

Resolution 24-35 Testimony

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Re: Letter of support of Agenda Item: Resolution 24-35 related to the appointment of Dr. Cynthia Lynch to the Ethics Commission

Aloha Chair Waters, Vice-Chair Kia'aina, Floor Leader Radiant Cordero, and Members Dos Santos-Tam, Andria Tupola, Matt Weyer, Calvin Say, Val Aquino Okimoto, and Augie Tulba:

As the Vice-Chair for the Ethics Commission for the City and County of Honolulu, it is my honor to recommend Dr. Cynthia Lynch for consideration as a member of this esteemed body.

I have been privileged to work with Dr. Lynch in her capacity at Hawai'i Pacific University where she serves as Associate Professor in the College of Professional Studies. We have participated in the Interfaith Ohana of Hawai'i where I have witnessed her organizational skills and leadership capabilities. I am continuously impressed by her knowledge of public administration and behavioral science. As a peer reviewer and prolific academic author, Dr. Lynch is an expert in ethics and integrity in governance. Her understanding of moral principles is strongly reflected in the research and a publication on virtue ethics she edited for more than a decade, Global Virtue Ethics Review.

Dr. Lynch has demonstrated extraordinary service to professional, community, and ecumenical organizations where she consistently models her capacity for upright conduct and authenticity. As a servant leader, Dr. Lynch reflects great character, devotion to truth, and commitment to equality – all with impeccable integrity.

I welcome such a distinguished individual such as Dr. Lynch to the Commission. Undoubtedly, she will be an asset due to her exceptional qualifications. I fully support the appointment of Dr. Cynthia Lynch to the Ethics Commission of the City and County of Honolulu.

Mahalo nui loa,

