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Support: 1

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My name is Matty Miguel and I am a retired Battalion Chief with the Honolulu Fire Department. I am writing in support of the appointment of retired Battalion Chief Debbi Eleneki to serve on the Fire Commission of the City and County of Honolulu.

I worked with her as a fellow Battalion Chief for four years and previous to and during that time, I served with her on various All Hazard Incident Management teams. These teams manage various events on the Island of Oahu such as parades, marathons, concerts, hurricanes, tsunamis, and Covid vaccination sites.

What I witnessed during those working periods was someone who is highly organized, is a visionary, and has unequaled integrity.

Chief "Deb" has incredible organizational acuity. She can take what initially may seem like complicated situations, events, or information, and break them down and organize them in a way that makes sense so that they can be understood and communicated.

She also has a unique sense of perspective and creativity, seeing things that might not be readily obvious to most. This also includes a vision for plans on how to move forward for success, and for understanding on how decisions can affect the future. This skill makes her incredibly adept at problem solving.

Finally, I witnessed situations where she displayed personal integrity to the highest degree. I believe her decisions will be made strictly on what's "pono" and not "political", which is what the citizens of our County deserve and require.

She will make an excellent Commissioner.

Mahalo-

Matty