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Testimony

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Support: 3
Oppose: 0
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Self	Support	Jul 8, 2023 @ 09:43 PM

Testimony:
Aloha,
I'm writing to support the nomination of my father, John Leong for the C&C Parks and Rec Board. (My name is Heikura and I am his second eldest daughter, and favorite child). Not only is he a great leader at work, but he also is a very dedicated and self-disciplined individual. He sets a great example for my siblings and me through his daily actions, words of wisdom, and guidance. (With my mother and youngest brother in Rapa Nui for the summer visiting family, it has been a challenging time. All summer, having to get to work on time and ensuring to get the 3 of us to summer school, sports, and more. However, he shows no fatigue and continues to love on us. This is one of many great examples of my father. He is a very strategic planner, organized, and on top of his game.) My father, John Leong will provide new perspectives on how to improve any issues & enhance current developments.
Mahalo,
Heikura

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Testimony:
Dear Chair Waters and Council members,

I am writing to express my support for John Leong to serve on the Board of Parks and Recreation of the City and County of Honolulu. For his entire career, John has been a servant leader focused on building a sustainable and resilient future by being pono and akamai stewards of our natural resources. He also educates and employs our keiki and young adults in conservation and job skills for a career in agriculture, renewable energy, and sustainability.

His vast network both professionally and through the social communities he serves will be a tremendous asset to the Board of Parks and Recreation. Most importantly, he will work well with the rest of the board members to enact prudent and positive change in our community.

Mahalo,

Trung Lam

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Honolulu City Council
Wednesday, July 12, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

Aloha Council Chair Waters and Council Members –

Trust for Public Land (TPL) strongly supports the confirmation of John Leong to serve on the Board of Parks and Recreation.

I have known Mr. Leong for over a decade. He and his wife Julianna previously served on Trust for Public Land's Hawai'i board and have remained supporters of Trust for Public Land's mission. During his tenure on the Board, Mr. Leong was a strong advocate for public access to parks, trails, and natural areas. He volunteered his expertise in natural resource management, contributed his strategic and business thinking, helped us problem solve major issues, and connected us to other supporters. He was an exemplary board member who provided helpful, supportive, and strategic guidance. I urge you to confirm his appointment to the Board of Parks of Recreation.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify. I apologize that I will not be able to attend the hearing in person or virtually due to a scheduling conflict.

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