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Testimony

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Testimony for the Honolulu City Council
The Honorable Tommy Waters, Chair, and Andria Tupola, Vice Chair

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Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Tupola, and Council Members,

Thank you for considering my SUPPORT for Melanie Islam's nomination for the Climate Change Commission, the Mayor's nominee via Res 26-130. I recommend Ms. Islam as a candidate for these reasons:

- Ms. Islam has already provided useful public service on the Commission since 2021. While we are not personally acquainted, Ms. Islam has the support of fellow commissioners whom are known to me, in leading as Commission Chair, which she has done capably since 2024.

- The nominee's experience in applied sustainability and architecture is valuable for adequate climate emergency response. Climate change is an interdisciplinary emergency, necessitating a diversity of career perspectives. Pairing infrastructure knowledge with scientific perspectives is absolutely the right direction for a climate change advisory commission.

- Ms. Islam has shown generosity of spirit and a willingness to work with the public as a community planner in her architecture practice, to provide public service in voluntary capacities, and shown the curiosity of spirit needed to incorporate incipient or rising climate knowledge and best practices as this emergency unfolds.

Having studied Natural Resources (which practically means applied ecology) at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, I was educated in climate change, both from the geology coursework which I sought out as an elective, and my departmental courses. Having worked for fifteen years in environmental management and urban planning, including emergency management, the climate emergency is *the* driving force in my civic life, and may soon be the dominant force in everyone's personal lives.

Please vote 'aye' in support of Melanie Islam, nominee for the Climate Change Commission.

Mahalo nui loa,
Dylan P. Armstrong
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