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HAWAI'I LODGING & TOURISM
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Chair Waters and members of the Honolulu City Council, mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony on behalf of the Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association, the state's largest private sector visitor industry organization.

The Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association—nearly 700 members strong, representing more than 50,000 hotel rooms and nearly 40,000 lodging workers—strongly supports the appointment of Kenneth Silva to serve on the Honolulu Police Commission.

Mr. Silva served as the City & County of Honolulu's Fire Chief for a significant portion of my tenure as the mayor of Honolulu, and he comported himself with dignity, class, and professionalism throughout his time in that role. Needless to say, he was an outstanding member of my cabinet. As a consummate team player with firsthand knowledge of the importance of the role of first responders in our community, he will thrive in a setting like the Police Commission and will bring decades of City experience to this appointment. In his calling as the executive pastor of New Hope O'ahu, Mr. Silva is a man of impeccable character who is well-suited to join the Commission as they search for and identify Honolulu's newest police chief.

For these reasons, HLTA and I personally strongly support Resolution 22-9.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

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