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February 6, 2009

The Honorable Todd Apo, Chair
and Members
Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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CITY CLERK
HONOLULU, HAWAII

Re: Appointment of Kanthi De Alwis as the Chief Medical Examiner

Dear Mr. Apo and Members:

I have known Dr. De Alwis for over twenty years in her capacity as a Deputy Medical Examiner and the Chief Medical Examiner. We have worked on numerous homicide cases together in the investigative stage and in the prosecution stage, where she has testified in court. Dr. De Alwis is very dedicated as she has assisted in the training of others to understand her expertise by conducting seminars.

I have been to the Medical Examiner's Office on many occasions to discuss and prepare cases for trial. I have found Dr. De Alwis to be the consummate professional and one of the premiere experts in her field of anatomical and forensic pathology. From my experience with the Medical Examiner's Office, I can tell you that we have a top rate Medical Examiner's office and Dr. De Alwis is responsible for that success.

Dr. De Alwis' integrity is impeccable and her moral courage is unquestioned. Over the years I have found that she is a very caring person and has assisted many families during the most difficult times of their lives, dealing with the death of a loved one. I hold Dr. De Alwis in high regard and urge you to confirm her appointment as the City's Chief Medical Examiner. If you have any questions, please contact me at 768-7474.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Franklin D. Pacarro, Jr.".

Franklin D. Pacarro, Jr.
Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
Trials Division Chief

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