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Meeting Date: Mar 4, 2025 @ 01:00 PM

Support: 1

Oppose: 0

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Kapolei Chamber of Commerce	Support	Mar 3, 2025 @ 12:35 PM

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Honolulu City Council
Committee on Housing, Sustainability, Economy & Health
March 4, 2025, 1:00 p.m., City Council Chamber & via videoconference.

RE: Resolution 25-57 Reappointment of Eliza Talbot Manchester to the Economic Revitalization Commission

Aloha Chair Weyer, Vice Chair Cordeiro, and Committee members,

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