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Testimony

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Meeting Date: Aug 7, 2024 @ 10:00 AM

Support: 1

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 0

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To: The Honorable Tommy Waters, Chair & Presiding Officer
The Honorable Esther Kiaʻaina, Vice Chair
Honolulu City Council

From: Kiersten Faulkner
Executive Director, Historic Hawai'i Foundation

Meeting Date: Wednesday, August 7, 2024
10:00 a.m.
Honolulu Hale, City Council Chamber

Subject: **Resolution 24-195 Confirming Kristina Bushnell to serve on the O'ahu Historic Preservation Commission**

On behalf of Historic Hawai'i Foundation, I am writing in **support** for confirming Kristina Bushnell to serve on the O'ahu Historic Preservation Commission.

The purpose of the O'ahu Historic Preservation Commission is to formulate and implement a comprehensive program for the identification and preservation of historic and cultural resources on O'ahu.

As a Senior Associate Planner with Helber Hastert & Fee (HHF) Planners, Ms. Bushnell brings expertise in the ways in which preservation of historic properties can be integrated with urban design, physical planning and environmental assessments. She meets the U.S. Secretary of the Interior's Preservation Professional Qualifications in the discipline of Historian, which is a required qualification for many Federal and State undertakings that involve conducting research and documentation for historic properties. Her background in cultural resource management, cultural landscapes and ethnography will enhance and complement the Commission's depth of knowledge and experience.

Ms. Bushnell displays an even temperament and a calming influence in difficult or controversial situations. She is respectful of others, treating them with dignity and courtesy. Her comportment is good-natured and fair to all concerned. I believe that her calm demeanor will be an asset as the Commission engages with members of the public and those with an interest in the effects of proposed actions on historic and cultural resources.

For these reasons, Historic Hawai'i Foundation supports Resolution 24-195 confirming Kristina Bushnell to serve on the O'ahu Historic Preservation Commission.

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