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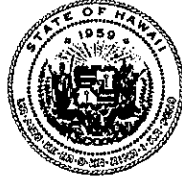
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August 29, 2017
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State Capitol, Room 414

G.M. 53

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Senate Committee on Housing

The Department of Transportation (DOT) strongly **supports** Jo-ann Leong, Ph.D. as a Heeia member to the Hawaii Community Development Authority.

Ms. Leong is a retired professor of the Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology at the University of Hawaii.

We are eager to serve with Ms. Leong and believe her knowledge and water expertise are well-suited to restore 400 acres of Heeia wetlands into a working agricultural and cultural district that aims to meet the highest needs and aspirations of Hawaii's people.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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KO`OLAUPOKO HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB

August 29, 2017

TO: SEN. WILLIAM ESPERO, Chair
And Members, Committee on Housing

FROM: ALICE P. HEWETT, President
Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club

RE: GM53, APPOINTMENT OF JO-ANN LEONG TO HCDA-HEEIA SEAT

On behalf of Alice Hewett and the Members of the Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club, Alohal Chair Espero, Vice Chair Harimoto, and Committee Members...

The Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club strongly supports the appointment of Dr. Jo-Ann Leong to a He'eia seat on the Hawai'i Community Development Authority.

Embedded in the mission statement of our civic club is this: "To malama our members, their families, and the communities in which we live."

Jo-Ann Leong is a member of our Hawaiian civic club, and she has proven herself to be an outstanding example of someone who works to malama our community. Through her dedicated work as a research scientist and retired administrator for the Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology, and through her contributions and support for the civic club and for the restoration of the lo'i kalo on HCDA lands in He'eia, Jo-Ann continues to work hard to malama our community.

She is a brilliant scientist who can bridge the gap between government and communities, and her ability to do so makes her an excellent candidate to serve on HCDA's board. Her ability to work with people is among her assets, and she can be found comfortable in gatherings of local people "talking story" or in high-level scientific convenings talking about solutions to global problems through the work of scientists like herself.

Our civic club has great aloha and respect for Jo-Ann Leong, and we ask your support for her confirmation as a member of the HCDA.

Mahalo.



Ko`olau Foundation

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August 29, 2017

To: Senator Will Espero, Chair
Senator Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair
Members, Committee on Housing

From: Aaron Mahi, President
Ko`olau Foundation

Subject: G.M. 53, Confirmation of Jo-Ann Leong's Appointment
To the Hawai`i Community Development Authority, He`eia Seat

Aloha Chair Espero, Vice Chair Harimoto, Honorable Members of this Committee:

On behalf of the Ko`olau Foundation, we offer our strong support for the confirmation of Dr. Jo-Ann Leong to serve as a He`eia member of the Hawai`i Community Development Authority.

The Ko`olau Foundation is a Native Hawaiian non-profit community organization that has been working to preserve cultural resources in the uplands of He`eia Ahupua`a through the establishment of a cultural preserve in Haiku Valley.

Dr. Leong has a long history of distinguished service to our community and in her career as a scientist and administrator of the Hawai`i Institute of Marine Biology. She is valued not just for her `ike, her knowledge about science and the challenges faced by marine resources of Kane`ohe Bay; but she is also valued for her humility and talent in working with diverse groups of people where she has served as a bridge between "town and gown", so to speak, during her years at Moku o Lo`e (Coconut Island).

She has retired from HIMB and offers her service to the State of Hawai`i as a member of the HCDA, representing the He`eia area, where HCDA has leased its lands to the community to restore hundreds of acres of farm land. We are pleased that she is willing to continue giving of her time to support the mutual interests of the State of Hawai`i and the people of Windward O`ahu.

We ask your confirmation of her appointment.

Mahalo.

The Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club was established in 1937 and is one of the largest in the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs nationwide. Ko`olaupoko HCC is a not-for-profit community organization dedicated to preserving and perpetuating the history, heritage and culture of Native Hawaiians and providing leadership and scholarships. Its membership is open to people of Hawaiian ancestry and those who are "Hawaiian at heart."

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