

Ideas for *ELEVATOR SPEECHES* extracted from various existing OEQC/EAC documents

1. The Council serves as a liaison between the Director and the public on matters concerning ecology and environmental quality. The Council monitors the progress of state, county, and federal agencies in achieving the State's environmental goals and policies. **and publishes its findings in its annual reports. *this needs to be changed*. Possibly “and reports to Office of Planning for publication”.**
2. The council shall serve as a liaison between the director and the general public by soliciting information, opinions, complaints, recommendations, and advice concerning ecology and environmental quality through public hearings or any other means and by publicizing such matters as requested by the director pursuant to section 341=4(b)(3). The council may make recommendations concerning ecology and environmental quality to the director and shall meet at the call of the council chairperson or the director upon notifying the council chairperson.
3. Chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), establishes a system of environmental review at the state and county levels that shall ensure that environmental concerns are given appropriate consideration in decision-making along with economic and technical considerations.
4. The EAC may conduct any required consultation as mutual, open and direct, two-way communication, in good faith, to secure the meaningful participation of agencies and the public in the environmental review process.

When I was recruited to fill a seat of someone with a real estate background. Per 341-6 the EAC serves as a liaison between the Director and the public on matters concerning ecology and environmental quality.

This was the description provided to me to consider the appointment:

5. The EAC members are appointed to assure the broad and balanced representation of education, business and environmentally pertinent disciplines and professions, such as the natural and social sciences, the humanities, architecture, engineering, public health and planning: education and research institutions with environmental competence; agriculture, real estate, visitor industry, construction , media, and voluntary community and environmental groups.
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Additional Submissions by EAC Members

6. The Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) — composed of 15 volunteers from across the islands — serves the people of Hawaii as a bridge of knowledge between the community and the State government regarding environmental issues. It is part of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development (OPSD). Through its monthly meetings, it monitors the progress of state, county, and federal agencies in achieving the State's environmental goals and policies, and offers informational sessions for the community on key environmental issues.
7. A half century ago, the Hawai'i Environmental Policy Act (HEPA) established a system of environmental review at the state and county levels to ensure that decision-making considered not only economic and technical data but also environmental concerns. The Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) is the vital link between citizens and environmental decisions of the administrative and legislative branches of government. It is meant to have a broad and balanced membership of diverse professions such as scientists, planners, educators, architects, engineers, farmers, cultural practitioners and representatives of public health, real estate, the visitor industry, construction, media, and community and environmental groups. The EAC is located within and supported by the Office of Planning and has a special relationship advising this agency. It monitors the progress of state, county, and federal agencies in achieving the State's environmental goals and policies, soliciting and taking into account the information, opinions, complaints, recommendations, and advice from the general public through meaningful seminars, forums, and other public engagement. The EAC advises the Office of Planning in improving and modernizing the process of environmental impact analysis and periodically analyzes and proposes changes to the administrative rules implementing the HEPA. The EAC is always guided by the principle of mutual, open, and respectful communication.
8. The Environmental Advisory Council advises the State Department of Planning and Sustainable Development on the status of the State's Environmental goals and achievements. Members meet monthly to receive and provide information and support to various government and public interests and monitor Hawaii's environmental properties.