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The Honorable Todd Apo, Chair, and Members of the City Council
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Dear Chair and Council Members:

This letter is sent in support of the confirmation of Gordon Bruce's appointment as the Director of the Department of Information Technology (DIT).

I serve as the president of DR Fortress, LLC., the largest neutral data-center in the State of Hawaii. Through past experience and my work at DR Fortress, I have significant ties to, and work closely with, all areas of information technology in Hawaii.

I have known Gordon for 11 years and worked closely with him during that period. Throughout all the time I have known him, Gordon served as a technology leader for Hawaii. Gordon is well known and respected for his vision and is admired for his direct and sensible problem-solving skills. He has consistently exhibited his tremendous knowledge and expertise in both information technology and administrative activities, and has always conducted himself in a professional manner.

Since his assumption of the Director's position at the City & County of Honolulu, Gordon continues to exhibit the same qualities, traits, knowledge, and expertise that earned him the respect of myself and many others over the course of his long and storied career. I believe that he is the most qualified and best suited individual for the position and the best candidate to execute the mission of the DIT. Gordon's positive attitude and friendly demeanor makes him very approachable, which, in turn, has resulted in much more collaborative communications with the DIT staff and other associated agencies.

I respectfully encourage you to confirm Gordon Bruce's appointment.

Very truly yours,

Alfred Rodi
President
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