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April 6, 2015

Senator Laura Thielen  
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Dear Senator Thielen,

Aloha. Thank you for considering GM 818 and my nomination to serve on the Legacy Land Conservation Commission.

Here is my response to your questions.

(1) Why do you wish to be a member of the Legacy Land Conservation Commission?

*I wish to serve on the Legacy Land Conservation Commission because I believe in the critical importance of land conservation on these islands given our limited land and resources in the face of ongoing land development. It is an honor to be nominated to serve on this commission because I was a strong advocate for the program in 2005, and fought hard to secure dedicated funding for the Land Conservation Fund and the Natural Area Reserve Fund. I bring a grassroots perspective to the commission.*

(2) How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the Legacy Land Conservation Commission?

*The Commission and its members are entrusted with making recommendations for expenditure of the Legacy Land Fund for the purpose of land acquisitions and conservation easements. Commissioners must be rigorous in their review of competing proposals for funding and also in applying funding and program criteria to ensure that limited resources are well spent.*

*Conservation Council for Hawai'i is a nonprofit, environmental membership organization dedicated to protecting native Hawaiian plants, animals, and ecosystems for future generations.*

*Established in 1950 and based in Honolulu, CCH is one of the largest and most effective wildlife organizations in Hawai'i with more than 5,000 members and supporters, including concerned citizens, educators, scientists, government agencies, and elected officials.*

*Through research, education, service, organizing, and legal advocacy, CCH works to stop the destruction of native wildlife and wild places in Hawai'i.*

*Since 1973, CCH has served as the Hawai'i state affiliate of the National Wildlife Federation.*

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(3) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

*I hope to contribute to land conservation in Hawai'i by ensuring the Legacy Land Conservation Program has sufficient funding to meet its mandate. I also hope to contribute to strengthening and growing the program wherever possible and appropriate.*

(4) Is there any other information regarding your experience and background that you believe should be considered by the committee?

*I have 7 years of experience serving on a similar commission at the county level: the City and County of Honolulu Clean Water and Natural Lands Commission. Attached is my resume.*

Mahalo nui loa for considering my nomination. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have additional questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Marjorie Ziegler

## MARJORIE FERN YASUE ZIEGLER

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- High School Diploma, James B. Castle High School, Kane'ohe, 1974
- Associate of Arts Degree, Windward Community College, Kane'ohe, 1983
- Bachelor of Arts Degree with Highest Honors, Geography, University of Hawai'i - Manoa, 1986
- Graduate Course Work, Masters Program, Geography, University of Hawai'i - Manoa, 1986-1988

Academic Grievance Committee, Dean's List, Freshman Seminar Leader, Geography Club, Geography Department Curriculum Committee, Graduate Student Organization, Honors Program, Internships, Student Conduct Committee, Hawai'i Audubon Society Research Grant

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Conservation Council for Hawai'i  
Honolulu

*Executive Director*

2003-present

All aspects of operating non-profit organization: administration, fundraising, and implementing program for 5,000+ membership organization

KAHEA: The Hawaiian-Environmental Alliance  
Honolulu

*Program Associate*

2002-2003

Implemented public lands biodiversity initiative, including education and community outreach, and lobbying

Earthjustice (previously Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund)  
Honolulu

*Resource Analyst*

1988-2002

Assisted attorneys in environmental litigation. Investigated and developed cases. Implemented nonlitigation biodiversity program, including public awareness campaign, endangered species protection, and stream restoration efforts.

University of Hawai'i - Manoa  
Honolulu

*Graduate Assistant, Geography Department*

1986-1988

Assisted professors and students. Graded examinations. Lectured occasionally.

Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources  
Honolulu

*Program Assistant, Division of Forestry and Wildlife*

1986-1987

Collected and propagated non-target native plants for *Clidemia hirta* biological control program.

The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i Heritage Program  
Honolulu

*Database Technician and Conservation Intern*

1985-1987

Entered data on native plants and animals. Mapped rare element occurrences.

Hawai'i Maritime Center Museum  
Honolulu

*Program Assistant*

1985

Developed educational materials for elementary school teachers. Led museum tours.

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### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of Hawai'i - Manoa

Honolulu

*Office Manager, Freshman Seminar Program*

1985

Ran program office.

Windward Community College

Kane'ohe

*Chemistry and Zoology Laboratory Assistant and Tutor*

1983-1984

Assisted professors and students. Prepared labs. Tutored.

City and County of Honolulu

Kailua

*Recreation Assistant, Kailua Recreation Center*

1976-1980

Taught arts/crafts, recreation classes to children, teens, and adults during school year; summer fun leader.

Kualoa

*Archaeological Assistant, Kualoa Regional Park*

1975-1976

Excavated. Documented artifacts. Conducted research on traditional Hawaiian culture.

Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum

Honolulu

*Administrative Assistant, Pacific Science Information Center*

1971

Provided clerical and library support.

### COMMISSIONS, TASK FORCES, & WORKING GROUPS

State Environmental Council, Honolulu Clean Water and Natural Lands Commission, Natural Area Reserves System Commercial Use Task Force, Natural Area Reserves System Funding Task Force, Natural Areas Working Group, Protect Our Water, Stream Protection and Management Task Force, Sustainable Tourism Working Group, Toxicant Working Group, Road Side Spraying Task Force

### VOLUNTEER SERVICE

Conservation Council for Hawai'i, Environment Hawai'i, Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, Environmental Legislative Network (ELN), Hawai'i Audubon Society, Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources, Hawai'i Nature Center, Hawai'i's People's Fund, National Park Service, Progressive Democrats of Hawai'i, Sierra Club, Hawai'i Chapter, The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i Heritage Program, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

### AWARDS

Hawai'i Audubon Society Conservation Award 1994; Hawai'i Conservation Alliance Outstanding Leadership Award 2011; Hawai'i Community Foundation/Wallace Alexander Gerbode Foundation Ho'okele Award 2012

### PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Board Development, Conflict Resolution, Diversity and Inclusion, Fundraising, Managing Multiple Projects, Supervising Staff, Notary Public

### COMPUTER SKILLS

Macintosh and PC systems; Access, Excel, dBASE, Goldmine, Photoshop, PowerPoint, QuickBooks, QuarkXPress, Word, WordPerfect