

GM-591

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tylor Tanaka	Testifying for Hoomohala O Molokai Foundation	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

April 18, 2023

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**GM 591 Consideration and confirmation to the King Kamehameha
 Celebration Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee,
 LEINAALA LOPEZ for a term to expire 06-30-2024.**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on GM591. I support the confirmation of Leinaala Lopez to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.

Leinaala's experience will ensure that activities planned are appropriate to commemorate the memory of King Kamehameha I. Hoomohalo O Molokai Foundation has work with Leinaala for many years and most recently Molokai Kamehameha Celebration of 2022. Leinaala has demonstrated she has the capacity and will to lead her community.

Leinaala's lineage in her Hawaiian culture conveys deeply into her ancestors' Molokai's roots.

I am aware of her and her 'ohana's long time contributions to the culture through music, hula, lei making, traditional art, and love for the land.

I ask your consideration to support Leinaala Lopez to represent the Commission so we can continue to celebrate this treasured and historical event.

Sincerely,

Tylor Tanaka

President

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Submitted on: 4/17/2023 1:52:12 PM

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Stacy Helm Crivello	Individual	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

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Leinaala's experience and leadership capabilities will ensure that the Commission's coordinated activities planned are appropriate to commemorate the memory of King Kamehameha I.

Leinaala's lineage in her Hawaiian culture conveys deeply into her ancestors' Molokai's roots.

I am aware of her and her 'ohana's long time contributions to the culture through music, hula, lei making, traditional art, and love for the land.

I can further attest, as Leinaala's former employer, that her incredible organizational skills and outstanding ability to bring many working hands together will measure a successful event for the island community to celebrate.

I ask your consideration to support Leinaala Lopez to represent the Commission so we can continue to celebrate this treasured and historical event.

Sincerely,

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Submitted on: 4/17/2023 12:50:22 PM

Testimony for TCA on 4/18/2023 3:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
MATTHIAS ASANO	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To Whom it may concern,

My name is Matthias Asano and I am the current Supervisor for Friendly Market Center Ltd. on the island of Moloka'i. I have personally worked with Leina'ala Lopez for nearly a decade where she has held the cashier position since her day one and then being promoted to being one of my Lead Agents helping with stocking, orders with different Vendors, Preparing Multiple Kalaupapa Orders and Shipments (to Patients on the settlement), as well as Yearly Inventory for the store.

During this time that I have worked with Leina'ala, she has demonstrated the many different skills that she has bestowed upon her co-workers. Skills such as Excellent Communication, Teamwork, Creativity, and my favorite - Leadership. She is definitely someone I could depend on in my absence.

Without doubt, I confidently recommend Leina'ala Lopez as our islands Commissioner. I know that she will be a valuable asset to our island and it's people.

Mahalo,

Matthias Asano

FMC Supervisor



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April 01, 2023

Aloha mai kakou,

I proudly submit this letter of support and recommendation on behalf of Mrs. Leina'ala Lopez who was nominated to serve on the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission for the island of Moloka'i as she who would be a very great representative for our Island Community.

I have known Leina'ala aka Leina personally and professionally for over 30 years. She was born and raised on Moloka'i, married and now raise her children here as well. Her love and desire to serve our Island community comes from being a keiki o ka 'aina who has been engaging herself into our community over the years whenever asked to kokua.. learning to lead along the way as in the 'olelo no'eau, "Ma Ka Hana Ka 'ike" and realizing her kuleana to give back and serve.

I have had the honor of working with Leina in events and programs as well as when she worked for Ke Aupuni Lokahi and most recently with the Kamehameha Day Gala, Parade and Ho'olaule'a last year on Moloka'i. Leina has a presence of true Aloha which reflects in all that she does and all that she is. She works hard and not afraid to "huli ka lima I lalo" making sure the job gets done to the best of her abilities.

As a community leader and events organizer myself (Moloka'i Keiki Expo, Punana Leo o Moloka'i Ho'omau, Moloka'i Canoe Festivals KULAIA, etc) here on Moloka'i, having someone like Leina on my team is a huge asset! It's not the amount of people you have on your team, but it's having the right people on your team that makes a difference and Leina is definitely one you want on your team. Even better, she has an amazing network that backs her and she has the passion for this kind of kuleana and truly loves her community.

Please consider Leina in being our Moloka'i representative on your King Kamehameha Celebration Commission and mahalo nui for your time and consideration. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (808)658-0104 or email lorilei.rnf@gmail.com.

Me ka ha'aha'a,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lori-Lei Rawlins-Crivello'.

Lori-Lei Rawlins-Crivello, President/Manager

Aloha!

Leina'ala Lopez is a native of Molokai and I have known her for many years. I am confident that she is well suited for the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.

She embodies the Hawaiian Culture in music, dance, language and arts. Her crafting is beautiful and her dances more lovely. She lives promoting, perpetuating and preserving the cultural arts of Hawaii. I see this in her children.

Her strength is in her grace and the ability to work with people to accomplish the vision and mission of this amazing event. She has a far reach in our community and people who would commit to working alongside her.

This is important because you're going to need all hands on deck when undertaking such an event.

Mahalo in advance for selecting Leina'ala Lopez for the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.

Jacque Hiro

Heart of Aloha Church

Tuesday, March 28, 2023

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I am writing to recommend Leinaala Lopez to serve on the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.

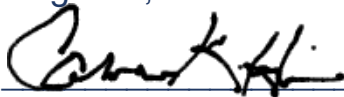
I have known Leinaala Lopez for over 18 years as a church member at Heart of Aloha Church and have nothing but positive things to say. There is no doubt in my mind that Leinaala will be an excellent addition to this position.

I have always known Leinaala Lopez to be of sound character, being compassionate, disciplined, honest, humble, resilient and sincere. Over the years I have witnessed Leinaala's dedication and loyalty towards her family, the church, her workplace and her involvement in community events. I am certain these cultivated skills in teamwork, organization and problem solving will allow Leinaala to excel and contribute to this Commission.

I believe Leinaala would be a good fit for this opportunity because she has lived on Molokai all of her life and knows how to work well with people, network and pull resources together to attain the desired goals.

Please do not hesitate on contacting me at 808-658-0433 or molokaikahu@gmail.com if you have any further questions or requests.

Regards,



Cameron Hiro
Senior Pastor, Heart of Aloha Church

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April 17, 2023

Matthew Prellberg
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Chair – Senate Committee on Transportations and Cultural Arts
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Dear Matthew,

Leinaala Lopez is currently an employee here at Friendly Market Center in Kaunakakai, Molokai. She has been a positive team player to everyone in our staff. I am always impressed with her great work ethics and attitude towards co-workers and customers. She has excellent customer service and always demonstrates an excellent example of team work that makes the dream work.

I highly recommend her for the opportunity that you have available on your committee. She is suitable for the challenges and innovative ideas that will be presented to her. With a positive attitude and great communication skills, I am very confident that Leinaala will be able to handle the task given.

Aloha,

Gloria Jean C. Aalona
Friendly Market Center
Customer Service Supervisor