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Testimony of
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before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

Friday, April 13, 2017

1:15 PM

State Capitol, Conference Room 224

in SUPPORT of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 700
RELATING TO THE NOMINATION OF MARY BEGIER TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL

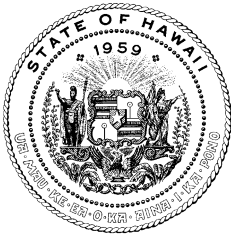
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The functions of the Council are to serve as a liaison between the OEQC Director and the general public and to make recommendations concerning ecology and environmental quality. The Council monitors the progress of state, county, and federal agencies in achieving the State's environmental goals and policies. It issues an annual report with recommendations for improvement to the Governor, the Legislature, and the general public (HRS § 341-6). Finally, the Council promulgates administrative rules for implementing Chapter 343, HRS (HRS § 343-6).

Ms. Begier has actively participated in rulemaking, conducting educational events, conveying the perspectives and concerns of Hawai'i Island residents, and has been selected by her peers to serve as the Vice Chair of the Council. As a neighbor island member, she has made every effort to regularly attend Council and committee meetings. With respect to the Council's functions, duties, and powers, and in consideration of Ms. Begier's experience as demonstrated on her resume and participation to-date, OEQC supports her re-nomination to the Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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Ms. Begier has served on the Council since 2016, first as an interim member, and then was confirmed by this Committee in 2017. Her experience in the real estate industry as well as her service with various community organizations has contributed greatly to her work with the Council and including the Hawai'i Island perspective in discussions. Ms. Begier's willingness to step in where help is needed is greatly appreciated. With respect to these functions, duties, and powers, and in consideration of Ms. Begier's experience as demonstrated on her resume and participation to date as a current member and Vice-Chair of the Council, the Council supports the nomination and confirmation of Ms. Begier to continue to serve on the Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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April 09, 2018

The Honorable Senator Mike Gabbard
Hawaii State Capitol
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Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: GM 700: Nomination of Mary Begier to the Environmental Council

1:15 p.m. April 13, Conference Room 224

Dear Senator Gabbard and Members of the Committee on Agriculture and Environment:

I am writing this letter in support of the nomination of Ms. Mary Begier to the Environmental Council.

Ms. Begier brings to the Council a wealth of experience and institutional knowledge having served in numerous positions within the professional real estate communities within our state as well as on the national level.

I have every reason to believe Ms. Begier will provide effective contributions to the Environmental Council, and the State of Hawai'i will benefit from her experience and leadership.

Aloha Piha,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Sue Lee Loy".

Susan "Sue" L.K. Lee Loy
Council Member, County of Hawai'i



April 3, 2018

Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair Agriculture & Environment Committee
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 201
Honolulu HI 96813

Dear Senator Gabbard & Committee Members,

In response to your questions of 4/3/18:

1. *Why do you wish to be a member of the Environmental Council?*
I have enjoyed serving on the Environmental Council for the past 18 months. I have learned a great deal and believe I have contributed towards the agencies goals during my service.

2. *How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the Environmental Council?*
As a member of the EC we are the eyes and ears of the average citizen. I ask myself what would a regular person know or understand from these regulations. Will this make Hawaii a better place to live in the future? How will this protect the environment or better yet, will this heal a past harm done to the environment?

3. *Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a member of the Environmental Council, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise, or knowledge that would aid in your decision-making ability as a member of the Environmental Council.*

I feel I am qualified because I am not shy to ask questions. I am not afraid to learn new things. I am generous in sharing my knowledge, time and resources when appropriate. I am a small business owner so I understand the decisions people make relative to the bottom-line. I understand how to read a balance sheet, I appreciate the collective bargaining process of the unions in the State of Hawaii. I have held an active real estate license in Hawaii since 1980 and work full time as a Realtor. I have been exposed to EA's and EIS's in the course of my job on and off to varying depths.

4. *What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?*
We have just completed a lengthy and thorough review and rewrite of Chapter 343. We are about to start the public hearing process. I look forward to successful completion with Governors sign off. I am proud that we have made the language more user friendly. As a part of the Information & Outreach Committee we just held a very informative and stimulating forum on Toxoplasmosis. It can be a controversial subject but it is important information to get out to the community. I believe we delivered a respectful forum that stimulated the varying positions on this subject. We would like to have regularly scheduled forums for the community. Initially once a quarter, once we get a better rhythm and OEQC is more fully staffed we would like to take the forums out monthly and include the neighbor islands.

5. Name three qualities that best describe you and that would make you stand out. How would these qualities benefit the Environmental Council?

I am a hard worker. I come to meetings prepared. I am a kind and considerate person. I think all these qualities make for a good team player.

6. Name one previous experience that would make you stand out. How would this benefit the Environmental Council?

I've chaired or served as President of many organizations and committees. I am comfortable running a meeting. I understand and appreciate the use of Roberts Rules of Order. I don't need to have a title but I do appreciate when meetings run on time and are fair to all involved. Sometimes issues come before OEQC that are passion filled. I am able to run a meeting where everyone feels they had fair share of time to express themselves. Sometimes it is helpful for a chair to have a member that they can temporarily turn a meeting over to for just these reasons.

7. Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the Environmental Council? How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest?

As a full time Realtor I am active as an advocate for private property rights through volunteerism with the Hawaii Assoc. of Realtors. In the past 18 months serving on the EC I have not had any conflicts that merited recusal. I have expressed when I have known someone or had business dealings with anyone that was being discussed. We have all been well schooled by our AG as to the conflict of interest policies of the State of Hawaii and I abide by them.

If you have any other questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me at my office at 808-935-0737 or my cell 808-348-5831. Thank you very much for the opportunity to serve the citizens of Hawaii.

With Aloha,



Mary Begier, Realtor®

Referral & Relocation Certified / 1998 Aloha Aina Realtors Choice Award
Certified Residential Specialist / Certified Residential Broker
2001 Realtor® of the Year Hawaii Assoc. of Realtors®
2001 Realtor® of the Year Hawaii Island Board of Realtors®
2002 Realtor® of the Year Honolulu Board of Realtors®
2003 President Honolulu Board of Realtors®
2006-2013 Hawaii Island Commissioner Hawaii State Foundation on Culture & the Arts
2007 President Hawaii Island Board of Realtors®
2008-09 President Rotary Club of Hilo Bay
2009-2010 President Hawaii Island Chamber of Commerce
2010-2011 Chair Hawaii State Foundation on Culture & the Art
2013 Community Hero Award from Hawaii Invasive Species Council
2015 Hawaii Island Chamber Athena Award Recipient
2016-17 OEQC Advisory Member Hawaii Island