collaboration and with a sense of responsibility. Earning a Master's in Urban and Regional Planning at the University of Hawaii, Manoa, Evans went on to have a career in the Governor's office, Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Departments of Accounting and General Services and the Office of Planning. She most recently was the Deputy Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism for 8 years. Her leadership abilities combined with extensive experience managing staff, budget, operations, and projects qualifies her for the position as the Director of the Office of Planning, DBEDT.

For these reasons, I urge her confirmation for Director of the Office of Planning, Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.



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STATEMENT OF
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BEFORE THE

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Friday, April 12, 2019
1:15 P.M.

State Capitol, Conference Room 229

in consideration of

GM 666
DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF PLANNING
NOMINEE MARY ALICE EVANS

Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee.

The Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) has not acted on this measure. In my capacity as Executive Director, I respectfully offer my **strong support of Mary Alice Evans**, who I have been honored to serve with under the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism umbrella for several years.

Ms. Evans is an exceptional leader, with her open-door policy she provides unwavering support for the staff as well as clear guidance. Her knowledge of the inner workings of state government have been vital in the efficiency of operations.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer support of Mary Alice Evans.



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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Statement of
Craig K. Hirai
Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation
Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

April 12, 2019 at 1:15 p.m.
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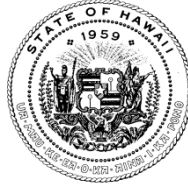
In consideration of
G.M. 666

**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DIRECTOR OF
THE OFFICE OF PLANNING, DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, MARY ALICE
EVANS, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 12-05-2022.**

The HHFDC ***strongly supports*** the nomination of Mary Alice Evans as Director of the Office of Planning. As a State Planner herself, Ms. Evans is eminently well-qualified for this position. HHFDC believes she will lead the Office of Planning with distinction.

Ms. Evans has served as the Department's designated representative on the HHFDC Board of Directors from 2011 to the present. Therefore, the HHFDC Board and staff have had ample opportunity to observe her intellect, diligence, and dedication up close. Through these experiences, Ms. Evans is familiar with the Office of Planning's role in leading the Special Action Team on Affordable Rental Housing and the Interagency Council on Transit-Oriented Development, so these Legislative initiatives will not lose momentum.

For all these reasons, we respectfully ask for your favorable consideration of her nomination. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



TESTIMONY BY:

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April 12, 2019
1:15 p.m.
State Capitol, Room 229

G.M. 666

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Office of Planning, Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, Gubernatorial Nominee, MARY ALICE EVANS, for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022.

Senate Committee on Water and Land

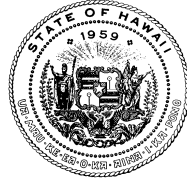
The Department of Transportation (DOT) **strongly supports** the confirmation of Mary Alice Evan as the Director of the Office of Planning (OP).

Ms. Evans earned her BA in Sociology from the University of California in Santa Barbara, and a MA in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Hawaii at Manoa. She has served on the Hawaii Chapter of American Planning Association, the Hawaii Economic Association, Honolulu City Planning Commission and the Urban Land Institute.

We've had the pleasure to work with Ms. Evans as Deputy Director of Department of Business and Economic Development and Tourism and find her to be an exceptional leader. She is a visionary who optimizes the effectiveness of Hawaii's assets and infrastructure and as a dedicated public servant for almost 40 years, she brings a wealth of institutional insight encouraging more public and private partnerships with government.

Planning is so important to our continued growth and prosperity. The OP continually balances competing needs throughout the State so it must be fair and thorough in reviewing initiatives and projects. What Ms. Evans brings to the OP is extremely valuable as the State formulate policies and strategies. She knows how to bring people together to get results and understands the sensitivities of how her office needs to be responsive to all of the stakeholders. We have every confidence that she will continue to do a fantastic job. The DOT looks forward to continuing our good relations with Ms. Evans and is hopeful you will unanimously approve her nomination to continue her fine work at the OP.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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Testimony in SUPPORT of GM666
Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Office of Planning,
Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, Gubernatorial Nominee,
MARY ALICE EVANS, for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022.

SENATOR KAIALI'I KAHELE, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Hearing Date: April 12, 2019

Room Number: 229

1 **Fiscal Implications:** N/A.

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (DOH) supports the nomination of Mary
3 Alice Evans as the Director of the Office of Planning, Department of Business, Economic
4 Development, and Tourism.

5 Ms. Evans has a long and successful history in government service and has been a valued and
6 cooperative partner with the Department of Health in the advancement of social justice policies.
7 The Office of Planning is an excellent opportunity for the State of Hawaii to benefit from her
8 experience and leadership.

9 Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of GM666.

10 **Offered Amendments:** N/A.

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DAVID Y. IGE
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RYKER WADA
DIRECTOR

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April 9, 2019

TESTIMONY TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
For Hearing on Friday, April 12, 2019
1:15 p.m., Conference Room 229

By

RYKER WADA
DIRECTOR

Governor's Message 666
(WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY)

Dear Chair Kahele, Vice-Chair Keith-Agaran and members of the Committee on Water and Land

RE: Consideration and confirmation of Mary Alice Evans as Director of Planning, Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism

I submit this testimony in **Strong Support** of the confirmation of Mary Alice Evans as Director of Planning, the Department of Business, Development and Tourism. I have had the opportunity to work with Ms. Evans over the past two years as Deputy Director of the Department of Business, Development and Tourism. I have found her to be a dedicated, knowledgeable, measured and a well-prepared person who is well suited for the position of Director of the Office of Planning, Department of Business, Development and Tourism.

I support the confirmation of Ms. Mary Alice Evans as the Director of the Office of Planning, Department of Business, Development and Tourism.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in **SUPPORT** of Governor's Message 666 and Mary Alice Evans.

DAVID Y. IGE
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JOSH GREEN
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April 8, 2019

To: The Honorable Kaialii Kahele, Chair,
The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair, and
Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land

Date: Friday, April 12, 2019

Time: 1:15 p.m.

Place: Conference Room 229, State Capitol

From: Scott T. Murakami, Director
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR)

Re: G.M. No. 666 Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Office of Planning of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, Gubernatorial Nominee, MARY ALICE EVANS

Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Scott T. Murakami, and I am the Director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations. I am testifying in strong support of Governor's Message 666, Gubernatorial Nominee, Mary Alice Evans, as the Director of the Office of Planning of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT).

Ms. Evans has demonstrated that she has the leadership and experience to serve as the Director of the Office of Planning of DBEDT. As a long serving DBEDT employee, Ms. Evans has used her extensive institutional knowledge and experience to address difficult issues like developing tourism and business opportunities and coordinating public and private sector projects as well as improving departmental processes. In addition, Ms. Evans' participation in planning organizations, such as the Honolulu City Planning Commission, and community activities demonstrate her passion for public service, and for improving our State.

I urge you to confirm Ms. Evans to serve as the Director of the Office of Planning of the DBEDT so that she may continue to provide leadership and service to the public.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify in support of Ms. Evans.

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

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

**Friday, April 12, 2019
1:15 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 229**

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 666
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DIRECTOR
OF OFFICE OF PLANNING, DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE
MARY ALICE EVANS
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE AT NOON ON 12-05-2022**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) strongly supports Governor's Message 666 nominating Mary Alice Evans to serve as the Director of the Office of Planning in the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) to expire at noon on December 5, 2022.

Ms. Evans received her Master's Degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Hawaii at Manoa. She has worked at DBEDT in positions of increasing responsibility since November of 2000 after earlier stints at the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, the Office of State Planning, the Office of the Governor and the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Ms. Evans' master's thesis research topic was 'Consensus Formation Techniques for Interagency Groups' and her strength over the years at DBEDT has been her ability to look at the different aspects of an issue to pull various agency groups in to build consensus. The Department has had the good fortune to work with Ms. Evans on topics varying from climate change to planning for rapid transit and in all cases her skills in consensus building have served the State well.

Ms. Evans will bring these skills to the Office of Planning. The Department looks forward to continuing to work with her as we address difficult issues related to climate change and impacts of tourism on our natural resources.

Thank you for your consideration of the Department's strong support for Governor's Message 666, nominating Mary Alice Evans to serve as the Director of the Office of Planning.

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**TESTIMONY OF PHYLLIS SHIMABUKURO-GEISER
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE**

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER & LAND

**APRIL 12, 2019
1:15 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 229**

**GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 666
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DIRECTOR OF
THE OFFICE OF PLANNING, DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, MARY ALICE
EVANS, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE AT NOON ON 12-05-2022**

Chairperson Kahele and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on GM 666, submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Office of Planning, Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT), Gubernatorial Nominee, Mary Alice Evans, for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022. The Department strongly supports this measure.

Ms. Evans has served in many important leadership roles within DBEDT, including as the Planning Program Manager, the Deputy Director, and the Interim Director. She has been a valuable ex-officio member on the Board of Agriculture for the past several years. Over the course of her career, Ms. Evans has exemplified a hard-working, dedicated public servant who is consistently willing to support the State of Hawaii in whatever way possible. Her institutional knowledge and expertise will continue to serve a critical role for the State as the DBEDT Office of Planning Director.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



DAVID Y. IGE
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WRITTEN TESTIMONY
OF
CURT T. OTAGURO, COMPTROLLER
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES
TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

APRIL 12, 2019, 1:15 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 229, STATE CAPITOL

G.M. 666

SUBMITTING FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE
DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF PLANNING, DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, MARY ALICE EVANS,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE AT NOON ON 12-05-2022

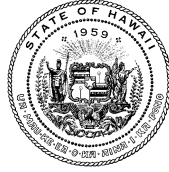
Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on G.M. 666. I support the nomination of Ms. Evans to the position of Director of the Office of Planning, Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT).

Ms. Evans has served as Deputy Director of DBEDT since April 2011. Previously, she has served as Planning Program Manager, Special Plans Branch, Office of Planning, DBEDT. In addition, Ms. Evans has been the Interim Comptroller and Deputy Comptroller, Department of Accounting and General Services.

Ms. Evans's experience and leadership abilities make her the ideal candidate to serve as the Director of the Office of Planning, DBEDT.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

DAVID Y. IGE
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AUDREY HIDANO
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TESTIMONY
OF
AUDREY HIDANO, DEPUTY COMPTROLLER
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TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
ON
FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2019, 1:15 PM
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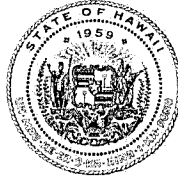
Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on G.M. 666. I strongly support the nomination of **MS. MARY ALICE EVANS** to the position of Director of the Office of Planning, Department of Business, Economic, Development and Tourism (DBEDT).

I have known Mary Alice Evans for many, many years. She is a legend in the State of Hawaii. Mary Alice has so much experience as a Planner that I believe she will need no introduction to being the Director of the Office of Planning, Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

Mary Alice is truly an asset to the Office of Planning and to the State of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this matter

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR
STATE OF HAWAII



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TESTIMONY OF JOBIE M. K. MASAGATANI, CHAIRMAN
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
HEARING ON APRIL 12, 2019 AT 1:15PM IN CR 229

IN SUPPORT OF

GM666

for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Office of Planning, Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, Gubernatorial Nominee, **MARY ALICE EVANS**, for a term to expire 12-05-2022

April 12, 2019

Aloha Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the Committee:

It is an honor to provide this testimony in support of Governor Ige's nomination of Mary Alice Evans as the Director of the Department of the Office of Planning, Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (OIP).

Ms. Evans' background, professional credentials and long tenure at the Office of Planning, and as Deputy Director and Interim Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism note her qualifications for this appointment. She has over 10 years of experience with the Progressive Neighborhoods Program, and she does find time for community activities.

We respectfully ask your committee to advise and consent to this nomination, and we thank you for your consideration of our testimony.



Research Corporation
of the University of Hawai'i

TESTIMONY PRESENTED BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

April 12, 2019

By

Dr. Sylvia Yuen, Executive Director
The Research Corporation of the University of Hawai'i (RCUH)

GM 666. Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Office of Planning, Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT), Gubernatorial Nominee Mary Alice Evans

Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Mary Alice Evans' nomination to the position of director of the Office of Planning in the DBEDT. Ms. Evans is an outstanding nominee who is eminently qualified to lead this important office.

Ms. Evan's education and work experience has prepared her well to serve as the Office of Planning director. She has a master's degree in Regional Planning from the University of Hawai'i-Manoa and has been involved in various planning roles since the start of her career. She has also been an active member of the professional organizations in her field, such as the Hawai'i Chapter of American Planning Association and the Hawai'i Economic Association. The former recognized her many contributions by awarding her its Distinguished Service Award in 2012, citing her "personal warmth, commitment, professionalism, intelligence, and passion for good planning in Hawai'i".

Ms. Evans has deep and extensive knowledge of the mission, operations, and history of the Office of Planning as well as its role within the DBEDT. She first served as a planner in the Office of Planning in 1989 and was promoted to planning program manager in 2007. In 2011 she was called to serve as the deputy director and later as the interim director of the DBEDT. In all these positions, she was recognized as an extremely competent, fair, and responsible manager—someone all parties could trust and who could lead people with differing positions to common ground.

I know of few people in state government who are more respected than Mary Alice Evans. She has my highest regard and full support for the Office of Planning director's position. I urge you to confirm her nomination.

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR

JOSH GREEN M.D.
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Re: GM 666 MARY ALICE EVANS

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee, my name is Linda Chu Takayama, Director of Taxation, and I offer this testimony in strong support of Mary Alice Evans' confirmation as the Director of the Office of Planning, Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

It has been my privilege to work with Mary Alice for many years on many different issues. She has always been rock solid in her analysis and dependability on all fronts and has the experience and smarts for this difficult assignment.

I look forward to continuing to work with her and urge your favorable consideration of her nomination.

Thank you.

Linda Chu Takayama

WRITTEN TESTIMONY BY
RODERICK K. BECKER
AND
ROBERT YU

TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 666

April 12, 2019
1:15 p.m.
Room 229

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF PLANNING, DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, MARY ALICE EVANS, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE AT NOON ON 12-05-2022.

Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee:

We strongly support the appointment of Mary Alice Evans to the position of Director of the Office of Planning. We have worked with Ms. Evans in our professional capacities as Director and Deputy Director of Finance, respectively when she was the deputy director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

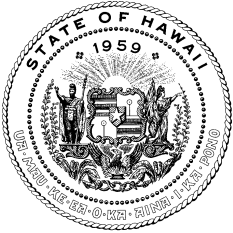
Ms. Evans is a highly experienced leader that has served in many management and executive level capacities. She is thoughtful, approachable, and collaborative and knows how to find solutions to problems and achieve goals.

Governor Ige's administration is committed to addressing the many issues facing our state in a direct and forthright manner. We strive to do the right thing, the right way to achieve our shared goal of a healthy, sustainable economy to support our keiki, our kupuna, and the disadvantaged.

Ms. Evans is an integral part of a team that is committed to achieving the goals of this administration in an honest, transparent, accountable, and responsive manner.

Ms. Evans is currently the planning program manager at the Office of Planning and prior to that, she was the deputy director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism for almost eight years; she has also been in various positions with the Office of Planning. Her work experience will benefit the Office of Planning and the State; therefore, we support confirmation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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Testimony of
SCOTT GLENN, Director

before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
Friday, April 12, 2019
1:15 PM, Room 229

in SUPPORT of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 666, MARY ALICE EVANS
As the Director of the Office of Planning
(Written Testimony Only)

Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in support of the appointment of Ms. Mary Alice Evans to serve as the Director of the Office of Planning.

Ms. Evans has a demonstrated commitment to public service and planning for Hawai'i. She is more than qualified to serve as the Director of the Office of Planning, based on her experience in the Governor's Office, Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Department of Accounting and General Services, Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, and the Office of Planning. Under her leadership, the Office will have a collaborative and experienced planner ready to tackle the many challenges facing Hawai'i, from climate change to affordable housing to homelessness.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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Testimony of
Gwen Yamamoto Lau, Executive Director
Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority
before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
Friday, April 12, 2019 at 1:15 P.M.
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

in consideration of **GM NO. 666**
**Confirmation of Director of the Office of Planning, Department of Business Economic
Development and Tourism, Gubernatorial Nominee, MARY ALICE EVANS**

Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of Governor's Message 666, for Gubernatorial Nominee, Mary Alice Evans, as the Director of the Office of Planning, Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT).

I have had the privilege of working with Ms. Evans over the past two years in her role as Deputy Director of DBEDT. In addition to being a consummate professional, Ms. Evans' experience, expertise and knowledge about planning and DBEDT in particular and state government in general have proven to be an invaluable asset to the department.

Under her leadership, the Office of Planning will be well served with Ms. Evans' extensive background and experience, coupled with her pragmatic, effective and forward-looking approach to relationship building and problem solving, with the objective towards achieving impactful results.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify and offer strong support and comments for Governor's Message 666.



NATURAL ENERGY LABORATORY OF HAWAII AUTHORITY

An Authority of the State of Hawaii attached to the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism

Statement of
Gregory P. Barbour
Executive Director
Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority
before the

COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Friday, April 12, 2019
1:15 pm
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

in consideration of

GM 666 RELATING TO THE CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION OF MARY ALICE EVANS AS DIRECTOR OF THE STATE OFFICE OF PLANNING

As Executive Director of the Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority (NELHA) I am pleased to provide testimony in strong support of Mary Alice Evans for the position of the Director of the State Office of Planning.

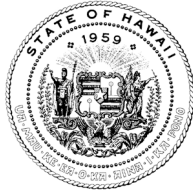
I have worked closely with Ms. Evans over the past nine years in her position as DBEDT Deputy Director. Her experience and understanding of government, planning, and economic development are complementary and provide her with perfect qualifications for this important position. For example, she has a very detailed knowledge of the inter-workings of government, checks and balances and the different role of each agency. In this regard, she has been truly

instrumental in dramatically speeding up the flow and approval of requirements necessary for effective and efficient government.

In addition, as the NELHA Executive Director over the past eight years, I have always valued her opinion on critical issues facing NELHA. Her practical realistic assessment of issues and straight-forward thinking has been invaluable in this regard.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.

DAVID Y. IGE
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Testimony of
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Chief Information Officer
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Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
April 12, 2019

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE No. 666
Gubernatorial Nominee Mary Alice Evans

Dear Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and members of the committee:

I am submitting testimony in strong support of Mary Alice Evans to be Director of the Office of Planning, Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism. During her more than 40 years with the State of Hawaii, Ms. Evans demonstrated a strong leadership, collaborative style, and thorough understanding of the many levels of government. Ms. Evans most recently served as the Deputy Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism from 2011 to 2018. Previously, she was Special Plans Branch Planning Program Manager in the Office of Planning, Deputy Comptroller in the Department of Accounting and General Services, Special Assistant for Research in the Office of the Governor, and Employment Analyst and Community Services Planner for the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations.

Her professional and community activities included serving as President of the Hawaii Chapter of the American Planning Association, and as a member of the Hawaii Economic Association, Urban Land Institute, Hawaii's Thousand Friends, and Honolulu City Planning Commission. Ms. Evans received a bachelor's degree from the University of California at Santa Barbara and a master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Hawaii at Manoa

I urge the committee to favorably consider Ms. Evan's nomination, as she brings to this position a strong background in community development, land use, economic and tourism development, renewable and alternative energy development, and her long commitment to public service. I have worked with her personally many times and always found her guidance and advice to be insightful and on point.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this nominee.



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Statement of
CHRIS TATUM

Hawai'i Tourism Authority
before the
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON
WATER AND LAND**



Friday, April 12, 2019
1:15PM
State Capitol, Conference Room #229

In consideration of
GM 666

Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land: The Hawai'i Tourism Authority (HTA) **supports, GM 666**, which requests the consideration and confirmation of Mary Alice Evans to serve as the Director of the Office of Planning in the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT).

Over the past many months, we have had the distinct honor of working closely with Ms. Evans in her role as interim-director and, for a period of time, as the interim deputy director of DBEDT. Ms. Evans has been very supportive and responsive to our inquiries and requests for assistance. She has provided valuable insight and guidance to our team. We believe, based on our experience with Ms. Evans, that she will continue to serve as valuable resource and asset to the State of Hawai'i in her new role as the Director of the Office of Planning.

It is for these reasons that the HTA **supports** the consideration and confirmation of Mary Alice Evans to the position of Director of the Office of Planning. We appreciate this opportunity to provide testimony on these resolutions.



Written Statement of
Len Higashi
Acting Executive Director
Hawaii Technology Development Corporation
before the
Senate Committee on Water and Land
Friday, April 12, 2019
1:15 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

In consideration of
GM666
**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE
OFFICE OF PLANNING, DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND
TOURISM, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, MARY ALICE EVANS, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE AT
NOON ON 12-05-2022.**

Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee.

I am honored to have this opportunity to **support** the confirmation of Ms. Mary Alice Evans as the Director of the Office of Planning for DBEDT. Mary Alice has been a valuable member of the HTDC Board of Directors, serving as the DBEDT representative since 2011. Mary Alice has a wealth of experience with a diverse background in government through several administrations. She has integrity, good judgement, and is extremely knowledgeable in planning, government operations, and government procedures. She has been a mentor, strategic advisor, policy advisor, counsellor, and trusted professional colleague for me and many others at HTDC and DBEDT.

It has been a pleasure working with Mary Alice both as a member of the HTDC Board and as DBEDT Deputy Director. Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments and I encourage your favorable vote on her behalf.



Testimony to the Senate Committee on Water & Land

Friday, April 12, 2019 1:15 p.m.

Conference Room 229, State Capitol

RE: GM 666 –Director of the Office of Planning, Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, Mary Alice Evans, for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022

Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Water & Land Committee

I respectfully submit my **strong support for the consideration and confirmation of Mary Alice Evans** as the **Director of the Office of Planning, Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism**, and provide the following **comments**:

Ms. Evans is well qualified for her role having served in varying capacities in both leadership and technical capacities with the State Office of Planning and most recently as the Interim Deputy Director and Deputy Director for the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism. With deep knowledge of the role and duties of the State Office of Planning, she is an excellent choice to lead this department. She is a positive force with a stellar record of tackling some of the most difficult challenges facing Hawaii with grace and fortitude.

Ms. Evans has dedicated her life's work to serving Hawaii. Throughout her numerous years of service to our state, I have found her to be an intelligent, dedicated, and earnest leader who works collaboratively with her colleagues and peers across departments to find solutions with individuals and members of various community groups and interests. In addition to her professional role, she has taken time to volunteer on several community and professional organizations helping to be a role model and leader for others involved in planning and building great communities.

For these reasons, I humbly urge your support for the confirmation of Ms. Evans.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Jeannine Souki
Director, Government Affairs and Corporate Communication

GM-666

Submitted on: 4/9/2019 5:31:03 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/12/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brian Miyamoto	Testifying for Hawaii Farm Bureau	Support	No

Comments:



Testimony of the
OAHU ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD (OEDB)
In Support of GM 666
Relating to the Appointment of
Mary Alice Evans
Director, Office of Planning
Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, (DBEDT)

COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
Senator Kaiali'i Kahele, Chair
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

Friday, April 12, 2019
1:15 P.M.
Conference Room 229
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

Aloha Chair Kahele,

Please accept this letter of support for Mary Alice Evans appointment as the Director of the Office of State Planning.

I do not believe there is another person currently in Hawaii who is more knowledgeable, experienced, and poised to lead the OSP. Among many initiatives in the past 10 years Mary Alice was integral in participating, coordinating, and overseeing the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for Hawaii and funded by the Department of Commerce.

The CEDs is the product of the many voices who participated in the CEDS process to provide a road map to Federal Funding from the EDA (under the Department of Commerce) as a complement to the many initiatives which contribute to the economic ecosystem of Hawaii.

Leveraging and partnerships are not options in executing on economic initiatives in Hawaii. We must have leaders who are trusted to convene and who have vision enough to recognize that inspiration and not fear is crucial when we are hoping for the best and expecting others to bring their best for the future.

As an NGO working in Economic Development I look forward to doing more work with OSP under Mary Alice's leadership.

I welcome any inquiries about Mary Alice.

Mahalo,

Pono Shim
President & CEO
Oahu Economic Development Board



GM-666

Submitted on: 4/6/2019 4:09:10 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/12/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dylan P. Armstrong	Testifying for Oahu County Committee, Oahu County Democrats	Support	No

Comments:

The Oahu County Committee of the Oahu County Democrats are writing in proud support of the confirmation of MARY ALICE EVANS to be the Director of Planning within the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism. Ms. Evans has served the State of Hawaii capably over an accomplished career. Her expertise includes land use and economic planning. Ms. Evans has proven a valuable subject-matter expert, spokeswoman and coordinator for technical and influential state agencies.

The Oahu County Democrats are proud to offer testimony in support of Ms. Evans' confirmation to to the Directorship, where she can continue to serve the people of Hawaii.

Regards,
Dylan P. Armstrong, Vice Chair
Oahu County Committee

Statement of
CARILYN O. SHON
before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Friday, April 12, 2019
1:15 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 229
in consideration of

GM 666
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DIRECTOR
OF THE OFFICE OF PLANNING, DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, MARY ALICE
EVANS FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 12-05-2022

Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the committee.

I **strongly support** the confirmation of Mary Alice Evans as the Director of the Office of Planning.

Ms. Evans is well qualified in her work through the Office of Planning and Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism. She has established her commitment to the citizens of Hawaii through multiple roles within the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism. As the Administrator of the State Energy Office, I have worked with Ms. Evans on multiple endeavors that have provided great benefit to the state's goals of energy planning, security, and response to energy supply threats.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of Ms. Evans's nomination.

GM-666

Submitted on: 4/5/2019 3:46:15 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/12/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
andy levin	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support Ms. Evans' nomination to the position of Director of the Office of Planning. I have known Mary Alice for a number of years, both personally and professionally, and believe her to be of the highest caliber of civil servant. I know she will serve with honesty and integrity if confirmed.

Thank you for your consideration.

Andrew Levin

April 5, 2019

The Honorable Kahele, Chair
Senate Committee on Water and Land

The Honorable Keith-Agaran, Vice-Chair
Senate Committee on Water and Land

State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Conference Room 229

GM 666 -Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Office of Planning, Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, Gubernatorial Nominee, MARY ALICE EVANS, for term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022.

Dear Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee:

My name is Dennis T. Ling and I am the Administrator of the Business Development & Support Division of the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism. I am writing to express my strong support of GM 666 for Mary Alice Evans' gubernatorial nomination to be the Director of the Office of Planning.

I have known Mary Alice for over 30 years and during that time she has always been an individual of high integrity and vast knowledge. Her various roles in state government in administration, planning and economic development have given her a wide range of experience and increased responsibilities.

Planning is so important to our continued growth and prosperity. The Office of Planning continually balances competing needs throughout the State, so it must be fair and thorough in reviewing initiatives and projects. What Mary Alice brings to the Office of Planning is extremely valuable as the State formulates policies and strategies. She knows how to bring people together to get results and understands the sensitivities of how the office needs to be responsive to all of the stakeholders.

She also has a great working relationship with her peers and subordinates.

I can think of no better person to serve in this very important role. I urge you to confirm her nomination. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dennis T. Ling". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'D' and 'L'.

Dennis T. Ling

GM-666

Submitted on: 4/5/2019 3:52:25 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/12/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chung Chang	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land.

I am submitting this testimony as an individual in support of the confirmation of Mary Alice Evans as the next Director of Office of Planning, Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism. Mary Alice brings to DBEDT her unmatched level of experience and knowledge in planning. She has been and will continue to be a huge asset to the state of Hawaii as the Director of Office of Planning.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

TESTIMONY OF DAMIEN ELEFANTE
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2019 1:15 PM
CONFERENCE ROOM 229

GOV. MSG NO. 666

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF PLANNING, DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, MARY ALICE EVANS, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE AT NOON ON 12-05-2022.

Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and members of the Committee. I am testifying as an individual and I am in strong support of Mary Alice Evans' confirmation as the Director of the Office of Planning, Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

I have known Mary Alice Evans since I became Deputy Director of Taxation. I found her to be thoughtful, hard working and dedicated to serving the people of Hawaii. During her time at the Office of Planning she has actively developed an understanding of the administrative process and procedures of the department. Her overall experiences working in a variety of senior management and executive level positions in the public sector, as well as, her extensive experiences at the Office of Planning is an asset and resource for the State.

I urge you to support the confirmation of Mary Alice Evans' confirmation as the Director of the Office of Planning, Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

GM-666

Submitted on: 4/9/2019 7:10:43 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/12/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lynette Marushige	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Testimony of William F. Mielcke

Before the Senate Committee on Water and Land
Friday, April 12, 2019 1:15pm. State Capitol, Room 229
RE: GM666

Aloha Chair Kahele and Committee Members:

I am submitting my testimony in strong support for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Office of Planning, Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, Gubernatorial Nominee, Mary Alice Evans.

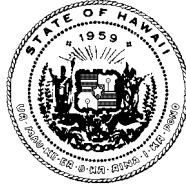
Ms. Evans has a long history of contributing to planning and economic development in Hawaii and as a successful government official for the past 40 years. She is very qualified and has the ability to fill this important position.

I have had the opportunity to be appointed to serve on numerous Boards and Commissions over the past 40 years and since I was first appointed to a Board by Governor Burns. I have served on served the Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority (NELHA) Board of Directors since 2016 and have had the pleasure to work with Ms. Evans during that period. Her consul and guidance as a representative of DBEDT on the NELHA Board of Directors was always very thoughtful and I believe “spot on”.

It is very important that we have a Director of the Office of Planning who can see the “big picture” and have a broad vision to understand how the pieces of our land use and our economic future fit together.

Thank you for the opportunity to present these comments.

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR



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April 09, 2019

TO: The Honorable Senator Kaiali'i Kahele, Chair
The Honorable Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Water and Land

FROM: Pankaj Bhanot, Director

SUBJECT: **GM 666 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Office of Planning, Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, Gubernatorial Nominee, Mary Alice Evans, for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022.**

Hearing: Friday, April 12, 2019, 01:15 p.m.
Conference Room 229, State Capitol

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: Aloha Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land, my name is Pankaj Bhanot and I am the Director of the Department of Human Services (DHS). The DHS is in strong support of GM 666 submitted by the Governor for consideration and confirmation of Mary Alice Evans as the Director of the Office of Planning, Hawaii Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, for a term to expire at noon on December 05, 2022.

Mary Alice has a long and distinguished career in public sector. Since January 2019, she is serving as the Planning Program Manager, Special Plans Branch, Office of

Planning, DBEDT, since January 2019. She served as the Deputy Director of DEBDT from April 2011-January 2019; Planning Program Manager at DEBDT from 2007-2011; Planner VI at DBEDT from 2002-2007; and Interim and Deputy Comptroller of DAGS between 2000-2002.

I have the privilege and honor of working collaboratively with Mary Alice, in her capacity as the Deputy Director of DBEDT and her previous roles as the Interim and Deputy Comptroller of DGAS, Planner VI and Planning Program Manager at DBEDT on various issues impacting DHS and Hawaii. Throughout my interactions with Mary Alice, I found her to be a consummate professional and person of great moral character and integrity.

I request the full Senate and Senate Committee on Water and Land to unanimously confirm my colleague and friend Mary Alice Evans as the Director of the Office of Planning, DBEDT.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of GM 666.

GM-666

Submitted on: 4/9/2019 8:57:21 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/12/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michelle Matson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
Senator Kaiali'i Kahele, Chair
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Friday, April 12, 2019
TIME: 1:15 P.M.
PLACE: Conference Room 229

**TESTIMONY OF JAMES E. COON IN STRONG SUPPORT OF GM 666 CONSIDERING
NOMINATION OF MARY ALICE EVANS AS DIRECTOR OF OFFICE OF PLANNING.**

Aloha Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the WTL Committee.

My name is James E. Coon and I am testifying as a Private Citizen and member of the Marine and Coastal Zone Advocacy Council. (MACZAC)

I have known Mary Alice Evans for many years in my service on the Marine and Coastal Zone Advocacy Council as well as the Ocean Resources Management Plan Working Group. I believe she has the vision, multi-faceted qualifications and the professional expertise to be a fine Director of the Office of Planning. She is already well known and respected by the staff at OP and is very familiar with the scope of work the Office of Planning is tasked with.

I urge the approval of this exemplary professional.

Sincerely,

James E. Coon



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TESTIMONY OF JO ANN UCHIDA TAKEUCHI
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
WATER AND LAND

Friday, April 12, 2019 1:15 PM
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G.M. 666

**Testimony in support of Governor's Message No. 666
Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the
Office of Planning, Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism,
Gubernatorial Nominee, MARY ALICE EVANS
for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022**

TO THE HONORABLE KAIALI'I KAHELE, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

I am writing to express my **support** of the appointment of MARY ALICE EVANS to serve as the Director of the Office of Planning, Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, for a term to expire on December 5, 2022. My name is Jo Ann Uchida Takeuchi and I am submitting this supporting testimony in my personal capacity.

I have had the opportunity to work with Mary Alice Evans in her capacity as Deputy Director and Interim Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism and in my capacity as Deputy Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs. Mary Alice has been collaborative, helpful, and keenly interested in seeking solutions to issues of mutual concern. She is intelligent and hardworking, an advocate for her department, and is an individual who has the temperament, experience, ability and wisdom to effectively lead the Office of Planning.

I believe Ms. Evans is and will continue to be a valuable public servant and an asset to the administration and to the state, and respectfully request that you recommend advise and consent of her nomination as Director of the Office of Planning.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of GM 666.

GM-666

Submitted on: 4/11/2019 11:53:30 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/12/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jesse K. Souki	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha e Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land:

I support the confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee, Mary Alice Evans, to serve as Director of the Office of Planning, Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism ("DBEDT").

I worked with Ms. Evans when I served as the director of the Office of Planning and she served in the role of special plans branch administrator and then deputy director of DBEDT. The value of her deep knowledge of state and county government and work ethic was greatly appreciated by the rest of the staff and me. She is a competent and knowledgeable resource sought out by others. It is no surprise that she has served in various leadership capacities throughout her public service career. Even when not performing in a leadership role, she is a team player making significant contributions to the task at hand.

In addition to her work, she has continued to volunteer in the planning community over her career, which gives her insight and perspective into what is happening outside of government. She will serve the state well as the director of the Office of Planning.

Thank you for your consideration and public service.

Mahalo,
Jesse K. Souki

Testimony of
Rodney Funakoshi
Before the Senate Committee on Water and Land
Friday, April 12, 2019
1:15 p.m.
Conference Room 229, State Capitol

GM 666

Consideration and Confirmation of MARY ALICE EVANS as the Director of the Office of Planning,
Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism

Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land:

My name is Rodney Funakoshi, and I wish to express my **strong support** for the confirmation of Mary Alice Evans as Director of the Office of Planning.

I am currently employed as Planning Program Administrator with the Land Use Division, State Office of Planning. In my professional planning career which has mostly been as a consulting planner with an engineering firm, I have known Mary Alice for her decades of public service as a devoted State planner, administrator and leader. She has been active in the Hawaii Chapter of the American Planning Association, serving as its president and advancing the ideals and perspectives of the planning profession.

In her many years with the Office of Planning, she has managed major and controversial land use projects with dedication and proficiency. With her acquired experience and knowledge, furthered by her years of service as Deputy Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, I am confident she will be able to lead the Office of Planning in addressing the many critical planning issues facing the State of Hawaii.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

GM-666

Submitted on: 4/11/2019 11:55:41 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/12/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Justine Nihipali	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee:

I am writing in support of the nomination of Mary Alice Evans for the position of Director of the Office of Planning.

I currently serve as a Planning Program Manager at the Office of Planning would look forward to working with Mary Alice Evans as Director of OP. I believe her experience in the State, commitment to government service, and measured ability to evaluate different perspectives on significant issues serve as a value suited for this position.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Testimony to the Senate Committee on
Water and Land

The Thirtieth Legislature
Regular Session of 2019

Friday, April 12, 2019
1:15 p.m.



Testimony on **Governor's Message No. 666**, Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation as the **Director of the Office of Planning**, Gubernatorial Nominee, **Mary Alice Evans**, for a Term to Expire on December 5, 2022.

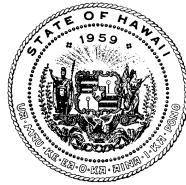
To the Honorable Kaiali'i Kahele, Chair, the Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Catherine Awakuni Colón, and I am writing in **support** of the appointment of Mary Alice Evans to serve as the Director of the Office of Planning, for a term to expire on December 5, 2022.

Over the years, I have had the opportunity to work with Ms. Evans on matters relating to energy and other matters that crossed our jurisdictions. During that process, I observed Ms. Evans to be hard-working, diligent, and collaborative in her approach to her work. Ms. Evans demonstrated she possesses the intellect, skills, and tenacity needed to lead the State's Office of Planning.

I firmly believe Ms. Evans will continue to be a valued and highly productive public servant, and respectfully request that you recommend approval of her nomination as Director of the Office of Planning.

Thank you for the opportunity to support G.M. No. 666. I would be pleased to respond to any questions that you may have.



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In reply, please refer to:
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Testimony of Dr. Keith E. Kawaoka, Deputy Director, Environmental Health
in SUPPORT of GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 666
Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Office of
Planning, Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism
MARY-ALICE EVANS, for a term to expire 12-05-2022.

SENATOR KAIALI "I KAHELE, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Hearing Date: April 12, 2019 Room Number: 229

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **strong support** of the confirmation of
Mary-Alice Evans to serve as Director of the Planning.

Ms. Evans has served in many important leadership roles within DBEDT,
including as the Planning Program Manager, the Deputy Director, and the Interim
Director. Over the course of her career, Ms. Evans has exemplified a hard-
working, dedicated public servant who is consistently willing to support any effort
in a team player and building fashion. Her institutional knowledge and expertise
will continue to serve a critical role for the State as the DBEDT Office of Planning
Director.

I began working with Mary-Alice over fifteen years ago in starting the fledgling
Brownfields Program for the state. In that capacity and in subsequent years, she
has demonstrated the necessary skills set, effective management style, and
dedication to assist multiple department programs to do their jobs. Mary-Alice's
experience, knowledge, valuable perspective, and strong sense of integrity will
serve the State well as we all strive to work together to transform the
environment.

Please grant her the opportunity to continue her leadership and commitment to the
overall goals of the Office of Planning.

Mahalo, again, for the opportunity to testify.

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April 12, 2019

Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land:

Re: G.M. 666 Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation as the Director of the Office of Planning, Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism Gubernatorial Nominee, Mary Alice Evans, for a Term to Expire 12-05-2022

Hearing Date: Friday, April 12, 2019, 1:15 p.m.

I write in **strong support** of the appointment of Mary Alice Evans as the Director of the Office of Planning.

I've had the opportunity to work with Mary Alice for many, many years. I can attest to her solid planning and managerial expertise, as well as strong interpersonal skills and knowledge of current and emerging issues facing Hawaii. Mary Alice is fair, objective, and honest and a truly caring person with roots which are deeply grounded in our community.

I believe Mary Alice Evans will be a valued and highly productive Director of the Office of Planning, and respectfully request your favorable consideration of her nomination.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony.

Sincerely,
Janice Takahashi