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Statement of  
**Daniel E. Orodenker**  
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Before the  
Senate Committee on Water and Land  
Wednesday May 13, 2020  
1:00 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

In consideration of

**GM548**  
**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE LAND USE**  
**COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,**  
**DAN GIOVANNI**  
**for a term to expire 06-30-2021**

Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the Committee on Water and Land:

My name is Dan Orodenker, the Executive Officer of the State Land Use Commission. I am here to respectfully request that this Committee favorably consider the nomination of Dan Giovanni to serve as commissioner for the remaining year of a four-year term to expire on June 30, 2021. Mr. Giovanni has been nominated to fill the vacant position of Kaua'i County Commissioner.

Mr. Giovanni is a well-respected member of the Kaua'i community and has served on several boards or commissions throughout the course of his career. He has experience in the workings of organizations like the LUC and in the role of government in making critical decisions. Mr. Giovanni has been serving as an interim Commissioner for several months. During that time, he has shown himself to be tireless and hard working with tremendous ability to understand and perceive the core issues associated with LUC proceedings. His business insight and real-world understanding of the implications of decisions and issues provide significant balance and perspective to the Commission. In the time that I have worked with Mr. Giovanni I have come to respect and admire his intelligence, perspective, understanding and work ethic.

For these reasons, we respectfully ask for your favorable consideration of Mr. Giovanni's nomination to serve as Commissioner on the Land Use Commission.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify before this Committee.



**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
THE COUNTY OF KAUAI**

DEREK S. K. KAWAKAMI, MAYOR  
MICHAEL A. DAHLIG, MANAGING DIRECTOR

**TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT  
GM548 RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF  
DAN GIOVANNI  
TO THE LAND USE COMMISSION**

Before the Senate Committee on Water and Land  
Wednesday, May 13, 2020  
1:00 PM Conference Room 229

By Derek S.K. Kawakami  
Mayor of the County of Kaua'i

Honorable Chair Kahele and Honorable Members:

Without any hesitation or qualification, I am honored to testify in **STRONG SUPPORT** of Dan Giovanni's appointment to the Land Use Commission. Mr. Giovanni's lifetime experience would bring depth and strength to the office, and help guide statewide land use planning with an even keel.

I have had the pleasure to work with Dan while I was in the legislature when he was with Hawaiian Electric Company and was focused on energy production. Since his retirement in 2015, Dan has moved to Kauai, and has immediately immersed himself in many non-profit causes like the American Red Cross, Koloa Union Church, and the Kauai Humane Society.

Dan's intelligence woven with his heart leads to many deliberative and balanced engagements when dialoguing on issues that impact our community. He is calm, even in the most challenging of situations, and lends an ear to all who are speaking, not just to whom he wants to hear. Having Dan in this leadership role at the state level, speaking on behalf of the people of Kauai will serve our community well.

Many challenging issues will be coming before the Land Use Commission. I have no doubt Dan will remain a thoughtful, deliberative member of the LUC and always make decisions from a perspective that it is the right thing to do. I ask this Honorable Committee to advise and consent to his nomination and forward to the full Senate for consideration. Mahalo for the opportunity to present this testimony.



**GM-548**

Submitted on: 5/9/2020 5:11:40 PM

Testimony for WTL on 5/13/2020 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
kalani fukumoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I know Dan from HECO. He is respected, and a true man.

**GM-548**

Submitted on: 5/10/2020 10:22:52 AM

Testimony for WTL on 5/13/2020 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Warren Doi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support Dan Giovanni to the Land Use Commission for a term to expire 06-30-2021

**GM-548**

Submitted on: 5/10/2020 10:39:46 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tom Shigemoto	Individual	Support	No

## Comments:

Honorable Chair Kahele and members of the Senate Water and Land Committee,

My name is Tom Shigemoto and I am submitting my testimony in strong support of the nomination of Dan Giovanni to the State Land Use Commission.

Having worked in the Kauai County Planning Department for 18+ years and also with a private land development company for 28 years in Hawaii, I am very familiar with the land use policies, processes and plans at both the State and County levels. I am very familiar with the State Land Use Commission and the critical role it plays in the very grueling entitlement process land owners and developers must endure.

Critical to the decisions that are made by this prominent and important Commission is the need for appointed members who don't have personal agendas and are astute in deciphering complex physical, social and economic issues that are presented in each case. Not an easy task! It is equally important that the Commission be balanced, with members from differing fields of expertise or backgrounds to provide a land owner or developer the most comprehensive and fair decision possible.

I have served with Dan on the American Red Cross Advisory Kauai Committee and am impressed by his dedication and commitment to this great organization. Dan continues to serve on the State ARC Board and has generously donated not only his time by other resources as well. I truly did not know where he was from or who he worked for until I just read his resume and his responses to your committee's questionnaire, which I am quite impressed with, being that he was not all that familiar with the role and function of the SLUC, prior to his interim appointment. What impresses me most is his penchant and willingness to learn and also his grasp on his role as a commissioner. Like with any other board or commission it takes understanding of issues, collaboration with other members, cooperation with both members and the staff, diligence and commitment to the position and most important fairness in deliberations.

Dan Giovanni is all of these and more because of his integrity and commitment to whoever he serves and whatever he does. He would be an excellent SLUC appointee and I ask for your kind consideration in confirming his appointment. Thank you.

Tom H. Shigemoto



**GM-548**

Submitted on: 5/11/2020 8:45:36 AM

Testimony for WTL on 5/13/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael Yamane	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and Committee members

My name is Michael Yamane, resident of Kauai and former Chief of Operations for Kauai Island Utility Cooperative. I am testifying in **strong support of GM548**, Gubernatorial Nominee Dan Giovanni, to the Land Use Commission.

I have known Mr. Giovanni for many years and have worked with him professionally as a peer in the electric utility sector. He is of high character and integrity and is always willing to work collaboratively to meet a common goal. Mr. Giovanni ability to connect with individuals who may share different perspectives and bring them together makes him an ideal candidate for this Commission.

Mahalo for your consideration



May 11, 2020

The Honorable Kai Kahele, Chairperson  
Hawaii Senate Committee on Water & Land  
Hawaii State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Aloha Chair Kahele, Vice-Chair Keith-Agaran & Members of the Committee

I am writing in support of the nomination of Dan Giovanni for the Kauai seat as a member of the State of Hawaii Land Use Commission. I have known and worked with Mr. Giovanni for more than a decade in my capacity as a former legislator (Chair of the House Energy & Environmental Protection Committee) and regulator (Chair of the Hawaii Public Utilities Commission) and in his role as a consultant to and or Senior Vice President of Operations at the Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO) in Hawaii's efforts to transform Hawaii's energy sector. In his previous roles at HECO, Mr. Giovanni had been at the forefront of transforming a legacy system which requires not only sound leadership qualities but also skill sets and knowledge to balance environmental, economic, social and political challenges and needs.

Most recently, Mr. Giovanni and I participated in Mayor Derek Kawakami's Kauai Economic Recovery Committee, where we both served on its Kauai Future: Sustainability & Technology subcommittee. In the subcommittee's work, it made me appreciate even more his leadership and ability to analyze and problem solve collaboratively.

Now as a board member of several Kauai community non-profits, I am always seeking fellow retirees who are willing to step up to the plate to share their knowledge and skills for the betterment of our community and to mentor younger members of our community for positions of leadership. Dan Giovanni serves this role well. The State of Hawaii's Land Use Commission will be well-served by having Dan Giovanni as a member for the Kauai seat.

Thank you for the opportunity to support the nomination of Dan Giovanni.

Sincerely,



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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
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Comments: