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Aloha Chair Randy Moore & Distinguished Members of the University of Hawaii Board of Regents,

I offer my comments in support for Mr. Craig Angelos as the new UH Athletic Director as recommended for UH Board of Regents approval by President David Lassner. As a member of the Selection Advisory Committee (SAC appointed by President Lassner, I submit to you that the selection process, assisted by UH Human Resources, provided a very thorough vetting of over 60 applicants. The members of the SAC comprised of eight upstanding

business and community leaders from a diverse set of backgrounds and professions. We were tasked with reviewing all applicants, conducting interviews of a select few, and ultimately submitting a short list of candidate for President Lassner to consider. President Lassner subsequently met with the SAC to pose questions to its members and obtain direct feedback from the group. It is my understanding that President Lassner conducted his own interviews with each individual prior to rendering his decisions. In my view, the process was very thorough, conducted with utmost integrity and achieved the right outcome.

Mr. Craig Angelos brings to Manoa a wealth of experience much needed at this moment. In particular, recent NCAA changes including cost of attendance (COA), Name Image & Likeness (NIL) and transfer portal to name a few transformative issues have created uncertainty across the collegiate athletic landscape. Student-Athlete welfare in the aftermath of a global pandemic have brought on other challenges not seen in the past. UH Athletics need a capable and proven leader more than ever and I believe Craig Angelos is that leader. His resume speaks for itself as far as his qualifications and relevant experience. His interview in my opinion was equally, if not more, impressive. What I witnessed was a genuine and sincere person of high integrity that intends to serve the entirety of the student-athletes, the department, the institution and the community of supporters. His deep foundation in compliance that began while working in that capacity at the NCAA will serve UH Athletics well in attempting to navigate the many documented challenges and the afore mentioned evolution of collegiate athletics. Lastly, its not surprising that people might question his ability to be effective despite appearing to lack local ties. I will address these concerns with my final comments. First, his 29 year career in collegiate athletic administration has included stops at various institutions in differing geographies and host cultures. His success at each stop would indicate he has the ability to know his surroundings and adapt successfully. Secondly, he and I had an exchange during his interview in which we reflected upon his own student-athlete experience while a member of the BYU baseball team that prevailed against our Les Murakami led Rainbows when Hawaii high school product Peter Kendrick threw 257 consecutive pitches in a complete game double header in 1981. Craig Angelos was on the team and spoke fondly of his friendship with Peter Kendrick meeting many more fellow BYU students and student athletes from Hawaii during his college career. I'm sure we can overlook the fact he attended our once rival BYU. Finally, my overall sense and business instincts indicate he is a good person that will serve and represent UH Athletics with utmost integrity and commitment.

Mahalo,  
Al Chee

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