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Statement of
Daniel E. Orodenker
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Before the
Senate Committee on
Water and Land

Monday March 4, 2024
2:00 PM
State Capitol, Room 229 & Video Conference

In consideration of
GM 586
FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, NANCY CARR SMITH
As commissioner for State Land Use Commission
Term to expire June 30, 2025

Chair Inouye; Vice Chair Elefante; and members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land:

Please accept this testimony in support of the confirmation of Nancy Carr Smith as commissioner for the State Land Use Commission. Ms. Carr Smith has been in the real estate industry for some time and as a result has a familiarity with the housing market and the constraints placed on its growth. Her insight can help the Land Use Commission with its efforts to encourage the development of workforce housing. We look forward to her participation in LUC deliberations.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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March 1, 2024

Committee on Water and Land
Senator Lorraine Inouye, Chair
Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair

Hawai'i State Legislature
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Subject: GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 586 / Nomination of Nancy Carr Smith to
the Land Use Commission Term Ending: 06/30/2025
Hearing Date / Time: Monday, March 4, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.
Location: Via Videoconference and Conference Room 229

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante and Members of the Committee on Water and Land,

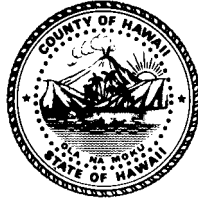
I wholeheartedly endorse the nomination of Nancy Carr Smith to serve on the Land Use Commission. Nancy is a leader in the Hawai'i Island community, having effectively served on various County of Hawai'i boards and commissions, including the Leeward Planning Commission, Board of Appeals, and the South Kohala Community Development Plan Action Committee. Over the years she has actively engaged with the community, currently serving as Secretary of the Waimea Community Association, a member of the Waimea Design Review Committee, and as a mediator with the West Hawaii Mediation Center. With a real estate broker license since 1989, Nancy established her own brokerage in 2011.

Nancy Carr Smith's outstanding qualifications and steadfast commitment to serving the people of Hawai'i, make her an outstanding nominee for the Land Use Commission. If you have any questions or would like to discuss my recommendation further, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Mitchell D. Roth
Mayor/ County of Hawai'i

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February 28, 2024

The Honorable Senator Lorraine Inouye, Chair
The Honorable Senator Brandon Elefante, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land

Hawai'i State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: GM 586: Nomination of Nancy Carr Smith to the Land Use Commission

Aloha Chair Inouye and Vice Chair Elefante, and Members of the Committee on Water and Land:

Mahalo for the opportunity to express support for Ms. Nancy Carr Smith to the Land Use Commission.

Ms. Smith brings to the Commission a wealth of experience and institutional knowledge having served on numerous land-use related organizations in several different capacities. She has been an active Leeward Planning Commissioner and served as their Chair. In addition, she also served on the Board of Appeals and has been very active in her local community.

I have every reason to believe Ms. Smith will continue to provide effective contributions to our communities by serving on the Land Use Commission. Our State and our County will benefit from her experience and leadership.

Sincerely,

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

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March 1, 2024

Testimony of
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Director, County of Hawai'i, Department of Planning
before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
Monday, March 4, 2024
2:00 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 229
In consideration of
GOV. MSG. NO. 586

LAND USE COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE – NANCY CARR SMITH

Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land.

I am honored to express my strong **SUPPORT** for the consideration of Governor Josh Green's nomination of Nancy Carr Smith as a member of the State of Hawai'i Land Use Commission (LUC) representing Hawai'i Island.

Having had the privilege and opportunity to work with Nancy in both the public and private sector for many years, I can confidently attest to her exceptional qualification, unwavering commitment, and community-minded approach, which will make her an outstanding candidate for this vital role.

Nancy is an exceptional individual who has dedicated a considerable amount of her time and energy to various boards and commissions, showcasing her exceptional leadership skills. Her experience in these roles along with her real estate background has allowed her to gain a comprehensive understanding of the complex challenges and responsibilities associated with land use planning, making her an ideal candidate for the LUC.

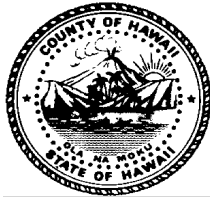
As a member of the LUC, Nancy will undoubtedly contribute significantly to the commission by upholding the commissions responsibility of preserving and protecting Hawai'i's lands and encouraging those uses to which lands are best suited.

Without reservation, I highly recommend Nancy Carr Smith for the position of Hawai'i Island LUC member. Her proven track record makes her an exceptional candidate and I am confident she would be a great addition to the LUC.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure

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LATE

March 4, 2024

Senate Committee on Water & Land

Sen. Lorraine Inouye, Chair
Sen. Brandon Elefante, Vice-Chair

RE: Support for GM586, Nomination of Nancy Carr Smith to the Land Use Commission

Aloha, Chair Inouye, Vice-Chair Elefante, and Members of the Senate Committee on Water & Land:

I write to express my wholehearted endorsement and support for the nomination of Nancy Carr Smith to the Land Use Commission. As a public servant and Chair of the Policy Committee on Planning, Land Use, and Development, I have had the privilege of getting to know Nancy over the last five years.

During her time on the County's Leeward Planning Commission, Nancy demonstrated exceptional leadership qualities and a profound understanding of land use matters. Her ability to run meetings effectively and bring a thoughtful, measured approach to discussions greatly contributed to the success of the commission. Nancy not only understands the intricacies of rules of procedure but also possesses a firm grasp of the law and land use, making her an invaluable asset to any commission.

Nancy's extensive background in real estate, coupled with her service on various boards, such as the Board of Appeals, South Kohala Community Development, and the West Hawai'i Mediation Center, showcases her commitment to community-driven development and conflict resolution. Her current roles with the Waimea Community Association, Waimea Design Review Committee, Big Island Giving Tree, and Coordinator for First Responder Mahalo Events in South Kohala underscore her ongoing dedication to giving back to our community.

I can attest to her unwavering commitment to our Hawai'i Island community, and steadfast dedication to ensuring a sustainable future for generations to come. Her passion for service, coupled with her broad experience, makes her an outstanding candidate. I have full confidence that Nancy Carr Smith will be an excellent representative of our Hawai'i Island community on the Land Use Commission. She operates with integrity, diligence, and a genuine commitment to the well-being of our community. Mahalo for your kind consideration.

Cheers,

Ashley Lehualani Kierkiewicz
COUNCIL MEMBER, DISTRICT IV



February 29, 2024

Committee on Water and Land
Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair

Aloha Chair Inouye and Vice Chair Elefante,

Please allow me to submit testimony on behalf of Nancy Carr Smith who is being considered to serve on the Hawai'i Land Use Commission.

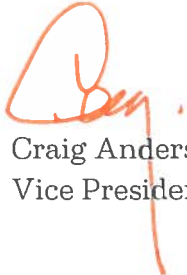
I know Nancy personally through her extensive involvement in the community in Waimea and the greater Kohala Area. Nancy has earned a reputation as a thoughtful, compassionate, and well-informed leader in the community who gives selflessly of her time to benefit the greater good.

Examples of Nancy's leadership in the community include her recent planning and execution of an event for several hundred attendees to recognize and thank the first responders and firefighters who saved our communities during the devastating wildfires here on August 8th. Her engagement runs the gamut from plating meals on Christmas morning for over 600 kupuna, underserved and houseless, to her role as President of the Waimea Community Association.

I have found Nancy to be in tune with the issues facing our community and she approaches them in a pragmatic, solution-oriented fashion. Nancy is collaborative, humble and gets stuff done!

It is with enthusiasm and confidence that I support Nancy Carr Smith for appointment to the Hawai'i Land Use Commission.

Mahalo nui loa,



Craig Anderson
Vice President of Operations

HAWAII ISLAND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

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Water and Land Committee Hearing March 4, 2024, 2:00 p.m.
Conference Room 229
GM 586

Testimony in SUPPORT

The Hawaii Island Community Development Corporation supports the confirmation of Nancy Carr Smith to the State Land Use Commission.

Nancy has been active in community service particularly in the West Hawaii area and understands the community and its needs. She has been particularly supportive of affordable housing and addressing the needs of the homeless community.

The need for affordable housing is the major issue facing Hawaii today and the foreseeable future. This issue has roots the land use regulation system in place today so the thoughtful application of the land use controls such as the State Land Use Commission is essential in dealing with this issue. Nancy will bring clearheaded thinking to the matters that come before the commission and will provide a balanced approach toward decisions to be made.

For these reasons the Hawaii Island Community Development Corporation supports the confirmation of Nancy Carr Smith to the State Land Use Commission.



Keith Kato
Executive Director



Date

GM-586

Submitted on: 2/28/2024 10:15:54 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/4/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Colin Miura	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I would highly recommend Nancy Carr Smith to be appointed to the Land Use Commission. I have worked with her on various community organizations and she is always hardworking, trustworthy, communicates well and is community minded.

Mahalo

GM-586

Submitted on: 2/29/2024 5:33:17 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/4/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Wayne S. Higaki	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Honorable Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante and committee members,

It is my honor to provide support to Ms. Carr Smith to the Land Use Commission. Ms. Carr Smith has demonstrated impeccable character, subject matter experience, and a long history of volunteerism in the community. She will serve the public well in the capacity as a commissioner.

I hope you will provide Ms. Carr Smith with a positive consideration and confirm her nomination. Thank you very much.

February 29, 2024

To: Whom it may concern,

It is an honor to be able to testify on behalf of Nancy Carr Smith for the State Land Use Commission for Hawai'i Island. Over the last 13 years I have had the privilege to work alongside Nancy in various community outreaches. She has always been a positive force with a Boots on the ground mentality. Nancy has shown great leadership in every opportunity that we were given, she came to the table with potential solutions and an opened mind. Nancy has assisted in many emergency situations; her calm demeanor allowed us to gather our thoughts and think clearly to provide the best service possible.

My husband and I have also had the privilege of doing business with Nancy. She's helped us with business opportunities when our construction company was brand new. She supports the small local businesses and encourages us to keep moving forward and to build lasting relationships with those around us.

As a well-known realtor in our community and on our island of Hawai'i, I feel that Nancy is a great asset and a right fit for this position. She knows the ins and outs of every area on our island and WILL look out for what is best for our 'Aina as well as our 'Ohana. Nancy and her family loves Hawai'i Island and this is their home.

Please consider Nancy Carr Smith to represent Hawai'i Island on the State Land Use Commission.

Sincerely,

Rhonda Bell

Big Island Giving Tree
Risen Construction
Waimea Twilight Christmas Parade

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GM-586

Submitted on: 2/29/2024 3:59:22 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/4/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Diane Chadwick	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in support and urge you to confirm Nancy Carr Smith for a term on the Land Use Commission to expire 6/30/25. Nancy is an active member of the Waimea community on Hawaii Island. She has the experience for this role having served on the Hawaii County Leeward Planning Commission, the South Kohala Community Development committee, and the Hawaii County Board of Appeals. She is currently leading the Waimea Community Association as president and has helped to coordinate local community events such as the Waimea Twilight Christmas parade and the First Responders mahalo dinner. Nancy understands the community through these many roles and is also very involved with serving those in most need on our island with the Big Island Giving Tree.

Nancy has the experience, the heart, and gives of her time to be engaged in the community. Please support her nomination for the State Land Use Commission. Mahalo.

GM-586

Submitted on: 2/29/2024 4:19:01 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/4/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tim Bostock	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support Nancy Carr-Smith for LUC because of her character, experience, and extensive volunteerism in the community. As a key volunteer with Big Island Giving Tree she supported food distribution throughout Hawai'i Island, and helped numerous residents with finding housing, shelter, who are transitioning, and also needing to connect with other resources.

**Testimony of
DARYN ARAI**

**Before the Senate Committee on
WATER AND LAND**

**Monday, March 4, 2024
2:00 PM**

**In Support of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 586**

**Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Land Use Commission,
Gubernatorial Nominee, NANCY CARR SMITH, for a term to expire 06-30-2025**

Aloha Chair Inouye and Members of the Committee on Water and Land.

My name is Daryn Arai, a resident of Hawai'i Island residing in Hilo. I fully support the confirmation of Nancy Carr Smith as a member of the Land Use Commission, and humbly request your support of her as well.

I have recently concluded a 31-year career as a land use planner with the County, and have appreciated the process by which land use policies are envisioned, then refined, and then implemented. It is a process that embodies the needs and desires of a single homeowner to the needs and desires of an entire community, district or island.

I was introduced to Nancy as she embarked on her 5-year term on the Leeward Planning Commission, representing the residents of West Hawai'i Island, and eventually becoming its Chairperson. I appreciated Nancy's perspective and actions throughout her tenure, bringing a balanced approach to her assessment of matters before her, carefully weighing the needs of the landowner and tempering it with the needs of the broader community.

Nancy's wholistic approach to decision-making was likely developed through her years of active engagement in a wide variety of community, professional and government boards and organizations. And each step along the way, she honed her skillset and understanding about how our island communities live and work together and where she can make a difference to make this a better place for all.

I respectfully ask that you give Nancy Carr Smith the opportunity to continue her efforts in making a difference on our island as a member of the Land Use Commission.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of this nominee.

2/29/2024

To the State Land and Water Committee,

I would like to take this opportunity to submit testimony regarding Nancy Carr Smith, the Gubernatorial Nominee to the State Land Use Commission.

My name is Mel Macy and I currently reside in Waimea and have lived on the Big Island for the past 50 years. The first time I remember meeting Nancy, her son and my son played on the same high school baseball team. She was always supportive of the team and all the players and coaches. Always ready to lend a hand to help out at team events and fundraisers, kind of a "Team Mom".

In the year 2007, I organized and chaired a group called the Waimea District Park Builders. Our task was to get a district park built in the community of Waimea. Nancy was at the top of my list when it came to recruiting volunteers from the community for the team. She readily accepted the challenge and joined the group. Some of our members came and went but a few of us, Nancy included, stayed until the task was completed. It took ten plus years, but we were successful in getting a park built in Waimea.

It takes a lot of staying power and tenacity to tackle a project of this size. The focus of our group was to coordinate between planners, contractors, government agencies, the landowner, and members of the community. Nancy was with us all the way and was an intricate part of the process. She is hard working, very responsive, and fair-minded. She would help wherever and whenever she could to keep the project moving forward. The end result speaks for itself – a beautiful, functional district park for the Waimea area.

If Nancy Carr Smith were to be approved for the State Land Use Commission position, I am certain she would bring that same work ethic, fairness, and determination to the commission. She would be an asset to the State Land Use Commission as well as to the planned growth of the Big Island.

Best regards,

Mel D. Macy

GM-586

Submitted on: 3/1/2024 8:25:23 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/4/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
David Greenwell	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

March 1, 2024

Aloha Sen. Lorraine Inouye, Sen. Brandon Elefante and the Committee on Water and Land,

We are writing on behalf of Nancy Carr Smith's nomination to the State Land Use Commission as our representative for Hawaii Island.

We urge you to support her nomination to the Commission.

We have known Nancy for over 10 years and she is a very committed person in our community that can be counted on to do what she says she will do. She is detail oriented and has been a great volunteer for our local community and Island as a whole.

She makes sure she is informed about whatever she is doing and is dependable, kind and fair. She is a good friend who always makes time for those in need. She is a loving family person and has great Aloha for our Islands.

She will be an asset to the Commission. Her experience from the variety of volunteer Boards and Commissions that she has served on will only add to the depth of her decision making process and be an added benefit to the Commission.

Please support her nomination.

Mahalo,

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March 1, 2024

Senator Lorraine Inouye, Chair
Senator Brandon Elefante, Vice Chair
Committee on Water and Land
Via email: seninouye@capitol.hawaii.gov
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**Re: Letter of Recommendation and Support – Nancy Carr Smith
Land Use Commission – GM 586**

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante:

My name is Riley Smith. I am a resident of Kamuela Hawaii and have lived on Hawaii island for 30+ years. I am also a life-long resident of the State of Hawaii. I support Nancy Carr Smith's appointment to the State Land Use Commission. I have known Nancy for 18 years. For full disclosure, we have been married for 12+ years. We first met, when she chaired the Annual Pumpkin Patch, community event for the school that both of our children attended. She was the Committee Chair, I was a member of her group. She was very organized, was actively engaged and ran a successful event. Our relationship progressed, starting from that first time we met.

I know Nancy to be sincere, dedicated, hard-working and diligent in everything she sets her mind to do. She is a leader, has a strong moral and spiritual compass; she strives to do the right thing, make our community, island and State a better place, because she has contributed to it. She is not one to watch the parade go by; she is the type of person who will get involved, collaborate with others and make sound decisions, that are beneficial to her community.

Most Importantly:

- a. **Kuleana:** She has lived in Hawaii for over twenty years. She understands her community and our host culture. She was on the Board of Directors for Ka Ulu Lauhala o Kona, a weaving group. She was like a shadow to the group's matriarch, Aunty Elizabeth Maluhi Lee. She has worked with and learned from our kupuna, that taught her the art of lauhala weaving and more importantly teamwork, in getting things done. She understands that anything worth doing, is worth doing "right". She understands the art of compromise and that moving forward, while adhering to her principles is critical.

- b. **Community Engagement:** Nancy is not Hawaiian, she is Hawaiian at heart. She understands what local style is and has the ability to work with others to accomplish progress. As you can see from her resume, she strives to lead, take the right path forward. She is the current President of the Waimea Community Association, has chaired the Leeward Planning Commission, as well as the County Board of Appeals. She chairs the South Kohala First Responders Mahalo event, thanking those that have risked their lives to protect our community. She has also graduated from the Ulu Mau Leadership Series, that stresses Hawaiian values, in our modern world. If you want to find someone who can get things done, reach out to a busy person. They know how to manage their most valuable commodity, their time.

- c. **Negotiating Skills:** In Nancy's "day job", she regularly works with people who are investing their life savings, into their dream home. She needs to work with buyers and sellers and find the right balance between "what they want, what they need and what they can afford". She understands the importance of balance and compromise, in reaching an outcome, where everyone feels like they didn't get everything they wanted. That is the outcome of a fair negotiation, everyone is a "little unhappy".

Other desirable attributes:

- a. **Consistent, reliable, shows up and is prepared;** Nancy knows that 90% of any commitment is "just showing up". She has been filling the Hawaii island role on the Land Use Commission, since July 2023. She has not missed one meeting, nor one Zoom call. She reads all the info ahead of meetings. If she has questions, she asks staff at the Commission, or those at the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development or the Attorney General's office for interpretation, clarification. She shows up "prepared".

- b. **Knows what she knows, stays in her lane:** It is an important trait to understand your own strengths, and more importantly your weaknesses. None of us know everything, all of us know something. Based on this understanding, she takes a strong position on topics that she is confident that she has the skill sets to understand, deliberate and vote on. Similarly, she will defer to others, if they are the subject matter expert on issues that she is not well-versed in.

- c. **Proud mother, grandmother:** Nancy has raised her son and has taken an active role in being a grandmother to her 4 year old grandson (Adrian Kainui). Even with her son and his family's move to the mainland, she stills makes the effort to visit her ohana, whenever she is able to, while still meeting the commitments of her obligations and busy schedule.

For the above reasons, I wholeheartedly support Nancy's confirmation to the State Land Use Commission. Should you have any questions for me, feel free to call or email me.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Riley W. Smith". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "R".

Riley W. Smith. P.E.

GM-586

Submitted on: 3/1/2024 2:17:13 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/4/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Britt Bailey	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To Whom It May Concern:

I cannot think of a better candidate for the Land Use Commission than Nancy Carr Smith. I have known Ms. Carr Smith for thirty(years). She has a deep knowledge and experience with land use matters, and is a thoughtful and intelligent person. Her appointment will prove to be a valuable asset to the Commission. I support Nancy Carr Smith's appointment without hesitation.

Best Regards, Britt Bailey, Kamuela Hawaii

GM-586

Submitted on: 3/1/2024 4:23:38 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/4/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Niel Thomas	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am pleased to support the Governor's appointment of Nancy Carr Smith to the State Land Use Commission. I encourage the Senate Water and Land Committee to approve the nomination.

My relationship with Nancy began in 2015 when I asked her to represent my wife, Hermine Baker, and me in the purchase of a home for retirement upon our relocation from Alaska later that year. We had decided on Waimea by that time, and knew the challenge we faced because of our requirement of a home I told her "wasn't a remodeling opportunity or a mold remediation project". I chose our Realtor with care because "it takes one to know one". I was winding down my 34-year career as one of Alaska's most experienced agents who was at the time on track to be named Realtor of the Year.

Nancy handled her assignment with dedication, responsiveness and a high level of professional skill. When our first choice threw us a curve, she knew exactly how to help us cancel that agreement so we could resume the search. Shortly thereafter I saw a promising new listing in the daily MLS feed Nancy had been sending us. Knowing the property's appeal, I asked her, at 6 AM Alaska time, to move quickly to "make it happen". Had she not been as proactive as we needed her to be at that early hour, we would not be living here now. (Indeed, a line of backup offers quickly formed behind us.)

Nancy and I share the adage that "if you want to get something done, give it to a busy person". Nancy has had regular involvement in State, Hawai'i County, and Community government and nonprofit agencies. Many have missions not unlike volunteer work I had done for similar organizations and agencies in Alaska. As I became active in these groups here, Nancy became my mentor. One such successful public activity she supported was my appointment by Mayor Kim to the Hawai'i County Board of Appeals which she earlier had served as Chair.

We have both enjoyed our volunteer work with the West Hawai'i Mediation Center and the Waimea Community Council. She is one of the driving forces that keeps the latter group going, and is the current Board Chair. Her resume lists several other public agencies she has served, each successive one being of greater responsibility and complexity. Political leaders have recognized they can count on Nancy to live up to the demands of these assignments.

Hermine and I are pleased also to call Nancy and her husband Riley personal friends, in addition to these rewarding volunteer professional activities.

Hawai'i needs people like Nancy to help chart our course as a state for wise and careful stewardship and care of our aina. We will all be well-served by her appointment to the Land Use Commission.

GM-586

Submitted on: 3/1/2024 10:36:35 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/4/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ryan Shigeo Ushijima	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Ryan Ushijima, SVP and Chief Trust Compliance Officer of First Hawaiian Bank. My family home is in Waimea. We have deep roots on the Big Island since the early 1880s. I am submitting testimony in support of the appointment of Nancy Carr Smith to the Land Use Commission. Nancy is a well respected businesswoman and very active in the Big Island community. She's served on numerous boards and commissions with distinction and impeccable character over the years and is noted for her selfless service on behalf of all the citizens of Hawai'i Island. I strongly support this appointment with full confidence that she will be fair and thoughtful in her service and a diligent public servant on the Land Use Commission. Her background and experience will bring balanced and practical insight to the affairs brought before the Commission.

GM-586

Submitted on: 3/1/2024 10:50:57 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/4/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Victor Tom	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Victor Tom, branch manager of First Hawaiian Bank's Kamuela branch, and I am writing this in support of Nancy Carr-Smiths nomination. I have the pleasure of working with Nancy on the Waimea Community Association of which she is currently the president and I as treasurer. Nancy is a tremendous asset to the association and to the people of Waimea. She is very well respected in the community and she has been an outstanding member of our community.

March 3, 2024

Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair

Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair

Members of the Committee on Water & Land

RE: GM 586 – Nancy Carr Smith

DATE: Monday, March 4, 2024 | 2:00pm

PLACE: Conference Room 229

POSITION: Support

Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante and Members of the Committee on Water & Land:

I am writing to wholeheartedly recommend **Nancy Carr Smith** for consideration in serving on the State Land Use Commission. I have had the privilege of knowing Nancy for over 10 years, both professionally and personally, and I can attest to her exceptional qualifications, dedication, and integrity.

Nancy's extensive experience in the real estate industry speaks volumes about her knowledge and understanding of land use issues. As a licensed real estate agent since 1989 and a licensed real estate broker since 1992, Nancy has demonstrated a deep commitment to upholding ethical standards and promoting responsible land use practices. Her decision to establish her own real estate brokerage in 2011 underscores her entrepreneurial spirit and leadership abilities.

Beyond her professional achievements, Nancy has made significant contributions to her community through her involvement in various volunteer boards and commissions. Her tenure on the South Kohala Community Development Plan, Hawaii County Board of Appeals, and Hawaii County Leeward Planning Commission, among others, exemplifies her dedication to public service and her willingness to tackle complex issues related to land use and development.

Nancy's current volunteer commitments, including her role as President of the Waimea Community Association and Co-coordinator of the Big Island Giving Tree, demonstrate her ongoing dedication to making a positive impact in her community. Her leadership roles and involvement in community events underscore her ability to collaborate effectively with diverse stakeholders and drive meaningful change.

In addition to her professional and community achievements, Nancy is a person of impeccable character and integrity. Her personal interests, including gardening, swimming, and spending time with family and friends, reflect her commitment to a balanced and fulfilling life. As a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, Nancy brings a unique perspective and a compassionate approach to everything she does.

In conclusion, I wholeheartedly endorse Nancy Carr Smith as a highly qualified and capable candidate for the State Land Use Commission. Her extensive experience, proven leadership abilities, and unwavering commitment to serving her community make her an invaluable asset to any organization. I am confident that she will excel in this role and make meaningful contributions to the commission's work.

Please feel free to contact me if you require any further information regarding Nancy's qualifications or suitability for this position. Thank you for considering her application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Toby B. Taniguchi", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Toby B. Taniguchi

GM-586

Submitted on: 3/2/2024 4:20:06 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/4/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael K. Shattuck	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

03/02/2024

Aloha,

My name is Mike Shattuck and I would like to convey my support for Nancy Carr Smith to represent Hawaii Island on the State Land Use Commission. I am currently a volunteer fire captain for HFD (17 years) and met Nancy through her work over the last 12 years with the Waimea Community Association and their support of the First Responders in our community. I was impressed by her dedication and passion. I feel that Nancy's vast knowledge of real estate along with her tireless commitment to help protect our communities and homes by continually supporting the First Responders makes her a good fit to represent Hawaii Island on the State and Land Use Commission.

Mahalo,

Mike Shattuck

GM-586

Submitted on: 3/3/2024 6:40:58 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/4/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dan Giovanni	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Committee Members,

It is my please to offer testimony in support of NANCY CARR SMITH for confirmation to the Land Use Commission (LUC). Ms. Carr Smith has been particiipating as an Interim Member of the LUC for the past several months. She is the only commissioner from Hawai'i Island. She brings a fresh perspective and repretnts her constintuents very well. I look forward to work wiith Ms. Carr Smith in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

Dan V. Giovanni, Chair - Land Use Commission

GM-586

Submitted on: 3/3/2024 9:03:36 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/4/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
James Hustace	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Inouye and Vice Chair Elefante,

Please support Nancy Carr Smith's appointment to the Land Use Commission. Nancy has and continues to demonstrate invaluable community leadership. Her experience on Hawai'i County Boards and Commissions, efforts to make connections in the community, and work across Hawai'i Island will be an asset to the State Land Use Commission. Thank you for your consideration.

Mahalo,

James Hustace

GM-586

Submitted on: 3/3/2024 10:05:12 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/4/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Makai Freitas	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I've had the the opportunity to work with Nancy with the Waimea Community Association for the past few years. She volunteers countless hours to make our community a better place. Her dedication is undeniable. I consider her someone who is trustworthy and operates with a high level of integrity. For these reasons I strongly support her nomination.

Mahlao,

Makai Freitas

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March 3, 2024

**TO: The Honorable Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
The Honorable Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair
Members of the Hawai'i State Senate Committee on Water and Land**

RE: SUPPORT for GM586 – Gov. Josh Green's submittal for consideration and confirmation to the Land Use Commission of Gubernatorial Nominee, NANCY CARR SMITH thru 06-30-2025.

Aloha Senators -

Mahalo for this opportunity to convey STRONG SUPPORT for Gov. Green's nomination of Nancy Carr Smith to the State Land Use Commission.

I have known and worked closely with Ms. Smith for well over 15 years. As Nancy's bio indicates, she has been intensely involved in learning about and serving on several important and relevant boards and commissions here on Hawai'i Island, and in fact, has served in leadership roles – always as a volunteer, and always in a manner that has been prepared, thoughtful and respectful of both the law and needs and concerns of our island community.

Some of the applications and hearing she has presided over were quite controversial and far from clear cut, yet she managed to keep meetings civil, focused on relevant issues, and resulting in decisions that both the applicants and community needed resolved.

So first and foremost, she has the foundational experience and land use policy knowledge needed for this critical role as a member of the State Land Use Commission.

As important to me is her extensive community service commitment – she knows this island and has continually demonstrated both integrity and a willingness to do the heavy lifting. Among the things that stand out to me are her long-time involvement in the Big Island Giving Tree. BIGT is a Hawai'i Island not-for-profit made up entirely of volunteers. They are dedicated to supporting individuals and families experiencing homelessness, food insecurity, family emergencies due to illness, death, fire, flood, or other upheavals. BIGT responds to family and community emergencies in remarkably generous ways – mobilizing the help that's needed. In addition, BIGT regularly reaches out to our island's fixed income kupuna to be sure they are remembered and cared for on a year-round basis. BIGT was especially responsive during the pandemic but the service they provide is really year-round, thanks to a team of dedicated volunteers. Their fast-response commitment and get-it-done-now work ethic has helped them become trusted, frequent recipients of significant donations of food and other essentials from a wide array of Hawai'i Island businesses, resorts, restaurants, schools, churches, individual donors and also Pohakuloa Training area.

Nancy's other major contribution outside of serving on various boards and commission is in the leadership of Waimea Community Association. In addition to serving as secretary, several years ago she took on mobilizing and coordinating community supports for our first responders. We as a community are incredibly grateful to these men and women who put themselves at risk 24/7/365 and Nancy is the lead for making sure they are "covered" with food and other essentials during emergencies and also are regularly recognized and thanked.

She also has been a key volunteer in helping support Waimea's 60+-year Waimea Christmas Parade. Well over 12,000+ people flock annually to Waimea for this event and it could be viewed as a nice but "fluffy" – aka, not critical - event. The fact is, when that many people are involved, there are serious life-safety issues to contend with and she's been a major contributor to helping our police, fire, public works and parks and rec personnel to put in place a plan – and recruit volunteers, to keep everyone safe – even during the height of the pandemic.

Thank you for reading this and please support Nancy Carr Smith's nomination to the Land Use Commission. Our island and entire state will be well-served by her addition to this important commission.

A hui hou –

Patti Cook

Waimea, Island of Hawai'i

GM-586

Submitted on: 3/3/2024 12:38:58 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/4/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Susan Maddox	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I wholeheartedly support the nomination of Nancy Carr Smtih to serve on the Land Use Commission. I have known Nancy for more than 20 years and have observed first hand her commitment to community and to sustainable land use policies.

Her years of service on the Hawaii County Leeward Planning Commission, experience as a successful realtor, and skills as a trained mediator offer a unique, solid foundation to serve on the Hawaii Land Use Commission.

She will serve the Commission, the State and our communities very well.

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GM-586

Submitted on: 3/3/2024 4:08:22 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/4/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Richard Matsuda	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Nancy is a dedicated to community service and has considerable experience serving on boards and commissions such as the South Kohala Community Development Plan, Hawaii County Board of Appeals, and Hawaii County Leeward Planning Commission, to name a few. She is also involved in volunteer leadership for organizations such as the Waimea Community Association (current President), Big Island Giving Tree, and others. Through Nancy's engagement in many arenas of our communities in Hawai'i, she understands the importance of managing our resources for future generations. The combination of her experience, good communication and collaboration skills, her professional background, and her love of Hawai'i and its communities will serve the LUC well.

LATE

GM-586

Submitted on: 3/4/2024 7:42:22 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/4/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
William Moore	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments: William L. Moore 159 Halai Street Hilo, Hawaii 96720 March 1, 2024 Hawaii State Senate Committee on Water and Land Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair Re: GM 585- Testimony in Support of Appointment of Nancy Carr Smith to the State Land Use Commission Dear Chairperson Inouye and Members of the Committee on Water and Land: I am writing to wholeheartedly recommend Nancy Carr Smith for appointment to the State Land Use Commission. Nancy brings a wealth of land use experience and knowledge based on many years of service on the Hawaii County Leeward Planning Commission and the Hawaii County Board of Appeals. This background along with her work experience as a realtor provides her with the foundation to deal with the complex land use matters that will come before the Land Use Commission. In this regard, Nancy possesses a strong understanding of the regulatory frameworks governing land use, as well as a grasp of the practical implications of proposed developments' impact on our community's well-being and future. Furthermore, Nancy's collaborative approach and ability to engage with diverse stakeholders have been instrumental in fostering constructive dialogue and achieving consensus on challenging land use matters. Consistent with her background in mediation, Nancy has respect for differing viewpoints and an openness to considering all perspectives in order to reach equitable and sustainable solutions. This land use background is further honed by her extensive work as a volunteer in the Community, giving her a unique understanding of the various issues facing the residents of Hawaii County. This public service background will serve her well in making sure her decisions are in the best interests of the community in the long term. In addition to her professional qualifications, Nancy embodies the highest ethical standards and integrity. I have no doubt she will approach these responsibilities with a sense of duty and a genuine desire to make a positive difference in our community. She has my highest recommendation for this important appointment, and I urge you to consider her favorably. Thank you for the opportunity to provide this letter of support of Nancy Carr Smith. William Moore