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Testimony

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

Support: 9

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 1

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Joann Taula	joann_taula@hmsa.com	96789
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Feb 24, 2025 @ 10:25 AM

Testimony:

Aloha Council Chair Waters, Vice Chair Weyer and Members of the City Council,

I currently serve as a Board Member of the Kapolei Chamber of Commerce with Eliza Talbot Manchester and am pleased to offer this letter of support for her reappointment to the Economic Revitalization Commission for a 5-year appointment. Eliza has served as Vice Chair of the Commission since its inception in 2022. She was recently selected as Chair by the other Commissioners because of her efforts to promote the mission of OER, which is to accelerate O'ahu's economic development and improve the business climate.

Eliza's professional experience and community service are focused on uplifting underserved communities, advocating for local businesses and boosting economic opportunities statewide. I am pleased to recommend her reappointment to the Commission.

Mahalo,

Joann Taula
Kapolei Chamber of Commerce
Secretary

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Leslie Cho	LESLIE.CHO@HILTON.COM	96707
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Kapolei Chamber of Commerce	Support	Feb 25, 2025 @ 07:13 AM

Testimony:

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Thank you,

Leslie L Cho
Director of Sales & Marketing
Hampton by Hilton
Kapolei Chamber Member

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Jalene Hitzeman	jalene@nohohomehawaii.com	96797
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Feb 25, 2025 @ 08:06 AM

Testimony:
Aloha Council Chair Waters, Vice Chair Weyer, and Members of the City Council,

I currently serve as a Board Member of the Kapolei Chamber of Commerce alongside Eliza Talbot Manchester and am pleased to submit this letter in strong support of her reappointment to the Economic Revitalization Commission for a five-year term.

Eliza’s professional expertise and deep commitment to community service center around uplifting underserved communities, advocating for local businesses, and expanding economic opportunities across the state. Her leadership and contributions make her a valuable asset to the Commission, and I wholeheartedly support her reappointment.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Jalene Hitzeman

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Michael Paslay	npaslay@gmail.com	96706
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:

Self	Support	Feb 25, 2025 @ 08:51 AM

Testimony:

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Thank you,

Michael Paslay

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Maenette Benham	mbenham@hawaii.edu	96707
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
University of Hawaii West Oahu	Support	Feb 25, 2025 @ 09:28 AM

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Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Kapolei Chamber of Commerce	Support	Feb 25, 2025 @ 09:35 AM

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Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Feb 25, 2025 @ 10:50 AM

Testimony:

Aloha Council Chair Waters, Vice Chair Weyer, and Members of the City Council,

As a Board Member of the Kapolei Chamber of Commerce, I am pleased to support Eliza Talbot Manchester's reappointment to the Economic Revitalization Commission for a 5-year term. Eliza's leadership has significantly impacted our community since the Commission's inception in 2022. Serving as Vice Chair and recently selected as Chair, she has advanced O'ahu's economic development and fostered a positive business climate. Her dedication to uplifting underserved communities, advocating for local businesses, and creating statewide economic opportunities has made a

notable difference. Eliza's visionary leadership and commitment to community service make her an invaluable asset to the Commission.

I wholeheartedly recommend her reappointment.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Gloria Brooks	gloria.brooks@hawaiipacifichealth.org	96701
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Feb 25, 2025 @ 11:36 AM

Testimony:

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Thank you,
Gloria Brooks

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Eliza Talbot	eliza8482@gmail.com	96734
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	I wish to comment	Feb 26, 2025 @ 08:15 AM

Testimony:

I am available online for any questions about the appointment. Mahalo

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Thomas Lee	thomas.lee@huntcompanies.com	96817
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Feb 26, 2025 @ 09:57 AM

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Thank you,
Thomas Lee

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Tuesday, February 25, 2025

RE: Testimony in support of the reappointment of Eliza Talbot Manchester to serve on the Economic Revitalization Commission of the City and County of Honolulu.

Aloha mai kākou!

Ms. Eliza Talbot Manchester has worked with the UH West O'ahu campus to foster partnerships that has resulted in student internships/mentorships, career pathway opportunities and fostering stronger networks with the hospitality, transportation, small business, and alternative energy industries. Her efforts to support our work to link our public, charter, independent, immersion pre-K thru 12 schools with both postsecondary education and the work force is key to the economic growth of O'ahu's.

As a member of the Economic Revitalization Commission, she has committed to work with West O'ahu's growing pool of entrepreneurs, and start-up and value-added small businesses through development of workshops and networking events. We look forward to our continued work with Eliza and the Commission.

I strong support Eliza Talbot Manchester's reappointment to the Commission.

E mālama pono!

Maenette K.P. Ah Nee – Benham
Chancellor

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February 26, 2025

Aloha Council Chair Waters, Vice Chair Weyer, and Members of the Honolulu City Council,

My name is Kiran Polk, and I serve as the Executive Director & CEO of the Kapolei Chamber of Commerce. The Kapolei Chamber is a strong advocate for businesses across West O'ahu, including Waipahu, Kapolei, 'Ewa Beach, Nānakūli, Wai'anae, and Mākaha. We are a member-driven, member-supported organization representing businesses of all sizes—small, medium, and large, including for-profit, nonprofit, and sole proprietorships. Our mission is to enhance the economic climate of our region and state, ensuring that West O'ahu businesses have the resources and support they need to thrive.

On behalf of the Kapolei Chamber of Commerce, I am pleased to submit this letter of support for Eliza Talbot Manchester's reappointment to the City and County of Honolulu's Economic Revitalization Commission for a five-year term. Since the Commission's inception in 2022, Eliza has served as Vice Chair, and her leadership and dedication to its mission have been instrumental in advancing O'ahu's economic development and improving the business climate. Her contributions were recently recognized by her fellow Commissioners, who selected her as Chair in acknowledgment of her efforts and vision.

Eliza is also a valued leader within the Kapolei Chamber of Commerce, serving as our Board's First Vice Chair and Chair of our Economic Development Committee. Her dynamic leadership, deep professional expertise, and commitment to economic growth have made a significant impact on our organization and the broader West O'ahu community. She is a steadfast advocate for local businesses and is deeply committed to uplifting underserved communities by identifying and fostering economic opportunities that drive sustainable growth on the west side.

For these reasons, I strongly support Eliza Talbot Manchester's reappointment to the Commission. Her continued leadership will be an asset to the City and County of Honolulu as we work toward a more prosperous and resilient economy.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,
Kiran Polk
Executive Director & CEO