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Testimony Before the Senate Committee on Water, Land and Agriculture

Governors Message (GM) 842

April 18, 2016
2:45 p.m.
Conference Room 211

By Duane Kanuha
Planning Director, County of Hawai'i

Honorable Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Nishihara, and Honorable Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide supportive testimony for the Governors nomination of Dawn N. S. Chang to the State Land Use Commission.

I met Dawn when she was with the Office of the Attorney General in the late 1980's as counsel to the Board of Land and Natural Resources, and I was then Planning Director for the County of Hawai'i. From the outset, I was impressed by Dawn's calm and rational demeanor as counsel to the Board and although we have both gone our separate career paths over the years, those first impressions, which were further reinforced as we worked on various issues together, have lingered ever since.

More recently, we have reconnected again in her capacity as cultural trainer via her company, Ku'iwalu and as cultural and community consultant to various projects on the Island of Hawai'i.

Having served as a member and Chairperson of the Land Use Commission (the "LUC"), I am keenly aware of the need for balancing the various skill sets of the commission to ensure objective and defensible decision making.

I believe that Dawn has the kind of skill set, temperament, and previous governmental experience that will be extremely beneficial to the commission in all aspects of their deliberations.

I humbly ask for your support in the approval of her nomination to the Land Use Commission.



HAWAII REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS

LATE

April 18, 2016
Water, Land & Agriculture Committee
2:45 p.m., Room 224

Statement of the Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters on GM 842

Confirmation of Dawn Naomi S.Chang to the Land Use Commission

Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Nishihara and committee members,

The Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters (HRCC) strongly supports the confirmation of Dawn Chang to the Land Use Commission. Ms. Chang has over 35 years of experience in Land issues and regulatory requirements, Native Hawaiian rights, and Hawaiian burial issues.

During her extensive career, Ms. Chang has served as Deputy Attorney General with the Land/Transportation Division and as counsel to various State Boards and Commissions such as the Land Board, Island Burial Councils, and Water Commission. Throughout her career, Ms. Chang has demonstrated her objectivity when working on culturally sensitive and contentious issues across the State of Hawaii. In addition, Ms. Chang's legal background and land issues background will be a tremendous asset to the Land Use Commission as it grapples with complex and contentious projects.

For these reasons, we strongly urge you to confirm the nomination of Ms. Dawn Chang.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice our opinion.

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Testimony of
Pacific Resource Partnership

Hawaii State Senate
Committee on Water, Land and Agriculture
Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair
Senator Clarence Nishihara, Vice Chair

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GM 842 –Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Land Use Commission, Gubernatorial
Nominee, Dawn Chang

Monday, April 18, 2016
2:45 P.M.
State Capitol – Room 224

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Nishihara and members of the Committee:

We strongly support for consideration and confirmation to the Land Use Commission, Gubernatorial
Nominee, Dawn Chang.

Ms. Chang is a respected member of the community and has a proven background as an effective leader
who embodies the local values in her professional and community work. Her knowledge of the
public/private experiences and various involvements in the community will bring many valuable assets to
the table as a member of the Land Use Commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our views with you and we humbly ask for your support.

About PRP

*Pacific Resource Partnership (PRP) is a not-for-profit organization that represents the Hawaii Regional
Council of Carpenters, the largest construction union in the state, and more than 240 of Hawaii's top
contractors. Through this unique partnership, PRP has become an influential voice for responsible
construction and an advocate for creating a stronger, more sustainable Hawaii in a way that promotes a
vibrant economy, creates jobs and enhances the quality of life for all residents.*



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April 18, 2016

Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair
Committee on Water, Land and Agriculture

Re: **GM 842**
Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Land Use
Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, DAWN CHANG, for a term to
expire 06-30-2019
Hearing: April 18, 2016 at 2:45 pm before the Committee on Water, Land
and Agriculture

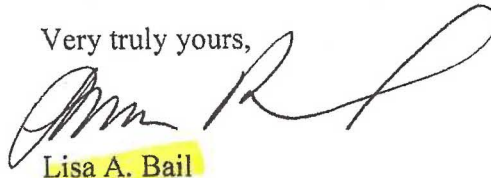
Dear Chair Gabbard and Committee Members:

The following is to offer my **strong support** for Governor Ige's nomination of
Dawn Chang to the Land Use Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2019. I have known and
worked with Dawn Chang on various matters since 2008.

Ms. Chang is extremely thoughtful and knowledgeable in her approach to the
matters we have worked on together. These are qualities that I value highly as a colleague. Her
experience as senior legal counsel in the Land/Transportation with the Department of the
Attorney General, as well her experience as a principal of Ku'iwalu give her a breadth of
experience and insight into planning and cultural issues that is unparalleled in our community.
Ms. Chang appropriately draws upon this insight and experience to appropriately inform
strategic planning. I have observed her skillful management of highly contested public meetings,
as well as her tremendous dedication to individual dialogue when necessary.

Ms. Chang is most qualified to serve on the Land Use Commission. In my view,
our community would be lucky to benefit from her background and experience in that position.

Very truly yours,



Lisa A. Bail

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April 12, 2016

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The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Chair
Senate Committee on Water, Land &
Agriculture
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 201
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Gabbard & Committee Members:

Subject: Governor's Message No. 842
Nomination of Dawn N.S. Chang
Land Use Commission

I am writing to support the nomination of Ms. Dawn N.S. Chang to the Land Use Commission.

I have known and worked with Ms. Chang for many years. Her comprehensive understanding of land use issues in the State of Hawaii provides her a unique advantage. Ms. Chang has years of experience serving as a Deputy Attorney General with the Land/Transportation Division, and more recently as principal of her own firm, Ku'iwalu, where she has provided assistance regarding land use, and more specifically, ensuring that its use is culturally appropriate. I am confident that she will be an asset and will provide essential institutional knowledge and guidance to the Commission.

Not only is Ms. Chang's qualifications above reproach, but her professional integrity is likewise held in highest regard by members of this community. She has consistently demonstrated her commitment to being a good representative of the State and Counties, through her years of public service and sitting on numerous non-profit and community boards.

I ask that Ms. Chang's nomination receive the consent of your committee, and be forwarded to the full Senate for confirmation. I appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on Ms. Chang's nomination.

Respectfully submitted,

KANANI KEALALIO
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GM842

Submitted on: 4/17/2016

Testimony for WLA on Apr 18, 2016 14:45PM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kaanohi Kaleikini	Individual	Support	No

Comments: April 18, 2016 Aloha pumehana I SUPPORT the gubernatorial nomination 842 of Dawn Chang, Esq., to the Land Use Commission. Having served 14 years as Deputy Attorney General with the Land/Transportation Division and counsel to various State Boards and Commissions such as the Land Board, Island Burial Councils, and Water Commission, Dawn Chang is an expert on land issues and regulatory requirements. The commissioners must weigh all of the testimony in public to render a fair decision and order, keeping in mind that the law set by the Legislature is not violated and that this change is in the best interest of the public, now and for the generations to come. Dawn is the person to fill this position description as she has done this for many years. Involved in discussions alongside Dawn, I have observed that she is committed to improving the land use. She is able to identify important technical issues and ask pointed questions on those issues. She is an asset to the Commission. Serving on the Land Use Commission requires a tremendous commitment in terms of time and priorities, more so than most other boards and commissions. Mahalo nui to Dawn Chang for volunteering to serve the community at this capacity. Understanding the issues and needs of the Commission, matched with my association and knowledge of Dawn Chang's ability to handle situations the Commission will definitely encounter in the near future, I give my full support, faith and trust in Dawn Chang and urge your confirmation of her nomination to the Land Use Commission. me ka haa haa P. Kaanohi Kaleikini

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April 16, 2016

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GM842 CONFIRMING DAWN CHANG TO THE LAND
USE COMMISSION THROUGH 6-30-2019

Chair Mike Gabbard, Vice-Chair Clarence Nishihara and members of the Senate Water, Land and Agriculture. Aloha! My name is Davianna Pōmaika'i McGregor and I am a Professor of Ethnic Studies at the University of Hawai'i Mānoa. I am submitting testimony in support of the appointment Dawn Chang, esq. to the State Land Use Commission.

Ms Dawn Chang is eminently qualified to serve on the Land Use Commission. I have worked with her when she served as the attorney general assigned to the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission. She was both thorough and brilliant with regard to the responsibility of the State of Hawai'i to manage public lands as a trust for both Native Hawaiians and the general public.

I have also worked with Ms. Chang in work involving potential impacts on sensitive cultural and natural resources related to proposed land development in Native Hawaiian communities. In these projects, she demonstrated that she was knowledgeable about Native Hawaiian cultural values and practices, compassionate about the conditions in Native Hawaiian communities and supportive of protecting natural resources utilized for subsistence, cultural and spiritual purposes.

I have also observed Ms. Chang's work as a facilitator in some of the most contentious issues in the Native Hawaiian community today - renewable energy, the undersea cable, telescopes on Mauna Kea and the Department of Interior hearings on a proposed rule to re-establish government-to-government relations with the Native Hawaiian community. Ms. Chang demonstrated respect, firmness, fairness and leadership in all of these situations.

I point to the above examples because I believe that they demonstrate the depth of experience and acumen that Ms. Chang would contribute to the deliberations and decision-making of the Land Use Commission.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify in support of the confirmation of Ms. Dawn Chang to serve on the KIRC.

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Jesse Souki	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Nishihara and Members of the Senate Committee on Water, Land, and Agriculture: I strongly support the nomination of Dawn Chang for the State Land Use Commission. I have spent most of my legal career practicing before the Commission. In order to function well, the Commission requires knowledgeable, dedicated, professional volunteers who know and understand Hawaii's diverse communities and the various laws that govern land use development, conservation, and planning. I am fortunate to have worked with Ms. Chang, on two occasions. First, at the office of planning where she helped coordinate and work with the community on establishing a National Estuarine Research Reserve in He'eia. Second, at HART on implementing and coordinating HART's obligations to cultural and historic consulting parties. In both cases, Ms. Chang's advice, insight, and guidance were invaluable. She steadfastly ensures that processes are fair and open, while ensuring that communities affected were properly consulted and their concerns addressed within the framework of applicable laws and regulations. Ms. Chang has that rare ability to see through the complexity of land use decision making and remain fair and objective. She will make a fine addition to the Commission. Mahalo for your consideration. Sincerely, Jesse K. Souki

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April 15, 2016

Mike Gabbard, Chairman
Senate Committee on Water, Land and Agriculture
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: In **Support** of the Confirmation to the Land Use Commission,
Gubernatorial Nominee, **DAWN CHANG**, for a term to expire 06-30-2019

Hearing Date: April 18, 2016 2:45 p.m. Conference Room 224

Dear Senator Gabbard and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this privilege to testify in support of the nomination of **Dawn Chang** to the State Land Use Commission for the term noted above. I have known Ms. Chang for more than thirty years. We met at the William S. Richardson School of Law, class of 1985, and have since remained close friends and colleagues.

Dawn Chang is today recognized in our community for her remarkable ability to work with diverse, sometimes contentious groups, to settle what may appear at first glance to be an unresolvable dispute or controversy. She is known for her expertise on land issues and regulatory requirements. As a Deputy Attorney General she served as counsel to numerous State Boards and Commissions, including the Land Board, the Water Commission and Island Burial Councils.

Since 2001 Ms Chang has been the principal of a public affairs company through which she has gained a reputation as a specialist in strategic planning and as a consultant on historic preservation and cultural resources management issues. She is an experienced facilitator capable of coordinating public meetings. Her work has brought her in close contact with a wide range of clientele, from native Hawaiian families to major developers and corporations, and also state and local governments.

Dawn Chang's background, legal training, and multi-layered work experience qualify her to serve on the Land Use Commission. But she also brings another important personal dimension to the work of the LUC: it is her deep-seated commitment to Hawaiian values and culture and her love of Hawaii's land and its people.

Dawn Chang will be a good steward, in keeping with the Land Use Commission's purpose. You can be sure that she will be "responsibly preserving and protecting Hawaii's lands and encouraging those uses to which those lands are best suited."

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