



# LAND USE COMMISSION

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

Monday March 4, 2024  
2:00 PM  
State Capitol, Room 229 & Video Conference

In consideration of  
**GM 610**  
**FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION**  
**GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, BRUCE U`U (MAUI)**  
**As commissioner for State Land Use Commission**  
Term to expire June 30, 2028

Chair Inouye; Vice Chair Elefante; and members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land:

Please accept this testimony in support of the confirmation of Bruce U`u as commissioner for the State Land Use Commission. Mr. U`u is a well-respected member of the community and has a history of working toward the development of housing and its component infrastructure. Such expertise will be a valuable addition to the LUC as well as his insight into the process of development and infrastructure.

We look forward to Mr. U`u's participation on the commission and the expertise he will bring.

**GM-610**

Submitted on: 2/28/2024 2:57:45 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/4/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Bianca Isaki	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Aloha Committee members,

I STRONGLY oppose nomination of Bruce U`u to the Land Use Commission. I am a local attorney who practices in land use issues on Maui and before the LUC.

I have never heard Bruce U`u (Maui carpenters union) say anything other than he wants more development - even and especially luxury development - everywhere and anywhere - all under the pretext that locals need jobs to stay in Hawai`i. That is a stunted analysis of how we're going to fix any of Hawai`i land use issues.

The LUC needs people with actual vision and understanding of issues. The nominee has never wavered from his pro-development stance. Please do not confirm him.

Thank you.

Bianca Isaki, Ph.D., Esq.

March 1, 2024

Committee on Water and Land  
Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair  
Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair  
Hawai'i State Legislature  
415 S. Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

**RE: GM 610 - LAND USE COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE BRUCE U'U**

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante and members of the Committee,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the appointment of Bruce U'u to the State Land Use Commission.

I have known Bruce for over fifteen years, having had the opportunity to work alongside him on different community programs and initiatives for Maui. In all of those instances, what I remain in awe of, is Bruce's unique commitment to serve as a tireless advocate on behalf of local people - particularly on issues that lead to improved quality of life and affordability.

Born and raised in Paia, Maui, everything Bruce does, whatever he lends his voice to - he does with energy and an unwavering commitment to do what's right. There is no halfway with Bruce. His work ethic, knowledge, and dedication to creating opportunities for our local families have led to better access to jobs, housing and an improved quality of life for so many people.

Bruce is a dedicated advocate for housing affordability, an experienced and trusted community leader, and he would represent our County well on the Land Use Commission. Thank you for the opportunity to share my support, please feel free to reach out directly with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully Submitted,



Karey Kapoi

March 4, 2024  
Conference Room 229

**Senate Committee on Higher Education**

TO: Chair Lorraine R. Inouye  
Vice Chair Brandon J.C. Elefante

FROM: Wesley Lo

Re: **STRONG SUPPORT**  
GM 610 – Confirmation to the Land Use Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, Bruce U’u, for a term to expire 6-30-2028

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Mr. U’u’s nomination to Land Use Commission

I have known Mr. U’u for decades, and throughout his life on Maui and his professional career, he has held herself to the highest ethical standards and has always put Community first in all his endeavors.

He is a native Hawaiian and a product of local upbringing, the local public school system, and a “son of Maui” and has served on numerous County of Maui Boards and Commissions. His influence in and impact on the Community is deep and his is well respected for his knowledge and passion on issues, and he is well informed and grounded in all his thoughts.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in STRONG SUPPORT of Mr. U’u’s nomination.

March 2, 2024

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Senator Lorraine Inouye, Chair  
Committee on Water and Land  
Hawaii State Capitol  
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**Re: Nomination of Bruce U'u to the Land Use Commission**

Dear Senator Inouye:

I am writing in strong support of Bruce U'u to the Land Use Commission. I have known Bruce personally and professionally for 20 years. During my time working as a colleague and friend of Bruce, I was impressed with his dedication of service to our community and our shared tireless pursuit of giving our children and future generations the opportunity to continue calling Hawaii our home.

Bruce was born and raised in Paia, Maui and rooted in the Hawaiian cultural traditions of canoe paddling, fishing, and surfing. He is a native Hawaiian leader in our community who understands the delicate balance of planned responsible growth and development along with the need to protect what makes our island home special. I've personally admired and respected how Bruce has passed along these Hawaiian core values to his children, mo'opuna, and future generations of rising leaders on Maui.

Among his many skills and leadership abilities, Bruce has the unique ability to work with people of diverse backgrounds to reach consensus on challenging issues facing our community. He's a respectful listener while at the same time an influential voice on Maui at a crucial time when his island home needs more leaders like Bruce to emerge and serve. I personally can attest to his strong sense of fairness, integrity, and ability to understand complex issues in land use and development.

While always leading with a sense of humility and purpose, Bruce has made many contributions to our community actively serving as a volunteer on boards and commissions, organizing community service projects, and serving as a coach and role model to youth in sports and canoe paddling. I know he'll bring the same level of commitment and focus to serving in this very important role.

In closing, I know Bruce would make an outstanding representative on the Land Use Commission and urge your committee and Senate to support his nomination.

Aloha,  
Kyle Chock