

NAME	ORGANIZATION/INDIVIDUAL	SUPPORT/OPPOSE
ALAN BURDICK	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
BARBARA E SAVITT	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
CALVIN HULIHEE	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
CHERYL MCILROY	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
CHRISTOPHER WOODARD	INDIVIDUAL	SUPPORT
DALE KOBAYASHI	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
DAVID TOYOTA	INDIVIDUAL	SUPPORT
EMILY SCHWAB	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
GARRISS N AKIONA	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
GEOI HOUTEN	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
HANNAH Kihalani Springer	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JESSICA	INDIVIDUAL	SUPPORT
JIM ANTHONY	INDIVIDUAL	SUPPORT
JONATHAN OSORIO	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JR KEONEAKAPU WILLIAMS	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
JULIE LEIALOHA	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
K LAIANA WONG	INDIVIDUAL	SUPPORT
KALANI BURGESS	INDIVIDUAL	SUPPORT
KAMAHANA KEALOHA	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
KAREN PLITZ	INDIVIDUAL	SUPPORT
KAUI PRATT	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
KEIKO BONK	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
KIKA BUKOWSKI	INDIVIDUAL	SUPPORT
KIMBALL KEKAIMALINO	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
KRISTEN DOUGLAS	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
LAURYN REGO	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
LEHUA SHELLEY	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
LISA MODIKA	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
MARC DELUCCHI	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
MAX SWORD	IDIVIDUAL	SUPPORT
MELODY HEIDEL	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
NADEZNA ORTEGA	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
NOMI CARMONA	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
RANDY AWO	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
SHAWNA OKAMI-ROSEHILL	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
SUMMER STARR	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
SUZANNE K MCGUIGAN	INDIVIDUAL	SUPPORT
TONY COSTA	INDIVIDUAL	SUPPORT
WAYNE NAKAMOTO	INDIVIDUAL	SUPPORT
ZURI AKI	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE
MARY JANE NAONE	INDIVIDUAL	OPPOSE

From: [Alan Burdick](#)
To: [Bart Dame](#)
Cc: [WTLTestimony](#)
Subject: Re: Testimony in Opposition to Appointment of Carleton Ching to DLNR of Behalf of Progressive Democrats
Date: Wednesday, March 11, 2015 7:57:51 AM

Thanks, Bart. Go get 'um!

2015-03-11 7:07 GMT-10:00 Bart Dame <bedame@gmail.com>:
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Testimony provided at the Senate Confirmation Hearing on Wednesday, March 11, 2015, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in room 229 of the Hawaii State Capitol Building.

RE: GM 514 – Department of Land and Natural Resources Chairperson

Senator Laura Thielen and Members of the Senate:

I, Barbara E. Savitt (PRINT NAME), am here today in

SUPPORT OPPOSITION for the appointment of

Department of Land and Natural Resources Chairperson nominee Carleton Ching.

COMMENTS:

Signature: Barbara E. Savitt Submitted On: 3/11/15

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RE: GM 514 – Department of Land and Natural Resources Chairperson

Senator Laura Thielen and Members of the Senate:

I, Calvin Hulihee (PRINT NAME), am here today in

SUPPORT OPPOSITION for the appointment of

Department of Land and Natural Resources Chairperson nominee Carleton Ching.

COMMENTS:

Aloha, Talk, Walk for the
GOOD, Bad and not the ugly!
of All Race especially the good
Native Hawaiians and most of
All ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ the A'ii blood
line. So from every ~~the~~ Community
Kupuna's (Elder's) their words, talk
~~the~~ vote should be the only one's
to put into bills, laws, amendments
because they lived too know ~~what's~~ ^{what's} good for our Keiki!

Signature: Calvin Hulihee Submitted On: 3/11/15

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RE: GM 514 – Department of Land and Natural Resources Chairperson

Senator Laura Thielen and Members of the Senate:

I, Cheryl McIlroy (PRINT NAME), am here today in

SUPPORT OPPOSITION for the appointment of

Department of Land and Natural Resources Chairperson nominee Carleton Ching.

COMMENTS:

Am concerned that Carleton Ching is more interested in development than in conservation based on his past actions and position.

Signature: Cheryl McIlroy Submitted On: 3/11/15

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WTLTestimony](#)
Cc: cwoodard1974@gmail.com
Subject: *Submitted testimony for GM514 on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM*
Date: Wednesday, March 11, 2015 9:07:17 AM

GM514

Submitted on: 3/11/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Christopher Woodard	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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RE: GM 514 – Department of Land and Natural Resources Chairperson

Senator Laura Thielen and Members of the Senate:

I, Dale Kobayashi (PRINT NAME), am here today in

SUPPORT OPPOSITION for the appointment of

Department of Land and Natural Resources Chairperson nominee Carleton Ching.

COMMENTS:

I represent ~~State~~ Mauna Kea. We have been opposed to Paradise Park redevelopment. DLNR has not been helpful. We need somebody willing to fix the broken dept.

Signature: Dale Kobayashi

Submitted On: 3/10/15

Good morning,

My name is David Toyota and I am a retired School Teacher who has known Carleton Ching for forty years. As I reflect back on my career in teaching, I believe Carleton represents a success story for public education. Carleton grew up a few blocks from Kaimuki High School where he excelled in both academics and athletics. He then earned his Bachelor's degree from Boise State University.

Carleton Ching possesses excellent "people skills." He is a hard worker, team player, an outstanding communicator, and an honest person. These are the same good characteristics that I tried to emphasize with my students.

Many knowledgeable people think that he is the best person for this job. I also believe that given the chance, he can do an exemplary job in this new role in helping the people of Hawaii.

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Senator Laura Thielen and Members of the Senate:

I, Emily Schwab (PRINT NAME), am here today in

SUPPORT OPPOSITION for the appointment of

Department of Land and Natural Resources Chairperson nominee Carleton Ching.

COMMENTS:

Both appointees with little discernable true conservation background? much less bonafide management/financial expertise. As was said in the Star-Advertiser, Abecrombie may have doled out some "candy" to developers, but with these appointees, Ige is "giving the key to the candy store to the developers"!

Not even making the #2 guy someone who could run the Department well while the head guy may be acting-out??

If the Governor doesn't want to "lose Face" by withdrawing these nominees, let the legislature - - over

Signature: _____ Submitted On: _____

cont'd.:

help him out by declining these appointments and demanding that only optimal people be proposed to fill these important positions.

I worked for the Natural Area Reserves System Commission while Arioshi was Governor. I would often say to myself that it was like "banging our heads against a brick wall" to try to get DNR to conduct itself in a conservation-oriented way! Then part-Hawaiian Waihee was elected Governor -- someone who had an innate feeling for the aina. He appointed a good head of DNR and things have been better ever since. That time^{period} coincided with the environmental movement taking hold more in Hawaii; for instance, the Nature Conservancy established a presence and worked to coordinate environmental groups and government agencies towards the "greater good."

So, you don't want DNR and the State -- and the planet's biosustainability by extension -- to retrogress do you? With all the powerful forces to change/detriment Hawaii, DNR (as steward of 40% of the state's land) is the strongest hope to stave off the negative. Help it to do this and don't buy into Governor Ige's evidently pro-development agenda!

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Senator Laura Thielen and Members of the Senate:

I, E. Schwab, cont'd (PRINT NAME), am here today in

SUPPORT OPPOSITION for the appointment of

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COMMENTS: Beeper!

Ching worked for Molokai Ranch and was possibly responsible for the leasing of their lands to the chemical companies purporting to be agricultural. IF he had anything to do with this, it's reprehensible that someone who's pro-poisoning and mutating people, ^(with GMO) and the environment should be nominated for DNR Chairman!!! Call for an immediate investigation into his role in this --

and deny him the opportunity to do more!

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Cc: akionag@hawaii.edu
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Date: Wednesday, March 11, 2015 10:55:01 AM

GM514

Submitted on: 3/11/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Garriss N. Akiona	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I believe Governor Ige's selection is based on friendship and not qualifications. There is a conflict of interest between Chang's experiences and becoming the head of DLNR. The position should go to someone who wants the job and are aware of sensitive cultural issues and capable of making tough decisions.

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Cc: geoi@hawaii.edu
Subject: Submitted testimony for GM514 on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM
Date: Wednesday, March 11, 2015 10:59:43 AM

GM514

Submitted on: 3/11/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Geoi Houten	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am opposed to C. Ching's appointment by the Governor due to his lack of experience, and prior obligatory commitments which pose a conflict of interest.

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Cc: ohiwai@gmail.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for GM514 on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM
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Attachments: [Carlton Ching testimony pages](#)

GM514

Submitted on: 3/11/2015

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Hannah Kihalani Springer	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Subject: Submitted testimony for GM514 on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM
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GM514

Submitted on: 3/11/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jessica	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support and encourage the nomination and confirmation of Carleton Ching.

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From: [Jim Anthony](#)
To: [WTLTestimony](#)
Subject: Appointment: Chair, DLNR: Carleton Ching
Date: Wednesday, March 11, 2015 9:51:02 AM

I write in **SUPPORT** of candidate Ching.

On balance—and in considering this or any candidate for appointment to any position subject to Senate confirmation—it would be a manifest injustice to deny him (or her) appointment simply on the grounds of who he has worked for in the past. This candidate worked for Castle and Cooke, and in particular, on the very controversial Koa Ridge Project. C & C paid him and he did a good job for them. He delivered. I do not damn a man simply because he worked for someone with whose values (or some of them) with which I happen to disagree.

I have read the answers that Mr. Ching has provided to questions asked by the Senate Committee. I have also read the noisy, diverse testimony coming from groups and individuals opposed to Mr Ching's candidacy. My view is that on balance he should be confirmed.

I urge the Committee to give candidate Ching the benefit of the doubt and move his nomination forward towards confirmation

After he is confirmed our—the public's job—is to ensure that he is even handed, fair, open to different points of view. In short, our job is to hold his feet to the fire, to raise the bar of accountability. I intend to do that and intend to tell him so as soon as possible after he is confirmed.

Jim Anthony, Ph.D

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RE: GM 514 – Department of Land and Natural Resources Chairperson

Senator Laura Thielen and Members of the Senate:

I, Jonathan K. Osorio (PRINT NAME), am here today in

SUPPORT OPPOSITION for the appointment of

Department of Land and Natural Resources Chairperson nominee Carleton Ching.

COMMENTS:

Hawaii's needs much better leadership and much better administration over our lands than Governor Ige is delivering with this nomination.

Signature: _____

Submitted On: _____

3/11/15

From: [JR Keoneakapu Williams](#)
To: [WTLTestimony](#)
Subject: In Opposition to GM514 -- Nomination of Carleton Ching to DLNR
Date: Wednesday, March 11, 2015 7:26:52 AM

Aloha Senators,

I strongly urge you to not confirm Carleton Ching as Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). DLNR is an extremely complex organization responsible for protecting our natural environment -- the beauty of our islands. Yet, his resume indicates no experience in managing natural resources or complex institutions.

Moreover, his volunteerism has supported organizations whose mission directly contradicts the mission and purpose of the department. His promises to abide by DLNR's mission fall short of addressing this concern, especially given Mr. Ching's lack of familiarity with the activities of the department.

I trust that you, Senators, will be objective in your assessment of this candidate and adhere to your responsibility to ensure that DLNR is led by a qualified and objective director.

Please help protect Hawaii's natural and cultural resources by voting down Mr. Ching as nominee for Director of DLNR.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

From: [Julie Leialoha](#)
To: [WTLTestimony](#)
Subject: Oppose: Carlton Ching nomination as DLNR Chair
Date: Wednesday, March 11, 2015 1:17:58 PM

I am in opposition to Carlton Ching's appointment to head the DLNR. Having worked as a professional natural resource manager for 32-years, many of which were within the DLNR, I do not believe Mr. Ching has the qualifications to lead such an important agency.

Julie Leialoha
P.O. Box 1792
Keaau, HI 96749

Senate Committee on Water and Land
Senator Laura H. Thielen, Chair
Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair

LATE

re: Testimony in support of Carleton Ching's confirmation as Director for the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Aloha mai kākou,

I am grateful for this opportunity to lend support to my friend of many years, Carleton Ching. I would like to preface my remarks by saying that my relationship with Carleton has been more personal than professional and, as such, I am unable to speak of technical qualifications required of the position.

I have known Carleton for about 40 years through mutual friends and through various activities most of which revolved around sports and family gatherings. We played softball for many years, including trips to outer islands to play special games arranged between our team and neighbor island teams. The team members and families were all connected personally, and we formed an 'ohana of sorts. For many years, we all tailgated together at Aloha Stadium, as season ticket holders, to cheer on the UH football teams. We attended the same social gatherings including numerous lū'au, parties and other family endeavors, along with various social events. In that time, I have come to know Carleton as a fun loving, caring, and stand-up individual who will do anything for friends and family, and who always looks to the positive in everyone and every situation. Although our careers have taken us in different directions, we still see each other every so often, and it is just as we left off.

As a teacher of Hawaiian language, I have been intimately involved in Hawaiian issues throughout my career as a professor at the University of Hawai'i. My particular focus is on the preservation of the Hawaiian language, and the revitalization and elevation of the status of the Hawaiian people, a position that would not make sense if I did not also care for the land, water, and all other natural resources. This is, and has always been, a high priority of mine, and I have always seen these same values in Carleton. He is clearly devoted to improving the quality of life for all who live in Hawai'i, and is sensitive to the dilemma inherent in creating sustainable development while also maintaining one of the primary Hawaiian values - aloha 'āina.

My general sense is that Carleton's experience, albeit in development, is of critical importance to this position. We certainly need someone who can see both sides of critically important issues such as the measured use of Hawai'i's natural resources. I am intensely concerned with the appropriate management of our limited resources. These islands need to provide for our children and grandchildren until long after we are gone. I know that Carleton shares this same sense of responsibility, that is, he recognizes the need to preserve our resources while, at the same time, accommodating the people who depend on their use. Who better to pick than someone who can see both sides of the issue? In this light, I would like to offer my unequivocal support for Carleton's appointment.

K. Laiana Wong

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Cc: skalanz44@gmail.com
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GM514

Submitted on: 3/11/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kalani Burgess	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I believe Carlton Ching will bring positive change and much needed results to DLNR.

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RE: GM 514 – Department of Land and Natural Resources Chairperson

Senator Laura Thielen and Members of the Senate:

I, Kamuhana Kealoha (PRINT NAME), am here today in

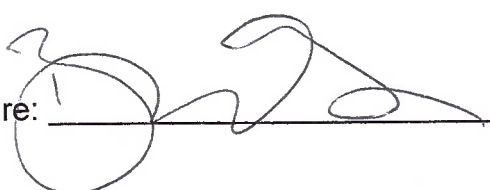
SUPPORT OPPOSITION for the appointment of

Department of Land and Natural Resources Chairperson nominee Carleton Ching.

COMMENTS:

Democracy is not oligarchy.

Signature: _____



Submitted On: _____

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WTLTestimony](#)
Cc: kpiltz@ckdbw.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for GM514 on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM
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GM514

Submitted on: 3/11/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
K. Piltz	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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March 11, 2015

The Honorable Laura H. Thielen, Chair
and Committee Members
Committee on Water and Land
Hawaii State Senate
415 S. Beretania Street, #229
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Thielen and Committee Members:

RE: GM 514 Consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson of the
Department of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee,
CARLETON CHING, for a term to expire 12-31-2018.

I strongly support Carlton Ching as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

I have known and worked with Mr. Ching for many years. He has a leadership and management style that is a good match for the Department of Land and Natural Resources. The Department of Land and Natural Resources is one of the most important departments with the administration, charged with balancing natural resources with the use of these very same resources.. It is a department with boards that must deal with issues that are at time very emotional, and have large impacts on our State.

Throughout his career, both in the private sector and in government, Carlton has shown that he has the ability to work and provide solutions, as well as to work very well with groups that have varying opinions. I believe that Mr. Ching's skill set will be a refreshing experience for many he will deal with the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

I believe that Mr.Ching has the knowledge, a keen perspective, ability and perseverance to lead the Department of Land and Natural Resources and respectfully ask that you strongly support Carlton Ching.

Respectfully,

Karen Piltz

From: [Sandra Ann Kau'ionalani Pratt](#)
To: [WTLTestimony](#)
Subject: In Opposition to GM514 -- Nomination of Carleton Ching to DLNR
Date: Wednesday, March 11, 2015 9:35:10 AM

Aloha Senators,

I strongly urge you to not confirm Carleton Ching as Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). DLNR is an extremely complex organization responsible for protecting our natural environment -- the beauty of our islands. Yet, his resume indicates no experience in managing natural resources or complex institutions.

Moreover, his volunteerism has supported organizations whose mission directly contradicts the mission and purpose of the department. His promises to abide by DLNR's mission fall short of addressing this concern, especially given Mr. Ching's lack of familiarity with the activities of the department.

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Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Mahalo!
Kau'i Pratt
J.D. Candidate, Class of 2015
William S. Richardson School of Law

LATE

March 10, 2015

To: Chairperson Laura Thielan
Senate Committee on Water and Land

From: Keiko Bonk, PONO Project

RE: The Appointment of Carleton Ching by Governor David Ige to DLNR Chair

Aloha Chairperson Thielan and Senators of the Committee on Water and Land.

My name is Keiko Bonk and I work for the PONO Project. I am here today to oppose the confirmation of Carleton Ching to the position of Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). I oppose Governor Ige's appointment for three reasons.

The first reason is that Mr. Ching does not meet the qualifications to serve in this position. Mr. Ching has no record of working or volunteering to "enhance, protect, conserve or manage" Hawaii's public natural, cultural or historic resources.

Secondly, Mr. Ching has direct conflicts of interest that would make it impossible for him to serve the public good with total commitment and conviction. Mr. Ching has worked and lobbied solely for the largest private developers in Hawaii, and has too many conflicting obligations to this one special interest group. As DLNR Chair, Mr Ching would be responsible for upholding land use laws and regulating many of his personal friends. These previous work relationships and friendships present too many potential conflicts of interest to do the public's work well.

The third reason for my opposition to this confirmation is that Hawaii is in a sad state of environmental and social degradation and the DLNR Chair is responsible for leading us in a new direction that would reverse these downward trends. Mr Ching has no plan of action in this regard, nor is there any indication that he understands the complex relationship between human encroachment, displacement of people and extinction of species.

Please request that the Governor do a more thorough search to find a more suitable leader for this important public position. We need a DLNR Chair who has a proven professional record of standing up for Hawaii's valuable public resources. This person needs the moral character and strength to withstand the pressure from special interests that are motivated by large sums of money through speculative land deals and short-term development projects.

Governor Ige helped to repeal the Public Lands Development Corporation (PLDC) because he said "it went too far in exempting itself from land use and zoning regulations and did not adequately consider community input." Carleton Ching represented one of the only organizations, the Land Use Resource Foundation or LURF, that steered the passage of the PLDC. LURF also fought the public's successful effort to repeal of the PLDC.

Mr. Ching was the President, the Vice President and Board member of LURF. LURF is the lobbying force for the largest land developers in Hawaii. Mr. Ching has a long affiliation and commitment to these developers, including Castle and Cooke, who Mr. Ching is currently employed. LURF lobbied our legislature to design and create a private corporation within our government to make decisions on public resources and bypass our environmental and cultural protections.

The Governor is now stuck in another PLDC moment. This appointment is another attempt to allow private powerbrokers control of our public lands and cultural resources. The largest land speculators are weighing to have their spokesperson from LURF take over the management of public property through yet another political means. This is a hard slap in the face of all people throughout Hawaii Nei who have worked hard for laws to protect our *aina* and antiquity. It is an insult to those who stood up to repeal the PLDC and to those who have worked for their entire lifetimes to put public resource protection laws into place in perpetuity.

Hawaii has finite land, finite water and a fragile life forms struggling to survive. We have depleted much of our beautiful and pristine places and we have exploited our native culture for profit and novelty. We have killed life in such quantity that we are now given the notoriety of being "The Extinction Capitol of the World". We have also the dubious distinction of being number one in homelessness in America.

Our report card with these sad number one qualities are not being addressed enough in our political hierarchy. In fact many of our political leaders choose to ignore these harsh realities and therefore they get worse every year. Scientists know that there is a direct relationship between the land use decisions we have made in Hawaii and the ill outcomes that include catastrophic environmental and social problems.

If we continue to make the same land use decisions that displace human beings by prioritizing unaffordable housing, and extinguish wildlife habitat that houses our distinct flora and fauna, we will eventually lose all that makes Hawaii the place that people want to be. There will only remain an empty shell, an artificial vacuum, packed with the fluff and hype that is spun by designers to continue a myth of something that is no longer exists. Please keep our beloved Hawaii alive and healthy.

Please vote no on this confirmation of Carleton Ching and ask Governor Ige to search for a person committed to reverse the ill consequences of our past mistakes and not to give us someone who will continue to do the same old practices, pushed by special interest who are motivated by short term profits.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Mahalo nui loa,

Keiko Bonk
kbonk@hawaii.rr.com

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Senator Laura Thielen and Members of the Senate:

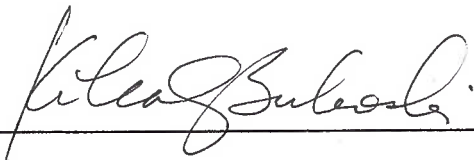
I, Kika Bukoski (PRINT NAME), am here today in

SUPPORT OPPOSITION for the appointment of

Department of Land and Natural Resources Chairperson nominee Carleton Ching.

COMMENTS:

I've known Mr. Ching both personally & professionally for many years and am honored to attest to his integrity, professionalism and ability to carry out the duties & responsibilities of this position. Mahalo -

Signature:  Submitted On: _____

From: [Kimball Kekaimalino Kaopio](#)
To: [WTLTestimony](#)
Subject: In Opposition to GM514 -- Nomination of Carleton Ching to DLNR
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Please help protect Hawaii's natural and cultural resources by voting down Mr. Ching as nominee for Director of DLNR.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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RE: GM 514 – Department of Land and Natural Resources Chairperson

Senator Laura Thielen and Members of the Senate:

I, Kristin Douglas (PRINT NAME), am here today in

SUPPORT OPPOSITION for the appointment of

Department of Land and Natural Resources Chairperson nominee Carleton Ching.

COMMENTS:

Signature: 

Submitted On: 3/11/15

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RE: GM 514 – Department of Land and Natural Resources Chairperson

Senator Laura Thielen and Members of the Senate:

I, Lauryn Rego (PRINT NAME), am here today in

SUPPORT OPPOSITION for the appointment of

Department of Land and Natural Resources Chairperson nominee Carleton Ching.

COMMENTS:

We need someone in this position with a track record of protecting the environment.

Signature: 

Submitted On: 3/11/15

From: [Lehua](#)
To: [WTLTestimony](#)
Subject: Oppose C. Ching for DLNR
Date: Wednesday, March 11, 2015 9:35:57 AM

Dear Legislators of Hawaii,

As a registered voter, please let me say that Mr. Carlton Ching is a totally unsuitable and inappropriate choice for the DLNR. His long and well known track record as a Director of the Building Industry Association and active lobbyist for numerous developers is totally at odds with and detrimental to the purpose and aims of the DLNR. His nomination raises serious conflict of interest issues.

PLEASE vote NO for Mr. Ching. Thank you.

Sincerely, Lehua Shelley 9550307
1720 Ala Moana Blvd.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WTLTestimony](#)
Cc: modika@hotmail.com
Subject: *Submitted testimony for GM514 on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM*
Date: Wednesday, March 11, 2015 1:03:48 PM

GM514

Submitted on: 3/11/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
lisa modika	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Cc: delucchimarc@gmail.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for GM514 on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM
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GM514

Submitted on: 3/11/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Marc Delucchi	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please listen to what I say, please consider my arguments, that is all I ask for.

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Hello Senators,

Let me start by saying this, that while I supported Governor Ige in his run for the position I voted for him to stand for more than the money, which got him to office. It saddens me that he would even think to nominate someone like Mr. Carleton Ching who has a past as a lobbyist for a group such as Castle & Cooke.

Ironically, today is also the day that the Ho'opili plan comes up for a separate committee vote and while you may not have the ability to stop an outrageous plan like that, you can make a separate stand here today. While the odds are the Ho'opili plan will sadly pass without even one No vote you can still take a stand against the Business domination of our government.

Mr. Ching has also stated that he will recuse himself of all situations in which there is a conflict of interest and if we assume this will be true we can also assume that if Mr. Ching were to be completely honest then he would recuse himself on all things involving Castle & Cooke. The problem with that is the position he has been nominated to hold will likely have a majority of its dealings with things involving Castle & Cooke, so how can we expect him to do a job, which he has said that he should not be allowed to do a large part of?

So please do not let this cycle continue, let us take control, and determine what is right for our land. Do not support business when they do not support the people.

Thank You for listening.

Sincerely,

Marc Delucchi

Max J Sword

P.O. Box 22782
Honolulu, Hawaii 96823

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THE TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2015

COMMITTEE ON WATER & LAND
Senator Laura H Thielen, Chair

3/11/2015
Rm. 229, 10:00 AM

Re: Confirmation of Carleton Ching for DNLR Chair.

Chair Thielen and members of this Committee, my name is Max Sword.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of the confirmation of Carleton Ching for Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

I have known Carleton for a number of years and have worked with him on a couple of projects and issues in the private sector. In working with him I have found him to be an honest and straight-forward type of person. I believe Carleton will bring a balanced and broad perspective to the position and has the skills, intellect and perspective to effectively oversee and manage the department and most important is not adverse to making tough decisions when he needs to.

For these reasons, I strongly support Carleton's appointment as Chair of DNLR and urge your favorable consideration. We are all extremely fortunate to have such a person be a leader in this key administrative position.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

From: [melody heidel](#)
To: [WTLTestimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in OPPOSITION of GM 514, nominating Carleton Ching as Chairperson of DLNR
Date: Wednesday, March 11, 2015 9:24:42 AM

Dear Chairperson Thielen, Vice Chair Galuteria and Water and Land Committee Members,

Please do NOT confirm Carleton Ching to head DLNR. Hawaii needs and deserves someone with an understanding of natural and cultural resource management to lead this important Department.

Regardless of any other skills and experience he may have, he lacks experience and knowledge in this field. I know of no business or profession that would hire someone with absolutely no related job experience. Would a hospital hire a lawyer to be a surgeon? NO, not even if he was the best lawyer in town. If Governor Ige would like Mr. Ching to be of service to our State, send the message that it should be in a field for which he is qualified, and that is certainly not the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Please make the right decision for our State: Vote No on the appointment of Carleton Ching, and require our Governor to nominate someone with working knowledge of the vast resources which fall under DLNR's kuleana.

We voters put our trust and faith in you to protect our interests and make smart decisions. Please make the pono decision here and do NOT confirm Mr. Ching to head DLNR.

Mahalo,

Melody Heidel
Kailua, HI 96734

NOTE: I will not be testifying in person.

From: [Nadezna Ortega](#)
To: [WTLTestimony](#)
Subject: In Opposition to GM514 -- Nomination of Carleton Ching to DLNR
Date: Wednesday, March 11, 2015 9:41:47 AM

Aloha Senators,

I strongly urge you to not confirm Carleton Ching as Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). DLNR is an extremely complex organization responsible for protecting our natural environment -- the beauty of our islands. Yet, his resume indicates no experience in managing natural resources or complex institutions.

Moreover, his volunteerism has supported organizations whose mission directly contradicts the mission and purpose of the department. His promises to abide by DLNR's mission fall short of addressing this concern, especially given Mr. Ching's lack of familiarity with the activities of the department.

I trust that you, Senators, will be objective in your assessment of this candidate and adhere to your responsibility to ensure that DLNR is led by a qualified and objective director.

Please help protect Hawaii's natural and cultural resources by voting down Mr. Ching as nominee for Director of DLNR.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,
Nadine Ortega

Sent from my iPhone

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RE: GM 514 – Department of Land and Natural Resources Chairperson

Senator Laura Thielen and Members of the Senate:

I, Nomi Carmona (PRINT NAME), am here today in

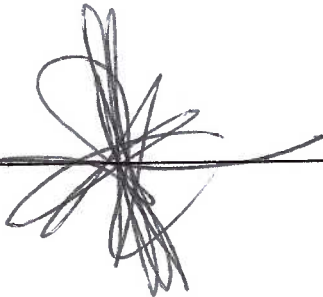
SUPPORT OPPOSITION for the appointment of

Department of Land and Natural Resources Chairperson nominee Carleton Ching.

COMMENTS:

Hawaii deserves a DNR director with a proven track record of protecting cultural and environmental resources. Our public trust is too precious to be entrusted to a developer lobbyist with zero track record of conservation or environmental protection. Please reject this nomination and protect our shared trust. Please oppose GM 514.

Signature: _____



Submitted On: _____

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RE: GM 514 – Department of Land and Natural Resources Chairperson

Senator Laura Thielen and Members of the Senate:

I, Randy Awo (PRINT NAME), am here today in

SUPPORT OPPOSITION for the appointment of

Department of Land and Natural Resources Chairperson nominee Carleton Ching.

COMMENTS:

Mr. Ching does not have the qualifications to bring a balanced and informed view in managing the very complex responsibilities of the DLNR.

Signature: _____ Submitted On: _____

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RE: GM 514 – Department of Land and Natural Resources Chairperson

Senator Laura Thielen and Members of the Senate:

I, Shawna Okami-Rosehill (PRINT NAME), am here today in

SUPPORT OPPOSITION for the appointment of

Department of Land and Natural Resources Chairperson nominee Carleton Ching.

COMMENTS:

I believe we ~~are~~ need someone in this position that is well verse in Culture, Fisheries Water Rights and ahupuaa

Signature: Shawna P. Okami Submitted On: _____

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WTLTestimony](#)
Cc: info@summerstarr.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for GM514 on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM
Date: Wednesday, March 11, 2015 1:59:37 PM

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Submitted on: 3/11/2015

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Summer Starr	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha, My name is Summer Starr. I am from Makawao, Maui and I strongly opposed the confirmation of Carleton Ching. Mahalo, Summer Starr

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March 9, 2015

Senator Laura Thielen
Chair, Senate Committee on Water and Land
415 S. Beretania
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Hearing: Wednesday, March 11, 2015 10:00 A.M. Conference Room 229

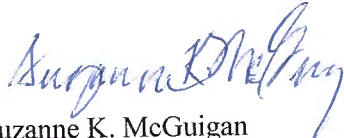
Re:GM514 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, CARLETON CHING, for a term to expire 12-31-2018.

Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Galuteria, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of the confirmation of Carleton Ching as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Carleton has much experience in both the private sector as well as State Government both of which provide him the experience and ability to meet the challenges facing the Chairperson of DLNR. He is committed to protect our land and natural resources for future generations and has shown the willingness, ability and time to carry out that important mission. Please give him your serious consideration.

Thank you for this opportunity to support Carleton Ching as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.


Suzanne K. McGuigan
Hawaii Kai

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WTLTestimony](#)
Cc: tony@pop-hawaii.com
Subject: *Submitted testimony for GM514 on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM*
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tony Costa	Individual	Support	No

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Chair Laura Thielen and members of the Committee on Water and Land:

I recommend favorable consideration and confirmation of Carleton Ching as Chairperson to the Board of Land and Natural Resources and Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

I have known Mr. Ching for the past 30 years, since the mid 1980's. We worked together at the Hawaii Housing Authority, then at the Housing Finance and Development Corporation where first as a project coordinator and then as project manager in the Housing Development Section, he worked to plan, implement and construct affordable for sale homes and low income public housing rental units. A few of the projects he worked on include the award winning Kalakaua Low Rise Public Housing on Kalakaua Boulevard and Waiehu Terrace Housing on Maui.

In 1989, Mr. Ching left the State of Hawaii to work in the private sector. Over the past 25 years, he has worked at various private firms and has done well at each stop.

What Mr. Ching brings to you is a unique skill set in communication and implementation. He listens to people and can effectively communicate and implement tasks set before him.

His love for Hawaii is quite evident. He mentioned to me once how he had an opportunity to stay in the Pacific Northwest after college, but chose to come back to Hawaii to live and raise his children because, "you open the door and you're in paradise..."

I urge the committee to confirm Carleton Ching to protect and manage the land, water and natural resources of the State of Hawaii.

Sincerely,



Wayne Nakamoto

From: [Zuri Aki](#)
To: [WTLTestimony](#)
Subject: In Opposition to GM514 -- Nomination of Carleton Ching to DLNR
Date: Wednesday, March 11, 2015 9:50:23 AM

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Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

From: [Mary Naone](#)
To: [WTLTestimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in opposition to the appointment of Carleton Ching, Chairperson of DLNR
Date: Wednesday, March 11, 2015 4:46:14 PM

Aloha,

Please accept my testimony **in opposition of the appointment of Carleton Ching** as Chairperson for the Department of Land and Natural Resources. As an Archaeologist working within Hawaii, I have significant concerns about the consequences of choosing a chairperson with demonstrated interest in development at the cost of historic preservation. Hawaii's cultural sites are nonrenewable resources with immeasurable significance to the people from a diversity of backgrounds who have a history on -and connection to - these islands. I support the nomination of a candidate who will navigate future development with a balanced perspective towards preserving and celebrating Hawaii's unique culture and history. Mr. Ching is not that person.

Mahalo,
Mary Jane Naone
Lawai, Hawaii