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From: Rick Vidgen [RickVidgen@bigislandcarbon.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 06, 2010 2:45 PM
To: WTLTestimony
Subject: testimony on GM427
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Testimony in Support of Rob Pacheco for BLNR

Aloha Senator Hee

My name is Rick Vidgen and this testimony is in support of the confirmation of Rob Pacheco for further term on BLNR. I am a 27 year resident of Kona and have been involved in Island Agribusiness for all of this time. I am on the Board of the local Chamber and am also chair of the West Hawaii Governors Advisory Committee and past member of the Corporate Board of HHSC.

Now for many years I have known and worked with Rob Pacheco in a variety of situations and can assure you that he has virtually universal respect of all people in the Hawaii Island Community as a true "conservationist" (but not necessarily and activist) with an incredible knowledge, love, and respect for the land and these Islands in particular. He is THE acknowledged authority on so many aspects of the land and as such he brings to the BLNR a very important and unique perspective that is surely necessary to ensure that future development and management of our resources is managed to achieve the best possible result.

I would ask that you reappoint Rob Pacheco to the Board for these reasons.

Sincerely

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April 6th, 2010

To whom it may concern,

This Email is to support Robert Pacheco to be on the Board of Land and Natural Resources for another term. The Reference number is GM427, The hearing information is shown below

THE SENATE
THE TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2010

COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, AGRICULTURE, AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

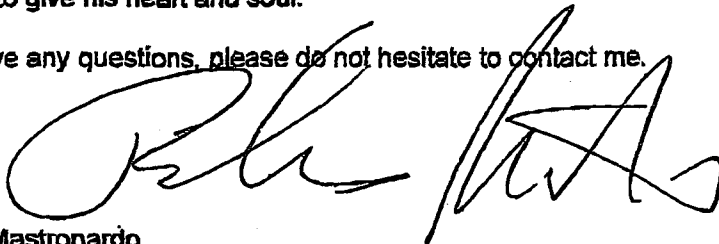
DATE: Wednesday, April 7, 2010
TIME: 2:45 pm
PLACE: Conference Room 229
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

My name is Richard Mastronardo. I have lived on the big island for over 25 years. I own and operate a couple of business on the big island. I have known Robert J. Pacheco over 10 years. In those years he has shown his family values, business values, community values. In the years which he has been on the Board of Land and Natural Resources, I have heard only good things about him and his accomplishments.

I support Robert Pacheco for another term on the Board of Land and Natural Resources. I am sure he will continue to give his heart and soul.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Aloha,



Richard Mastronardo

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The Honorable Clayton Hee
Senator
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Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Senator Hee:

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I am pleased to write to you expressing my support for Rob Pacheco's re-appointment to the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR).

I met Rob about ten years ago when he and I began our service on the Mauna Kea Management Board (MKMB), a community based board that advises University of Hawai'i at Hilo Chancellor Rose Tseng on matters relating to the management of Mauna Kea. I was and continue to be impressed with Rob's knowledge of environmental, land management and land use issues and admire his thoughtful approach and objectiveness when rendering a decision. From the beginning he earned the respect of his fellow MKMB members who elected him first as Vice Chair, then Chair of the board. He resigned from the MKMB when appointed to the BLNR in 2007.

Rob is not just an armchair enthusiast of Hawaii's natural environment, but an active member who participates and supports numerous environmental organizations. In addition, Rob is an akamai businessman who is widely known and respected by Big Island businesses. He is one of few who has successfully combined his love of Hawai'i's unique environment with his business acumen. His combination of skills, experience, and knowledge, together with respect in the environmental and business communities make him a highly qualified individual to continue to serve on the BLNR

I strongly recommend confirmation of Rob Pacheco's re-nomination to the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barry K. Taniguchi". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Barry K. Taniguchi
President

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From: Debbie Baker [dbaker@current-events.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 06, 2010 5:41 PM
To: WTLTestimony
Subject: Robert J Pacheco GM 427 Testimony

Aloha,

Rob Pacheco has represented Hawaii's residents very well throughout his first term on the Board of Land and Natural Resources. Often subject matter is complicated and lengthy. His approach has always been thoughtful, respectful and intelligent.

I fully support his nomination to serve again on the Board throughout June 2014.

Sincerely,
Debbie Baker

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To: Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs

Hon. Senator Clayton Hee, Chair

Hon. Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chair

From: Glennon T. Gingo (Island of Hawaii)

Support

Re: GM 427 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, ROBERT J. PACHECO, for a term to expire 6-30-2014.

Date: April 6, 2010

Please confirm Robert J. Pacheco to the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

Robert has a strong commitment to his community here on the Big Island and is an effective communicator on issues relating to the work of the DLNR. Robert's attention to the needs of the community and the protection of natural resources has been an asset to the BLNR. I welcome his professionalism for a new term and hope that you will support his confirmation.

Aloha,

Glennon T. Gingo

Holualoa, Hawaii

Chris Yuen

Support

Subject **GM 427 Re- Appointment of Rob Pacheco to BLNR**

Aloha Chair and Members of the Committee:

Rob Pacheco is a tremendous asset to the BLNR. He has successfully combined a love of nature with a business that spreads this awareness to others. He has served well for four years and I urge the Senate to confirm his appointment.

Chris Yuen
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Laurie Strommer Support

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Re: GM 427

Dear Senators,

I am writing to express my support for the nomination of Robert J. Pacheco to the Land Board.

Rob Pacheco is a person who works to understand issues from the perspective of all stakeholders. He is passionate about the process of gaining that understanding. His service on the Land Board and the Mauna Kea Management Boards has been diligent and conscientious. He is honest, straightforward, funny and smart. In short, I believe he is a nominee of the best possible quality to hear and consider issues related to Hawaii's land and natural resources.

Additionally, I believe it will be important for DLNR to have some continuity through the transition in state administration. Members of the board can help provide that continuity when the Chairperson changes.

Thank you for opportunity to testify.

Aloha,

Laurie Strommer

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From: Ross Wilson [rossw@current-events.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 07, 2010 7:46 AM
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Subject: GM 427

Aloha!

I would like to support Rob Pacheco's re-nomination to the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

Rob has been diligent and fair during his tenure on the BLNR and he is well respected by all.

He is and will continue to be a productive member of the BLNR and will represent the Big Island well.

I hope you will confirm Rob Pacheco to this seat again.

Mahalo for your kokua!

Ross Wilson Jr.
Kailua-Kona

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Daniel J Walker, D.D.S.

Support

Sirs: It has been my pleasure to know Rob Pacheco for the last 10 years. He has always been a hard working person who is passionate about the land and environment around him. I would give him my highest rating for the position he is in now and wishes to continue on with. His values and his integrity will add to the Land and Natural resources Board.

Sincerely'

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Tai Lake, President Heather Gallo, Executive Director Support

April 6, 2010

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION OF ROBERT J. PACHECO FOR THE BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Dear Senators Clayton Hee, Chair, Jill Tokuda, Vice Chair, Robert Bunda, Carol Fukunaga and Russell Kokubun, Members of the Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Robert J. Pacheco for the Board of Directors of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR).

Mr. Pacheco is the owner and operator of Hawaii Forest and Trail on Hawaii Island. As a naturalist, he has been able to share his passion for natural history while also helping to conserve Hawaii's endangered environment by providing the best educational experiences and tours. Through his eco-tourism business and knowledgeable guides, residents and visitors are able gain a better understanding and appreciation for our natural habitats.

The BLNR reviews and takes action of Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) submittals, including land leases and Conservation District Use Applications (CDUAs). The BLNR takes action on submittals in accordance with the intent DLNR's mission to enhance, protect, conserve and manage Hawaii's unique and limited natural, cultural and historic resources held in public trust for current and future generations of visitors and the people of Hawaii in partnership with others from the public and private sectors review and take action on department submittals.

Mr. Pacheco's background as a naturalist, environmentalist and businessman make him an ideal candidate for the board. His company has attracted attention from major national and international media and have been featured in Town & Country, National Geographic Traveler, E-Entertainment, the New York Times, the Robb Report, CNN's "Travel Guide," NBC's "Evening Magazine," Fox TV's "No Boundaries" and The Travel Channel. In addition, the company continues to work for conservation with students in the schools, sponsoring free field trips, participating in tree planting and other community service projects and practicing their credo that "conservation begins with education."

HFIA is a non-profit Hawaii organization, incorporated in 1989, which promotes a balance of forest land uses and sound management practices for all of Hawaii's forests. Our

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industry generates over \$35 million in business for the State, through the products and services of approximately 250 member companies and individuals. We have worked closely with the Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW) and the DLNR over the past 16 years to promote, foster and develop industry standards, initiate forestry research and development, and promote quality control and industry integrity in the State of Hawaii.

Mr. Pacheco has submitted his qualifications and has expressed his strong desire to continue serving as a member of the BLNR. Within applicable rules and regulations, HFIA wholeheartedly supports his consideration and confirmation to the BLNR.

Sincerely,

Tai Lake
President

Heather Gallo
Executive Director

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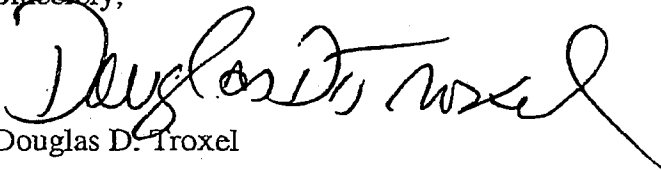
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Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
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RE: GM 427 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, ROBERT J. PACHECO, for a term to expire 6-30-2014
Hearing: Wednesday, April 7, 2010 at 2:45pm

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this as my written recommendation and support of Robert J. Pacheco to serve on the Board of Land and Natural Resources. Rob shows a strong willingness and commitment to serve his community and possesses the knowledge and abilities necessary to serve on the Board. I urge you to confirm Rob to another term.

Sincerely,


Douglas D. Troxel

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