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TESTIMONY OF SANDRA LEE KUNIMOTO
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2008, 1:15 P.M.
ROOM 225

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 608
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF
REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,
CARL A. CARLSON, JR., FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2011

Chairperson Sakamoto and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support for the consideration of Mr. Carl A. Carlson, Jr. to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii.

Mr. Carlson has served on the Board of Agriculture since 2002. He brings a wealth of experience to the Board's deliberations. He is fair-minded, collaborative and is a valued member of the Board. While I will certainly miss him on the Board of Agriculture if he is confirmed for the Board of Regents, I truly appreciate his willingness to continue to serve in a public capacity.

Mr. Carlson was born in Wailuku and raised in Waikapu, Maui. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo. After graduating from college, he worked for C. Brewer & Co. and was sent to Kaua'i where he worked at the Olokele Sugar Company. C. Brewer then sent Mr. Carlson to Ka'u where he worked at Hawaiian Ranch Co. as a Cattle Supervisor.

Mr. Carlson is the founder and President of Hu'ehu'e Ventures, LLC. He began his career at Hu'ehu'e Ranch in 1970 as the Ranch Manager. He was promoted to

General Manager and eventually became part owner of the ranch. When Hu'ehu'e ranch was sold in 1989, Mr. Carlson purchased the livestock and continued to ranch until he became a Trustee of Parker Ranch in 1994. For ten years, Mr. Carlson served as a Trustee of the Parker Ranch Foundation Trust and as a Trustee of the Richard Smart Revocable Personal Trust.

Mr. Carlson's professional experience includes, current member of the Hualalai Investors, LLC; Member/Manager Kohala Preserve Conservation Trust; Member/Manager Kohala Aina Partners; formerly an Advisor Lynch Hawaii Investments, LLC; Board Advisor, WB Kuki'o, LLP; President, Parker Ranch, Inc.; President, Hawaii Meat Company, Ltd.; and former Member & Chair of the Hawaii County Ethics Commission.

Mr. Carlson is a former Member of the University of Hawaii Board of Regents; a full member of the Urban Land Institute & Recreational Development Council; member of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association and the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council; member of Kona Kohala Chamber of Commerce; member of the University of Hawaii Na Koa Boosters Club; Director & Former Chair (twice) of the Hawaii Leeward Planning Conference; Former Director of Parker Ranch, Inc., Kaloko Land Co., Island Commodities, Corp., Hue Hue Corporation, Hawaii Meat Co., Ltd., Kahua Beef Sales, and former Director and President of Waimea Wastewater, Inc.

Mr. Carlson has many years of management and administrative experience as well as numerous hours dedicated to community service. Mr. Carlson would be an invaluable asset to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support for Mr. Carl A. Carlson, Jr.'s confirmation to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii.



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April 4, 2008

Senator Norman Sakamoto, Chair
And Members of the Senate Committee on Education
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 230
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Sakamoto and Senate Committee Members:

Subject: Consideration and Confirmation of Carl A. Carlson, Jr.
to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents

I support Governor Linda Lingle's nomination of Carl A. Carlson, Jr. to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents.

I have had the honor of working with Carl for over twenty years in his capacity as Manager of Huehue Ranch, Project Manager of Huehue Ranch Associates, Trustee of Parker Ranch and more recently as Board Advisor, WB Kuki'o, LLP. I have found Carl to be truly dedicated and committed to the success of all his endeavors with due care and diligence.

Carl is well respected by the West Hawaii Community for his community service as well as being a responsible steward of the land/environment for Huehue Ranch, Parker Ranch, and Kuki'o.

Carl's career and prior service as a Board of Regent has fully prepared him for the duties and responsibilities required as a Board of Regent.

I respectfully ask for your support of Carl A. Carlson, Jr.'s confirmation to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents.

Very Truly Yours,

Robert Y. Akinaka
Chairman

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Senator Norman Sakamoto, Chair
Senate Committee on Education

Monday, April 14; 1:15 PM
Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 225

Re: GM 608 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i, Gubernatorial Nominee, CARL A. CARLSON JR., for a term to expire 6-30-2011.

Chair Sakamoto, Vice Chair Tokuda, and Members of the Committee:

I am writing in strong support of the nomination of Carl A. Carlson Jr. to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii.

Carl deeply respects the value of education and the opportunity that a strong educational foundation can provide to learners of all ages. I have had the pleasure of working with Carl on a variety of business projects and educational initiatives over the last thirteen years. Through the course of our interaction, I found this longtime kamaaina to be friendly, honest, hard-working, and creative in thinking. Carl is strong in people and management skills and savvy in the realm of business and real estate.

The State of Hawaii and the University system benefited from Carl's contributions during his prior term as Regent. His continued role will undoubtedly bring about further positive changes. I respectfully urge the Committee to approve Carl Carlson's confirmation to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii. Please feel free to contact me at (808) 544-8300 if you have any questions.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide comments.

Very truly yours,



J. Douglas Ing
Managing Partner
Watanabe Ing & Komeiji, LLP

April 8, 2008

The Honorable Norman Sakamoto
Chair, Senate Education Committee
State Capitol, Room 230
Honolulu, HI 96813

Monday, April 14 - 1:15PM
Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 225

Re: **GM 608 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii, Gubernatorial Nominee, Carl A. Carlson, Jr., for a term to expire 6-30-2011**

Chair Sakamoto, Vice Chair Tokuda, and Members of the Committee:

Please allow me to speak in favor of the confirmation of Carl Carlson as a Regent of the University of Hawaii.

I have known Carl and his family growing up on Maui and later as a successful rancher, corporate director and businessman. Throughout his career, he has always been an active volunteer with a number of important community, environmental and educational organizations. He has always acted in the best interest of Hawaii's people and has behaved with the highest of ethical and moral standards.

I would endorse, without qualification, Carl's reappointment as a Regent of our State's fine University. His good judgment, experience and understanding of our unique communities will help the University of Hawaii be all it can be.

Thank you very much for allowing me to endorse Mr. Carlson's confirmation.

Aloha,



Jeffrey N. Watanabe

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April 7, 2008

Senator Norman Sakamoto, Chair
Hawaii State Capitol, #230
415 South Beretania St.
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Sakamoto and Distinguished Members of the Committee:

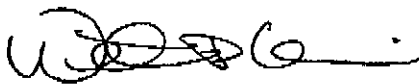
I am writing to respectfully request the confirmation of Mr. Carl Carlson to serve on the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii. He is a man of integrity who is committed to the people of the State of Hawaii.

As a father of three young children and a lecturer for the past eight semesters teaching criminal justice at the Hawaii Community College, I am very concerned about the quality of higher education in the State of Hawaii. I truly believe that education, particularly higher education, is the great equalizer of our society. We must continue to strive to provide our residents with the opportunity to attain their educational dreams right here at home. This requires a continued commitment to excellence by our leaders and our policy makers in higher education. I am confident that Mr. Carlson will ensure that our community is served by a University of Hawaii system that is committed to excellence.

I have known Mr. Carl Carlson for over seven years. As a member of the Mayor's administration, I witnessed Mr. Carlson's commitment to our community. I had the privilege of working with him on establishing programs that served our children, our families, and our neighborhoods on Hawaii Island. Mr. Carlson was very concerned about the impact that drugs and substance abuse was having on our youth. He worked with his colleagues to establish a fund to address prevention programs in our community. He did it with compassion, with aloha, and without any desire for recognition or credit. He was only concerned with results. That is the kind of leader that I want serving our community on the Board of Regents.

Thank you for the opportunity to respectfully support Mr. Carl Carlson's nomination to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii. He will serve with honor and distinction.

With Aloha,



William P. Kenoi.



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April 7, 2008
FAXED TESTIMONY TO:
Fax No. 586-6659

Hearing Date: April 14th at 1:15 p.m.

Honorable Members of the Senate Education Committee
Senator Norman Sakamoto, Chair
E-mail: sensakamoto@capitol.hawaii.gov

**SUBJECT: University of Hawaii-Board of Regents
Nomination of Carl Carlson**

Dear Senator Sakamoto:

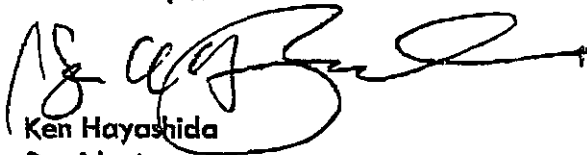
I would like to take this opportunity to personally endorse Carl Carlson on his nomination to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents representing West Hawaii. Carl has over 38 years of professional experience serving the West Hawaii community in various agricultural and development companies. Carl is dedicated to serving our community in Hawaii.

I've known Carl for over eight years as a trustee at Parker Ranch, Aloha United Way Charities volunteer and Board Advisor, WB Kuki'o, LLP. Carl's commitment to serving West Hawaii is best illustrated by his involvement in community organizations as the Director of The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii, and as Chairman of Kuki'o Community Fund Board of Advisors. He was also a former member of the University of Hawaii Board of Regents and held other director positions in organizations based in Hawaii.

I am proud to support Carl Carlson's nomination to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents representing West Hawaii. His record of professional achievements and affiliations confirm he is deserving of this honor.

Sincerely,

KAI Hawaii, Inc.



Ken Hayashida
President

KH/ms



April 8, 2008

Senator Norman Sakamoto
Chair, Committee on Education
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu Hawaii 96813

Via: email

RE: Testimony in Support of Carl Carlson as the West Hawaii Representative on the University of Hawaii Board of Regents

Dear Chairman Sakamoto,

The Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce (KKCC) represents nearly 700 business members and is the leading business advocacy organization on the west side of Hawai'i Island. The KKCC also actively works to enhance the environment, unique lifestyle and quality of life in West Hawai'i. In addition, KKCC has been actively involved in plans for a new University of Hawaii system in North Kona and has established a position statement noting a sharper vision and need for a full-fledged UH Kona residential university.

This letter is in **strong support** of Carl Carlson as the representative for West Hawaii on the University of Hawaii Board of Regents. Mr. Carlson's professional experience and his leadership within our community are exemplary. His commitment to the proper growth and direction of West Hawaii is well proven. West Hawaii would be well-served and the Board of Regents would benefit greatly from Mr. Carlson's experience, knowledge and commitment to a better Hawaii.

For these reasons, the KKCC strongly urges you to appoint Carl Carlson as the West Hawaii representative for the University of Hawaii Board of Regents. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Vivian Landrum".

Vivian Landrum
Executive Director

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Honorable Norman Sakamoto
Chair, Education Committee
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Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: **Carl Carlson**

Dear Chair Sakamoto and Members of the Committee:

This letter is offered in support of the nomination of Carl Carlson to the Board of Regents. I have known Carl for a number of years and wholeheartedly support his nomination to the Board. Not only does he have a wide range of business experience, but he would bring a lot of good common sense to the deliberations of the Board. I have every confidence that, if confirmed, he will serve well and with distinction.

Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

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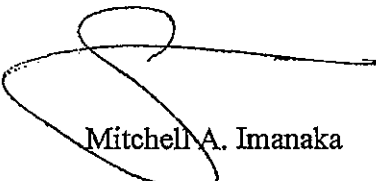
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With Aloha,

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April 08, 2008

The Honorable Norman Sakamoto and Committee Members
Senate Committee on Education
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 230
415 South Beretania St.
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Sakamoto and Members of the Committee:

Re: Nomination of Carl A. Carlson, Jr. to the UH Board of Regents

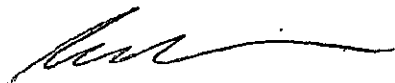
It is my pleasure to recommend Carl A. Carlson, Jr. as a member of the Board of Regents for the University of Hawaii. As a former Regent, I fully understand what is expected and can sincerely recommend Carl for this position. As you know, Carl was also a former member of the University of Hawaii's Board of Regents.

I have known Carl for over 15 years and have had the privilege of working with him on several projects as well as spending time with him and his wife Christine. We've traveled abroad together and meet often when my wife Susan and I are in Kona; so we know them both very well.

As a business leader, Carl is highly respected for his business acumen and judgment. His advice is sought after by some of Hawaii's most prominent companies within diverse industries. I continue to be impressed by Carl's keen business savvy, political insight, and extraordinary commitment to community giving. His professional experience, affiliations and community leadership are too numerous to mention here. I am sure you were impressed by his curriculum vitae as I was.

Carl's outstanding leadership is evident. He is a successful businessman; a respected corporate strategist; a devoted and generous humanitarian and, a very good friend. I wholeheartedly recommend Carl A. Carlson, Jr. as a member of the Board of Regents for the University of Hawaii and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Bert A. Kobayashi
Chairman & CEO
Kobayashi Development Group LLC



April 8, 2008

Chair Senator Norman Sakamoto and Committee Members
Senate Committee on Education
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 230
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Sakamoto and Members of the Committee:

Re: Nomination of Carl Carlson, Jr. to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents

It is an honor for me to provide this letter supporting Carl Carlson, Jr. to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents. I have known Carl both personally and professionally for over eight years and have had the privilege of working with him on numerous occasions.

Being on the University of Hawaii Board of Regents is a formidable task under the best of circumstances. I feel we are fortunate to have such a capable, dedicated person as Carl willing to serve in this capacity. Carl has the required knowledge, motivation, and business sensitivities required for the position.

He is also involved with numerous professional and non-profit organizations which include Hualalai Investors, LLC, Kohala Preserve Conservation Trust, Kohala Aina Partners, Hu'ehu'e Ventures, LLC, WB Kuki'o, LLP, State of Hawaii Board of Agriculture, Hawaii Leeward Planning Conference, the Nature Conservancy of Hawaii, Kuki'o Community Fund, and the University of Hawaii Na Koa Boosters Club.

In both capacities, he exhibited a strong, clear, decisive, and compassionate leadership style. With Carl's background in both business and community service, he will be a great asset to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents.

Sincerely,

Bert "B.J." A. Kobayashi, Jr.
President and Chief Executive Officer

Hualalai Resort

April 8, 2008

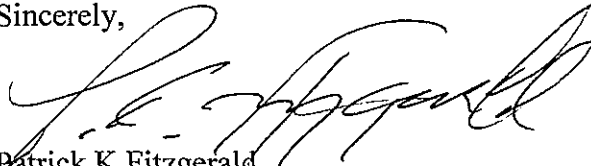
Senator Norman Sakamoto
15th Senatorial District
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 230
415 South Beretania Street
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Dear Senator Sakamoto:

It is with great pleasure that I am recommending Carl Carlson to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents.

Carl brings a wealth of knowledge and experience that I am confident he will be an asset to the Board of Regents. I support his nomination wholeheartedly.

Sincerely,



Patrick K Fitzgerald
Chief Executive Officer

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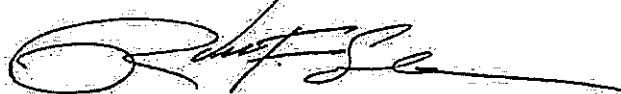
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Mr. Carlson has also shown his willingness to volunteer his time to public service as a former member of the UH Board of Regents and a former Chair of the Hawaii County Ethics Commission.

I believe Mr. Carlson posses the qualities which will allow him to once again fulfill the responsibilities as a member of the UH Board of Regents, and respectfully ask that you support his nomination.

Very truly yours,

MCCORRISTON MILLER MUKAI MacKINNON LLP



Randall F. Sakamoto

April 11, 2008

Senator Norman Sakamoto, Chair
Senator Jill Tokuda, Vice Chair
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Re: Carl Carlson Appointment to the UH Board of Regents

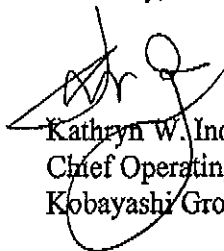
Dear Senators Sakamoto and Tokuda and Members of the Committee on Education:

I have had the honor and privilege of knowing Carl Carlson for over eight years on both a professional and personal level. He has the highest ethical standards and has always imparted the importance of respect for our land, the host culture and Hawaii's people. This has been supremely important as we have been involved in several projects on the Big Island with mainland partners. He often serves as our conscience and moral barometer.

Carl is highly regarded within the community and has held leadership positions in various community organizations. His past service as a Board of Regents member can only help to strengthen the difficult decision-making required as the University of Hawaii struggles to improve its image while grappling with maintenance of its facilities and establishing itself as an educational facility of choice.

For these reasons, I strongly support Carl Carlson's nomination to the University of Hawaii's Board of Regents.

Sincerely,



Kathryn W. Inouye
Chief Operating Officer
Kobayashi Group

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Randall F. Sakamoto

Personal Testimony Presented before the
Senate Committee on Education
April 14, 2008
1:15 p.m.
by
Dr. Andrew G. Hashimoto

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Chair Sakamoto, Vice Chair Tokuda, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Andrew Hashimoto. I serve as the Dean of UH Mānoa College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR) and an ex-officio member of the Board of Agriculture. I am pleased to provide this personal testimony on GM 608. This testimony does not represent the position of the University of Hawai'i or CTAHR.

I strongly support the confirmation of Carl Carlson to the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents.

I work with Carl on the Board of Agriculture and know him to be hardworking, thoughtful, and fair. He brings to the BOR diverse expertise, including past service as a UH regent, decades in the cattle industry, valuable knowledge of land-use and planning issues, and leadership in community, business, and environmental organizations. As a resident of the Big Island, he is familiar with issues that are important to Hawai'i County and will represent that island well. Carl's experience and dedication will benefit the BOR, and I urge his confirmation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

testimony

From: Frank Brandt [fbrandt@pbrhawaii.com]

Sent: Friday, April 11, 2008 3:42 PM

To: testimony

Subject: Senate Education Committee, April 14, 2008 at 1:15 pm RE: Carl Carlson, UH Board of Regents

Senator Norman Sakamoto, Chairman and
Members of the Senate Education Committee

Dear Chairman and Members,

Please accept this statement of support for the appointment of Mr. Carl Carlson to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents representing West Hawaii.

I have known and worked with Carl Carlson for almost 30 years since he was manager of Huehue Ranch, through his term as trustee of Parker Ranch and on up to today. His background as a community leader on Hawaii and statewide in addition to his continued personal commitment to the University of Hawaii from his earlier term as a regent to today provides the understanding and perspective needed to address the issues facing the university today. He understands the needs of higher education and the role that the university plays in West Hawaii, Hilo and statewide so he's well informed with the processes that are underway. Carl is well liked and knows how to work with both the public and private sectors of the state. He will be a welcome addition to the University Board of Regents.

I request that you favorably support this appointment and thank you for the opportunity to present my testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Frank Brandt, FASLA
Chairman

testimony

From: Tom Witten [twitten@pbrhawaii.com]

Sent: Tuesday, April 08, 2008 1:00 PM

To: testimony

Subject: Senate Education Committee, April 14, 2008 at 1:15 pm RE: Carl Carlson, UH Board of Regents

Senator Sakamoto, Chair, and Members
Senate Education Committee

Dear Chairman and Members,

Please support the nomination of Carl Carlson to the UH Board of Regents representing West Hawaii.

I have known and worked closely with Carl Carlson for over 25 years in West Hawaii and he is an excellent selection to serve on the UH Board of Regents. He understands the needs of West Hawaii and has the diverse experience, knowledge and skills to make a significant contribution to improving and expanding higher education opportunities in Hawaii. Throughout his career on the Big Island, he has continually served the community interests in his business endeavors and always seeks ways to improve his community and our State directly or indirectly.

Although I am unable to personally present this testimony at your hearing on April 14, I wanted to encourage your Committee to support the nomination of Carl Carlson.

Mahalo,

Thomas S. Witten, ASLA
President

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April 7, 2008

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Dear Senator Sakamoto and Senate Members:

**Re: Consideration and Confirmation of Carl A. Carlson to
the University of Hawaii Board of Regents**

Thank you for the opportunity to express my view on the above-referenced applicant. I support Governor Lingle's nomination of Carl A. Carlson, to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents.

I have known Mr. Carlson since the early 1990s when I first moved to the big island. At the time, he was General Manager of Huehue Ranch and I was the Deputy Chief Engineer for the County of Hawaii. He was working on the entitlements of Huehue's lands in the vicinity of Makalei Golf Course, as well as the makai lands at Kukio. Mr. Carlson was also working to provide subdivided lots for the long term ranch employees, as a token of the firm's appreciation for their many years of service.

In 1995, I was hired by Mr. Carlson and assisted him in land development at Parker Ranch. I worked under his guidance and tutelage till I left the firm in 2002. He was a great mentor and guided me, as we worked to improve the asset value of the Trust's lands. Carl has the unique mix of over 25 years of experience in the livestock industry, as well as his recent endeavors in land

development at both Kukio Resort and Kohala Aina Partners. He will be a great asset to the Board of Regents, as he has much experience in the field of business and will be able to provide excellent counsel, as the University faces the many challenges in the future.

Should you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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Riley W. Smith, P.E.

Duane Kanuha
PO Box 6532
Hilo, HI 96720
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April 11, 2008

Honorable Norman Sakamoto, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Education
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

SUBJECT: Notice of Hearing - Governor's Message Number 608
Monday, April 14, 2008, 1:15 p.m.
Conference Room 225, Hawai'i State Capitol
Testimony in Support of the Nomination of CARL A.
CARLSON JR. To the Board of Regents of the University of
Hawai'i

Honorable Senator Sakamoto and Members of the Senate Committee on
Education,

I am taking this opportunity to ask for your committee's favorable
consideration and confirmation of Carl A. Carlson Jr. to the Board of
Regents of the University of Hawai'i.

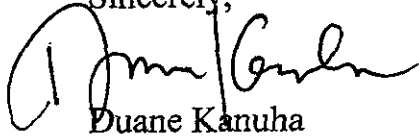
I have known Carl for more than 30 years, and have always found him to be
a person of the highest integrity and character. He has served with
distinction on numerous private and public boards and commissions
throughout the years that I have known him and his commitment to continue
in community and public service through this prestigious appointment is
typical of this man.

He will bring a wealth of knowledge, experience, and collaborative effort to
this very important Board, and I will be in attendance at this hearing in the

event that you or any members of your committee desire to have me testify in person on his behalf.

As a graduate of the University of Hawai'i system (University of Hawai'i at Hilo, 1975), I know the University can be in no better hands than to have my friend, Carl Carlson, as a member of the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Duane Kanuha". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

Duane Kanuha

Presentation Before the Senate Committee on Education

April 14, 2008

Submitted by Gary Kajiwara

Hawaii Medical Education Council

Chair Norman Sakamoto, members of the Senate Committee on Education, thank you for this opportunity to present testimony for your consideration of my confirmation to the Hawaii Medical Education Council.

I am Hawaii born and raised. I am a graduate of Roosevelt High School and the University of Hawaii at Manoa, where I received a Bachelor of Arts degree, and two graduate degrees - Masters of Public Health degree, majoring in health services administration, and Masters of Business Administration degree, majoring in marketing. During my graduate education, I was fortunate to be selected to work in two internship positions. One of the internships was with the Hawaii State Comprehensive Health Planning Agency, which later transitioned into the Hawaii State Health Planning and Development Agency, and the second internship was with the Hawaii Regional Medical Program. Following my graduation, I was privileged to serve in post graduate positions as Administrative Intern and Administrative Resident at The Queen's Medical Center.

Over the past 31 years in my career as a health care executive, I have served in several senior management positions at Kuakini Health System and its subsidiaries. Kuakini Health System is a Hawaii-based, non-profit, tax-exempt health care organization that serves the Hawaii community through its core businesses that include an acute hospital, long term care facilities, residential care home, adult day care centers, biomedical research, and various joint ventures.

A favorable decision by the Hawaii State Senate regarding my serving as a member on the Hawaii Medical Education Council would give me the opportunity for greater involvement in the improvement of graduate medical education in the State of Hawaii. With the decreasing population of young adults in Hawaii and on the mainland over the next decade and increasing competition among all industries including the health care industry in the recruitment of qualified persons, there will be a growing urgency for the State of Hawaii to focus on graduate medical education and other higher education programs that will help (1) generate interest, (2) provide effective and innovative training methods, and (3) retain qualified candidates in health related professions and allied health professions, for the continued sustainability and growth of our community.

I am supportive of graduate medical education in Hawaii, and I welcome the opportunity to address the challenges in this area. For this reason, I humbly ask for your consideration and support of my nomination to the Hawaii Medical Education Council. Thank you.

U N I V E R S I T Y O F H A W A I I ' I A T M Ā N O A

John A. Burns School of Medicine
Office of the Dean

April 1, 2008

Senator Norman Sakamoto
Chair, Senate Committee on Education
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 230
Honolulu, Hi 96813

Reference: Governor's Message Number 530

Dear Senator Sakamoto:

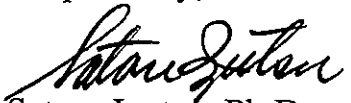
It is with great pleasure that I support Governor Linda Lingle's nomination of Gary Kajiwara to the Hawaii Medical Education Council.

I have known Gary for 35 years as a student and colleague. He has progressed from an outstanding student with double Masters degrees in Public Health and Business to a top health care executive in our community. He possesses thorough knowledge, not only of issues related to the delivery of patient care, but also the training of physicians. Included in his expertise are issues related to recruitment, employment and deployment of medical personnel; and, the training of graduate medical physicians

Mr. Kajiwara will be generous in sharing with the Hawaii Medical Education Council his extensive knowledge of the health and medical fields.

It is without hesitation that I support Governor Lingle's nomination.

Respectfully,



Satoru Izutsu, Ph.D.
Senior Associate Dean


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of Hawaii

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The Honorable Norman Sakamoto
Chair, Senate Education Committee
Hawaii State Capitol, Rm. 230
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Sakamoto:

Re: Governor's Message Number 530

On behalf of the Healthcare Association of Hawaii I would like to support the nomination of Gary Kajiwarra to the Hawaii Medical Education Council.

Mr. Kajiwarra has been the President and CEO of Kuakini Medical Center for a number of years, and during this time I have worked with him on a number of health care issues. I have found Mr. Kajiwarra to be a thoughtful person who works easily with others. He possesses an extensive knowledge of the complex health care environment and is highly respected by his colleagues.

Mr. Kajiwarra would provide a critical perspective on the Hawaii Medical Education Council, and I fully endorse his nomination.

Sincerely,


RICHARD E. MEIERS
President and CEO

PRESENTATION BY
PATRICIA ODAN

TO THE SENATE
COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2008

Monday April 14, 2008
1:15 p.m.

TESTIMONY ON THE NOMINATION OF
Corrine H. Akau
WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 572

TO THE HONORABLE NORMAN SAKAMOTO, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Patricia Odan, and I thank you for the opportunity of presenting testimony in support of Corrine Akau's nomination to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service.

I am the Departmental Personnel Officer of the Department of Transportation, where Ms. Akau has worked as the Recruitment Specialist for the department since 2005. In her present capacity, she provides technical oversight and assistance in the department's recruitment, selection, and placement activities, to assure the timely filling of vacancies.

She is a dedicated public servant, and works well with all levels of employees, management, and the public as well. She is a hard worker, and willing to assume new responsibilities when required to do so. She readily assists other programs/offices when needed, and has good working relationships with the various programs that she deals with.

With these traits, I feel Corrine would serve well on the Commission, and I strongly recommend your favorable consideration of her nomination.

PRESENTATION BY
ALVIN KUSHIMA

TO THE SENATE
COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 572

TO THE HONORABLE NORMAN SAKAMOTO, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Alvin Kushima and I thank you for the opportunity of presenting testimony in support of Ms. Corrine H. Akau's nomination to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service. Prior to my retirement, I served as the Director of Human Resources for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

I have known Ms. Akau since December 1990 when she worked as a Personnel Management Specialist under my supervision as the Departmental Personnel Officer for the Department of Public Safety. In that capacity, she was the department's primary resource for developing, organizing, coordinating, and providing guidance and assistance in Employee Relations programs which included the Performance Appraisal (PAS) program, Service and Incentive Awards, Employee Safety, and Benefit Administration.

Ms. Akau also investigated and processed worker's compensation claims and maintained the highest level of integrity in fulfilling these responsibilities. She worked diligently and effectively with all levels of management and employees in seeking resolution to employee issues.

In addition, Ms. Akau demonstrated her willingness to work hard and undertake new challenges, throughout her employment with PSD. She was a valuable and dependable employee and team member, who completed her assignments in a diligent and conscientious fashion.

I feel these traits would be of value to any organization, and I strongly recommend your favorable consideration of her nomination.

PRESENTATION BY
CAROLYN ROLDAN

TO THE SENATE
COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2008

Monday, April 14, 2008
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Corrine H. Akau
WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 572

TO THE HONORABLE NORMAN SAKAMOTO, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Carolyn Roldan and I am testifying in strong support of Corrine H. Akau's nomination to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service. I am the Secretary of the Office of Elections.

I have known Ms. Akau for 20 years and she's always maintained the highest level of integrity. She is reliable, dedicated and a hard working individual. As a Personnel Management Specialist, she demonstrated her ability to work with all levels of management in seeking solutions. She's also a team player and can work under extreme pressure.

I believe that all of these attributes would serve her well on the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service, and urge you to favorably consider her nomination.

The Pacific Resource
PARTNERSHIP



Testimony of Kyle Chock
Executive Director
The Pacific Resource Partnership

Before the Committee on Education
Senator Norman Sakamoto, Chair
Senator Jill Tokuda, Vice Chair

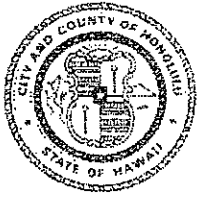
Monday, April 14, 2008
1:15 p.m.
Conference Room 225

Aloha Chair Sakamoto and Members of the Committee on Education:

My name is Kyle Chock, Executive Director of the Pacific Resource Partnership, a consortium representing the Hawaii Carpenters Union and their signatory contractors. It is my esteem privilege to endorse and support GM 573 – Donovan M. Dela Cruz to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service.

As stated, part of the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service's purpose is to *"encourage community service and volunteer participation as a means of community and state problem-solving, and to promote and support voluntary citizen involvement in government and private programs throughout the State"*. Mr. Dela Cruz has demonstrated that strong desire to exercise that stated purpose. His devotion to the community service is often seen first hand in his current public service endeavor as a Councilmember representing the diverse District II.

Mr. Dela Cruz will be a contributing member to the commission and I respectfully ask for your favorable consideration of GM573 – nomination to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service.



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April 9, 2008

The Honorable Norman Sakamoto, Chair
Senate Committee on Education
State Capitol Building, Room 230
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Subject: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i
Commission for National and Community Service, Gubernatorial Nominee,
DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, for a term to expire 6-30-2011.

Dear Senator Sakamoto and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of my colleague, Donovan M. Dela Cruz, as a gubernatorial nominee to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service for a term to expire on June 30, 2011.

I have known Councilmember Dela Cruz for several years and have found him to be trustworthy and loyal as well as an outspoken advocate for the many issues in his community and Honolulu County. His compassion and sincerity for helping the disadvantaged and his dedication to resolving matters for the communities at large make him an ideal candidate for the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service.

Your favorable consideration on his confirmation would be greatly appreciated.
Thank you again.

Sincerely,

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Ann H. Kobayashi
Councilmember
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April 10, 2008

The Honorable Norman Sakamoto, Chair
and Members
Committee on Education
State Capitol
Room 230
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Sakamoto and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to support the nomination of Councilmember Donovan Dela Cruz to the Hawaii Commission on National and Community Service.

As a member of the small business community and as a board member of the Hawaii Community Foundation, I have worked on and continue to explore several initiatives with Councilmember Dela Cruz regarding non-profit and community service efforts both in his district as well as statewide initiatives. Among other things, we have explored initiatives in e-Recycling, low income housing and future opportunities in land use to encourage sustainable development.

Councilman Dela Cruz has leadership qualities, creative ideas, but more importantly he has the ability to get a very diverse group of people to work together to accomplish a common goal. He considers customers, his constituents and the State's interest when he takes on both popular and unpopular projects. He has also forged many connections with both young and old business and community leaders to ensure that important initiatives not only get visibility, but that they also get accomplished.

I am confident that Councilmember Dela Cruz will make significant contributes as a member of the Hawaii Commission on National and Community Service.

Regards,

Cathy Luke
President





HAWAII NATIONAL BANK

April 7, 2008

The Honorable Norman Sakamoto, Chair
and Members
Committee on Education
State Capitol
Room 230
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Sakamoto and Members of the Committee:

I have learned that Governor Lingle has nominated Councilmember Donovan Dela Cruz to the Hawaii Commission on National and Community Service. I wholeheartedly support the nomination.

My contact with Councilmember Dela Cruz have been both personal and professional. I find him to be determined in bringing improvements to enhance the quality of life for residents of his district as well as all of Oahu. He has been involved in numerous efforts both as an elected official and on a personal level in trying to improve the situations for our residents. While the immediate needs of his district receive his immediate attention, he is also focused on how he can be effective in proposing legislation to help the disadvantaged, the challenged and the every day person who needs that extra help to make it.

Although Councilmember Dela Cruz faces many challenges in representing his diverse district, he has done an admirable job in addressing the needs of his constituents and is cognizant of the needs of the island as a whole. His office has been involved in many community activities and events which benefit the community. In some instances he has initiated them while he has volunteered for others.

I am confident that Councilmember Dela Cruz will have much to offer if he is appointed to the Hawaii Commission on National and Community Service. I hope your committee will favorably consider his appointment to the commission. Thank you.

Yours very truly,

Bryan Luke
Senior Vice President
Hawaii National Bank



April 7, 2007

The Honorable Norman Sakamoto, Chair
and Members
Committee on Education
Hawaii State Senate
State Capitol, Room 230
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Sakamoto and Members of the Committee:

I write this in support of Governor Lingle's nomination of Councilmember Donovan Dela Cruz to the Hawaii Commission on National and Community Service. I believe that Councilmember Dela Cruz is the right choice for the position. Ever since I first met Councilmember Dela Cruz, it was evident to me that he was someone who was very interested and concerned about the welfare of our citizens. I was aware that he served on the neighborhood board of his district and was involved in various community organizations.

Councilmember Dela Cruz is an individual who acts in the interests of the people, not what is politically acceptable or popular. He is not afraid of adversity and meets challenges head on. He has definite objectives and will work hard to achieve them. He has been involved in numerous community events and activities and has supported the efforts of various groups.

Councilmember Dela Cruz supported my appointment to the Council's Transit Task Force and subsequently, the City's Transportation Commission because he had confidence that I would be a contributing member. He has supported the nominations of many individuals to various positions if he believed they could contribute to enhance the welfare and quality of life for our residents. Therefore, it is only fitting that we support Councilmember Dela Cruz's nomination to the commission as he is deserving of the appointment.

I thank you for this opportunity to present this testimony in support of Councilmember Donovan Dela Cruz.

Mahalo,

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Randal Ikeda, General Manager
ESPN 1420 Sports Radio

April 8, 2008

The Honorable Norman Sakamoto, Chair
and Hawaii State Senate Committee on Education Members
State Capitol Room 230
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Sakamoto and Members:

I would like to take this opportunity to state my support for Councilmember Donovan Dela Cruz's nomination to the Hawaii Commission on National and Community Service. As the Chair of the 2006 City Charter Commission, I got to work with various elected officials and departments, and I believe this appointment is very appropriate for the strengths he has.


Councilmember Dela Cruz has been an advocate for constituents from the more rural areas of Oahu. His initiatives and actions are directed to helping people survive today's tough economic times and bringing improvements to the communities where they live.

As a Board member of the National Association of Counties (NACo), Councilmember Dela Cruz was instrumental in bringing the NACo prescription drug card to Hawaii so those without a drug plan could obtain prescription drugs at a discounted price. He also sought ways to reduce the burden on those who were having a difficult time surviving in today's world. He worked to help those in plantation villages retain their homes or keep rents affordable and he has introduced several affordable housing initiatives.

I consider Councilmember Dela Cruz as a friend who does not hesitate to speak up for what he believes in even though it may not be the popular course. He is a person who is approachable and willing to listen if anyone has a solution or suggestions to a particular issue.

With his background, experience and desire to help our citizens toward a better life, I believe Councilmember Dela Cruz will be a contributing member of the Commission. Therefore, I respectfully ask that you support the Governor's appointment of Councilmember Dela Cruz to the Hawaii Commission on National and Community Service.

Sincerely,



Donn Takaki
President
HawkTree International



Kualoa-He'eia Ecumenical Youth Project (KEY)

47-200 Waihee Road • Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744 • 239-5777 www.keyproject.org

April 7, 2008

**Senator Norman Sakamoto, Chair
Senate Committee on Education
State Capitol, Honolulu, HI 96813**

Aloha Senator Sakamoto, Committee Members:

As Executive Director, I am writing on behalf of KEY Project (the *Kualoa-He'eia Ecumenical Youth Project*), in strong support for Councilmember Donovan Dela Cruz' nomination to the Hawaii Commission on National and Community Service. Based on our non-profit organization's experience and our keen awareness of adjoining communities' efforts, I believe that the Governor has made an excellent choice in selecting Councilmember Dela Cruz for this position. Throughout his term of public service, the councilmember has developed an excellent record of involvement-in and initiation-of efforts to support collaboration among agencies, organizations and individuals focused on positive stewardship efforts throughout his extensive council district (the largest on O'ahu).

In KEY Project's instance, that effort has resulted in establishment of new funding streams and positive opportunities for civic engagement of agency supporters, program participants and business volunteers. In July of this year we will conduct our 3rd annual *Aloha 'Aina Recycling* event, confident that our effort will be successful as we help our Windward neighborhoods to effectively divert trash and recyclables into appropriate parts of the waste "stream", in turn assuring us that such items do not show up in our precious waterways and natural resource areas. The councilman and his staff members, along with many others that his office has helped to engage, will no doubt be a strong part of both the organizing and the execution of the event itself – just one example of his passion for community service.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our support to an excellent candidate. We hope that your committee will give his nomination the consideration and support it deserves.

Sincerely,


John L. Reppun
Executive Director



Aloha United Way





April 11, 2008

Senator Norman Sakamoto, Chair; Senator Jill Tokuda, Vice Chair
and Members of the Committee on Education
State Senate
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Sakamoto, Vice-Chair Tokuda and Committee Members

Confirmation of Councilmember Donovan Dela Cruz

My name is Cameron W. Nekota and I am the Development Project Manager for Kapolei Property Development LLC, an affiliate of the James Campbell Company LLC. Thank you for allowing me to provide testimony on the nomination of Councilmember Donovan Dela Cruz to the Hawaii Commission on National and Community Service.

I am pleased to support the nomination of Councilmember Dela Cruz to the Hawaii Commission on National and Community Service. I believe the Governor has made an excellent choice in selecting Councilmember Dela Cruz for this position as he has always been a strong supporter of community service agencies and activities. Over the past few years, I have had the pleasure of working with Councilmember Dela Cruz on various issues before the Honolulu City Council and was extremely impressed with his professionalism in carrying out the City's business. Councilmember Dela Cruz has a unique love and appreciation for the people of Hawaii and will be a strong advocate for initiatives and services that benefit the community as a whole.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cameron W. Nekota".

Cameron W. Nekota
Development Project Manager

April 4, 2008

The Honorable Norman Sakamoto, Chair
and Members
Committee on Education
Hawaii State Senate
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Sakamoto and Members of the Committee:

It is with pleasure that I submit this letter in support of Councilmember Donovan M. Dela Cruz's nomination to the Hawaii Commission on National and Community Service. I have found Councilmember Dela Cruz easy to work with and he always sought and welcomed input from anyone as to how we could improve conditions for our citizens. He was the one responsible for the formation of the Council's Agricultural Task Force, of which I am Chair. Because most of the agricultural lands are in his district, he has a keen awareness of the need to preserve land for agriculture and support farmers. He knows the value of helping people struggling to make a decent living and supported their efforts. What impresses me is his sincerity of helping people.

Councilmember Dela Cruz's involvement in community organizations such as the Lions and the Wahiawa Neighborhood Board of which he was Chair, indicates his commitment and desire to work for the betterment of the community and its residents. He has personally gotten involved in such efforts as the community clean up recycling days which benefited the schools or other social agencies. Having been born and raised in Wahiawa, he has seen first hand the plight of plantation workers and has been involved in numerous efforts to help them.

I do not have any reservations in supporting Councilmember Dela Cruz's appointment to the Hawaii Commission on National and Community Service. I know that he will be a valuable member of the Commission's work in helping the underprivileged, elderly and youths. Your favorable consideration will be appreciated.

Sincerely,


Yukio Kitagawa

April 8, 2008

1058 Kahili Street
Kailua, HI 96734

The Honorable Norman Sakamoto, Chair
and Members
Senate Committee on Education
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Sakamoto and Members:

I am pleased to support the nomination of Councilmember Donovan Dela Cruz to the Hawaii Commission on National and Community Service. I believe the Governor has made an excellent choice in selecting Councilmember Dela Cruz for this position as he has always been a supporter of community service agencies and activities.

I am aware that Councilmember Dela Cruz represents a large and diverse district that encompasses about two thirds of the geographical area of the island with its *numerous communities*. It has not been easy for him to be involved in every cause and effort that requires government intervention, legislation, or support but I believe he has been effective in achieving his goals for his district. He has attempted to address the needs of the communities as well as for their individual residents, and improving their quality of life has always been one of his goals.

I strongly support Councilmember Dela Cruz's nomination to the Hawaii Commission on National and Community Service. I believe it is a perfect fit and one where his contributions will be many. I humbly ask for your favorable consideration of the Governor's nomination.

Yours truly,


Kamani Kualau

**Kathleen M. Pahinui
67-237 Kauai St.
Waialua, HI 96791**

April 9, 2008

The Honorable Norman Sakamoto, Chair
and Members
Committee on Education
State Capitol
Room 230
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Sakamoto and Members of the Committee:

I understand that Governor Lingle has nominated Councilmember Donovan Dela Cruz to the Hawaii Commission on National and Community Service. I completely and strongly support the nomination.

Councilmember Dela Cruz is ideal for this committee as he exemplifies the true spirit of community service. As a constituent in his council district, he is always there to help us with our concerns and find solutions. He constantly goes out of his way to help those in need.

I know that Councilmember Dela Cruz will have much to offer if he is appointed to the Hawaii Commission on National and Community Service. I hope your committee will favorably consider his appointment to the commission.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Kathleen M. Pahinui
Waialua Resident

testimony

From: Patrick.Chen@dcca.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, April 08, 2008 9:16 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony on Governor's Message 575 - Nomination of Lori Takao

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION:

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 575
Nomination of Lori A. Takao
WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

TO THE HONORABLE NORMAN SAKAMOTO, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Patrick Y. M. Chen, and I am testifying in strong support of Lori Takao's nomination to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service. I am the Personnel Officer of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

I have known Lori Takao for nearly 20 years, both as a colleague and as a friend. In that time, she has demonstrated a high level of professional and personal integrity in all matters that she is involved with. Lori possesses a fine combination of intelligence, dedication, loyalty, and a spirited attitude.

Lori exemplifies the very best in public service and would be a great asset to the Commission for National and Community Service, and I urge you to favorably consider her nomination.

PRESENTATION OF
CLAYTON T. KITAMORI

TO THE SENATE
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2008

Monday, April 14, 2008
1:15 p.m.

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 575
Nomination of Lori A. Takao
WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

TO THE HONORABLE NORMAN SAKAMOTO, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Clayton T. Kitamori, and I appreciate the opportunity to present testimony in strong support of Ms. Lori Takao's nomination to the Hawaii Commission for the National and Community Service.

I am currently the Recruitment and Position Classification Supervisor for the Department of Public Safety. I have known Ms. Takao, since the late 1990s when she first started to work for State of Hawaii. Ms. Takao is a very fast learner and has shown to be fair and willing to assist others. Ms. Takao later moved to the Department of Transportation where she continued her faithful service as the supervisor of their classification unit and later their Civil Rights Officer. In 2002, Ms. Takao return to the Department of Public Safety as the Civil Rights Compliance Officer, supervising a staff of two Civil Rights Specialist and one clerical support staff. Ms. Takao has work with the Director, Deputy Directors, and other program administrators to resolve issues pertaining to Civil Rights. Ms. Takao has also provided training for our administrators and new supervisors to make them aware of Civil Rights issues.

Ms. Takao has served the State of Hawaii for about 18 years. She continues to be a very dedicated in her work and will serve the Hawaii Commission for the National and Community Service the same way as her career with the State. Therefore, I urge you to favorably consider her nomination.

PRESENTATION BY
PATRICIA ODAN

TO THE SENATE
COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2008

Monday, April 14, 2008
1:15 p.m.

TESTIMONY ON THE NOMINATION OF
Lori A.Y. Takao
WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

TO THE HONORABLE NORMAN SAKAMOTO, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Patricia Odan, and I thank you for the opportunity of presenting testimony in support of Lori Takao's nomination to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service.

I am the Departmental Personnel Officer of the Department of Transportation, where Ms. Takao worked as our Civil Rights Specialist from 1997 to 2002. In that capacity, she was the department's primary resource for providing guidance and assistance in civil rights, and was responsible for the DOT's Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action program.

Ms. Takao also investigated and processed all discrimination complaints filed with the DOT, and maintained the highest level of integrity in fulfilling these responsibilities. She worked diligently and effectively with all levels of management and employees in seeking resolution to the complaints, and was successful in resolving many issues.

In addition, Ms. Takao demonstrated her willingness to work hard and undertake new challenges, throughout her employment with DOT.

I feel these traits would be of value to any organization, and I strongly recommend your favorable consideration of her nomination.

The Honorable Senator Norman Sakamoto, Chair
Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chair
The Senate, State of Hawai'i
415 S. Beretania St.
Honolulu, HI 96813

GM 576 Nomination of Eliza V. Talbot
Hearing: April 14, 2008 at 1:15pm
Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service

Aloha Chair Sakamoto, Vice Chair Tokuda and members of the Senate Education Committee:

I am truly honored to be appointed to serve as a member of the Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service. I have a strong sense of commitment and dedication to enhancing the way of life for Hawai'i residents and I believe that a position on this State Commission is an ideal way for me to expand these sentiments. I also appreciate the time and effort that each one of you must spend to ensure that each state board and commission is composed of exceptional individuals. It is my hope that you will grant me the opportunity to represent the people of Hawai'i by confirming my appointment to the Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service.

As a young professional in Hawai'i I feel very fortunate for the advantages I have had in life and feel compassion for all the families and young people facing difficulties in Hawai'i. As one of the youngest members appointed to the Commission I hope to offer my unique perspective to the program. It is crucial for young leaders to have opportunities to become involved in every level of government, especially in efforts which include community outreach. I hope to gain an understanding of the challenges and obstacles the organization faces so I may increase the promotion of the volunteer programs and services.

I believe that I am qualified to serve as a member of the Commission because I am passionate for the overall mission of the organization, providing community outreach to the environment, the elderly, children and to all adults in need. I feel that my professional and volunteer experiences have given me an in depth understanding of the struggles most volunteer based organizations face such as fundraising, recruitment and program development. I have also been a leader faced with making difficult decisions based on the best interest of the entire group, not necessarily each individual. I have worked to promote team building and to develop creative methods to solve challenges.

One experience that I feel has heightened my awareness of our community members in need and developed my leadership skills was my role as the project coordinator for "Project Playground" at the Wai'anae Housing Facility at the Civic Center last year. Our goal was to provide funding, equipment and volunteers to give the keiki of the facility a place to play and learn. I was responsible for working with the appropriate private and government agencies to coordinate the effort. The project was a huge success and was a great example of private, public and nonprofit entities working together. I am excited to coordinate similar projects throughout Leeward Oahu over the next 2 years to offer keiki living in transitional or emergency housing a safe learning environment. These efforts are extremely rewarding for me and for all those who participate because it is much more than the installing the physical playground equipment it is neighbors coming together, of all backgrounds, to show their compassion for others in need.

In Hawai'i, our values enhance the goals of the Commission because outreach to our neighbors and environmental protection are already so integral to our way of life. As a member it is critical to represent the Commission and these values with the highest level of integrity on behalf of the State of Hawai'i. I will also be diligent about attending commission meetings regularly and understanding the endeavors, goals and daily operations of the organization and the staff. The Commission offers unique service opportunities to youth and it is my goal increase awareness of these programs to maximize participation in these worthwhile activities.

My willingness to serve and my dedication to advance the programs and goals of the Commission will be evident in all of my actions and decisions. I hope that through my time and efforts on the Commission I can help offer incredible opportunities to volunteers while improving conditions for many families and young people.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony and I look forward to serving the people of Hawai'i.

Aloha,
Eliza V. Talbot



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF HAWAII
STATE CAPITOL
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

April 9, 2008

Re: GM-576

Dear Senators Sakamoto and Tokuda:

I am pleased to give the highest recommendation for Eliza Talbot to serve on the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service. I have known Ms. Talbot for several years due to her extensive involvement with the community and government.

Ms. Talbot has dedicated countless hours to helping those who are less fortunate. Her volunteer experience includes serving as a Project Coordinator for a homeless transitional facility in Waianae, a member of the Hawaii Habitat for Hawaii fundraising committee and a Youth Ministry Leader for a local church.

I had the pleasure of personally working with Ms. Talbot during the 2005 legislative session in which she served as a Legislative Aide to me and the House Minority Research Office. She made an immediate impact here. I found her to be a person of the highest sense of responsibility and integrity. Her leadership and organizational skills were invaluable. Ms. Talbot often took initiative in our office, and successfully completed tasks with competence, diligence and efficiency. She was able to simultaneously handle a multitude of assignments while staying calm and composed throughout the process.

Ms. Talbot was a great communicator who had an excellent rapport with people of all ages. Her charming personality made her a pleasure to work with. She lead by example, which was why many people found her enthusiasm and dedication both inspiring and motivating. Ms. Talbot worked hard to build authentic relationships with her peers. Her efforts created a more friendly and productive environment.

Ms. Talbot's unwavering devotion to the community and government exemplify her strong moral fiber and character. There is a growing demand for qualified commission members who, not only are experienced, but, exhibit the skills and character of an ideal professional. I am confident Ms. Talbot's wealth of experience and great personality would be an asset to the Hawaii commission for National and Community Service. I respectfully ask for the support of your committee to confirm her appointment.

Thank you very much,

Representative Kymberly Marcos Pine
Assistant Minority Leader
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April 10, 2008

Senator Norman Sakamoto, Chair
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Senate Committee on Education
The Senate, State of Hawaii Room 216
State Capitol
415 S. Beretania St.
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: GM 576 - Testimony for the Hawaii Commission for National and
Community Service, Gubernatorial Nominee, ELIZA TALBOT

Dear Senators Sakamoto and Tokuda:

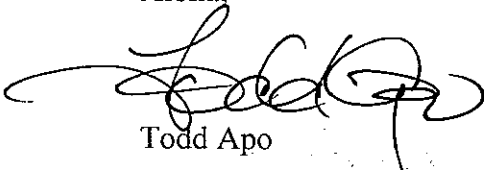
I have known Eliza Talbot for many years and ask that you confirm her appointment to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service.

I have worked professionally with Eliza over the last year and have found both her attitude and work ethic to be fantastic. Many of the projects that I have worked on with Eliza have been community based projects, and I have seen her work, both in the office and out in the community. It is with this experience that I am able to say that I believe that Eliza would be a wonderful asset to the Commission and would do well in serving our State in this capacity.

Having now had my own experience with government and commissions like these, I know that you too appreciate the need to and at time difficulty in filling these positions with people who we believe will be dedicated and provide energy to these programs. I am sure that in your interactions with Eliza, you too will be impressed.

Thank you for considering Eliza's appointment. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Aloha,



Todd Apo

** Please note that I am providing this testimony personally and not in my capacity as a City Council Member.

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April 10, 2008

State Senate Education Committee
Testimony for Eliza Talbot
For Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service
Scheduled hearing for April 14, 2008 at 1:15 PM in the State Capitol

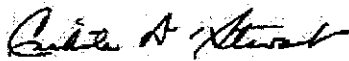
I have known Eliza for several years during which time I observed her as being a very fine lady who is dedicated to hard work. She is a respectable individual who has proven to be reliable, friendly and very concerned about the welfare of the community.

She can certainly be an asset to the Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service who welcomes people like Eliza, who is enthusiastically willing to wholeheartedly serve the community of Hawai'i.

I highly recommend your consideration to confirm her candidacy to serve on the Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service.

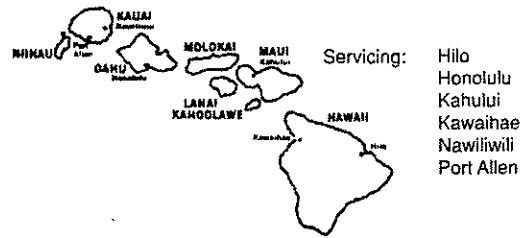
I thank you for this opportunity to testify for Eliza Talbot.

Sincerely,


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April 10, 2008

Senator Norman Sakamoto, Chair
Senator Jill Tokuda, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Education
The Senate, State of Hawaii Room 216
State Capitol
415 S. Beretania St.
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Dear Senators Sakamoto and Tokuda:

I recently met Eliza Talbot through some mutual friends. I have known her for less than a year now. But Eliza has impressed me as one of those rare individuals you meet in life who gives of herself in ways most of us couldn't even begin to imagine.

I understand Eliza has been appointed by governor Lingle to be a commissioner on the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service. I wish to express to you and your committee that I stand by Eliza with my highest personal recommendation.

I've been working with Eliza on community issues here in our neighborhood in Kailua. Eliza clearly is a person that has demonstrated an exemplary sense of responsibility and integrity. She always seems to be unwavering in her energy and drive while she manages a multitude of tasks. Yet she accomplishes her goals with a quiet sense of calm.

I am certain she will use her professional skills and knowledge to benefit the Commission. I know without a doubt that she will become a tremendous asset to this body. I would respectfully ask your support and that of your committee to confirm her appointment.

Respectfully,

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April 11, 2008

Senator Norman Sakamoto, Chair
Senator Jill Tokuda, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Education
State Capitol, Room 216
416 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Eliza Talbot – Appointment to the Hawaii Commission for National and
Community Service

Dear Senators Sakamoto and Tokuda and Members of the Committee on Education:

I met Eliza Talbot shortly after she arrived in Hawaii. She sought my advice as a mentor and we discussed education, her professional goals, and the importance of giving back to the community. It's always invigorating to meet with young, up-and-coming professionals and I was impressed by this young woman. I encouraged her to stay in Hawaii and we have stayed in touch over the past few years. I'm glad to see she has the opportunity to serve on this Commission and would encourage you to support her appointment.

Sincerely,



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The Honorable Senator Norman Sakamoto, Chair
Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chair
The Senate, State of Hawaii
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415 S. Beretania St.
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RE: Governor's Message 576 - April 14, 2008 1:15pm – Appointment of Eliza Talbot to the Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service

Aloha Chair Sakamoto, Vice Chair Tokuda and members of the Senate Committee on Education,

I am writing in support of Eliza Talbot who I believe would be a great addition to the Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service.

I've had the pleasure and opportunity of working closely with Eliza on "Project Playground" last year which provided a playground for the keiki at the Pai'olu Kaiaulu Emergency Housing Facility at the Waianae Civic Center.

I represent Ko Olina Charities which has provided funding for this playground equipment and currently working with Eliza on other similar projects with an anticipated success already realized.

As we continue our efforts the residents of the center continue to benefit from the fellowship of the volunteers and the presence of the playground for their keiki.

Currently, we are coordinating efforts and funding to build 2-3 more playgrounds for keiki at affordable housing and homeless facilities throughout Leeward Oahu.

Eliza is also dedicated to a new project in Leeward Oahu which will provide high school and junior college opportunities for workforce training and job placement at Ko Olina Resort and Marina.

Eliza is passionate and dedicated to community outreach and I highly recommend her for a position on the Commission. I believe that her integrity and professionalism will prove to be an asset to the members of the Commission and to the State as a whole.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on behalf of Eliza Talbot.

Sincerely,

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DRAFT

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testimony

From: Victoria Talbot [vtalbot@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, April 12, 2008 9:08 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony for Eliza Talbot for Commissioner on the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service

April 12, 2008

Senator Norman Sakamoto, Chair
Senator Jill Tokuda, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Education
The Senate, State of Hawaii Room 216
State Capitol
415 S. Beretania St.
Honolulu, Hi 96813

Dear Senators Sakamoto and Tokuda:

I strongly support the appointment of my daughter, Eliza Talbot, as a commissioner on the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service.

Eliza is an extraordinary woman. She has been a dedicated and effective activist throughout her life. She has participated in community service and donated her time, skills and heart to people since she was a young woman. Before she entered high school, Eliza volunteered at church to be a camp counselor for small children. During high school Eliza volunteered to help children with autism and Downs Syndrome. She continued that dedication into college, persuading friends to come and join her help these families. Since she has been in public service in Hawai'i, Eliza has extended her efforts to homeless shelters, to underprivileged children and to people in need throughout her beloved Hawai'i. Eliza has an extraordinary capacity for giving of herself, and it is reflected in her deep commitment to being of service. She is my daughter and she has made me enormously proud of her.

Publicly, Eliza has shown that she is a leader. She is remarkably proficient and enormously capable of producing results. She has demonstrated her professional capacity and for such a young woman, she has a remarkable resume.

I know that Eliza is a tremendous asset to this community. She loves Hawai'i and she is committed to Hawaii's future. She has been deeply moved by the issues that she has championed and she is poised to be of great service in this appointment. I respectfully ask your support and that of your committee to confirm her appointment.

Sincerely,
Victoria Talbot

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April 11, 2008

Senator Norman Sakamoto, Chair
Senator Jill Tokuda, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Education
The Senate, State of Hawaii Room 216
State Capitol
415 S. Beretania St.
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senators Sakamoto and Tokuda:

As a private citizen who has had a professional relationship with Eliza Talbot over the past year, I am in favor of her appointment as a commissioner on the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service.

In my opinion, Ms. Talbot's professionalism, trustworthiness and reliability would make her a tremendous asset to the Commission. Her work as the Project Coordinator for Project Playground at Pai'olu Kaiaulu Homeless Transitional Facility along with her other community service involvements illustrate her dedication to serving her community. Ms. Talbot's enthusiasm and can-do attitude towards any project she takes on is extremely impressive and a direct reflection of her character.

I could not think of a better addition to Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service. I thank you for this opportunity to speak in favor Ms. Talbot's appointment and I respectfully recommend her confirmation to the Commission.

Sincerely,

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April 6, 2008

*Senator Norman Sakamoto, Chair
Senator Jill Tokuda, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Education,
Room 216
Hawai'i State Capitol*

Re: Ms. Eliza Talbot

Aloha Senator Sakamoto and Senator Tokuda:

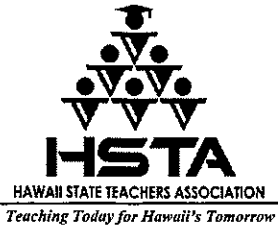
I am writing in strong support of the appointment of Ms. Eliza Talbot as a commissioner on the Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service.

I have known Ms. Talbot for 5 years and from both personal and professional experience I believe her to be extremely community minded, conscientious in her responsibilities, and committed to doing the right thing and doing it well in whatever challenge she faced.

Ms. Talbot has a high energy level; is hard working and has excellent communication and collaboration skills. She will be a great addition to the Commission and I respectfully request that you and your committee recommend her confirmation by the full Senate.

Sincerely yours,

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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

RE: GM 577 – SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE
HAWAII TEACHER STANDARDS BOARD, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,
TERRY L. HOLCK, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2011.

April 14, 2008

ROGER TAKABAYASHI, PRESIDENT
HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Chair Sakamoto and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii State Teachers Association supports GM 577, which submits for consideration and confirmation Gubernatorial Nominee Terry L. Holck to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board (HTSB) for a term to expire June 30, 2011.

The Association is in support of the nomination of Terry Holck. Ms. Holck is a courageous pioneer, as is evident in her move from Ewa Elementary School (a regular Department of Education school) to Voyager School (a public charter school),

She is a leader at her school. Her colleagues have entrusted her with the responsibilities of serving on the school's negotiations team and as a teacher representative on its board.

She is always open to new ideas. Mrs. T., as she is affectionately called by students, is dedicated to them and spends countless hours learning new systems and preparing for classes. Ms. Holck takes on challenges readily and eagerly as evidenced by her willingness to face the challenges that are part and parcel of serving on the HTSB. A conscientious person, she takes pride at being the best at what she does. Ms. Holck possesses an in-depth knowledge of education and what it takes to be a top-notch educator. She will be a positive addition to the HTSB as she exemplifies the best of the teaching profession.

We urge the committee to confirm Terry L. Holck to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board and pass GM 577.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Education Committee
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

April 4, 2008

Dear Senator Sakamoto and Members of the Education Committee:

I am pleased to write this letter of recommendation for Terry Holck who has been nominated for the Hawaii Teachers Standards Board.

I have worked closely with Terry throughout my six years at Voyager and have consistently found her to be an outstanding professional as well as a person of unusual integrity, commitment, and honor. As Lead Teacher and one of the few teachers who has been at Voyager from the beginning, Terry has been instrumental in the growth of Voyager from a fledgling start-up charter to the successful professional learning community it is today. Her vision, her ability to problem solve, and her unfailing commitment to overcome any obstacle has truly been the foundation on which the school has thrived. Voyager would not be what it is today without the leadership and dedication of Terry Holck.

Terry has many characteristics and skills that make her a perfect choice for the HTSB. A variety of teaching placements in vastly different settings, extensive training and experience in best practices and research based education methodologies, leadership roles at the school level and with the teacher's union, and years of experience in the classroom across many different grade levels combine to uniquely position Terry as both a master teacher and an educational leader. However it is not just what she has done that makes Terry unique, it is the high standards she holds for herself and others, and her willingness to do whatever it takes to push the level of quality to the highest possible point. Unlike many others who give up when the challenges become daunting, Terry continues to seek answers to questions, alternatives to roadblocks, and to ask "how" it can be done. She goes above and beyond in all that she does in a humble, persistent way that inspires others to rise to higher levels of performance and commitment.

It has been a great honor to work side by side with Terry for these last six years. She has been a tremendous source of inspiration and strength for me. In addition to bringing a unique charter school perspective, the Board will benefit from the many gifts, talents, and skills she brings to the table. She is a well respected professional of the very highest caliber. Terry will be a tremendous asset to any organization fortunate enough to have her as a member.

Sincerely,

Susan Deuber, Principal

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April 4, 2008

Dear Senator Sakamoto and Members of the Education Committee:

It is a privilege to write a letter of recommendation for Mrs. Terry Holck for the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board. I have worked with Terry for the past two years at Voyager Public Charter School, where she is a valued member. I highly recommend her for this position because of her teaching experience, and professionalism.

Terry demonstrates a strong dedication to excellence in teaching and leadership. Terry's teaching experiences in various schools have given her the insight she needs to handle the task of teacher licensing and the concerns that arise within this topic. Terry has sought out opportunities to grow as a teacher leader through continued professional development that is not only beneficial to her students, but her colleagues as well. She provides training and support for teachers concerning a variety of topics at Voyager. Terry is a member of our local school board, and is active in the decisions made at the school level. She brings a fresh perspective to our discussions and it is obvious that Terry believes students deserve the best teachers. Terry strives to provide a high quality education to all students. I believe these experiences have given her the knowledge she needs to serve on the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board.

Terry handles all of her responsibilities in a professional manner. In her position as lead teacher, Terry is responsible for scheduling, professional development and teacher support. She performs each of these duties with remarkable talent. Terry is able to listen to others and reflect on their perspective. She is very direct, yet able to state her concerns in a respectful way. She does not back down when an issue needs to be dealt with. Terry successfully determines all the details of a situation before making a decision. Terry's work is evidence that she sees teaching as a rewarding profession. She has set high standards for herself and others and is dedicated to excellence in all tasks she assumes.

Terry is an organized person and handles multi-tasking several job titles flawlessly. She is not afraid to ask for help. She delegates responsibilities when she is spread too thin. She has a network of professionals she reaches out to collaborate with when ideas or problems arise.

I highly recommend Terry Holck for a position on the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board. She would be an excellent asset for Hawai'i's educational system.

Sincerely,

Amy Vorderbruegge
Voyager Public Charter School
Methodology and Training Coordinator

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April 9, 2008

Mr. Norman Sakamoto
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 230
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Mr. Norman Sakamoto,

My name is Bonny L. Chikamori, and I have been teaching in the State of Hawai'i for over 10 years. Currently, I am a teacher at Voyager Public Charter School. This letter, nevertheless, is to request your consideration of Terry-Lynn Holck to the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board.

Teaching is a multifaceted profession, but Terry is very proficient in addressing all these areas. Not only has Terry devoted countless hours to develop her ability to effectively engage her students in meaningful learning experiences, she also inspires her colleagues to do the same. Just having the opportunity to observe the way she works, encourages others to strive for the same standards of professionalism. Additionally, dialogues with Terry definitely reveal her commitment to the teaching profession, as they are reflective and always focused on the learner. She is also involved, and would often take the lead, in teacher trainings, whole school events, and even community functions. Clearly, her ability to guide and affect growth would make her valuable asset to the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board.

Thus, it is with high regards, for her as a compassionate person and dedicated professional that I would definitely recommend Terry-Lynn Holck to the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board.

Sincerely,

Bonny L Chikamori

Bonny Lau Chikamori
Teacher

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April 8, 2008

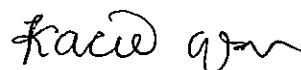
Senator Norman Sakamoto
415 S Beretania St.
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Norman Sakamoto,

My name is Kacie Won and I am honored to be able to write a letter of recommendation for my former teacher, Mrs. Terry Holck. There are few people who exude warmth when they hug because it only comes from people who are dear and special. In almost everyone's lifetime there is at least one person who is very astounding. For me that person is Mrs. Terry Holck or Mrs. T as we affectionately call her. She is the most courageous, caring and inspirational person I know. She has been my role model and someone I hope to become when I grow up. Mrs. T always does 1000%. In particular, for Voyager School's first eighth grade graduation, she did everything she could to make it over the top. It was held at the McCoy Pavilion and she had lights, speakers and even the Mayor was the guest speaker. She also makes learning fun and interesting. For example, in the second grade when we were learning about the Native Hawaiians, she created a project that made us create our own ahupua'a. We made it out of two cardboard boxes, paint, tissue paper and a lot of other crafts. She also took us to the Big Island and showed us the places that we studied about. She is also a great friend, second mom and teacher. For example, one time Mrs. T stayed after school to help me and my friend Sarah with a history magazine project due that week. We knew that she had better things to do, but she never made us feel less important. I have moved on and am now in the eighth grade at Punahou School. I still keep in touch with Mrs. T and I feel I always will. She always finds time to listen to me and gives me advice not as a teacher or parent, but as a friend that I can trust. I am glad that other people have finally recognized how valuable she is and I hope this letter will validate how important she is to me and to the Department of Education. I am very fortunate to have been one of her students and know that she will touch many more lives, teachers and students alike in a positive way.

Sincerely,

Kacie Won



Senator Norman Sakamoto, Chair
Senator Jill Tokuda, Vice-chair

Senate Committee on Education
Governor's Message 577
Confirmation of Appointment of Terry L. Holck to
The Hawaii Teacher Standards Board

Monday, April 14, 2008; 1:15 P.M.
Conference Room 225

Testimony

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, my name is Jim Williams, and I am testifying as an individual. Thank you for this opportunity to present this testimony in support of the appointment of Terry Holck to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board.

I have known and observed Terry Holck in her interactions with students and colleagues when she was a teacher at Ewa Elementary School and more recently as a teacher at Voyager Public Charter School. As a founder and continuing Board member of Voyager, I have seen Ms. Holck in a variety of capacities, including classroom teacher, local school board member, faculty leader and mentor to new teachers. Terry is very conscientious in all of her assignments and conducts herself with a high degree of professionalism. She always keeps the best interests of her students as her top priority.

In her role as a member of the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board, Ms. Holck will be called upon to invest time in preparation, to learn about the current standards, to consider recent local and national developments, and to apply that preparation and knowledge to the decisions made by the Board. Based on my experience, I am confident Terry will perform her responsibilities diligently and with the wisdom of a veteran teacher who knows and values those characteristics that will truly benefit students.

Terry Holck, in my work with her and observation of her, has demonstrated the highest level of integrity. Her commitment and professionalism are readily apparent based on my association with her. I hope you will recommend confirmation of Ms. Terry L. Holck as a member of the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board.

Thank you for this opportunity to present this testimony in support of the appointment of Terry Holck to the Teacher Standards Board.

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