

Maunakea Authority

Late Written Testimony

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Aloha. I am a Hawai'i island voter and Hawaiian language speaker who works on Maunakea. I am writing to urge you to reject the nominees for the Maunakea Authority who protested the construction of TMT by illegally blocking the road. Governor Ige's choice of road- and policy-blockers is just another attempt to appease them. Appeasement never works. <https://youtu.be/YYrZ60bNhzo> . There are so many talented and knowledgeable native Hawaiians who can walk in both the past and the future. Do not reward people who threaten, scream misinformation and block the road and with power. They will put all us local people who work on Maunakea out of work and crush our childrens' dreams.

I have listed the nominees I am concerned about below along with the evidence (links). Like all the protestors, they are seeking ultimately to overthrow the government, not unlike the group of people ("Captain LILIKOI") who came up to Maunakea a month ago handing papers to the rangers declaring war on the United States. Crazy! And what? What about the rangers, most of whom are Hawaiian? Their opinion doesn't count? What, are they less Hawaiian because they don't yell and scream? It's easy to be against something if it doesn't affect you personally. Meanwhile, the rest of us are sitting here wondering if we're going to lose our jobs. Wondering if we'll be able to support our families. Look at the evidence below and ask yourself why THEY are the only ones whose voice is recognized.

These are not the people to put into power. The nominees I am concerned about comprise a majority of the people selected to serve on the Authority and hence will destroy astronomy on Maunakea. The evidence below shows that they will not honor Astronomy as state policy. They are:

Kamanamaikalani Beamer:

<https://www.facebook.com/1180085812/videos/10218301693551963/>

Gary Krug, Pomaikai Bertelmann, Michelle "Noe Noe" Wong-Wilson

All of the above are in this video:

<https://www.facebook.com/710585613/videos/10157091730755614/>

Joshua Mangauil: <https://fb.watch/g81tBrP7KJ/>

The Senate, in its haste to "appease" the protestors, created this authority without even visiting Maunakea to witness how Science and Hawaiian culture are thriving there. The Senate continues to willfully ignore the facts and the voices of the people who are actually affected by this bill - myself and my co-workers. "Appeasement" never works. Look at Harry Kim's failed attempt at compromise. The governor's choice of these nominees for the "authority" attempts to placate people who apparently benefit from perpetuating misinformation and refuse to work together with

others. They are no better than the people who attacked our nation's Capitol on Jan. 6.

As a former public school teacher, I ask: Why even teach STEM to our local kids if the state is actively destroying opportunities for students to pursue careers in physics and astronomy at UH and be able to remain in the islands instead of moving to the mainland? Do you not believe in our youth? Why pit the Hawaiian community as a whole against the sciences when so many Hawaiians and other local people support astronomy and the many technical and other local jobs which follow it?

I am advocating for the nomination of native Hawaiians who are able to walk in Hawai'i kahiko as well as Hawai'i today: modern native Hawaiians who perpetuate our cultural heritage of celestial navigation and natural observation by contributing to and supporting the most advanced astronomy and space sciences: people like [Paul Coleman](#), [Kalepa Baybayan](#), [Heather Kaluna](#), [Brittany Kamai](#), [Makana Silva](#), [Tyler Trent](#), [Amber Imai-Hong](#), [Kauionalani Brialyn Onodera](#), [Mailani Neal](#), [Kaila Nathaniel](#), [Leinani Lozi](#), [Ka`iu Kimura](#), [Larry Kimura](#), [Naea Stevens](#), [Kekoa Alip](#), and [Kaimi Kahihikolo](#), to name just a few. I urge you, before considering who should be on this Authority, to **come to Maunakea**, and see how science and culture are thriving here, and how many local people are working here in various capacities. Please seek nominees who can work together for the good of all. Do not approve nominees who refuse to compromise: who just say No, no no and no solutions. We all lose. Appeasement never works. Seeking peaceful solutions united by our shared humanity - and voting - that's what works. Say yes to Maunakea so everyone - the entire world - can benefit. Seeking knowledge is sacred. For all of us.

Mahalo
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