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The Honorable Todd Apo, Chair
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Honolulu City Council
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RE: Dr. Kanthi De Alwis
Chief Medical Examiner

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Dear Chairman Apo and Council Members:

I am writing this letter in support of the appointment of Dr. Kanthi De Alwis as Chief Medical Examiner of the City & County of Honolulu. I feel somewhat qualified to make this recommendation as I have worked with Dr. Wong, Dr. Majoska, Dr. Odom, and Dr. Omori, all past Medical Examiners of Honolulu County.

I have worked as a Crime Scene Investigator (Detective) for the Honolulu Police Department, the Lieutenant in Charge of the crime scene unit, and the Captain in Charge of the Scientific Investigation Section of the police department. In all of these positions I have had to work closely with the Medical Examiners on an almost daily basis.

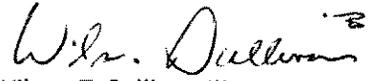
After retiring from the Honolulu Police Department, I worked two years on contract as a Medical Examiners Investigator under Dr. De Alwis and now as a Professor of Forensic Science at Chaminade University of Honolulu where I have done work for the Medical Examiner and coordinating internships for advanced forensics students at the facility.

In all of my dealings with Dr. De Alwis, I have found her to be an outstanding doctor. She is very professional and demands quality work from all those who represent the Medical Examiner's Office. While maintaining this professionalism, she has continued to be very approachable and fair to all those who deal with her and the department.

Dr. De Alwis encourages her employees to continue their education and supports those students who are going to be our future medical examiners and investigators. These are the traits of a modern, forward-looking administrator. Her determination to staff the department with well educated employees, educated in forensic science is just another example of her insight to the future of her department.

Without hesitation, I recommend Dr. De Alwis for appointment as the Chief Medical Examiner of the City & County of Honolulu.

Please feel free to contact me should there be any questions or if I can be of further assistance in this matter of mutual concern.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wilson T. Sullivan III". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small flourish at the end.

Wilson T. Sullivan III
Asst. Professor of Forensic Science
Chaminade University of Honolulu