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David Zen-Yu Arakawa is the Executive Director of the Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii (LURF), which is a private, non-profit research and trade association whose members include major Hawaii landowners, developers, resort operators and a utility company. One of LURF's missions is to advocate for reasonable, rational and equitable land use planning, legislation and regulations that encourage well-planned economic growth and development, while safeguarding Hawai'i's significant natural, cultural and historic resources and public health and safety.

Dave has over years of legal experience with land use, government at all levels, a broad based legal practice and a strong commitment to the local community. During Dave's tenure, LURF continues to be instrumental in raising issues, doing research, and providing information to decision-makers who shape government policy, legislation and rules and regulations relating to, among other things, agriculture, Important agricultural lands, affordable housing, development impact fees, transportation, infrastructure and infrastructure financing, renewable energy, sustainability, criteria for urban, rural and agricultural land use classifications, county plans and zoning issues, shoreline setbacks and shoreline management areas, Hawaii's environmental review system and resort-related issues.

State and county lawmakers and officials have appointed Dave to a number of different advisory committees and task forces including, but not limited to, the Managing Capacity Work Group for the Hawaii Tourism Strategic Plan 2015-2020, State Land Use Task Force (Office of Planning, State of Hawaii); Working Group for Shoreline Setback Ordinance Amendments (Kauai County Council); Governor's Affordable Housing Barriers Task Force, Senate working group on the environmental review system, Governor's Affordable Housing Working Group, State Department of Transportation's (DOT) Statewide Long Range Transportation Plan Stakeholder Advisory Committee and DOT's State Scenic Byways Program Advisory Committee, Mayor's Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (Mayor Mufi Hannemann): Department of Planning and Permitting's (DPP) City's Affordable Housing Focus Group and DPP's Agricultural Focus Group for the General Plan Update, City Council Affordable Housing Working Group; City Council's Sustainable Building Task Force and City Council Affordable Housing Working Group, City's Alea-Pearl City Neighborhood Transit Oriented Development Advisory Group, the City's Homeless Coalition, the City's Land Fill Site Selection Committee (Mayor Peter Carlisle) and the City's Technical Advisory Committee on Important Agricultural Lands (City Department of Planning and Permitting).

Prior to joining LURF, Dave served as Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary for Hawaiian Airlines, where he oversaw all legal issues relating to the operations of Hawaiian Airlines. For eight years prior to that, he served as the Corporation Counsel for the City and County of Honolulu, serving as the chief legal advisor and representative for the Mayor, the Honolulu City Council, and all City and County agencies and employees.

Before joining the City, Dave spent years in private practice, including positions as an associate and partner with the law firm of Fujiyama Duffy and Fujiyama, specializing in resort development, land use, state, county and federal government permitting, general business and employment law. Upon graduating from law school, he served as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, which included felony jury trials in the Career Criminal and Organized Crime Units. He started his legal career while in college and law school, working as a paralegal and law clerk in the Native Hawaiian Rights Unit of the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii.

Throughout his career, Dave Arakawa has been involved in numerous professional, civic and community activities and has served and continues to serve as a member of several nonprofit organizations committed to improving Hawaii's quality of life and preserving Hawaii's cultural heritage. He is the manager of the Leeward Oahu Transportation Management Association, a member of the Aiea Neighborhood Board, a past member and chair of the Citizens Advisory Committee of the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization and is also a member of the Infrastructure, Transportation and Quality of Life Committee of the Chamber of Commerce of Honolulu. His community involvement includes, among other things, current advisor and past president of the United Japanese Society of Hawaii, current advisor and past president of the Hawaii United Okinawan Association, Board of Governors for the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii, co-president of the Hawaii Imin Shiryo Hozon Kai. member of the Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce, and as a member of the Worldwide Uchinanchu Business Association/Okinawan Chamber of Commerce.

Dave attended Waipahu Elementary School, and graduated from Punahou School, the University of Hawaii at Manoa (Bachelor of Arts - History) and the William S. Richardson School of Law (Juris Doctor).