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LINDA LINGLE  
GOVERNOR

February 5, 2008

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Sirs and Mesdames:

In accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section 6, of the Hawai'i State Constitution, I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration and confirmation, the following nomination to the **Health Planning Council, Hawai'i County Subarea:**

Gail M. Walker

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Linda Lingle".

LINDA LINGLE

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CLERK OF THE HOUSE  
HONOLULU, HI

## **dige2 - Joyce K**

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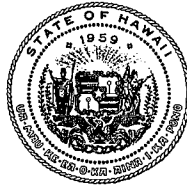
**From:** Gail.Walker@kp.org  
**Sent:** Monday, March 31, 2008 10:14 AM  
**To:** dige2 - Joyce K  
**Subject:** confirmation hearing

I will not be able to attend the confirmation hearing for commissions this Wednesday at 115pm for the Hawaii Subarea Council commission seat. I am, however, still interested in being considered for this seat.

Please let me know if there is anything else I need to do. Thank you for your consideraion.

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LINDA LINGLE  
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In reply, please refer to:  
File:

**Senate Committee on Health**

**, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii County  
Subarea Health Planning Council, Gubernatorial Nominee,  
Gail**

**Testimony of Chiyome Leinaala Fukino, M.D.  
Director of Health**

**April 2, 2008**

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health supports the nomination and confirmation of  
2 Gail Walker to the Hawaii County Subarea Health Planning Council.

3 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

4 **Purpose and Justification:** Gail Walker has a rich background in nursing and community service. She  
5 currently serves as Clinic Manager at Kaiser Permanente in Hilo. Her prior experience includes serving  
6 as Executive Director of the Hamakua Health Center; Director of Nursing at Kapiolani Women's and  
7 Children's; and Nursing Supervisor; and staff nurse. In addition, she has received numerous  
8 professional and community awards including the Robert Wood Johnson Community Leadership award;  
9 Weinburg Foundation Aim for Excellence award; and Outstanding Citizen Hawaii County. She  
10 currently works with East Hawaii Coalition for Homeless and the Hawaii Island Adult Day Care.

11 We ask for your support in the confirmation of Gail Walker to serve on the Hawaii County Subarea  
12 Health Planning Council.



**To Whom It May Concern:**

I have known Gail Walker for the last six years since moving to the Big Island to support Kaiser Permanente's Big Island Clinics.

While working with Gail, I observed her to be organized, efficient, and extremely competent and she has an excellent rapport with people of all ages. She is highly respected, as both a person and a professional, by employees, colleagues, vendors and patients alike.

I highly recommend Gail as a member of the Hawai'i County Subarea Council. With her background as a nurse and a medical clinic manager, I believe Gail will bring a wealth of healthcare knowledge to the Planning Council and be a valuable asset as a member.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 982-9214.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jamie K. Cameros". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jamie K. Cameros  
Senior Planning Analyst, Kaiser Permanente



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## LOCAL 142

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Gail Walker, Candidate for the Hawaii County Subarea Council

It is with much pleasure that I take this opportunity to endorse Gail Walker to become the Hawaii County Subarea Council commissioner.

I first met and worked with Ms. Walker 15 years ago when I was the ILWU Business Agent and she the Hamakua Health Center Administrator. My working relationship with her intensified during the closure of Hamakua Sugar Co. We spent many hours working on keeping Hamakua Health Center operating in spite of the loss of its primary funding source.

By her actions, she demonstrated her compassion, dedication and love for the work she was charged with--to provide the best health care service for the community with a strong supporting staff of professional and non-professional employees and all the while maintaining a viable operation. With hard work and perseverance she was successful in acquiring the necessary funding to keep Hamakua Health Center operating. With her nursing background and administrator experience she is very knowledgeable of the health care business and its responsibility to the community. She has great skill in dealing with difficult people and situations. She has superb work ethics and conscientious of the product of her labor. By and large, she was appreciated and respected by the people she managed and the community whom she served.

Hawaii County will be well served and I fully endorse and recommend that Gail Walker be selected as the Hawaii County Subarea Council commissioner. Thank you for your consideration and the opportunity to express my views.

Sincerely,

Fred Galdones  
 President

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to recommend Ms. Gail Walker to the Hawaii Sub-Area Council for the State Health Planning and Development Agency.

Ms. Walker is employed by Kaiser Foundation Health Plan as the East Hawaii Clinic Manager, located at Kaiser's Hilo Clinic. Prior to joining Kaiser, she was the Executive Director of Hamakua Health Center and a Weinberg Foundation Fellow. She would be an excellent SAC member, as she has devoted her entire career to health care, first as a registered nurse, then progressing to responsible management positions. She grew up on the Big Island and is very familiar with the community and its resources.

In her position, she works with 7,500 Hilo residents who are Kaiser members as well as physicians and nursing/clerical staff from both Hawaii and Oahu. Her effectiveness can be attributed in part to her skill in building personal relationships at all levels of the organization. In addition, she is an excellent operational manager responsible for the overall functioning of Hilo Clinic. Her personal attributes include compassion, intelligence, timeliness, hard worker, dedication and dependability – all characteristics which she would bring to the Hawaii SAC.

Thank you for considering her application for appointment to the Hawaii SAC. Please feel free to contact me at (808) 243-6618 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary M. Hew".

Mary M. Hew  
Clinics Manager, Neighbor Islands

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Juliette M. Tulang  
P.O. Box 1119  
Hilo, HI 96721

March 26, 2008

The Honorable David Ige  
Chair, Senate Health Committee  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Britannia Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

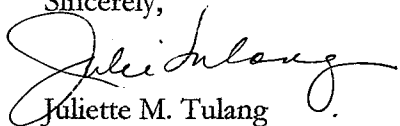
Dear Senator Ige,

**Re: Letter of Support for Gail Walker's appointment to the Hawaii County Subarea Health Planning Council**

Gail Walker has been involved in health care at various levels in Hawaii and on the mainland for more than twenty-five years. She is very knowledgeable about the health needs in rural communities through her work in establishing the Hamakua Community Health Center and in her current position with Kaiser Permanente Clinic in East Hawaii. She has been involved in several innovative programs that addressed health care in rural communities, and at a metropolitan hospital on the mainland. Gail has received national recognition for her innovations and attended the award ceremony in Boston. She has an excellent perspective on the needs for staffing, facilities, the balance of services in an institutional setting and community based. Ms. Walker is an advocate for preventive care through education by helping patients and the greater community to make informed decisions about their individual care.

Ms. Walker, a registered nurse and administrator, is an active member of our community who cares about the health of all citizens. She will be a great asset to the Hawaii County Subarea Health Planning Council.

Sincerely,



Juliette M. Tulang  
Chair, Hawaii County Subarea Health Planning Council