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In consideration of GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 308 SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE KAHANA VALLEY LIVING PARK PLANNING COUNCIL, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, RICHARD K. PAGLINAWAN, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2012

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of the nomination of Richard K. Paglinawan to the Kahana Valley Living Park Planning Council for a term to expire 6-30-2012.

For many years, Mr. Paglinawan has volunteered his time and knowledge to Malama Ohana, Queen Liliuokalani Children's Center, and the Kaluanui Advisory Group to help the communities understand the issues that they face and work with the appropriate government and private agencies to resolve some of those issues.

As a public member of the Kahana Valley Living Park Planning Council, Mr. Paglinawan is committed to helping the council to find ways that the residents of Kahana can continue to live in the park by partnering with the State to provide interpretive services. He knows that this partnership is for the benefit of all people who go to Kahana for the recreational experience and cultural enrichment. His desire to work with communities is based on his love for the people of Hawai'i and his dedication to the preservation and perpetuation of the cultural, traditional, and spiritual significance of the ahupua'a and its people.

With these qualities and his personal knowledge of the people who live in Kahana, the Department of Land and Natural Resources is confident that Mr. Paglinawan will make significant contributions as a member of the Kahana Valley Living Park Planning Council and support his appointment for a two-year term.

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