GM 547

Aloha,

I would like to take this opportunity to support David Atkin's renomination to the Environmental Council. As an employee of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), I have known David for over 10 years. During my many professional interactions with David, he has impressed me with his knowledge of both the federal and state environmental processes.

David has over 25 years of experience as an environmental consultant on major infrastructure projects, both in Hawaii and overseas. He often works with the federal government on complex projects since he has the ability to find the balance between infrastructure and the environment. His pragmatic approach has led to many optimum solutions for stakeholders within the environmental process. David has the skill sets to lead teams and to effectively manage conflicts.

Since David is one of the longest-sitting members of the Environmental Council, his institutional knowledge can be valuable to the Council. He has also been an active subcommittee chairman, first chairing the Legislative Committee, and now the Exemption Subcommittee. Since he started chairing the Exemption Subcommittee, the Council has advanced more than five agencies through the exemption list process.

In summary, I strongly support David Atkin's renomination.

Thank you.

Pat V. Phung, P.E. Lead Civil Engineer, FHWA