RES23-007 Testimony

COUNCIL Meeting

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SUBJECT: Testimony in Support of Resolution 23-7, Relating to the appointment of Rebecca Soon to serve on the Salary Commission of the City and County of Honolulu.

Aloha e Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kiaʻāina, and other Members of the Honolulu City Council.

I am pleased to offer written testimony in my personal capacity in support of Resolution 23-7, Relating to the appointment of Rebecca Soon to serve on the Salary Commission of the City and County of Honolulu.

I know Rebecca Soon as both a former colleague and a dear friend. She exhibits a depth of knowledge of City operations and has also exhibited a willingness to learn more about those operations to which she may be unfamiliar, rare as that may be. She is a dynamic leader, and a strong communicator. Above all, she's driven by her dedication to public service.

As you are all aware, Public service is a calling. It's grounded in the sincere belief that when asked, there is a need to step up and serve on behalf of the public good. And as I know that each of you is defined by your fidelity to public service and its calling, so too is Rebecca Soon. Her indefatigable determination, her years of experience with both the executive and legislative branch, and her passion and love of the City and County of Honolulu and its employees make her a uniquely qualified individual for this role.

I therefore respectfully urge the Council to support Resolution 23-7. Mahalo for consideration of my testimony.

Sincerely, Davin Aoyagi