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TO: SEN. SUZANNE CHUNOAKLAND FROM: MARGARET LEVI-DOTANOS, CNA

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RE: RE-NOMINATION PAGES (including cover): 7

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RESUME

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1. BORN + EDUCATED IN N.Y.C., N.Y. RECEIVING ACADEMIC DIPLOMA FROM STAMICA H.S. 1964 AND ATTENDED COOPER UNION COLLEGE OF ART + ARCHITECTURE AS FINE ARTS MAJOR
2. HAVE PURSUED BOTH FINE + COMMERCIAL ART, WORKED IN DETAILING, PICTURE-FRAMING, PROOF, DEPT. NEWSPAPERS, HOUSEKEEPING WITH MY HUSBAND TROPICAL BOLT ART STUDIOS AND HAVE MY OWN CLEANING SERVICE, PUNA HOUSEKEEPING.
3. CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT AND CAREGIVER FOR 17 YRS THROUGH MOST MAJOR HOME HEALTH/CARE AGENCIES EA. + W. HAWAII, CONTINUE TO WORK FOR CARE RESOURCE HAWAII, METRO CARE HAWAII ISLAND ADULT CARE AND NURSE FINDERS. I HAVE ASSISTED PEOPLE OF ALL AGES, GENDER, SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND ETHNICITY. THEIR DISABILITIES INCLUDE HEMI-PARA- AND QUADRAPLEGIA, CEREBRAL PALSIA, TB1, MS, PSYCHIATRIC AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, BLINDNESS, SUBSTANCE ABUSE, HIV + HEP. C AND CONDITIONS THAT COMMONLY AFFECT SENIOR CITIZENS SUCH AS DIABETES, PARKINSONS DISEASE, ALZHEIMERS DISEASE, HEART AND MANY OTHER CONDITIONS.
4. I AM A LONG-TIME PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION (RURAL) AND PARATRANSIT ADVOCATE AND ACTIVIST ON HAWAII ISLANDS
5. I HAVE BEEN A SILE MEMBER FOR 3 YRS. (1-TERM)
6. I HAVE ATTENDED MANY WORK SHOPS ON COMMUNICATION PLANNING AND MEDICAL ISSUES. CERTIFIED CARE HOME OPERATOR, CERTIFIED TO WORK WITH DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED POPULATION
7. I HELPED ESTABLISH THE GREEN SANDS MASS HOME COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS
8. I HAVE BEEN AN ELECTION/PRECINCT OFFICIAL IN BOTH NAHEHU AND PAHOA
9. I AM A FOUNDING MEMBER/OWNER OF THE PARADISE HOME CARE COOPERATIVE, TO OPEN ITS' DOORS THIS 6/08
10. EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR 2000 CARE RESOURCE HAWAII
11. MEMBER - PUNA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN, MASS TRANSIT WORKING GROUP. THROUGH WHICH RURAL + PARATRANSIT WILL BE EMPOWERED

TO: SENATOR SUZANNE CHUN (OAKLAND)
CHAIR, SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES AND PUBLIC HOUSING

LIST OF ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS 2/26/08 LETTER FROM SEN. SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND

2. (a) I WISH TO CONTINUE TO BE PART OF AN ORGANIZATION WHICH FOSTERS OPPORTUNITY TO AFFECT CHANGE UPON ALL ASPECTS OF EXISTENCE IN THE LIVES OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (PWD) ON A SCALE WHICH REACHES LARGE AMOUNTS OF PEOPLE IN NEED OF THESE OPPORTUNITIES.

(b) I PERCEIVE THE ROLE OF A SILC MEMBER AS AN OBSERVER AND STUDENT OF THAT WHICH IS EFFECTIVE OR NOT IN OUR STATE FOR THE BETTERMENT OF LIFE FOR PWD AND TO BE PROACTIVE UTILIZING THIS KNOWLEDGE. THE RESPONSIBILITY OF A SILC MEMBER IS TO WORK DILIGENTLY AND CONSISTENTLY IN THE DUTIES THE COUNCIL FEELS IS NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH IT'S MISSION WITH SENSITIVITY, EFFECTIVENESS AND ETHICS

(c) I FEEL I AM QUALIFIED FOR THE POSITION - INITIALLY MY EXPERIENCE WITH PWD AND KNOWLEDGE OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES AVAILABLE WERE MY PRINCIPAL QUALIFICATION BUT SINCE THEN MY SILC MEMBERSHIP'S 3RD TERM HAS PREPARED ME EVEN BETTER TO BE EFFECTIVE. I NOW HAVE A GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF IL PRINCIPLES AND HOW THEY ARE FORMALIZED AND POPULARIZED INDEPENDENT LIFE STYLES WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF SILC AND ITS RELATIONSHIP TO THE CONSUMERS OF HAWAII. I NOW HAVE A FAIRLY GOOD GRASP OF ELECTRONIC AND ALTERNATE MEANS OF COMMUNICATION, BUDGETARY PROCESSES AND SEAWRITING. I AM PARTICULARLY GOOD AT NETWORKING BOTH BETWEEN INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS AND INTERACTIONS WITHIN AND BETWEEN GROUPS. I ENJOY THE OUTREACH AND INPUT OF THE CONSUMER, PARTICIPATING IN THE HAWAII ISLAND (EAST) PORTION OF THE SPIL (STATE PLAN ON INDEPENDENT LIVING) INTERACTING WITH VR, HEIL THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE AND THE ORGANIZATION WITH WHICH SILC IS AFFILIATED. I HAVE, IN ADDITION TO THIS INMATE ABILITY THE RIGHT PEOPLE/ORGANIZATIONS TOGETHER AND IN CONTACT ACQUIRED TO MY ABLE EXPERIENCE IN THE AREA OF ADA-COMPLIANT RURAL PARATRANSIT. I HAVE BEEN EDUCATED BY SO MANY KNOWLEDGEABLE PEOPLE IN THIS AREA AND DONE MUCH RESEARCH. I HAVE ENHANCED REALIZATION OF HOUSING EDUCATION HEALTH CARE VOCATIONAL AND RECREATIONAL OPTIONS FOR PWD, ALL OF THIS WOULD AID IN MY DECISION MAKING ABILITY AS A MEMBER OF SILC.

(d) WORK ON SUCCESSFUL OUTCOMES FOR SILC PLANS AND PROJECTS AND THOSE THE SILC SUPPORTS

(e) THE ABILITY TO NETWORK THROUGH RESEARCH AND KNOWLEDGABLE OF RESOURCES AVAILABLE.

2. COMMITMENT TO IL PRINCIPLES AND THE PROMOTION OF A SATISFYING LIFE STYLE FOR ALL

3. DEPENDABILITY - IF I SAY I WILL DO SOMETHING, I DO IT!
I THINK THESE QUALITIES WHEN APPLIED TO SILC PROGRESS WOULD BENEFIT THE COUNCIL.

(f) THE RECENT ESTABLISHMENT OF MAJOR RURAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS (IN-RURAL-ETC. #). AND THE SUBSEQUENT PARATRANSIT OPTIONS TO BE STUDIED AND IMPLEMENTED WHEN APPROPRIATE. IT CAUSED ME TO BRING TOGETHER ISOLATED RURAL PEOPLE WITH NO TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS, THE PUNA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN, MASS TRANSIT AGENCY OF HAWAII COUNTY, PARSONS BRINCKERHOFF CONSULTANTS AND ADA PARA TRANSIT EXPERTS

(g) I DO NOT FORESEE ANY CONFLICTS OF INTEREST. I WOULD OVERCOME ANY POSSIBLE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST BY TAKING THE MATTER TO THE SILC BOARD.

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February 29, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my privilege to recommend Ms. Margaret Levy-Dohanos to serve on the board of the Statewide Independent Living Council of Hawaii. In the years I have known Ms. Levy-Dohanos, she has always been a staunch supporter and advocate to improve the condition of disabled individuals in Hawaii. She is a caring and thoughtful person who strives to help the disabled pursue their hopes and dreams and integrate them into the community.

I personally cannot think of a more deserving individual who could represent the issues and needs of the disabled than Ms. Levy-Dohanos.

Sincerely,

Tom Brown
Transit Administrator

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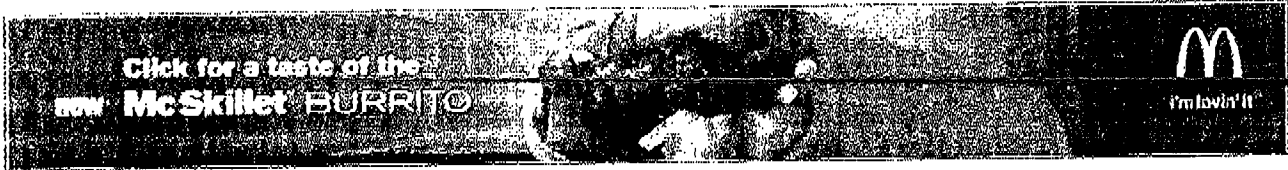
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Aloha,

I would be very happy to recommend Margaret levy-dohanos to a second term for the Statewide Independent Living Council. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,
Howard Marks

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> second term for the statewide independent living
> council please? You can simply be listed as a
> reference or e-mail me a short written
> recommendation which i will forward to the silc and
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3/7/08

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RE: Letter of Recommendation
For MARGARET LEVY-DOHANOS

This letter is regarding Margaret's 2nd ~~year~~ nomination to the Statewide Council on Independent Living. Margaret has been with Care Resource Hawaii as a Home Health Aide for 10 years. She was selected as Employee of the Year because of her commitment and kindness shown to her clients. She is always willing to work and very seldom says "no". She is responsible, always has a good attitude, and sense of humor. She always calls us if her clients need extra care. She has bought clothing for clients in need and because of her persistence a client was able to get a grant for a greatly needed washing machine. Margaret was wringing out the clothing with her hands. She accepts the client's who live in poor, untidy conditions, explores resources to improve their lives and offers companionship to those who are alone most of the day.

Sincerely,

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MEMO:

Aloha Sen Chun - Oakland

*Here are the materials
you requested. Mahalo*

Margaret Levy-Dottano
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March 11, 2008

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senate Committee on Human Services and Public Housing

FROM: Lillian B. Koller, Director

SUBJECT: G.M. 352 - Gubernatorial Nomination of Margaret Levy-Dahanos to the Statewide Independent Living Council

Hearing: Tuesday, March 11, 2008, 1:15 p.m.
Conference Room 016, State Capitol

The Department of Human Services strongly supports the nomination of Ms. Margaret Levy-Dohanos to the State Independent Living Council (SILC). The SILC was established in the 1992 Amendments to the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and acts in partnership with the Department's Vocational Rehabilitation and Services for the Blind Division (VRSBD) on services that address the independent living and employment needs of individuals with disabilities.

Ms. Margaret Levy-Dohanos is seeking reappointment to her second term on the SILC. Ms. Levy-Dohanos is a certified nurse's aide (CNA) and works as a home health aide, home helper/chore worker on the Big Island. Ms. Levy-Dohanos provides the Council with geographic representation for Hawaii County and the perspective of a direct service provider to individuals with disabilities.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony to this Committee.