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**STATE OF HAWAII
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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

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

**Friday, March 18, 2022
1:00 PM**

State Capitol, Conference Room 229, Via Videoconference

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 684
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
DOREEN NĀPUA CANTO FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) strongly supports Governor's Message 684 nominating Doreen Nāpua Canto to the Board of Land and Natural Resources (Board) for a term to expire on June 30, 2025.

Ms. Canto brings over 20 years of community service leadership experience on the island of Maui. When describing herself, she says she is a "Keiki o ka 'Āina o Maui with a heart for community service, deep aloha for the land, and prosperity and wellbeing for all who call Hawai'i home. Deeply rooted in the Maui community, she is an excellent choice to represent Maui Nui on the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

Ms Canto's community service ranges from very local, such as service on the Kula community association, to statewide, such as her 3 years on the Hawaiian Homes Commission. The broad and deep knowledge of Maui will help the board as it navigates protection and sustainable use of Maui state lands, water and ocean.

Ms Canto joined the board in July 2021, replacing Jimmy Gomes. She has brought a calming presence to the board and is highly praised for always talking to constituents about upcoming board matters that affect them.

Thank you for your consideration of the Department's strong support of Governor's Message 684, nominating Doreen Nāpua Canto to a seat on the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

SUZANNE D. CASE
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**Department of Land and Natural Resources
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Testimony of
Hawaii State Aha Moku

Before the Senate Committee on Water and Land

Friday, March 18, 2022
1:00 P.M.

Support for Governor Message 684, Doreen Canto
Board of Land and Natural Resources

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

Thank you for the opportunity to offer strong support for Governor Message 684, Doreen Canto. This message is submitted for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Land and Natural Resources for a term to expire on June 30, 2025.

Participants in the Hawaii State Aha Moku (Aha Moku) Moku O Pi'ilani (Island of Maui) supports this submittal.

The Hawaii State Aha Moku, Island of Moku O Pi'ilani (Maui) works with participants of all twelve moku – Hamakuapoko, Hamakualoa, Ko'olau, Hana, Kipahulu, Kaupo, Kahikinui, Honuaula, Kula, Lahaina, Kaanapali and Wailuku as well as many of the one-hundred and forty two (142) ahupua'a encompassed within these moku.

Ms. Canto is a native Hawaiian, a historian, and a strong supporter of the natural and cultural resources of Hawaii. She is well-versed in the traditional practices of the generational native Hawaiian families of the different land districts. But most importantly, she has the reputation of being fair, objective, and knowledgeable about western natural resource policies and Hawaiian Kuleana. She is always willing to listen.

Aha Moku supports Doreen Canto as a member of the Board of Land and Natural Resources and urges this Committee to Advise and Consent to Governor Message 684.

Respectfully yours,

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COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

HEARING

DATE: Friday, March 18, 2022

TIME: **1:00 P.M.**

PLACE: Conference Room 229 & Videoconference

**TESTIMONY OF THE OCEAN TOURISM COALITION IN
SUPPORT OF GM 684 BLNR BOARD DOREEN CANTOR**

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

My name is James Coon, President of the Ocean Tourism Coalition, (OTC) speaking in support of GM 684 Doreen Cantor's confirmation to serve on the Board of Land and Natural Resources for a term to expire 06-30-25.

The Ocean Tourism Coalition represents approximately 300 charter boat companies across the State.

Doreen has been a leader in the Maui Community for many years and we believe she will do an exemplary service as a Maui Representative on the BLNR.

We humbly ask you to confirm Ms. Cantor for this term on the Board.

Sincerely,

James E. Coon, President OTC

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MAUI COUNTY FARM BUREAU

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March 18, 2022

HEARING BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER & LAND
TESTIMONY ON GM 684
Room 229 & Videoconference
1:00 PM

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

I am Warren Watanabe, Executive Director of the Maui County Farm Bureau. The Maui County Farm Bureau strongly supports the nomination of Doreen Canto to the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

Ms. Canto grew up on Maui and has embraced being a responsible contributing member of Maui's community. Her various leadership positions on many community organizations speaks to the trust she has earned from the people she serves. Such trust is an important aspect to serving on a Board, given the responsibility of stewardship for Hawaii's natural resources.

MCFB respectfully requests your support of Ms. Canto to the Board of Land and Natural Resources. Thank you for the opportunity to provide our comments.



COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

GM684
Doreen Canto for Board of Land and Natural Resources

Friday, March 18, 2022, 1:00 PM
VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

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

The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council (HCC) is the Statewide umbrella organization comprised of the five county level Cattlemen's Associations. Our member ranchers represent over 60,000 head of beef cows; more than 75% of all the beef cows in the State. Ranchers are the stewards of over 750 thousand acres of land in Hawaii, or 20% of the State's total land mass. We represent the interests of Hawaii's cattle producers.

The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council **supports GM684** for the consideration and confirmation to the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR), Gubernatorial Nominee, Doreen Canto, for a term to expire 06-30-2025. Ms. Canto's wide range of experience will lend well to the needs of the BLNR. Her commitment to serving the community is apparent in the boards and commissions she has served on, and her current service on the BLNR will be an asset to her if her nomination is confirmed.

We appreciate the opportunity to testify on this nomination and ask you to support the confirmation of Doreen Canto.

Nicole Galase
Hawaii Cattlemen's Council
Managing Director





SIERRA CLUB OF HAWAI'I

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

March 18, 2022

1:00 PM

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Offering **COMMENTS** on

GM684

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, DOREEN CANTO, for a term to expire 06-30-2025.

GM685

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, RILEY SMITH, for a term to expire 06-30-2026.

GM687

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, KAREN ONO, for a term to expire 06-30-2024.

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

On behalf of our 20,000 members and supporters, the Sierra Club of Hawai'i offers the following **COMMENTS** on the nominees to the Board of Land and Natural Resources ("BLNR").

The Sierra Club appreciates the willingness of the nominated individuals to provide their time and expertise in service to the BLNR's important mission. The Sierra Club does emphasize the critical role of the BLNR in overseeing the management and protection of the lands and resources that provide the foundation of our islands' identity, social fabric, and ways of life. Accordingly, Sierra Club believes that this hearing provides a critical opportunity for the Committee, the nominees, and the general public to reflect on the nominees' knowledge, views, and commitment to make what may be difficult but necessary decisions to uphold their fiduciary and legal obligations under the constitution, statutes, and other laws of the state, with regards to our natural and cultural public trust resources and sites.

To assist in this process of reflection and assessment, the Sierra Club respectfully offers the following questions for the nominees before you today:

- 1) What expertise, knowledge, or skills do you possess that may be relevant to fulfilling the BLNR's fiduciary and legal obligations with respect to the conservation, protection, and use of our public lands and natural and cultural resources and sites?
- 2) Should stream diverters be allowed to dewater entire streams and waste millions of gallons of water per day, due to aging and leaky irrigation and reservoir infrastructure?

- 3) Do you believe it is appropriate to issue long-term leases of ecologically or culturally significant lands and waters before DLNR staff can demonstrate sufficient expertise and capacity to provide consistent and timely oversight over lease terms and conditions?
- 4) What is your position on community-based fisheries management approaches, and should greater weight be given to the testimonies of Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practitioners and subsistence community members than outsiders who do not have a daily connection with the resources of their place?
- 5) What steps should the DLNR take to address the recommendations of the 2019 Audit of the Land Division's Special Land and Development Fund, which found a lack of an overarching plan for the Land Division's public land inventory, a lack of staff expertise and capacity to administer industrial and commercial leases, an overreliance on ground leases rather than more lucrative space leases in disposing of revenue-generating lands, and a lack of transparency and accountability, among other deficiencies, leading to significant opportunity costs to the DLNR and its mission?
- 6) Do you believe that the aquarium collection industry should be subject to stricter regulations based on evolving science regarding climate change impacts on our coral reef ecosystem, and the application of the precautionary principle?
- 7) What strategies should the BLNR employ to discourage shoreline hardening and encourage strategic retreat to mitigate the loss of our beaches and coastal areas?

The Sierra Club hopes and strongly believes that these questions will provide a much-needed understanding of the value that the nominees may bring to the BLNR, as it carries out its kuleana concerning matters of critical importance over the next several years.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to testify.



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LATE

March 18, 2022

HEARING BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER & LAND

TESTIMONY ON GM 684

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, DOREEN CANTO, for a term to expire 06-30-2025.

Conference Room 229 & Videoconference
1:00 p.m.

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

I am Brian Miyamoto, Executive Director of the Hawai'i Farm Bureau (HFB). Organized since 1948, the HFB is comprised of 1,800 farm family members statewide and serves as Hawai'i's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate and advance the social, economic, and educational interests of our diverse agricultural community.

The Hawai'i Farm Bureau supports the confirmation of Doreen Canto to the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

Ms. Canto has a long history of service to the community. While carrying out a professional career, Ms. Canto simultaneously volunteered for a myriad of Boards and Commissions, several of which have prepared her for this role on the Board of Land and Natural Resources. Her leadership roles in community organizations involved balancing the various needs and defining what is best for the community while recognizing the rights and obligations to individuals.

HFB respectfully requests your support of Ms. Canto as a member of the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

GM-684

Submitted on: 3/14/2022 10:00:36 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/18/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jimmy Gomes	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support GM684 Dorren Napua Canto to fill my position on the BLNR, Maui Seat. I have know Dorren for more than 50 years and watch her on various boards throught out the years. She is humble, listens and have a mind of her own. She is very professional and offers options and solutions to all issues. As you can see from her resume she has been actively involved in out community and also on the State level.

GM-684

Submitted on: 3/17/2022 7:41:45 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/18/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Shay Chan Hodges	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha:

As a Maui resident who has served as Chair of the Maui County Board of Water Supply and who is actively working to support investments in Maui County that meet environmental, social, and good governance (ESG) standards, I am very concerned about Gov. Ige's nominees to the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

For example, to my knowledge, Doreen Canto, who represents Maui County and has been serving on the BLNR for several months, has yet to question the wisdom of granting a 30-year lease to a foreign entity with a history of water privatization — whose sole motivation is profit, as described in this February 23, 2022 Canadian media article about PSP, the owner and sole member of Mahi Pono Holdings, LLC:

<https://breachmedia.ca/canadian-pension-fund-invests-in-ex-plantation-privatizing-hawaiis-water/>

Though community control of East Maui waters has been one of the primary issues discussed by the Maui County Board of Water Supply (BWS) for the last three years and the topic of a BWS Temporary Investigative Report issued in January 2020, I am not aware of Ms. Canto bringing up any of the concerns raised by the BWS at BLNR meetings.

When you consider Ms. Canto's nomination, I hope you will ask her whether she has researched PSP's egregious record of water investments in Australia as well as the foreign pension fund's record of negligence in elder care homes and exploitation of tenants in single family residences.

Further, please ask her what steps she plans to take as a BLNR member to address the County of Maui's recent commitment to secure the East Maui leases for the people of Maui, per the resolution passed by the Maui County Council in January, and the subsequent letter from Chair Alice Lee to BLNR.

I look forward to a robust discussion of the nominees tomorrow.

Shay Chan Hodges

Haiku, Maui

GM-684

Submitted on: 3/17/2022 8:41:23 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/18/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
tiare lawrence	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I strongly support the nomination of Doreen Canto to the board of land and natural resources. I have always admired her community work throughout the years. She is someone that will do her due diligence to research issues. Doreen is honest, trustworthy, and professional. Please support her nomination.

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Tiare Lawrence

GM-684

Submitted on: 3/17/2022 9:33:01 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/18/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Blossom Feiteira	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Nominee Doreen Canto has been a dedicated community advocate for Maui and its residents through her continuous commiment and represenation on community and government boards and commissions.

I humbly ask for your support of her nomination to the Board of Land and Natural Resources as Maui's representative.

Mahalo,

Blossom Feiteira

GM-684

Submitted on: 3/17/2022 9:54:12 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/18/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Robert J Hall	Testifying for AUKAI PACIFIC LLC	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

My name is Robert Hall and I am in **strong support** of Doreen Canto to be confirmed as a member of the Board of Land and Natural Resources. Ms. Canto has maintained a high level of policy making and strategic planning experience on multiple State, County and private sector boards and commissions in the past. Her knowledge of Maui's social and political community affairs is only surpassed by her passion and support for those being served. Ms. Canto brings the necessary balance of resident and community perspectives to assist the BLNR in its decision making on cultural, resiliency, economic and perpetuity determinations for Hawaii's finite land and natural resources.

Mahalo

Robert J Hall

AUKAI PACIFIC LLC

GM-684

Submitted on: 3/17/2022 10:07:36 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/18/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kathleen Pua Chin	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I am testifying in support of the appointment of Doreen Canto to represent Maui on the DLNR Commission.

I had the pleasure of working with Doreen on the Hawaiian Homes Commission in the past. She was diligent in her research of meeting topics and always prepared for discussion. Her thoughtful decision-making processes look not only at immediate results but long-term consequences of every action/decision. She is a visionary in many senses of the word. In addition, Doreen brings extensive experience on the current issues affecting her island, Maunuiakama, its various communities, as well as statewide concerns facing DLNR. She continues to be actively engaged in her community. Her commitment and follow through is impeccable in representing and openly communicating with the communities and constituents she serves. Her decisions and opinions lean into solutions and improvement of current concerns in any situation.

I believe her 'ike and experience will be a welcome asset to the DLNR Commission. Please consider a favorable appointment.

Respectfully,

Kathleen "Pua" Chin

Mano o Kalanipo

GM-684

Submitted on: 3/17/2022 11:30:31 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/18/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lucienne de Naie	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

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

As a private citizen, I have watched citizens make great efforts to testify at BLNR hearings, only to have their on-the ground expertise of their own neighbors ignored by the existing members of the BLNR, including the current nominee for re-appointment. This results in costly and time consuming legal challenges. The nominee, in her past service on the BLNR has not stood with the citizens groups. She has not asked the hard questions. It is time to have the members of the State land board include more individuals with direct knowledge of the actual resources they are entrusted to both manage and protect.

We need BLNR members who actively contribute to the process of finding balanced solutions that respect the Constitutional rights of native Hawaiians and give meaningful protections to our natural resources. The current nominee has not been a voice for those concerns in a meaningful way that will address the imbalance that currently exist.

The Committee should know that other qualified individuals, with strong backgrounds in community leadership, also applied for this position. The Governor had other qualified individuals to choose from. This committee should ask him to go back and make another choice. The alternative is a continued cycle of community members being ignored and large corporate interests being asked no tough questions and not being held accountable for the health of the care of the public trust resources the BLNR allows them to utilize.

Mahalo for an opportunity to testify

Lucienne de Naie

Huelo, East Maui

GM-684

Submitted on: 3/17/2022 12:06:21 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/18/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Grace Fung	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

(I am aware I am submitting this for 2nd time. Reason: I cannot see the green color that confirms my testimony was successfully submitted at the 1st time submission)

Have a productive hearing day, Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair!

Have a productive hearing day, Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair!

I also wish a productive hearing day to everyone participating in person or via web!

My name is Grace Fung. I submitted this testimony from my desk somewhere on Maui.

This is my 2nd time - my entire life. Why? Because time is precious for all of us and everything I do or write needs to make sense. Via this written testimony, I am advocating for the confirmation of DOREEN CANTO to the *Board of Land and Natural Resources* for the following.

I met DOREEN CANTO in 2012 - 10 years ago - via the *Maui Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce*. At that time, she was the MNHCoC membership chair. I was (still I am) one of the volunteer organizers for the grassroots *Maui Business Brainstormers* (MBB).

1. DOREEN CANTO applies discernment in every choice/decision she needs to do: MBB was unknown (just 2-month old - March 2012) and needed help from existing B2B support organizations to move its intentions forward. MNHCoC was the only one in the category of "chamber of commerce" to accept to help MBB. I can say that DOREEN CANTO is one of the players within MNHCoC board to embrace the MBB beginnings. She did it with her discernment and heart. Result: Her discernment was right because MBB has not disappointed so far. MBB completed its 10-year anniversary on January 14, 2022.
2. DOREEN CANTO is committed to her commitments:
I remember very well when DOREEN CANTO replied me - not exactly same words, but the meaning is the same "I can't. It's my turn to collect/get the abandoned cars off the road". This was a weekend. DOREEN CANTO had a choice on that weekend: A fun gathering at a "March of Dimes" event or going around as volunteer to get those ugly looking abandoned cars we see often when driving around Maui.
3. DOREEN CANTO does not hold herself when it is about benefiting the community she cares about:
She shared her thoughts when I said "collecting abandoned cars? This is a job for men" (

Myself, Grace Fung, who are pro gender equality saying that!)

4. DOREEN CANTO brings people together via her balanced mind, down-to-heart and down-to-earth thoughts and actions:
I always thought DOREEN CANTO as a soft person because she speaks calmly and does not "push". In 2019, I found out that she is balanced (not soft). I was impressed on how she debated and responded a forum about women that happened in Lana'i City. She is empowered with her balanced thoughts (thoughts that are not just words, she has no BS talk nor self-bragging talk).
5. DOREEN CANTO's hands-on work for the *Waiohuli Hawaiian Homesteaders Association*: I attended the groundbreaking. I was there almost all day because I never attended a groundbreaking ceremony. From that day, I can say DOREEN CANTO was popping up everywhere because she was not just a member of the board (as we know many join organizations/community boards just to get the name in to help their own career). DOREEN CANTO was also with her hands-on in a helpful way and the people there seemed appreciating very much her help.

DOREEN CANTO is the right gubernatorial nominee and I hope she gets confirmed to the *Board of Land and Natural Resources*, for a term to expire 06-30-2025 (or beyond 2025!)

Humbly,
Grace Fung

GM-684

Submitted on: 3/17/2022 2:18:35 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/18/2022 1:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alex Franco	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Alex Franco and I support the confirmation of Doreen Canto to the Board of Land and Natural Resources for a term to expire on 06-30-2025. Doreen has been a very active and effective community leader here on Maui. She will be a great addition to the BLNR and truly understands issues affecting Hawaii's land resources and how it can be best utilized for the common good of all its residence.

Thank You for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

GM-684

Submitted on: 3/17/2022 2:46:41 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/18/2022 1:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alvin K Pelayo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Doreen Napua Canto:

I am proud to support and work with Pua in her drive to become our next Maui Board of Land & Natural Resources representative. She is grounded in the Hawaiian Culture and models the values of our culture while being a positive influence in our greater community. She has consistently demonstrated this through her years of service to the community via her commitment to the Maui Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce, Police and Fire Commissions, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Maui, the Kula Community Association and service on the board of the Waiohuli Hawaiian Homesteaders Association where she has been personally involved in helping to get grants for \$1,250,000 from the Hawaii Legislature and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands bringing the dream of a Hawaiian Cultural Center at Waiohuli alive. She is also a resident of Waiohuli. Her real-world experience in working with Planning and land use will serve us all well.

We need her skills to get things done with collaboration as a Board Member.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in full support of her being confirmed to serve on the Board.

Kai Pelayo

LATE

GM-684

Submitted on: 3/18/2022 6:36:42 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/18/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gwen Hiraga	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in support of the nomination of Doreen Pua Canto to the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

February 12, 2021

LATE

Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair
Hawai'i State Senate Committee on Water & Land

Submitted by email: county.clerk@mauicounty.us

RE: Nomination of Doreen "Pua" Canto to Maui County Charter Commission

Aloha e Chair Molina and Vice Chair Rawlins-Fernandez:

I am writing to whole-heartedly endorse Doreen "Pua" Canto's nomination to the Maui County Charter Commission. Pua is no stranger to community service, having previously served as president of the Kula Community Association and Maui Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce. She has also served as a commissioner on the Hawaiian Homelands Commission and chair of Maui County's Fire & Public Safety Commission. In 2016, she received the prestigious *Kupamaka 'āinana Award* from the Central Maui Hawaiian Civic Club to honor her volunteerism. But it is her service to the Maui's Special Committee on County Governance that makes her an especially qualified member of the Charter Commission.

Pua Canto's record of leadership as a public servant speaks for itself, but you should know about her character as well. Pua was born and raised on Maui and went to work at a young age to help support her family financially to ensure her younger sister could attend Kamehameha Schools. As an adult, she enjoyed a successful career with

Hawaiian Telcom. While working full time and raising her children, she took the initiative to fund her own online education to earn her college degree.

Pua's leadership of the Maui Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce has helped to advance businesses that seek to incorporate Hawaiian values into their operations. She has also been instrumental in sharing that vision statewide. You are fortunate that Pua Canto is willing to serve the community once again as a member of the Maui County Charter Commission.

With warmest aloha,

Brickwood Galuteria

Former Hawai'i State Senator for District 12