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March 19, 2008

The Honorable Carol Fukunaga
Chair, Senate Committee on
Economic Development and Taxation
State Capitol, Room 216
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813



RE: Reappointment of Sandra Albano to
State Foundation on Culture and the Arts Commission

Dear Senator Fukunaga:

LINDA LINGLE
Governor

This is to respectfully support the reappointment of Sandra Albano to the Commission of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts for a term to expire June 30, 2012.

RUSS K. SAITO
Comptroller

Commissioner Albano has proven herself to be a dedicated, knowledgeable and responsible Board member whose cheerful and gracious manner promotes positive public relations for our agency. She chairs the Planning and Budget Committee and also serves on the Administrative Committee. In 2007, Commissioner Albano was appointed to the Board of the Western States Arts Federation, a regional arts service organization serving thirteen western states with the most culturally diverse constituency in the nation. Her contributions in this regard have reflected her skill in planning and organizing, the ability to facilitate opposing points of view and her tact in motivating her fellow Board members and staff to embrace the common good for the agency.

LORI V. THOMAS
Chairperson

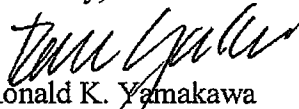
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I find her interest in culture and the arts to be genuine and her affiliations with community and business conducive to the expertise that she brings the task of governance. She is appreciative of public service and we are grateful that she has the opportunity to guide our agency for an additional term.

RONALD K. YAMAKAWA
Executive Director

Mahalo to you and the committee for considering Commissioner Albano's reappointment.

Sincerely,


Ronald K. Yamakawa
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c: The Honorable Russ K Saito
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March 12, 2008



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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: Reappointment of Sandra Albano as Commissioner
Hawaii State Foundation on Culture and the Arts

Dear Senator Fukunaga:

Thank you for the opportunity to recommend Sandra Albano for reappointment as a Commissioner on the Hawaii State Foundation on Cultural and the Arts.

It has been my pleasure to work with Ms. Albano for the past year and a half and to learn from her the procedures and processes of HSFCA. Ms. Albano, now completing her first four-year term as a Commissioner, has been a mentor to several more recently appointed Commissioners, including me. Her ability to objectively analyze a situation and propose alternatives in an even-keeled manner has been a model for all of us.

As Chair of the HSFCA for the past six months, I have appreciated Ms. Albano's willingness to participate fully in the peer review panels for the Biennium Grants, Artists-in-the-Schools, Folk Arts Apprenticeships, and Individual Artist Fellowship programs. She has also been actively involved in standing committees, such as the Administrative Committee and the Planning and Budget Committee, of which she is Chair. She has also readily assumed responsibility on Art Acquisition Committees and wherever she has been needed.

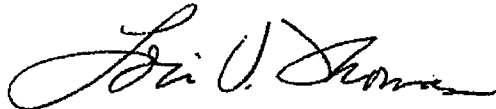
Ms. Albano's service is truly valued by me, the other HSFCA Commissioners, and the HSFCA staff. The continuity her further service as a Commissioner would bring is a great benefit to the on-going operations of the Commission.

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If I may provide any additional information regarding Ms. Albano's service as a HSFCA Commissioner, please do not hesitate to call upon me.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lori V. Thomas".

Lori V. Thomas

c: Russ K. Saito, Comptroller
Ronald K. Yamakawa, Executive Director

February 24, 2008

The Honorable Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chair
Senate Committee on Economic Development and Taxation
The Senate, State of Hawaii Room 216
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Dear Senator Fukunaga:

I am writing to strongly support Sandra Albano 's nomination for a second term as Commissioner to the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts Commission.

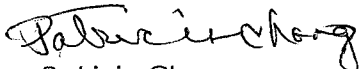
Sandra Albano is an individual who is dedicated to improving the quality of life for the people of Hawaii. She has served on the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts as a Commissioner for the past three years and has enthusiastically promoted its work and the nurturance and invigoration of arts and culture. She has especially expressed appreciation that Hawaii became the first state to establish a 1% state building construction law designated for the arts.

As a successful businesswoman for Sheraton and as a small business owner, Mrs. Albano has spent the last forty five years promoting tourism to the islands. She has done so by encouraging the beauty, history, and culture of Hawaii to be at the core of her work. Her network and coordination of businesses, non-profit enterprises, and government is widespread. With her vast knowledge, experience, and critical and strategic thinking, she is and would be a valuable member to any Commission. With her dedication and commitment to the arts and culture of Hawaii, she is the ideal candidate for this specific Commission.

Sandra's qualifications are endless. She serves on the board of directors at the Hawaii Theatre Center and has been involved in numerous non-profit organizations throughout the state. She has always valued helping others and as a professional she embodies the spirit of leadership by promoting others to lead. Mrs. Albano is truly an exceptional person.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 808 924-1474. Thank you for your kind consideration.

Very truly yours,



Patricia Chang
(past President & CEO The Women's Foundation of California
past President of San Francisco's Commission on the Status of Women and Commission on the Environment)
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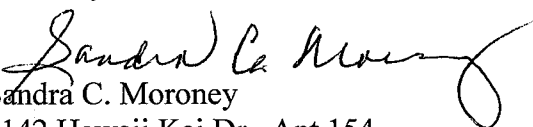
Dear Senator Fukunaga:

As a private citizen who has known Sandra Albano for nearly half a century, I strongly support her approval for re-appointment as a commissioner on the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts.

Sandra has the qualities of a dedicated, hard working individual of integrity. She has been involved in helping several not-for profit organizations, among which are the Ronald McDonald House Charities and the Hawaii Theatre Center. Sandra has gone "the extra miles" to help increase awareness and much needed support for these and other organizations.

I believe that Sandra will continue to promote and perpetuate culture and the arts in our Hawai'i' community, particularly where needed in our educational system through programs initiated by the Foundation.

Sincerely,


Sandra C. Moroney
7142 Hawaii Kai Dr., Apt 154.
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February 25, 2008

The Honorable Carol Fukunaga, Chair
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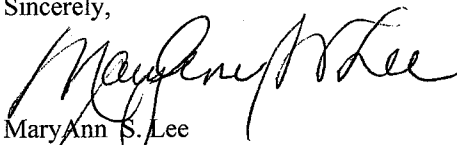
Dear Senator Fukunaga,

I am pleased to support the nomination of Sandra Albano for an appointment to the Board of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts. I know that Sandra is committed to the development of the Arts.

I have known Sandra socially for the past 10 years. Recently, I had the opportunity to work professionally with her on a project of mutual interest. I have always known Sandra to be a generous woman with the highest sense of responsibility and integrity. While working with her professionally, I witnessed her boundless energy as she juggled the myriad details of the project without losing her sense of humor or her focus on the goal.

I know that Sandra will bring her professional skills, knowledge, and wonderful, invigorating personality to her appointment at the Foundation. She would be a hard-working and dedicated Foundation member. I hope that you and your committee will confirm her appointment to the Board of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts.

Sincerely,



MaryAnn S. Lee
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Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chair
Senate Economic Development & Taxation
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Re: Support for Sandra Albano's Reappointment State Foundation on Culture & the Arts

Aloha Senator Fukunaga,

In 2005 I had the privilege to present testimony on behalf of Sandra Albano's appointment for the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts and it is with pride that I recommend your committee's reappointment for a second term for her to serve on the Board.

For over thirty years, I have known Sandy as a highly respected professional of the tourism industry who has contributed immensely to our community at large. Sandy brings valuable experience in fundraising as well as a passion for collaboration for the greater good of all Hawaii residents.

I along with many others, share Sandy's vision and commitment to provide opportunities for our youth and school children in experiences relating to culture and the arts. A reappointment of Sandy for a second term would insure consistency in culture and arts experiences for our youth as well as a statewide sustainable culture and arts program.

I ask for your consideration in reappointing Sandra Albano to serve a second term on the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts Board.

Mahalo,

Priscilla A. Texeira

President

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The Honorable Carol Fukunaga, Chair
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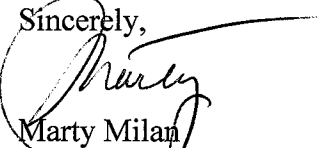
Aloha Senator Fukunaga,

I write you in support of Sandra Albano for re-appointment to the Board of the State Foundation on Culture and Arts. She very much wants to continue on the Board. Sandy is passionate in her involvement and wishes to carry on the Foundations' good work.

Sandy and I have been business associates for over 25 years and I have known her to be a committed individual of high standards, high integrity and uncompromising ethics. I've worked on projects with her and admired her high energy, resourcefulness and creativity and I have a great deal of respect for her.

Thank you for your attention. I hope (and she especially hopes) you and the committee will confirm her appointment to the Board of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts.

Sincerely,


Marty Milan
Director of Sales & Marketing

**Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chair
Senator Will Espero, Vice-chair
Senator J. Kalani English
Senator David Y. Ige
Senator Sam Slom
Committee on Economic Development and Taxation**

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**Philip and Sheila Leas
Monday, March 17th, 2008**

**Strong Support of Confirmation of Sandra Albano to the
Hawaii State Foundation on Culture and the Arts**

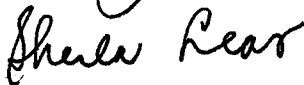
We are writing to strongly support the reconfirmation of Sandra Albano as commissioner to the Hawaii State Foundation on Culture and the Arts.

Sandra Albano has worked in Hawaii's travel industry for more than forty years. She has gained a wealth of knowledge, experience and valuable skills which she uses to help numerous nonprofit organizations in our community. She has planned and coordinated charitable events such as the FilCom Center opening and the annual Ronald McDonald gala. Throughout meetings required for such events Sandra shares her knowledge and demonstrates a wonderful ability to work with other committee members. During the events she is always professional and smoothly handles any problems that arrive.

We are confident that these talents that Sandra shares with our community will be very important to the success of the Hawaii State Foundation on Culture and the Arts during the next term. Please reconfirm her appointment.



Philip J. Leas



Sheila Leas

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