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Statement of  
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Before the  
**Senate Committee on**  
**Water and Land**

Wednesday March 3, 2021  
1:00 PM  
State Capitol, Virtual Video Conference

In consideration of  
**GM 529**  
**REGARDING THE CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION OF DAN GIOVANNI**  
**TO THE LAND USE COMMISSION, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2025**

Chair Inouye; Vice Chair Keith-Agaran; and members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Dan Giovanni's re-appointment to the Land Use Commission. Mr Giovanni has been a welcome and important addition to the Commission. He has been hard working, conscientious, and has shown a real understanding for the needs and concerns of Kaua'i County.

Mr Giovanni has a keen insight into the business aspects of development, particularly the infrastructure requirements and impacts of land use development and changes and how projects impact the natural environment. He has been critical in helping the Commission understand the impacts of climate change and the resulting requirements or changes to infrastructure development that climate change requires to protect the infrastructure being developed and the surrounding environment.

Generally, he has shown himself to be well versed in all aspects of the issues facing the Commission and has a healthy respect for all of the viewpoints that the community presents. He is well reasoned and responsive and has been a practical and insightful participant in Commission hearings. His preparation has been unparalleled. He is always respectful and professional in bearing and brings a high level of decorum to Commission proceedings.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Mr. Giovanni's reappointment. We are honored to have him and look forward with pleasure to his participation.

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## Testimony of Derek S.K. Kawakami

Mayor, County of Kaua'i

Before the

### Senate Committee on Water and Land

Wednesday, March 3, 2021; 1:00 PM

Conference Room 229 & Videoconference

In consideration of

### GM 529 Relating to the Appointment of

**Dan Giovanni**

### To the Land Use Commission

Honorable Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and Honorable Members:

I am honored to testify in **STRONG SUPPORT** of Dan Giovanni's appointment to the Land Use Commission. Mr. Giovanni's lifetime experience will continue to bring depth and strength to this office, and continue to guide statewide land use planning with an even keel.

I had the pleasure to work with Dan while I was in the legislature when he was with Hawaiian Electric Company and focused on energy production. Since his retirement in 2015, Dan moved to Kauai, and immediately immersed himself in many non-profit causes like the American Red Cross, Koloa Union Church, and the Kauai Humane Society.

Dan's intelligence woven with his heart leads to many deliberative and balanced engagements when dialoguing on issues that impact our community. He is calm, even in the most challenging of situations, and lends an ear to all who are speaking, not just to whom he wants to hear. Having Dan in this leadership role at the state level, speaking on behalf of the people of Kauai will serve our community well.

Many challenging issues will be coming before the Land Use Commission. I have no doubt Dan will remain a thoughtful, deliberative member of the Land Use Commission and always make decisions from a perspective that it is the right thing to do. I ask this Honorable Committee to advise and consent to his nomination and forward to the full Senate for consideration. Mahalo for the opportunity to present this testimony.

**GM-529**

Submitted on: 2/23/2021 7:52:19 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/3/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Arnold	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am in support of Mr. Giovanni to sit on the Land Use Commission

February 25, 2021

Senate Committee on Water and Land  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**RE: GM529, Support for the Nomination of Dan Giovanni to the Land Use Commission (LUC)**

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Committee Members,

My name is Jonathan Likeke Scheuer. I am a member and Chair of the LUC, but offer this testimony in personal capacity. It has been my pleasure to serve with Mr. Giovanni since his appointment to the LUC.

Mr. Giovanni has been a tremendous asset to the work of the LUC. He is thoroughly prepared and a careful listener, and asks penetrating questions that get to the heart of whatever issue we are considering. In addition, his deep experience on energy issues has served us very well as we consider many renewable energy projects that need LUC approvals. Moreover, his commitment to hearing community concerns and offering conditions to address them has been unwavering.

I encourage you to recommend the Senate Advise and Consent to this nomination.

Mahalo for your consideration of my mana`o.

Jonathan Likeke Scheuer, Ph.D.

**GM-529**

Submitted on: 3/1/2021 7:54:22 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/3/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael Yamane	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Committee members,

My name is Michael Yamane, resident of Kauai and former Chief of Operations for Kauai Island Utility Cooperative. I am testifying in **strong support of GM529**, Gubernatorial Nominee Dan Giovanni, to the Land Use Commission. I have known Mr. Giovanni for many years and have worked with him professionally as a peer in the electric utility sector. He is of high character and integrity and is always willing to work collaboratively to meet a common goal. Mr. Giovanni ability to connect with individuals who may share different perspectives and bring them together makes him an ideal candidate for this Commission.

Mahalo for your consideration