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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

GM550
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE LAND USE
COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,
DAWN CHANG
for a term to expire 06-30-2023

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 Dawn Chang to serve as commissioner for a three-year term to expire on June 30, 2023.

Ms. Chang is a well-respected member of the community and has served on several boards or commissions throughout the course of her career. Ms. Chang has experience in the workings of government administrative agencies like the LUC and in the role of government in making critical decisions. In the time she has been on the Commission, Ms. Chang has shown herself to be a tireless community advocate and insightful into Hawaiian cultural practices and the implication of LUC decisions on the community and those practices. Ms. Chang is well versed in administrative law and the workings of the Commission and has provided valuable insight. Ms. Chang is a welcome and respected member of the Commission.

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

Thank you for this opportunity to testify before this Committee.



**Department of Land and Natural Resources
Aha Moku Advisory Committee
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Testimony of
Leimana DaMate, Executive Director

Before the Senate Committee on
Water and Land

Wednesday, May 13, 2020
1:00 P.M.
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

In **SUPPORT** of
GM 550, Dawn Chang
Relating to the Aha Moku Advisory Committee

The Hawaii State Aha Moku Advisory Committee (AMAC) stands in strong support of Gubernatorial Nominee, GM Dawn Chang for consideration and confirmation to the Land Use Commission, for a term to expire on June 30, 2023.

Dawn Chang is a life-long practitioner of the protection of natural and cultural resources with incredible experience in dealing with complex and unusual land issues. She has deep understanding of the distinctions between the different ahupua'a and moku regions of Hawaii, and how land use law impacts the communities and the culture. Her thoughtful way of getting to the heart of a land issue has made her successful over the years in communicating with all people impacted, not only native Hawaiians.

Ms. Chang's expertise in, and keen perception of land use law enables her to be a fair and just voice on the Land Use Commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure. We urge you to approve the nomination of Dawn Chang to the Land Use Commission.

Respectfully yours,

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
THE COUNTY OF KAUAI

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

**TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT
GM550 RELATING TO THE REAPPOINTMENT OF
DAWN N. CHANG, ESQ.
TO THE LAND USE COMMISSION**

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

By Michael A. Dahilig
Managing Director, County of Kaua'i

Honorable Chair Gabbard and Honorable Members:

Without any hesitation or qualification, I am honored to testify in **STRONG SUPPORT** of Dawn Chang's reconfirmation to the Land Use Commission. Ms. Chang's *mana'o* and 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 Ms. Chang previously in the private sector as an intern while I was at the Richardson Law School with her consulting firm. Also, as Kauai's Planning Director, I had the opportunity to dialogue with her as she sat on Kauai-related petitions during her present service on the LUC. Throughout the years our paths have crossed in many arenas, mostly in situations related to community development around historically and culturally significant issues. She has a command of the interplay between humans and the land, and is an authority many seek when needing guidance related to items sensitive to Native Hawaiians.

Dawn understands balance. Her calm demeanor and respectful nature lend to easy conversation and she always has sought consensus where available, yet is not afraid to speak the truth even when it is unpopular. I am blessed to have grown a professional and personal relationship with Ms. Chang, and this leadership role at the state level will serve us as a community well.

As our Department's work greatly interfaces with the Land Use Commission, I would eagerly look toward continuing building on what is already a strong partnership should Ms. Chang be confirmed. I ask this Honorable Committee to advise and consent to her nomination and forward to the full Senate for consideration. Mahalo for the opportunity to present this testimony.





KO'OLAUPOKO HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB

May 11, 2020

TO: Sen. Kaiali'i Kahele, Chair
Sen. Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair
Members, Committee on Water and Land

FROM: Mahealani Cypher, Chair
Government Relations Committee
Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club

RE: GM550 – Support for Nominee DAWN CHANG
To Serve on the Land Use Commission

Aloha Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and Committee Members:

On behalf of the Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club, we extend our sincere mahalo nui for all of your hard work on behalf of the people of Hawai'i, especially during this challenging time.

We offer our strong support for nominee Dawn Chang to serve another term on the State Land Use Commission (LUC), and urge your support for her confirmation.

As a proud kupa`aina of the Ko'olaupoko moku, Ms. Chang has been a steady voice and strong advocate for community engagement and consultation regarding serious matters and issues that come before the LUC and even before the community itself.

Besides her years of experience as an attorney in public law, she has a very good understanding of both the general public and Hawaiian community views and concerns that often are expressed before the LUC and in other venues.

We believe in her ability to continue to provide the LUC with keen insights and excellent analyses of the issues that may arise in the commission hearings.

We urge your approval of her nomination and that your committee forward her name to the full Senate for confirmation.

Mahalo for this opportunity to offer our mana`o on Dawn Chang.

The Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club was established in 1937 and is a not-for-profit community organization dedicated to preserving and perpetuating the history, heritage and culture of Native Hawaiians. One of the largest of the Hawaiian Civic Clubs, its membership is open to people of Hawaiian ancestry and those who are "Hawaiian at heart".

To: The Honorable Kaiali'i Kahele, Chair
The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land

From: Michael D. Formby, Executive Director
Pacific Resource Partnership
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RE: GM 550—Consideration and Confirmation to the Land Use Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee
Ms. Dawn Chang—**STRONG SUPPORT**.
Hearing date: Wednesday, May 13, 2020
Hearing time: 1:00 P.M.
Conference Room 229

Dear Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee:

Pacific Resource Partnership (PRP) writes in **strong support** of GM 550, which submits for consideration and confirmation to the Land Use Commission (LUC), Gubernatorial Nominee, Dawn Chang, for a term to expire 06-30-2023.

Ms. Chang's commitment to public service; extensive knowledge about land, water, real property and Native Hawaiian rights law; ability to facilitate culturally sensitive issues related to development projects; and prior service as a Commissioner on the LUC renders her best-suited to serve on the LUC. In addition, having worked with Ms. Chang on numerous initiatives over the years, she brings the right attitude and commitment to get things done in a way that is fair and balanced to competing interests and stakeholders.

Based on the above, PRP is pleased to offer our strong support for Ms. Chang's confirmation to the LUC.

Sincerely,



Michael D. Formby
Pacific Resource Partnership



GM-550

Submitted on: 5/8/2020 1:53:28 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kama Hopkins	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Statement of
LEO R. ASUNCION

before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Wednesday, May 13, 2020

1:00 PM

State Capitol, Conference Room 229

in consideration of

Governor's Message (GM) 550

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

I strongly support the nomination of Ms. Dawn Chang to serve as a member of the Land Use Commission.

I have known Ms. Chang, both professionally and personally for over 25 years, and have had the opportunity to work directly with her during our respective careers. Specifically, during my tenure as the Director of the Office of Planning, I have had the opportunity to work with her in various projects, and appeared before the Land Use Commission in a number of dockets during her first term. Her diligent work, high level of integrity, breadth of knowledge and experience, and holistic approach are just a few of the key assets that she has and will continue to share with her fellow commissioners.

Ms. Chang has gained my trust and respect as someone that will uphold the highest levels of leadership, and there is no question that she will greatly contribute and apply her passion, knowledge and experiences to the work of the Land Use Commission.

I respectfully encourage the Committee to advise and consent to the nomination of Ms. Dawn Chang as a member of the Land Use Commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on GM 550.

Jacqueline “Snookie” Mello
PO Box 4941
Kāne‘ohe, HI 96744

May 12, 2020

Hawai‘i State Legislature
State Capitol
Submission via legislative portal

RE: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Land Use Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, DAWN CHANG, for a term to expire 06-30-2023.

Aloha ,

I am writing to support the selection of Dawn Chang for the position of commissioner on the State Land Use Commission (LUC). I believe Dawn will make a formidable contribution to the LUC and Hawai‘i as a commissioner. Dawn grew up in rural Waihe‘e and Kāne‘ohe on O‘ahu.

I have known Dawn since the late 1970s when we were working on a committee establishing a community entity to operate He‘eia State Park (formerly known as Ulu Mau Village) at Lae O Kealahi, O‘ahu. At the time, Dawn was working on her Masters degree in Social Work at the University of Hawai‘i Manoa campus and for Alu Like. The committee was made up of a loosely knit group of individuals, community organizations and a DLNR employee. Dawn was articulate and instrumental in keeping the group on task and putting together the by-laws for this new entity that was to become Friends of He‘eia State Park. Since then I’ve worked on various committees with Dawn.

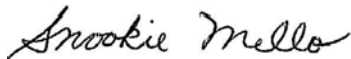
Dawn went on to work at Queen Liliuokalani’s Children Center as a community organizer in Waimanalo, then on to law school and work at the Attorney General’s office representing DLNR as senior counsel in its land/transportation division. Dawn resigned from the state to form her own company, Ku‘iwalu where she continues to use her mediation skills as well as her land and cultural experience on various projects for clients throughout the state of Hawai‘i. Dawn continues to volunteer her services to the community as she has throughout her “working” career. In all of her positions, Dawn has shown great aptitude and integrity while working with constituents and the community.

Dawn is well-liked among the communities where she has worked and volunteered her services. Her unceasing volunteer service to help the disenfranchised families in our communities; which unfortunately, is a disproportionately high percentage of our native Hawaiian people; is commendable.

Dawn's work experience, education and especially her skills in mediation have stood her well in dealing with sensitive community issues. Dawn's rural roots and legal background, as well as her love for Hawai'i and its people has served and continues to serve our communities well. Dawn has made a lifetime commitment to working with our communities and has not deviated from that commitment. I believe Dawn will serve as an outstanding commissioner with her mind and heart clearly centered on what is best for all of Hawai'i.

Mahalo for this opportunity to support the selection of Dawn Naomi Shiroma Chang for the position of commissioner on the LUC. I would ask that you please consider her favorably for this position as I believe she is well-qualified and will serve Hawai'i well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Snookie Mello".

Jacqueline "Snookie" Mello

GM-550

Submitted on: 5/13/2020 1:50:44 AM

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

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Aulii Dudoit	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Senator Kahele,

I am the Executive Director of KEY Project in which Dawn Chang serves as Board President. In my personal capacity I am testifying in SUPPORT of her appointment to the Land Use Commission.

I have known Dawn for many years as a committed individual to her community and more particularly with respect to her service on KEY Project's board of directors. The mission of KEY Project is to promote and nurture the social, cultural, environmental, economic, and recreational well-being of the Kualoa-Heeia area, and to provide a grass-roots civic resource to a diverse multi-cultural community. KEY Project is a critical community center supporting, serving, and sustaining community.

The Land Use Commission is responsible for preserving and protecting Hawaii's lands and encouraging those uses to which lands are best suited. Although Dawn's vast work experience makes her qualified I believe her exposure to community issues on a grassroots level makes her uniquely qualified.

I support your vote in favor of Dawn's confirmation to the Land Use Commission.

Sincerely,

'Auli'i Dudoit