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The Honorable Tommy Waters Chair and Presiding Officer and Members Honolulu City Council 530 South King Street, Room 202 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Waters and Councilmembers:

Subject: Resolution No. 21-275 – Relating to the Reappointment of Na`alehu Anthony to Serve on the Board of Water Supply of the City and County of Honolulu.

As Manager and Chief Engineer of the Board of Water Supply (BWS), City and County of Honolulu, I strongly support Resolution No. 21-275 relating to the reappointment of Na`alehu Anthony to serve on the BWS Board.

Mr. Anthony has served as a BWS Board member since February 2021. The BWS is currently implementing its' 30-year water master plan, which includes the 30-year infrastructure plan. Mr. Anthony is familiar with these plans and the BWS's efforts to implement them to meet future needs, establish priorities, and adopt sustainable financing strategies. He has been very supportive of BWS on the Red Hill fuel contamination crisis and helpful to the BWS communications team in developing communication strategies to raise awareness to the general public on this matter. Reappointment of Mr. Anthony would provide continuity of BWS achieving its goals and objectives in support of these plans.

Mr. Anthony holds a Master's in Business Administration and Bachelor's in Hawaiian Studies and is a graduate of Kamehameha Schools. He provides an important native Hawaiian cultural perspective for the protection, management and conservation of Oahu's water resources. As a native Hawaiian filmmaker, Mr. Anthony cofounded ` Oiwi TV and his production company, Paliku Documentary Films, giving voice to Hawaii's stories through documentaries and oral histories.

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I wholeheartedly support Mr. Anthony's reappointment to the BWS Board. The BWS is very fortunate Mr. Anthony is willing to volunteer to serve on the Board while balancing his work and other community responsibilities.

Thank you for your consideration and for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of Resolution No. 21-275.

Very Truly Yours,

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ERNEST Y.W. LAU, P.E. Manager and Chief Engineer