RES23-121
Testimony

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Testimony:
I've know Cat for over a decade. We were attorneys at the same law firm for five years and I consider her a close friend.

Cat is a hardworking, dedicated public servant. While working in private law, she sat on many boards and helped to organize events to help small businesses. She is a good person doing this job for the right reasons and I strongly support her confirmation.

As the House Labor chair, I know we have a huge shortage in workers willing to go into the public sector. It is even harder to find highly qualified individuals like Cat to do top-level positions in government. I know she's giving up a larger private-sector salary because I've been trying to recruit her to join my law firm for years. In fact, I still hope to work with her again in the future in private law, and I also look forward to working with her once she is confirmed on the government side.

In government, we don't often have the chance to steal someone away from the private sector. Please don't give up this chance to do so. I strongly support Catherine Taschner's confirmation.

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Self	Support	Jul 9, 2023 @ 07:06 PM

Testimony:
Honorable Council Members and citizens,

My name is Jay Hanamura, and I have had the privilege of knowing Catherine Taschner for the past 20 years. It is with great enthusiasm that I offer my strong support for Catherine as an exceptional candidate for the position of Director of Land Management in the City and County of Honolulu.

Throughout our long acquaintance, Catherine's exceptional character, unwavering dedication, and numerous contributions to our community have consistently impressed me. Her commitment to service and her passion for the betterment of our city are truly commendable.

One aspect that sets Catherine apart is her extensive experience as a lawyer. Her knowledge of the law, analytical mindset, and attention to detail will undoubtedly contribute to responsible decision-making and effective management of land resources. I had

the opportunity to witness the value of Catherine's legal experience firsthand while serving together on a local school's board of trustees. Her insights and expertise were instrumental in navigating complex legal matters and ensuring compliance with regulations, benefiting the school and the entire board.

Furthermore, I have had the pleasure of observing Catherine's exceptional leadership qualities during our time on the board. Her collaborative approach, effective communication, and dedication to the community were evident in all our interactions. Catherine's ability to bring people together, foster teamwork, and effectively address challenges is truly remarkable.

In conclusion, I wholeheartedly endorse Catherine Taschner for the position of Director of Land Management. Her extensive legal experience, exceptional leadership qualities, and deep commitment to our community make her an incredible choice to shape the responsible stewardship of land resources in Honolulu.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jay Hanamura

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Testimony:
It is my pleasure to unequivocally support Ms. Taschner's confirmation as Director of Land Management.

I have known Ms. Taschner for over ten years. She has always been diligent in her analysis and application of the law, and has grown to be an exceptional lawyer and professional since I've known her. I know she will act diligently in executing the duties of office, and the City and County of Honolulu would be fortunate to have her as one of its top civil servants.

Respectfully submitted,
Ryan J. Loeffers

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Testimony:
I strongly support Catherine Taschner's nomination to be Director of the Department of Land Management for the City and County of Honolulu. I have known Catherine for over 12 years and she's a high character person and a skilled attorney. As an attorney, Catherine is a skilled problem solver and incredibly dedicated to her craft and profession. More importantly, Catherine is dedicated to making Hawaii a better place and will serve as an excellent Director of the Department of Land Management for Honolulu.

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Testimony:
Aloha Councilmembers,

Please accept this testimony in support of Catherine Taschner's nomination as Director for the Department of Land Management. I met Cat in my second year of law school, when she was already well into practice. And though we became acquainted by our connection in law, our friendship has expanded to all aspects of our lives.

Throughout the years, I've watched Cat grow from associate in private practice, to partner, to deputy director, and also as a partner to her husband, and a wonderful mother to their young son. I have complete faith that she is the right person to serve as Director for DLM. Cat holds her work to an incredibly high standard, and I believe that coupled with the consideration she shows for others, she is the ideal candidate for a leader within our government. I'm so proud of her for taking this next step in her career.

Thank you,
Megan Coburn

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Testimony:
Dear Councilmembers,

Thank you for this opportunity to present my strong endorsement for Catherine Taschner's confirmation as the Director of the Department of Land Management of the City & County of Honolulu.

I have known Catherine for over 15 years both professionally and personally. We were classmates at the William S. Richardson School of Law and have been in private practice for many years in similar areas of the law. Through my interactions with Catherine, I have come to know her as a trustworthy and capable individual who is always thoroughly prepared for the task at hand, whether it involves making important decisions or examining complex policy issues.

Catherine's actions have always demonstrated a strong commitment to serving the community with great integrity. I believe that Honolulu would benefit greatly from a strong principled individual like Catherine, who also has the experience and skill needed to effectively lead the Department of Land Management. Thank you for your positive consideration of Catherine for this important role.

Jennifer Ontai

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Dear Chair, Vice Chair, and members of the committee.

My name is Todd Iacovelli, I live in Kailua, and I am testifying today in support of Resolution 23-121 because Mrs. Catherine A Taschner is a wonderful candidate for the role of Director of Land Management for the City and County of Honolulu.

I collaborated with Catherine (Cat) as a Member of the Montessori Community School Board of Trustees. We both served as officers of the Board. Cat helped us revise our By-Laws and improved Board governance in countless ways.

Cat's passion for Honolulu has grown during her time as Deputy Director of the Department of Land Management. She has refined a vision for how she can serve and improve Oahu and its residents.

Despite her numerous recognitions for her legal skill and philanthropic contributions, Cat remains extremely kind and leads with her heart. She is a true collaborator and is often the one to help bring a project across the finish line with positivity and preparation.

I fully support her nomination as the next Director of the Department of Land Management.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Mahalo,

Todd Iacovelli

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TESTIMONY

Resolution No. 23-121

Confirming the Nomination of Catherine A. Taschner

To Serve as The Director of Land Management

of the City and County of Honolulu

City Council Agenda for the July 12, 2023

Chair Waters and Member of the Council for the City and County Of Honolulu, I write in my personal capacity in **STRONG SUPPORT** of the confirmation of Ms. Catherine A. Taschner, who has been nominated by Mayor Blangiardi to serve as the Director of Land Management.

During my tenure at the Hawaii State Bar Association (HSBA) I have had the pleasure of meeting and working with a number of outstanding attorneys who exemplify a very high level of knowledge of the law, and an ability to identify issues or concerns and formulate strategies to resolve or lessen adverse impacts. And these attorneys also have a very high level of ethics. Catherine Taschner is one of these attorneys who I have had the opportunity to work with.

Ms. Taschner was selected as a 2016 Fellow of the HSBA's Leadership Institute. Each year 15 attorneys who have 3-15 years of practice experience, who have demonstrated leadership qualities and a commitment to serving Hawaii's communities are selected competitively. They participate in an 8 month program, meeting with leaders in the legal community and commit to a post-Institute community project. Prior Institute Fellows include a Federal District Court judge, State trial judges, corporate officers, nonprofit innovators, and Bar governance leaders.

The Nominee has served on the Board of the Young Lawyers Division (YLD), the HSBA's community service arm. Annual YLD projects include the State Mock Trial program for high school students, the JR Judges program for students grade 4-6, and statewide legal clinics which

provide legal information. Ms. Taschner currently serves as the Co-Chair of the HSBA' Business Law Section. This group meets once a month to discuss federal and state laws and court rulings which impact the practice of law. They are discussing community service projects to assist small business owners survive, and hopefully thrive.

Prior to Ms. Taschner's public service career, the Nominee was a well-regarded litigator in one of Hawaii's largest law firms.

In all my direct interaction with the Nominee, she has demonstrated extraordinary leadership as she listens and is inclusive and persevering. Once she undertakes a project or activity, she works towards global competition. She is energetic, organized, and possesses a high level of written and oral communication skills.

It is for these reasons and others that I **STRONGLY SUPPORT without reservations** the nomination of CATHERINE A TASCHNER to serve as the Director of Land Management of the City and County of Honolulu. Thank you for this opportunity to offer supportive comments.

Patricia Mau-Shimizu

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July 7, 2023

The Honorable Tommy Waters, Chair
and City Council Members
Office of the City Clerk
530 South King Street, Room 100
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Attention: Information Section

Re: Nomination of Catherine A. Taschner as the Director of the Department of Land Management for the City and County of Honolulu

Dear Honorable Chair Waters and City Council Members:

I am writing this letter in strong support of the nomination of Catherine A. Taschner as the Director of the Department of Land Management for the City and County of Honolulu ("**DLM**").

I have had the distinct privilege of knowing Mrs. Taschner for the past twenty-five years, first as a friend and now as a highly competent professional. She has served as a mentor to me for many of those years and I am honored to now have this opportunity to submit my unconditional support in favor of her nomination.

I am currently a partner in the law firm of Chun Kerr LLP and have had the opportunity to work with Mrs. Taschner both during her tenure at the law firm of McCorriston Miller Mukai MacKinnon, and most recently in her capacity as the former deputy and now interim director of DLM in connection with the negotiation of the development of the Varona Village project. I know Mrs. Taschner to be a woman of the utmost integrity, as well as hard-working and wholly committed to whatever task may be at hand. Mrs. Taschner is always willing to "think outside of the box," a trait from which the Varona Village project has immeasurably benefitted.

Mrs. Taschner is dedicated to her community and will be an asset to the City and County of Honolulu if her nomination is approved. I strongly believe that Mrs. Taschner is eminently qualified to serve as the Director of DLM and encourage the Council's consideration of Mrs. Taschner's nomination.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (808) 528-8236 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Kimi Ide-Foster

July 7, 2023

The Honorable Tommy Waters, Chair
and City Council Members
Office of the City Clerk
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Attention: Information Section

Re: Nomination of Catherine A. Taschner as the Director of the Department of Land Management for the City and County of Honolulu

Dear Honorable Chair Waters and City Council Members:

We (Tom Foster and Karen Ide) are writing this letter in strong support of the nomination of Catherine A. Taschner as the Director of the Department of Land Management for the City and County of Honolulu.

We have considered Catherine to be part of our family for many years. Catherine befriended our (at the time) shy daughter at nine years old when she was new to the competitive swimming world. Catherine made her feel right at home, taking her under her wing and starting a lifelong friendship. We are so truly grateful for Catherine's presence in our family's life and we can't think of anyone more qualified for a position that requires the office holder to really and truly care about the people and the projects they are working with and on.

Over the past couple of decades, we have been thrilled to watch Catherine blossom from a child prodigy student to a fantastic mother and highly intelligent professional who conducts herself with grace and poise and most importantly, integrity and ethics.

It's no secret that our City government has recently faced significant ethical challenges and we are very grateful to the Mayor that he is taking real steps to make good on his campaign promises to sort things out and reinstate the people as the focus point of all of these government powers. Tom has routed building permits with DPP for years and has had a front row seat to the kind of damage that is done when power is more important than the people. Since she was a keiki, Catherine has always endeavored to "do the right thing", and we know that she will bring that mentality to the Director position and be part of rebuilding the population's trust in government.

We have lived in Hawaii our whole lives and we hope that Catherine's appointment, if successful, is part of a turning point in our government towards open and fair politics and modern solutions to modern problems. She is the kind of young and vibrant energy we need in government.

We reiterate our unconditional support for Catherine's nomination and encourage the Council's favorable consideration of the same. Thank you for your time and consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact us at (808) 292-0439 if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

Tom Foster and Karen Ide

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July 10, 2023

To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Marjie Carroll, Head of School at Montessori Community School (MCS) in Honolulu. I offer my recommendation for Catherine Taschner for the position of Director of Land Management for the City and County of Honolulu.

I had the pleasure to work alongside Ms. Taschner when she served on the MCS' Board of Trustees from October 2017 thru June 2021.

As a member of our board, Ms. Taschner was nothing short of superb. She is knowledgeable, thoughtful, tends carefully to details, and established a high standard for others to follow in her role as Board Secretary. Based on the needs of our community, she played a valuable role as a real-estate professional, reviewing properties for suitability, meeting zoning regulations, and addressing neighborhood concerns. Her business acumen was highly valued as she guided an initiative to update our policies and procedures related to the board's Bylaws, created a comprehensive new board member Onboarding packet, advised on Covid-19 policies, parent waivers, and documents related to student enrollment.

Ms. Taschner was generous with her time and talent and I highly recommend her for the position of Director of Land Management for the City and County of Honolulu.

Sincerely,



Marjie Carroll, Head of School
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Hawai'i Farm to School Hui

Hawai'i Oral Health Coalition

Hawai'i Public Health Training Hui

Healthy Eating + Active Living

Kūpuna Collective

Date: July 7, 2023

To: Councilmember Tommy Waters, Chair
Councilmember Esther Kia'āina, Vice Chair
Members of the Honolulu City & County Council

Re: Support Resolution 23-121 Confirming the nomination of Catherine A. Taschner to serve as the Director of Land Management of the City and County of Honolulu

Hrg: Wednesday, July 12, 2023

The Hawai'i Public Health Institute[i] (HIPHI) is in **Support of Resolution 23-121,** Confirming the nomination of **Catherine A. Taschner** to serve as the Director of Land Management of the City and County of Honolulu.

Since 2021, Catherine Tashner has served the people of the City & County of Honolulu as the Department of Land Management Deputy Director. Before that, she practiced law with an emphasis on real estate and land use matters, particularly regarding complex acquisitions and dispositions, as well as land use and permitting. This experience makes her an ideal choice to serve as the Director of the Department of Land Management.

Catherine's work at the City has included spearheading land acquisitions and developments to support City initiatives (including affordable housing and homelessness projects) and building the Clean Water and natural Lands program.

Catherine understands that her work is connected to the community. In 2011 she co-founded and served as the Vice President of the Business Law Corps. This non-profit organization provides pro bono legal services to Hawai'i's small business owners and entrepreneurs. She also has an extensive list of volunteer activities to further her contributions to the community, including serving on HIPHI's board prior to joining the City and County of Honolulu.

For her tremendous dedication and commitment to the county, Catherine has been recognized by a variety of organizations, being named the 2020 Small Business Advocate of the Year for Women in Business, a Rising Star, Ones to Watch, 40 under 40, as well as by the Hawai'i State Legislature.

Because of her strong commitment to community, expertise in land law and policies, and experience as deputy director, HIPHI supports Catherine Taschner's nomination as the Director Land Management for the City and County of Honolulu.

Mahalo,

Jessica Yamauchi, MA
Chief Executive Officer

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[i] Hawai'i Public Health Institute is a hub for building healthy communities, providing issue-based advocacy, education, and technical assistance through partnerships with government, academia, foundations, business, and community-based organizations.

VANTAGE
COUNSEL

July 10, 2023

The Council of the City and County of Honolulu
Hearing: Wednesday, July 12, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

Subject: Support for nomination of Catherine A. Taschner as Director of Land Management for the City and County of Honolulu

Aloha Council Members,

I am pleased to support the nomination of Catherine A. Taschner as Director of Land Management for the City and County of Honolulu. She has the skills, intelligence, experience, attitude, desire to help the community, to be an effective and successful Director.

I first met Cat in 2010 when she was a student in the Entrepreneurship and Small Business Clinic, a class I teach at the UH Richardson School of Law. In the class, students learn how to represent entrepreneurs and small business owners and, as part of the class, students take on the representation of startups and small businesses and conduct public clinics. Cat was a standout in my class. She is bright, hard-working, prepared and personable. I could always count on her, and that continues to this day. When she graduated from the UH Richardson School of Law, at 21 years old, she was the youngest graduate in the history of the law school.

During Cat's class, I shared a nonprofit idea I had been working on about forming a non-profit that focuses on providing corporate and business law services to entrepreneurs on a pro bono basis, utilizing a technology platform that connects leading law firms and lawyers to promising entrepreneurs. Cat was immediately drawn to the idea, and convinced me to launch the nonprofit and committed to serve as a co-founder. Consequently, Cat and I co-founded Business Law Corps ("BLC") (www.businesslawcorps.org) in January 2012. In its December 23, 2011 issue, PBN published a front page article about BLC's launch entitled "Startups Eligible for Free Legal Services."

Cat has led the effort at BLC to provide critical support for small businesses and startups throughout the Hawaii community. Cat is a co-founder and Vice President of BLC. She is not afraid to undertake difficult tasks, and handles them effectively and with grace. In the initial stage, Cat worked on BLC's the application to the IRS for a tax exemption, which we received within a few weeks of submission, a notable achievement in the challenging exempt category of economic development. Cat helped recruit our participating law firms, who agree to provide pro bono business law services to deserving entrepreneurs and small business owners. As a result of Cat's efforts, BLC secured participation from many leading Hawaii law firms, including the Goodsill Anderson, Cades Schutte, Carlsmith Ball, Case Lombardi, Convergent Law, McCorriston Miller, and Watanabe Ing law firms . . . a big win for the community.

Over the years, Cat has led BLC's efforts to help deserving entrepreneurs and small business owners in the community, including organizing seminars and outreach Lanai, Maui and Molokai in partnership with Pulama Lana'i and MEDB, Schofield Barracks with SCORE in support of the Boots to Business program for veterans and their spouses, and seminars in partnership with the Patsy Mink Center for Business and Leadership. Cat's work earned BLC an SBA award, and she was named PBN 40 Under 40.

Cat is a remarkable person and talent, and has demonstrated her leadership abilities and potential. During my over 40 years of practicing law and teaching, I have worked with many lawyers over the years, and Cat is a standout. She displays skills and depth of character that you rarely find. She has the tenacity and courage to take on big, new initiatives, and is action oriented. Cat's commitment to the community and ability and willingness to take action reflect an understanding and compassion truly set her apart.

I highly recommend Cat's nomination as the Director of Land Management. Please do not hesitate to contact me (808-780-2495, gkim@vantagecounsel.com) with any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,



Gregory R. Kim

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July 11, 2023

The Honorable Tommy Waters, Chair
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City and County of Honolulu
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RE: Resolution 23-121 – Confirming the Nomination of Catherine A. Taschner to Serve as the Director of Land Management of the City and County of Honolulu

Dear Chair Waters and Councilmembers:

I am writing to express my unconditional support for Catherine A. Taschner's nomination to serve as the Director of Land Management of the City and County of Honolulu.

I have known Catherine for several years. We have worked together on a number of projects when she was in private practice as an attorney with McCorriston Miller Mukai MacKinnon LLP and as the Deputy Director of the Department of Land Management. Catherine has always proven to be fair, practical, and willing to listen. I am confident that she would serve in an exemplary fashion as the Director of Land Management.

I ask that you favorably consider Catherine's nomination.

Very truly yours,

Danton S. Wong

DSW/cjz

Testimony of Professor Mark A. Levin *in strong support* for RES23-121

CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF CATHERINE A. TASCHNER TO SERVE AS THE DIRECTOR OF LAND MANAGEMENT OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

Honolulu City Council
July 12, 2023 @ 10:00 am

Council Members:

Aloha. My name is Mark Levin. I am a Professor at the William S. Richardson School of Law and the inaugural Director of our Pacific-Asia Legal Studies Program. I serve concurrently as the Director of the UH Mānoa Center for Japanese Studies. I have been on the Law Faculty since January 1997, and thus my testimony is based on over twenty-five years of law teaching in Hawai‘i working with countless students, now alumni, serving in our city, state, and abroad. Among these many fine individuals, I consider Catherine ("Cat") Taschner to be among the most capable and most dedicated contributors to community service of all the students I have taught. I strongly support her nomination to serve as the Director of Land Management of the City and County of Honolulu.

My foundation for this opinion includes having taught Cat in multiple elective classes during her J.D. studies, supervising her in a Directed Studies project, benefitting from her assistance as a research assistant, and ultimately co-authoring a conference paper presented at the Inaugural East Asian Law and Society Conference at the University of Hong Kong in February 2010. I further observed her co-founding the Business Law Corps to help others achieve success for entrepreneurs and small business owners who would not otherwise afford traditional legal representation. In each and every one of these engagements, I witnessed Cat's attention to detail, readiness for teamwork, dedication to community service, and leadership potential. She inspired me and her classmates with her contributions to our efforts – all while "not letting the ball drop" with what looked like a remarkable overload of responsibilities.

Since that time, it has been a professorial privilege to watch Cat move forward with such an accomplished career as a judicial law clerk, practicing lawyer (elected to partner status at one of Honolulu's most prestigious law firms), and most recently as the Deputy Director of the City and County of Honolulu's Department of Land Management.

Along the way, I also witnessed Cat's constant readiness to help others – whether that was through the Business Law Corps or knowing that I could reliably ask her to mentor younger students with business and real estate law interests overlapping with Cat's. And most notably here, I recruited Cat to serve as a board member of the Hawai'i Public Health Institute, where she also made tremendous contributions up until being required to step away from the board position for her service with the City and County in 2021.

Certainly, it is no surprise that Cat has such a long list of honors and awards after less than a dozen years from her law school graduation:

- *Small Business Advocate of the Year for Women in Business – United States Small Business Administration, 2020*
- *Rising Star - Super Lawyers, 2015 – 2021*
- *Ones to Watch – Best Lawyers, 2020*
- *40 Under 40 - Pacific Business News, 2017*
- *Leadership Institute Fellow - Hawaii State Bar Association, 2016*
- *Holomua Award - United States Small Business Administration, 2015, 2016*
- *Outstanding Pro Bono Attorney - Hawaii Access to Justice Commission, Hawaii State Bar Association, 2013*

As the City and County of Honolulu so importantly depend on its Department of Land Management to manage the City's real property interests, we are fortunate that Cat is ready to take on the Director's role. I strongly urge your votes in support of her nomination.

Mahalo.

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