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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 724
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE
LEGACY LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,
CHRISTIANE LUCAS, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2021**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) strongly supports Governor's Message (GM) 724 to appoint Christiane Lucas to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission (Commission) for a term to expire June 30, 2021.

Ms. Lucas resides in the City & County of Honolulu and possesses membership in an environmental organization and in a land conservation organization, thus fulfilling the Commission membership requirements of Sections 173A-2.4(a), -2.4(a)(2), and -2.4(a)(3), Hawai'i Revised Statutes.

With her solid background in community-based land acquisition and resource stewardship, including service on the City's Clean Water and Natural Lands Commission, Christiane Lucas can make immediate, meaningful contributions to the Commission's work in conducting a grant application process for public-funded conservation transactions. In addition, her professional background and training in education, legislation, and island sustainability exhibit key connections with Commission operations and concerns.

Ms. Lucas has wealth of experience and knowledge that will be a valuable asset for interacting with applicants, Department staff, and fellow commissioners. The Department strongly supports GM 724 and recommends that the Senate confirm the appointment of Christiane Lucas for a two-year term.

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GM-724

Submitted on: 4/6/2019 5:06:41 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 is proud to support the confirmation of Ms. Christiane K. "Kauai" Lucas to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission.

Ms. Lucas has served the people of Hawaii in many capacities over the years, including in the areas of environmental sustainability, public policy as a staffer for State Representative Gregg Takayama, and education. We are proud to offer our support for fellow Democrat Christiane Lucas, not merely because she is our member, but because her involvement has improved our Party and many others in which she has served.

Please vote in favor of confirming Ms. Lucas.

Thank you,
Dylan P. Armstrong, Vice Chair
Oahu County Committee, Oahu County Democrats

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Submitted on: 4/11/2019 4:34:30 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Doug Harper	Testifying for Malama Maunalua	Support	No

Comments:

I have worked with Ms. Lucas on a number of issues and consider her to be informed, thoughtful, intelligent, and an honest and committed partner. I completely trust her to faithfully execute the mission of the Legacy Land Conservation Commission. In all my interactions with her, she has proven herself to have the community good at heart, and to exercise that commitment in a friendly and productive manner.

I therefore fully endorse Ms. Lucas for the Commission and strongly recommend that she be approved/confirmed.

Mahalo,

Doug Harper

Executive Director, Malama Maunalua



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April 12, 2019

Dear Committee,

I write today to support the nomination of Ms. Christiane Lucas to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission. Conservation Council for Hawai'i is dedicated to protecting native Hawaiian plants, animals, and ecosystems for future generations. Ms. Lucas has worked as a volunteer with CCH on numerous occasions, assisting with various projects and events that engage the public's support for Hawaii's native wildlife and wild places. We know Ms. Lucas to be professional, articulate and her work to be both fact and science based. We recommend her to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission without hesitation.

Most sincerely,

Les Welsh
Interim Executive Director,
Conservation Council for Hawai'i



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Aloha Legacy Land Conservation Commission,

On behalf of the board of the Maunalua Fishpond Heritage Center, we strongly support the nomination of Kai Lucas for the Legacy Land Conservation Commission. Kai upholds strong values with years of service to the community. She brings deep roots and years of experience in land conservation. Kai's extensive background in land stewardship has been focused on protection of important legacy lands. She has served with aloha and dedication as a director on the board of the Maunalua Fishpond Heritage Center, as well as stewardship organizations such as Kako'o O'iwi.

Kai has first-hand knowledge and understanding of the Legacy Land Commission process. She went through it recently when our community organization successfully navigated the process to preserve Kānewai Spring in 2017. If selected as a commissioner, we are confident Kai will serve the public trust with integrity.

Mahalo nui loa,

Chris Cramer

Board President

Maunalua Fishpond Heritage Center

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Submitted on: 4/11/2019 4:22:03 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Springer Kaye	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am writing to offer my strong support for the appointment of Ms.Christine Kaui Lucas to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission. Her knowledge and dedication to the preservation of our natural environment will be an asset to this commission. Mahalo, Springer Kaye

LATE

GM-724

Submitted on: 4/11/2019 8:27:00 PM

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

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

Comments:

I strongly support the appointment of Christiane 'Kauai' Lucas to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission. I have served with her for the past 8 years on the Board of Directors of the Maunalua Fishpond Heritage Center, a community nonprofit organization.

Ms. Lucas is a strong advocate for community based resource management and the protection of wahi pana. She is well acquainted with the Legacy Lands program and has experience serving on a similar commission: the City and County of Honolulu Clean Water and Natural Lands Commission.

Ms. Lucas is someone who listens and who works well with others regardless of viewpoint. She has served as a director on a number of nonprofit boards and has a strong background in land issues, legislation, and sustainability. She will work hard to ensure the success of the Legacy Land Conservation Program and Fund.

Please vote in favor of confirming Ms. Lucas,

Mahalo nui,

Alyssa Miller, Ph.D.

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April 12, 2019

Testimony of Winston Welch, Executive Director of The Outdoor Circle for the Water and Land Senate Committee for April 12, 2019 at 1:15 pm in State Capitol Conference Room 229

RE: Support of the nomination of Christiane Lucas for Legacy Land Conservation Commission

Dear Chair Kahele and Committee Members,

We are delighted to strongly support the Gubernatorial Nomination of Christian Lucas to serve on the Legacy Land Conservation Commission.

Ms Lucas has an excellent record of service to the community and has a deep feeling of responsibility of stewardship in caring for the islands. Ms Lucas is wise, fair, willing to look at issues from different angles, and balanced by nature. Ms Lucas possesses a depth and breadth of knowledge and experience in the issues that will come before the Commission.

Ms Lucas will make meaningful contributions to the commission with her background and education in legislation, sustainability, nonprofit leadership and excellent personal connections vital to this role.

The Outdoor Circle strongly recommends that the Water and Land Senate Committee confirm the nomination of Ms Lucas to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission.

Thank you for your consideration,

Executive Director
The Outdoor Circle

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GM-724

Submitted on: 4/12/2019 9:21:01 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jeannine Johnson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha mai kakou, My name is Jeannine Johnson, and I am the secretary to the Maunalua Fishpond Heritage Center, a nonprofit organization that strives to preserve and mālama East O'ahu's last fishponds for use by educational institutions and the community. In her capacity as Director, Christiane Lucas has been crucial to our organization in stopping the auction of Kalauha'iha'i Fishpond and Spring in Niu and gaining official access in 2013. Her help was also essential to our organization's successful restoration and purchase of Kānewai Spring in Kuli'ou'ou in 2016. Because of her exceptional efforts, the community now has access to East Honolulu's last remaining fishponds.

Christiane also devotes her time on other non-profits and as well as her church. She brings her energy, resourcefulness and passion for conservation to all her endeavors and the Legacy Land Conservation Commission will benefit immensely from her remarkable dedication and support as well. Please join me in strongly supporting Christiane Lucas' nomination. Mahalo nui loa.

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GM-724

Submitted on: 4/12/2019 12:33:47 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jonnetta Peters	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Auinala,

I am in support of the nomination of Christiane Kauai Lucas for to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission. I've worked alongside Kauai in many situations, including major events for Hawai'i's Wildlife where she exceeded the expectations required. Her wealth of knowledge and experience in conservation and sustainability will be an asset to the commission. Thank you.

Jonnetta Peters

COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND,

Sen Kahele, chair

HEARING Friday, April 12, 2019 re.

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 724

Testimony of Rick Warshauer, Volcano



Chairman Kahele and Members,

I commend the Governor's recommendation of Ms. Lucas to the Legacy Lands Conservation Commission (LLCC) and urge the Committee to concur. Ms. Lucas has demonstrated her commitment to public service and natural and cultural resources of the Islands by service on the Clean Water and Natural Lands Commission, the Maunalua Fishpond Heritage Center and the Outdoor Circle. We on the LLCC have already experienced her interest in and support of two LLCC-recommended projects, Kanewai Spring and Pia Valley, and will appreciate her service on the LLCC.

Thank you for your consideration.