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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 727
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE
LEGACY LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,
BERYL BLAICH, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2021**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) strongly supports Governor's Message (GM) 727 to appoint Beryl Blaich to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission (Commission) for a term to expire June 30, 2021.

Mrs. Blaich resides in the County of Kaua'i and possesses membership in an environmental organization and in a land conservation organization, thus fulfilling the Commission membership requirements of subsections 173A-2.4(a) and -2.4(a)(1), Hawai'i Revised Statutes.

Beryl Blaich is well-acquainted with the types of business conducted by the Legacy Land Conservation Commission through her recent tenure as Chair of a parallel commission that advises the County of Kaua'i about use of its Public Access, Natural Resources, and Open Space Preservation Fund. Mrs. Blaich's well-rounded background in teaching, neighborhood governance, culture, arts, and environmental concerns would bring additional diversity, expertise, and perspective to the Commission. Beryl Blaich's education and experience in community-based planning for land use and resource management would be particularly helpful to the Legacy Land Conservation Program as it completes the development of a plan for the acquisition of land having value as a resource to the State, as required under Section 173A-3, Hawai'i Revised Statutes. The Department strongly supports GM 727 and recommends that the Senate confirm the appointment of Mrs. Blaich for a two-year term.



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April 5, 2019

Boards and Commissions
State of Hawaii Boards and Commissions

Dear Boards and Commissions:

I am writing to recommend Beryl Blaich to the State Legacy Lands Conservation Commission. I understand there is a vacancy requiring a Kaua'i resident, who is involved in a local environmental group and who works from a scientifically informed base. Beryl definitely meets the criteria. She has a degree in land use planning and that discipline and its focus on sound information and fair and inclusionary process matters to her.

I have known Beryl for over twenty years. In my work as a planning consultant, later as a member of the Kaua'i County Council and as County Managing Director, I have particularly seen her reliable and thoughtful contributions to the Board of the Kaua'i Planning and Action Alliance, the Lawai Kai Community Advisory Committee, and the Kaua'i Natural and Cultural Resources Open Space Preservation Fund Commission. When representing organizations before government agencies, Beryl clearly tries to present researched, reasoned and gracious testimony.

For all the islands, Beryl would be a valuable participant on the Legacy Lands Conservation Commission.

Sincerely,

Nadine K. Nakamura
State Representative District 14

Office of Representative Nadine K. Nakamura

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

Subject: GM 727 – Support for Gubernatorial Nominee Beryl Blaich to serve on the State Legacy Land Conservation Commission, term to expire June 30, 2021.

Dear Senator Kahele and Keith-Agaran,

I want to voice my strong and enthusiastic support for Beryl Blaich who I have known for over 30 years. Beryl is a passionate and hard-working citizen who has dedicated much of her life to protecting the special places on Kauai.

She served for over 10 years on a Citizen Advisory Group which I convened in 2007 to guide the establishment of the Lāwa'i Kai Special Subzone in the State Conservation District. Beryl drew upon her planning background and years of community service to make critical contributions to the long and complicated process. Through it all she was a bright light of level-headedness and sound advice.

She also has extensive experience serving on local boards and commissions including as a member and as the Chair of the Kaua'i Public Access, Natural Resources and Open Space Preservation Fund Commission, 2010 – 2016.

In closing, I assure you that in Beryl Blaich you will have a hard working, smart, dedicated Legacy Land Commission member who comes with the highest credentials and expertise and who will certainly be a huge asset to the Legacy Land Commission.

Me ka mahalo a me ke aloha,

Chipper Wichman, President

GM-727

Submitted on: 4/8/2019 1:24:29 PM

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

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

Comments:

Beryl Blaich would serve as an excellent member of the Legacy Land Conservation Commission. I've known her for many years and have always appreciated all the volunteer and professional work she has done for our Kauai North Shore community and the work she accomplished on other areas of Kauai. Beryl's professional and volunteer knowledge and experience will provide special information and participation to your Commission.

GM-727

Submitted on: 4/10/2019 3:26:28 PM

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

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Theresa Menard | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Dear Chair Kaiali'i Kahele and members of the committee on Water and Land,

I recommend that Beryl Blaich be confirmed to serve on the Legacy Land Conservation Commission. As a fellow Kuaian, I have known her and her family for over a decade. She will be the only person on the commission serving from Kauai.

Sincerely,

Theresa Cabrera Menard

Former Chair of the Legacy Land Conservation Commission (2015 to 2018)

GM-727

Submitted on: 4/10/2019 4:57:44 PM

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

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| Speedy Bailey | Individual | Support | Yes |

Comments:

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Submitted on: 4/12/2019 9:01:36 AM

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

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| Eliza | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: