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Testimony

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Meeting Date: Feb 26, 2025 @ 10:00 AM

Support: 6

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 1

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David Anderson	daveand65@me.com	96815
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Feb 21, 2025 @ 11:36 AM

Testimony:

I served as a Common Cause Hawaii board member with Sandy Ma for several years (2020-2022) while she was the organization's Executive Director. We interacted almost daily as she was a most active and effective ED for CCHI. Sandy asked if I would manage the CCHI website and we worked together on reporting on CCHI accomplishments, events, support for legislative bills and more. At all times she was the consummate leader, interfacing with legislators and their staffs,, allied organizations with missions similar to that of CCHI, and others to further the cause of CCHI.

In my 43 years as a US Naval Officer and IT professional, I can't think of a boss or colleague with a more professional and congenial approach to his/her work. She was a pleasure to work with and I think she would make an outstanding member of the City and County's Commission on Climate Change.

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Sandie Wong	sawonglaw@hawaii.rr.com	96817
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Feb 21, 2025 @ 03:25 PM

Testimony:

I have known and worked with Ms. Ma for over 10 years. She is very knowledgeable, has integrity, and a hard worker. I support her nomination. Thank you.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
David Monk	dbmonk49@yahoo.com	96825
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	I wish to comment	Feb 21, 2025 @ 03:48 PM

Testimony:

I am testifying on my own behalf in support of the nomination of Sandy Ma. I am a commissioner on the Honolulu Ethics Commission since 2017, and in that capacity, I observed Ms. Ma's activity and interacted with her from time to time in her role as executive director of the good government NGO Common Cause Hawaii (2019-22). She attended some Ethics Commission meetings and occasionally testified on matters of interest to Common Cause. Ms. Ma consistently impressed me as well informed, well prepared, and dedicated to the public good. Her skills and personal qualities, including her clear commitment to public service, make her an excellent candidate for this appointment.

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Representing:	Position:	Submitted:

Self	Support	Feb 22, 2025 @ 01:50 PM

Testimony:

To: City Council Chair Tommy Waters and the members of the City Council

From: Amy Monk

Re: Testimony in support of Sandy Ma to serve on the Climate Change Commission.

I first met and worked with Sandy Ma when she was the Executive Director of Common Cause, where she led successful advocacy for mail-in elections in Hawai`i. I came to learn she was an experienced attorney with a desire to advocate for good governance, the environment, women, children, and the underserved. Her experience in environmental issues would make her an excellent addition to the Climate Change Commission. Please confirm Sandy Ma,

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Edward Pier	edward.pier@gmail.com	96813
Representing:	**Position:**	**Submitted:**
Self	Support	Feb 23, 2025 @ 09:54 AM

Testimony:

I can think of no one better to serve on the Climate Change Commission of the City and County of Honolulu than Sandy Ma. Her long, varied, and successful career practicing law made her an expert on topics like land use, constitutional law and much more. Through her work in the non-profit field she has not only shown that she cares about the people of Hawai`i but has made a direct impact on their lives. She has an LLM in Environmental Law, and a demonstrated track record in climate change. During her time at the Hawai`i Office of Planning she wrote the state's Managed Retreat Report and led its Greenhouse Gas Task Force. She has earned the respect of the state's top climate change experts, many of whom serve on the Climate Change Commission today. Having worked in private practice, government, and non-profits, she will be able to see all sides of the issue and provide practical guidance on climate change for the City and County.

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Younghee Overly	yoverly@gmail.com	96815
Representing:	**Position:**	**Submitted:**
Self	Support	Feb 24, 2025 @ 08:10 PM

Testimony:

Dear Honolulu County and City Council Members,

I strongly recommend Sandy Ma as Honolulu Climate Change Commissioner based on my experience working with her. I worked with Sandy for years on various legislations when she was with Common Cause Hawaii and recently recruited her to join AAUW Hawaii Public Policy Committee to eventually chair the committee. AAUW Hawaii Public Policy Committee is dear to my heart since I grew it as the chair since 2018 and I recruited Sandy to eventually chair it because I totally trust her. Sandy is collaborative, great in building relationships and community outreach, excellent with legislators, reliable, thoughtful, no nonsense, hard working and brilliant.

Sandy is deeply concerned about climate change, has legal and policy experience on mitigating climate change, and I

would totally trust her as a Honolulu Climate Change Commissioner. I know Sandy would be dedicated and do nothing less than the top level work as a commissioner.

Thank you for taking my input.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Berna Senelly	bsenelly@oceanit.com	76262
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Feb 25, 2025 @ 11:52 AM

Testimony:

Aloha

I am submitting testimony in strong support of the appointment of Sandy Ma to serve on the Climate Change Commission of the City and County of Honolulu. Ms. Ma has dedicated many years of public service helping to protect Hawaii's natural resources and advocate for fair and effective measures to promote a healthy environment. Her legal expertise goes hand in hand with her passion for collaboration, communication and advocacy for what is right for our 'aina and our people. I have had the privilege of her guidance in matters related to how our communities can address climate change in practical and effective ways.

Dealing with climate change is not a matter for tomorrow. The time to prepare for, mitigate and embrace an attitude of resilience in dealing with climate change is NOW. Ms. Ma's legal expertise, spirit of collaboration and plain old hard work will bring fresh perspective and energy to the commission. Please appoint Sandy Ma to the Climate Change Committee.