

April 10, 2015

To: Senator Laura Thielen, Chair, Senate Committee on Water and Land

From: Linda Estes, Land Use Commission Nominee



The following are my answers to the questions which were presented to me:

1. I have followed the issues of land use since I moved to Kauai. I believe that the 1961 Land Use Law was very progressive legislation and I am interested in being a part of the process of preserving and protecting Hawaii's lands. I am also a strong believer in public service and serving on the Land Use Commission affords me the opportunity to make a contribution to the state.
2. I believe that the role of a member of the Land Use Commission is to be informed, fair and unbiased in the land use decision making process.
3. I have a master's degree in public administration and many years of experience as an administrator at an institution of higher learning. In addition, I have served on many state and municipal boards and commissions as well as those of volunteer organizations. I believe that I have the experience and knowledge to be a productive board member.
4. I have no preconceived ideas about the operation of the Land Use Committee. I would hope that, after my term ends, people would say that I had been a well informed, conscientious, and productive board member who made a contribution to the state of Hawaii.
5. I cannot foresee any situations where I might need to recuse myself.
6. I have nothing more to add.

I retired from the University of New Mexico in 2000 and moved to Koloa. My activities on Kauai are as follows:

Koloa Community Association, Executive Board, Vice President
YWCA Executive Board, Member
Patsy Mink PAC, Founding Member
Kauai Democratic Party Chair, 2008-2010

Education

1979 MS in Public Administration, University of New Mexico
1963 MA in Recreation, University of New Mexico
1961 BA in Health, Physical Education and Recreation, University of New Mexico

Work Experience

New Mexico Highlands University, Las Vegas, New Mexico
July of 2005 - February of 2006 Special Assistant to the President

University of New Mexico

1975-2000 Associate Director of Athletics
1969-1975 Assistant Professor of Health, Physical Education and Recreation (tenured), Director of Women's Athletics, also served as Vice President of the Faculty Senate and as a Member of the Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee (both were offices elected by the faculty)
1965-1968 Physical Education Teacher, Del Norte High School, Albuquerque, New Mexico
1963-1965 Instructor, Peace Corps Training Program, University of New Mexico

National Collegiate Athletic Association Appointments (NCAA)

Executive Committee
Post Season Football Committee
Skiing Committee, Chair
NCAA Representative to World University Games in Bulgaria
NCAA Representative to World University Games in Poland

Governor Appointments

1992-1994 New Mexico Retiree Health Care Authority, Member
1984 Governor's Task Force on Higher Education, Member
1983 Governor's Transition Team, Member
1975-1978 Governor's Commission on the Status of Women, Chair
1975-1978 New Mexico Search and Rescue Review Board, Chair
1975-1978 Governor's Council on Health and Physical Fitness, Member

Mayor Appointments

1992-1994 Albuquerque Landmark and Urban Planning Commission (controlled all development and building in designated historic areas)

Awards

2009 Naming of Linda Estes Tennis Complex at the University of New Mexico
2008 Inducted into New Mexico Sports Hall of Fame
2006 Inducted into University of New Mexico Hall of Honor
2005 - Present Annual Linda Estes Giraffe Award presented by the Albuquerque Community Foundation to individuals who stick their neck out to promote the common good
2000 State of New Mexico Outstanding Woman Award
1978 New Mexico Governor's Public Service Award