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R. 12-321

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RE: Resolution 12-321– Testimony in Strong Support

Committee on Safety, Economic Development & Gov't Affairs
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Chair Garcia, Vice Chair Berg, Members Chang and Harimoto:

My name is Bryan Andaya. I am currently Chief Operating Officer (COO) and Vice President of L & L Franchise, Inc. I currently oversee all day-to-day operations of the franchise, which has almost 200 L & L Hawaiian Barbecue and L & L Drive-Inn restaurant locations worldwide. I also serve as President, Filipino Chamber of Commerce; Chair-Elect of the Hawaii Restaurant Association; and Director, Goodwill Industries of Hawaii.

As the son of immigrants who worked the sugar plantations of the Hamakua Coast, career opportunities for me came relatively late in life. I have had the fortune of having great mentors and have received more than my share of “big breaks” that have catapulted my career that has brought me incredible success. Perhaps the greatest breakthrough of them all for me was meeting Eddie Flores, Jr. I have no blood relation or family connections between Eddie and me. He somehow recognized the potential in me more than I could have ever imagined.

Despite the success that has blessed me, however, the greatest lesson has Eddie has instilled in me in my many years of knowing him is the importance of giving back to our community and to be a guide for future generations. Eddie has set an example for me through his dedication to the Filipino Community, where he founded the annual Filipino Fiesta and Parade and the led the project to build the Filipino Community Center. He has also contributed his time, talent, and treasury to various universities, including the University of Hawaii and Chaminade University, and charities like Goodwill, the Aloha Medical Mission, and the Hawaii Foodbank.

Driving this dedication to the community has been Eddie’s uncanny sense of fairness, integrity, and compassion for common people. These values will serve the City and County of Honolulu well in performing his duties as a police commissioner.

For these reasons, I strongly support Resolution 12-321 for the appointment of Eddie Flores, Jr. to serve on the Honolulu Police Commission.

Very truly yours,


Bryan Andaya

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