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Statement of  
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Before the  
Senate Committee on Water and Land  
Tuesday, August 29, 2017  
2:00 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 224

In consideration of

**GM29**  
**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE LAND USE**  
**COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,**  
**NANCY CABRAL,**  
**FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2021.**

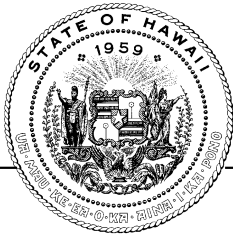
Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee on Water and Land.

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism respectfully requests that this Committee favorably consider the re-appointment of Nancy Cabral to serve as commissioner for a term to expire on June 30, 2021. Ms. Cabral has filled the Hawaii Island seat on the Commission since 2015.

Ms. Cabral has been a welcome addition to the Commission. Her sense of Aloha, her business acumen and candid nature are welcome in LUC deliberations. She has proven to be adept in the balancing of key concerns with economic development. She is a well-respected member of the Commission and valuable to its mission.

For these reasons, we respectfully ask for your favorable consideration of Ms. Cabral's re-appointment as the Hawaii Island Commissioner on the Land Use Commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.



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before the  
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND**

Tuesday, August 29, 2017  
State Capitol, Conference Room 224  
in consideration of

## **Governor's Message (GM) 29**

Chair Rhodes, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land.

I strongly support Governor David Y. Ige's nomination of Ms. Nancy Cabral to serve as a member of the Land Use Commission.

Currently serving on the Land Use Commission, Ms. Cabral has demonstrated competency on a number of real estate and property management issues, which oftentimes intersects with matters before the Land Use Commission. The experience that Ms. Cabral possesses, that as a current owner of a real estate and property management firm, a former worker in the tourism industry, and training as a social worker, brings an added dimension to the work of the Commission.

Ms. Cabral has continued to demonstrate the highest level of leadership, and I have the utmost faith that she will continue to demonstrate her high level of leadership and collaboration in matters before the Land Use Commission. I respectfully encourage the Committee to advise and consent to the nomination of Ms. Cabral as a member of the Land Use Commission.

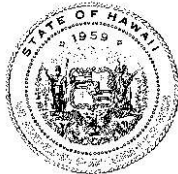
Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on GM 29.

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**NANCY CABRAL,**  
**for a term to expire 06-30-2021**

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and members of the Committee on Water and Land:

My name is Daniel Orodenker, and I am the Executive Officer of the Land Use Commission (LUC). I am here to respectfully request that this Committee favorably consider the re-appointment of Nancy Cabral to serve as commissioner for a term to expire on June 30, 2021. Ms. Cabral has filled the Hawai'i Island seat on the Commission since 2015.

Ms. Cabral is well known for her dedication and participation on behalf of the community in Hilo and the island of Hawai'i. She has always been well prepared and focused on the key issues in matters before the Commission. Her business experience lends a practicality to Commission discussions and has led to a balancing of key concerns with economic development. She has been an outstanding and well respected member of the Commission and valuable to its decision-making and operations.

For these reasons, we respectfully ask for your favorable consideration of Ms. Cabral's re-appointment as the Hawai'i Commissioner on the Land Use Commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

August 28, 2017

Senate Committee on Water and Land  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**RE: GM26, Support for the Nomination of Nancy Cabral to the Land Use Commission (LUC)**

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Committee Members,

My name is Jonathan Likeke Scheuer. I am a member and Vice Chair of the LUC, but offer this testimony in personal capacity. It has been my great pleasure to serve with Ms. Cabral since her appointment to the LUC.

It gives me particular pleasure to support Ms. Cabral's nomination as we come from – generally speaking – very different political perspectives. In an era when the ability to have sensible conversations across political divides is rare, I have valued deeply the thoughtful manner in which Nancy engages with me, the Commission and the public as we fulfill our constitutional and statutory duties. In addition to this style of leadership, she asks incisive questions, particularly when she is able to draw on her deep expertise of affordable housing and agricultural issues. She has been a tremendous asset to the Commission.

I **strongly** encourage you to recommend the Senate Advise and Consent to this nomination.

Mahalo for your consideration of my mana`o.

Jonathan Likeke Scheuer, Ph.D.



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August 29, 2017

To: The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair  
The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair  
Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land

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RE: GM-29 – Consideration and confirmation to the Land Use Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, NANCY CABRAL - **SUPPORT**.  
Hearing date: Tuesday, August 29, 2017  
Hearing time: 2:00 p.m.  
Conference Room 224

Dear Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard and Members of the Committee:


I respectfully ask for your favorable consideration and the support of your Committee members on the appointment of Ms. Nancy Cabral to the State Land Use Commission (“Commission”). Ms. Cabral brings a reasoned approach to difficult matters brought before the Commission and a sense of fairness.

Based on the foregoing, I recommend with no reservation your favorable consideration of Ms. Nancy Cabral for the aforementioned position. She is a person who will prove to be worthy of your support.

Thank you for your consideration and I respectfully urge your Committee’s support to confirm her nomination.

Very truly yours,

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Nancy Cabral

1. Please describe your understanding of the role and jurisdiction of the Land Use Commission (Commission).

*It is the duty of the Land Use Commission to protect the current agricultural lands of Hawaii. The Commission is to check the land for historical remains that should be protected, cultural practices that need to be accommodated into the future and the community needs and concerns that should be considered when any change is being requested.*

2. How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the Commission?

*As a Commissioner I have a responsibility to the entire State of Hawai'i and all our Ohana to make the best decision possible, not necessarily the popular decision, for the current times and generations into the future.*

3. Why do you wish to continue serving as a member of the Commission? Please note if you initially applied to be nominated to the Commission or if you were invited to apply.

*I would like to continue to serve as a Commission because I feel that I have survived the initial 'learning curve' and I am now able to contribute good points to our group for consideration. In addition, I often offer a different perspective to our group and I am willing to make the hard decisions and vote accordingly.*

*I was invited to serve on the Commission by Senator Lorraine Inouye while we were visiting with Past Commissioner Sandra Song in Hospice. She wanted me to fulfill her term and represent Hawai'i Island on Commission.*

4. Please describe why you believe that you are qualified to be a member of the Commission, including your designation as the member representing Hawai'i County. Please discuss any skills, expertise, knowledge, or volunteer involvement that would aid in your decision-making ability.

*I am qualified to serve as a Commissioner because I care about our State and my Island. I have lived on Oahu, Molokai and Hawaii Island. I have owned a large real estate business for over 30 years were I have sold 100's of homes and I assist 1,000's of people with the management of their investment properties. I have also lived as a 'fisherman' and I now ranch and ride horses.*

*My diverse experiences provide me perspective. I am very involved in our East Hawai'i community from Rotary to Rodeo and I am very familiar with our Kona Coast. It is in my back yard and the best vacation destination in the world! I see the need for balance in our delicate world, while still providing for homes and businesses in our community without losing our unique history and unmatched natural environment.*

5. What are some of your accomplishments as a member of the Commission and what would you like to accomplish during an additional term?

*I have found that our individual Commissioners all bring a different perspective to the discussion. I feel that my experience and background help me see the needs of the people in our community. I would like to be sure I provide my unique perspective to the Commission so that the needs of all our people are considered when decisions are being made.*

6. What issues do you believe that the Commission has handled well in the past? What issues do you believe that the Commission should address in the future?

*I think the commission has done a good job over the past two years in questioning and examining the history of the property to protect all historical sites and cultural practices. We need to continue to address these concerns into the future as it is required by law and our community has determined we must protect our unique Hawaiian Heritage. In addition, we need to provide for land for rural and urban expansion with the continued growth of our population. The Commission will need to address these challenges into the future.*

7. During your service on the Commission, were there possible conflicts of interests involving you that arose? How were those potential conflicts addressed? If you were to continue to serve, can you foresee any other possible conflicts involving you?

*Over my past two years on the Commission, I have known or done business with a few of the petitioners or intervenors that have come before our group. I have always announced that connection to our Chairperson who has asked the entire fellow Commissioners and all other parties involved if they had a problem with my position or potential conflict. If there were to be a problem, I would be prepared to step aside and not be involved in the hearing and/or not vote. I do not foresee any problems or conflicts in the future.*

8. Is there any other information regarding your experience and background that you believe should be considered for your nomination?

*While servicing on the Commission, I have come to realize that it is a lot of work to read all the information, listen to all the information and to ask the hard questions about the information and to make the right decision. I am prepared to do this job.*