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Committee on Agriculture and Environment

Re: In Support of Vincent Mina for HI Board of Agriculture

I have known and worked with Vincent Mina since 2010 when I provided the business strategic planning framework for the Maui Ag Design Conference supported by Maui County and before that as an attendee at his Body & Soil Conferences. Out of the design conference came many innovations including Vincent taking the lead on developing the Hawaii Farmers Union.

My own focus after the design conference was on researching the return a local stock exchanges to match local investors with local initiatives. The State Legislature supported this with a resolution to create a task force that produce a report - see <http://h-cx.com>. I am currently working with Vincent, the Farmers Union and others on developing an enterprise accelerator focused on taking established ag related businesses to the next level via collaboration.

Vincent has always been focused on innovation and community - both of which are critical if we are going to have the agricultural renaissance that so many of us understand as important for our future. With Vince you are getting an experience successful farm innovator, able to do much with little. You are also getting some one who is in tune with the many components that make up the agricultural sector and understands the importance of building bridges.

And so it is with enthusiasm that I can say Vincent would make a great board member.

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