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Dear Chairperson Dawn Chang and Members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources,

As the Senator representing District 23, which includes the Malaekahana Beach Campground in Kahuku, I am writing to address agenda item E-1 concerning the appointment of members to the evaluation committee tasked with awarding a long-term lease for the Malaekahana State Recreation Area. This decision is of significant importance to our community, given the cultural, environmental, and recreational value of this cherished site.

In light of this, I respectfully request the inclusion of Ms. Raynae Fonoimoana as a member of the evaluation committee. Ms. Fonoimoana is a long-standing resident of the Koʻolauloa region, having lived here for over forty years. Her deep connection to the area, coupled with her active involvement in the community, uniquely positions her to contribute valuable insights and perspectives to the committee's deliberations.

As a member of the Koʻolauloa Hawaiian Civic Club, Ms. Fonoimoana has demonstrated unwavering commitment to preserving and enhancing the cultural and environmental heritage of our district. Her extensive experience and dedication to community advocacy would bring a much-needed local voice to the evaluation process, ensuring that the needs and aspirations of our residents are fully considered.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your ongoing efforts to steward our natural and cultural resources. I trust that the inclusion of Ms. Fonoimoana in the evaluation committee will greatly benefit the process and outcome of this important decision. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or require further information.

Mahalo,

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