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To: Shirley Gines, CEO; and
David Watumull, Chairman

From Jack Lewin MD, Administrator SHPDA

REGARDING: The launch of Lokahi Longevity Hawai'i

Aloha Shirley and David:

I am glad to have been an advisor and supporter of the Lokahi Longevity Hawai'i concept from its very beginning here. As America's state with the greatest longevity, and with our intimate connection with Fukuoka, Japan and other "blue zones" with similar aspirations and attributes, this is the right place for your work to be undertaken.

Together we will undertake the work to improve health outcomes and vitality throughout life, but particularly through healthy aging and longevity promotion. I applaud your progress and your vision and mission to date and look forward to success in the years ahead in these important regards.

Lokahi Longevity Hawai'i will not only benefit our population here, but it can also be a promoter of healthy tourism thus and a benefit to our economy. This is consistent with our innovative Governor Josh Green MD's frequent expression of both pride and destiny about Hawai'i, as not only the precious embodiment of our healing Aloha spirit, but also continuation of our tradition as the "Health State," on behalf of those of us so fortunate to live here, but also those who will visit and learn with us.

Thank you and the others on your team for manifesting this wonderful new vision and resource for us all.

Mahalo nui loa, Jack

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