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Carty S. Chang	DLNR	Support	Yes

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**Testimony of
CARTY S. CHANG
Interim Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
WATER AND LAND**

**Monday, April 13, 2015
2:45 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 224**

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 839
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE LEGACY LAND
CONSERVATION COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, THERESA MENARD,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2017**

**The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) strongly supports Governor's
Message (GM) 839 to appoint Theresa Menard to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission
(Commission) for a term to expire 6-30-2017.**

Theresa Menard is a resident of Kauai and possesses scientific qualifications as evidenced by an advanced degree, as required under Section 173A-2.4, Hawaii Revised Statutes. Ms. Menard possesses a Master of Science in Zoology, with specialization in Ecology, Evolution and Conservation Biology from the University of Hawaii at Mānoa. With her master's thesis, Ms. Menard made key contributions to the existing knowledge of the biology of the Hawaiian hoary bat, *ope'ape'a*, one of Hawaii's few endemic land mammals. In addition to her educational background, Ms. Menard possesses skills and experience that are well suited to participation on the Commission. Ms. Menard has worked as the Geographic Information Specialist for The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii since 2006, and is adept in using geospatial datasets (e.g., tax map keys, zoning, native ecosystem coverage) to evaluate parcels of land. Previously, as Conservation Planner for The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii, she gained detailed knowledge of Hawaii's geography and conservation areas while completing an ecoregional assessment of the Hawaiian Islands.

As an interim appointee since December 2014, Ms. Menard has already become a valuable and active member of the Legacy Land Conservation Commission. The Department strongly supports GM 839 on the appointment of Ms. Theresa Menard to the Commission and looks forward to working with Ms. Menard.

CARTY S. CHANG
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Marjorie Ziegler	Conservation Council for Hawai'i	Support	No

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Testimony Submitted to the
Senate Committee on Water and Land
Hearing: Monday, April 13, 2015 2:45 PM Room 224

In Support of GM 839 Theresa Menard

Aloha, Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Galuteria, and Members of the Committee. Conservation Council for Hawai'i supports GM 839 and the nomination of Theresa Menard to serve on the Legacy Land Conservation Commission.

Ms. Menard is one of the leading authorities on the endangered Hawaiian hoary bat and other endemic species of these islands. She is actively involved in the conservation of species and their habitats on Kaua'i, and will serve the resource and the people well.

Please support GM 839 and Ms. Menard. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Marjorie Ziegler

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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**Testimony of The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i
Supporting GM 839 Gubernatorial Nominee Theresa Menard
for Confirmation to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission
Senate Committee on Water and Land
Monday, April 13, 2015, 2:45PM, Room 224**

For more than 35 years, The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i has been working closely with government agencies, local businesses, private landowners, non-profit partners, and interested communities across the state to preserve the lands and waters upon which all life in these islands depends. The Conservancy is a private non-profit conservation organization that has helped to protect nearly 200,000 acres of natural lands on O'ahu, Maui, Hawai'i, Moloka'i, Lāna'i, and Kaua'i. We also support 19 coastal communities seeking to co-manage marine resources in partnership with the State of Hawai'i.

The Nature Conservancy supports Theresa Menard's confirmation to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission.

Theresa has been a dedicated conservation professional since she was first hired by the Conservancy in 1990 as a Botanical Research Assistant. Since that time she has steadily acquired new skills and talents during her time in graduate school at the University of Hawai'i Manoa, where she earned a Master's degree studying the behavioral ecology of the endangered Hawaiian hoary bat and mapping out its seasonal distribution patterns. After graduate school, she returned to The Nature Conservancy and put her mapping knowledge to use as a Conservation Planner where she has used her Geographic Information Systems (GIS) skills to guide conservation planning for the Conservancy's work around the state. In particular, she was instrumental in providing data analysis and maps for our Hawaiian High Islands Ecoregional Plan. A biologist at heart, Theresa has conducted field surveys for birds, bats, and plants throughout the State's many ecosystems, including the windswept coast of Oahu's Kaiwi Coast, Kaho'olawe's dry forests, Maui's rainforests, Kauai's wet valleys and Mauna Kea on Hawai'i Island. She has just completed 15 years of employment with the Conservancy and is respected and valued by her peers.

We believe Theresa and her background and expertise in biology, ecology, planning, geospatial data analysis, and mapping will be a significant asset to the LLCC's review, evaluation, and recommendations for properties proposed for protection with resources from the Legacy Land Conservation Fund.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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Audrey Newman	Individual	Support	No

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April 10, 2015

Re: GM839 - Support for Theresa Cabrera Menard Appointment to Legacy Land Conservation Commission

Aloha Chair Thielen and Committee Members:

I strongly support the appointment of Theresa Cabrera Menard to serve on DLNR's Legacy Land Conservation Commission. As a highly knowledgeable, experienced and effective conservation professional, Theresa will bring important expertise and insight to the Commission's work.

I have known Theresa as a colleague and personal friend for more than 20 years, and deeply admire her professional rigor and strong personal commitment to conservation across our state. She brings outstanding analytical skills, objectivity and a keen understanding of process to all her work. She has worked across Hawaii – in the field and virtually -- and understands the complexities of natural resource management mauka to makai. She has excellent communication skills -- in person, with groups, in writing, with data and via maps. Indeed, her maps and analyses of invasive species distributions have helped guide priorities and actions by The Nature Conservancy for many years. Her unique expertise will contribute very constructively to the Commission's decision-making on key investments on important lands.

Theresa is also an excellent team player. I have seen her work effectively with conservation professionals across Hawaii and the Pacific islands, including as a founding member of the now-global Conservation Coaches Network. She is always ready to listen, learn and apply her special skills to the shared challenge at hand.

I know Theresa Cabrera Menard will be an outstanding addition to the Legacy Lands Commission. I urge you to support her appointment to this important role.

Mahalo,
Audrey Newman

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David Henkin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Good afternoon Chair Thielen and members of the committee, I write in strong support of the Governor's nomination of Theresa Menard to serve on the Legacy Land Conservation Commission. Ms. Menard has dedicated her life to protecting Hawaii's fragile native ecosystems. She would be a valuable addition to the Commission. Thank you for the opportunity to offer this testimony in support of GM 839.

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Denise Antolini	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support the nomination of Theresa Menard for the Legacy Lands Commission. Given her extensive background in and field work on the conservation of Hawaii's rare species and native ecosystems, she will be an excellent Commissioner. Mahalo!

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Erik Burton	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This letter is in support of GM 839, supporting Theresa Menard for the Legacy Lands Conservation Committee.

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April 9th, 2015

TO: Committee on Water and Land

RE: GM 839, Theresa Menard nomination to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission

Aloha,

I am writing to express my support for the nomination of Theresa Menard to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission.

Her formal qualifications speak for themselves and alone make her an excellent candidate for this position.

More importantly, Theresa's personal passion for Hawaii and her commitment to aloha 'aina make her one of those truly special people and more than an excellent choice for this commission.

It for these reasons and many others that I can wholeheartedly recommend her for this commission and any others you may consider her for.

Mahalo and malama pono,



Erik Burton
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gail Chun	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Committee Members: As a botanist with The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii, I worked very closely with Theresa Cabrera Menard on a daily basis for over five years as she was one of the zoologists on staff. We worked on various environmental and conservation projects, which included technical research, field surveys, and report writing. During the time we worked together, I found Theresa to be extremely knowledgeable about the islands' endangered fauna and land conservation issues. Theresa's passion for her work was self-evident as she always took on all projects and assignments with gusto and enthusiasm. No matter how hard the assignment, she always did her best and was truly a team player. During this time, she also pursued a graduate degree in biology. I am so glad that I had the privilege to work with her and to learn from her, and I am grateful to be able to testify on her behalf today as a colleague and a friend. I firmly believe that she will be a great asset to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission. Sincerely, Gail Chun, M.S. Division of Land Resource Protection California Department of Conservation

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Testimony for confirmation hearing GM 839 for Theresa Cabrera Menard

April 10, 2015

Dear Committee Members:

As a botanist with The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii, I worked very closely with Theresa Cabrera Menard on a daily basis for over five years as she was one of the zoologists on staff. We worked on various environmental and conservation projects, which included technical research, field surveys, and report writing. During the time we worked together, I found Theresa to be extremely knowledgeable about the islands' endangered fauna and land conservation issues. Theresa's passion for her work was self-evident as she always took on all projects and assignments with gusto and enthusiasm. No matter how hard the assignment, she always did her best and was truly a team player. During this time, she also pursued a graduate degree in biology. I am so glad that I had the privilege to work with her and to learn from her, and I am grateful to be able to testify on her behalf today as a colleague and a friend. I firmly believe that she will be a great asset to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission.

Sincerely,

Gail Chun, M.S.
Division of Land Resource Protection
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Aloha Senator Thielen,

I would like to express my support for Theresa Menard for the Legacy Land Conservation Commission. I personally know the commitment she has to wahi pana of Hawai'i, particularly our native ecosystems. I also know she has the experience through the Nature Conservancy to understand land trusts and preservation. I hope you will favorably consider her appointment

Mahalo

Imaikalani Aiu

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Please submit the attached testimony for the WLT hearing on Monday April 13 at 2:45 pm, regarding GM 839:

Theresa Menard's confirmation hearing for the Hawaii Legacy Lands Conservation Commission.

I will not be testifying in person.

Mahalo for your consideration.

aloha no,
Joan Canfield

Testimony re: GM 839
WLT Hearing on April 13, 2015
2:45 pm, Room 224
(Not testifying in person)

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April 9, 2015

Dear Chair Thielen and members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land:

I fully support the confirmation of Theresa Menard to the Hawai`i Legacy Lands Conservation Committee.

I have known Theresa for several decades as a colleague at the University of Hawai`i and The Nature Conservancy of Hawai`i. She is a top-notch scientist, as the state expert on the endangered Hawaiian hoary bat, as an expert in mapping and Geographic Information Systems, and more broadly as an expert on native species and ecosystems of Hawai`i, threats to them, and conservation measures to support their continued healthy existence. She is very active in zoology and natural resource circles in the islands, particularly now on her home island of Kaua`i. As the mother of two sons, she understands viscerally the need to shepherd a legacy of a healthy `aina for the next generation, and generations beyond.

I served on the Legacy Lands Conservation Commission for 7 years, from its inception until 2014. I felt so strongly about my responsibility to act with justice, honesty, integrity, and balance in all our proceedings. The Commission's mission is so crucial to the future of Hawai`i nei. I felt extremely fortunate to be able to play a role in protecting lands for the good of the entire population, now and into the future.

When I resigned from the Commission in 2014, I felt an obligation to consider others who might be willing to step in and continue the Commission's vital work. Along with replacing my targeted expertise in science, I felt it critical to locate a new member from Kaua`i, as that seat had been vacant for over a year. Theresa Menard was the first person who came to mind. I contacted her and encouraged her to submit an application. I felt, and still feel, that she has the knowledge, skill set, and heart to serve successfully on the Commission. I am so pleased that the Governor has nominated her. I sincerely hope that you will confirm Theresa as a member of the Commission.

Please contact me for further information if desired.

aloha no,
Joan Canfield

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John Sinton	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I have served with Theresa Menard on the Legacy Land Conservation Program commission during her interim appointment, and I strongly support her nomination to this commission. She does her homework, contributes positively to all discussions, is conscientious about avoiding conflicts and overall has been a most welcome addition to the commission. She has a strong background in conservation biology (specialist in native hoary bats), and in GIS applications to conservation management through her employment with the Nature Conservancy. Such strong credentials are hard to find in a volunteer position. I strongly support her nomination to the LLCP commission and encourage you to acknowledge her capabilities and willingness to serve by recommending her appointment to the Governor. Respectfully submitted, Dr. John Sinton commissioner LLCP Chair, Natural Area Reserves Commission

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Legacy Land Conservation Commission nominee Theresa Menard. Confirmation hearing for GM 839, Theresa Menard, will be held on Monday, April 13, 2015, at 2:45pm, in conference room 224, by the Committee on Water and Land.

I would like to submit testimony on behalf of Theresa Menard's nomination. Theresa has been dedicated to conservation in Hawaii for her entire career and would be an excellent and productive member of the Legacy Land Conservation Commission. I worked with Theresa for over five years at the Nature Conservancy of Hawaii and she has extensive knowledge of conservation in Hawaii. And she has the utmost integrity in all her professional endeavors.

Thanks very much. I will not be testifying in person.

Karen A. Poiani, Ph.D.
Director of Learning & Evaluation

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Laura Nelson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, I worked closely with Theresa Menard for 8 years with The Nature Conservancy. She is extremely committed to conservation and is incredibly knowledgeable about a wide spectrum of conservation issues: everything from native bat biology to mapping weeds with high resolution aerial photography. She approaches every task in very focused and intelligent manner, she is a great problem-solver, and is completely committed to achieving successful conservation in Hawaii. I think she is an excellent selection to serve on the Legacy Lands Conservation Commission. Sincerely, Laura Nelson

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Michelle Clark	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I fully support the confirmation of Theresa Menard to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission. Theresa's MS thesis from the University of Hawaii at Manoa, focused on the biology of the endangered Hawaiian bat. Her research has been instrumental in helping conservation biologists and land managers to conserve the species. She currently is the Geographic Information Specialist for The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii where she has worked for the last 13 years. Theresa's knowledge, expertise and experience make her an excellent choice for the commission.

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Randal Bartlett	Individual	Support	No

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Testimony of Dr. Robert Shallenberger

Supporting GM839 Theresa Menard in Confirmation Hearing for Legacy Land Conservation Commission

Senate Committee on Water and Land

Monday, April 13, 2015 at 2:45 pm, Conference Room 224

My name is Robert Shallenberger. I have worked as a conservation biologist in Hawaii for more than 30 years. I have also been a member of the Legacy Land Conservation Commission for more than six years. With this background, I am intimately familiar with the objectives of the Commission and the responsibilities of Commission members.

Ms. Theresa Menard is a superb candidate for membership on the Commission. She is a highly competent biologist who has a comprehensive knowledge of conservation challenges and opportunities in Hawaii. She has relevant research experience relating to Hawaiian wildlife, in particular, the endemic Hawaiian bat. She is exceptionally qualified in the field of Geographic Information Systems (GIS). Her colleagues at The Nature Conservancy and others in the land conservation field regularly seek her out to for guidance and technical assistance. I feel certain that other Commission members will draw on her knowledge and experience.

I support the nomination of Ms. Menard to this Commission without reservation.

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April 9, 2015

Dear Senators,

Re: Confirmation hearing for GM 839, Theresa Menard

This testimony is in support of the nomination of Theresa Menard for commissioner of the Legacy Land Conservation Commission.

When Theresa completed her master's thesis on the Hawaiian Hoary Bat at the University of Hawaii in 2001, she was only the third person to study the bat in depth since the 1960's. Because of her study on the movement of the bat and her learned knowledge of the bat's life cycle she was able to contribute to the management of timber harvesting on the Big Island. Namely, that if DOFAW (the Forestry Division) wanted to be environmentally friendly that they not cut in June or July, when newly born bat pups could not fly. The end result was further protection for the endangered Hawaiian Hoary Bat.

She has worked for more than twelve years at The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii in various conservation programs, all to insure the preservation of land resources and habitat protection.

When she and her husband moved to Kauai, it was for the sole purpose of establishing a TNC program for Kauai to help protect Kauai's many endangered animals and plants. Focal areas at that time included the Alakai Swamp and Lumahai Valley, both of which have pigs, weeds and rats that threaten native plants and animals.

Theresa has a steadfast reputation and is of strong moral character and integrity. Her devotion to Hawaii's conservation issues is unsurpassed. In my opinion, she will be highly beneficial to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission.

Sincerely,

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To Whom It May Concern:

I strongly support Theresa Cabrera-Menard's nomination to serve on the Legacy Lands Conservation Commission. I have known Theresa since she was in graduate school many years ago. She did pioneering work on the ecology and movements of the Endangered Hawaiian Bat. The field work was demanding, but Theresa is a dedicated worker, and has great enthusiasm for natural resource conservation. I was Theresa's advisor so I know her well and am confident she will serve with the same dedication and enthusiasm she has always had for her work.

Aloha,
Sheila Conant, Ph.D.
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To whom it may concern,

I have worked with and known Theresa Menard for 8 years now. I am a aerial surveying contractor and forest ecologist and have done numerous projects for The Nature Conservancy in which our data products were evaluated and signed off on by Theresa. In my experience working with her, I have found her to be very thorough and meticulous with the projects she is handling. She is also extremely passionate about environmental concerns to the point that she has often asked us for data in areas that she is investigating on her own time. Theresa has always held us to task but in a way that was both friendly and exacting. I have great respect for the work she does and the passion she holds for that work. I am certain that if she finds herself in this capacity we will all reap the benefits.

Aloha,

Stephen Ambagis

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Testimony for Theresa Menard

Nominee for the DLNR Legacy Land Conservation Committee

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Aloha

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on behalf of Theresa Menard, nominee to the DLNR Legacy Land Conservation Commission. Theresa and I met 21 years ago in graduate school at the University of Hawaii, Manoa and have been married for 18 years. From the very beginning, Theresa's knowledge and passion for conserving Hawaii's unique and imperiled species and ecosystems greatly influenced my decision to pursue a career in Hawaiian conservation, resulting in my current position as Director of Forest Conservation for The Nature Conservancy's Hawaii Chapter.

Instead of providing a long list of Theresa's impressive professional accomplishments and skills as a prominent Hawaiian Hoary Bat researcher, conservation planner and geospatial analyst, I prefer to focus on the specific character traits she possess as a wife, mother and best friend that I believe would most benefit the Commission. Compassion, understanding, thoughtfulness, collaboration, dedication, integrity and humor are all key character traits that Theresa consistently exhibits in all facets of her life, and would be on full display as a commissioner. But the one characteristic that I feel would benefit the Commission the most is her thoroughness.

Theresa's attention to detail and relentless pursuit of all the facts pertaining to any issue she's researching is absolutely critical to making land-use decisions. I guarantee any decision she makes is based on an exhaustive and objective assessment of every aspect of the proposal or issue. Nothing gets past her. After years of marriage, I've learned that it takes at least a week, usually longer, of intense research before even thinking of engaging her in a debate on any issue. So from the perspective of her husband, thoroughness may be one of her more frustrating character traits, but it's also one that I greatly admire, and feel would benefit the Commission the most.

Mahalo

Trae Menard