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CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER, OFFICE OF ELECTIONS
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR
ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 409
NOMINATION OF MAUREEN K. MURAOKA TO THE
BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF THE ISLAND OF OAHU

March 7, 2008

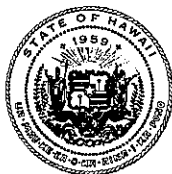
Chair Taniguchi and members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor, thank you for the opportunity to testify on the nomination of Maureen K. Muraoka to the Board of Registration of the Island of Oahu.

Ms. Muraoka was originally appointed to the Board of Registration in 2004 and was elected to serve as the Chairperson of the Board of Registration in the 2004 and 2006 Elections. As the Chairperson she has shown herself to be fair in her duties.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on GM 409.

Respectfully Submitted:

By Kevin Cronin



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF HAWAII
STATE CAPITOL
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

DATE : March 5, 2008

TO : Honorable Brian Taniguchi, Chair
Honorable Clayton Hee, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Hearing Date: March 7, 2008 at 10 a.m. in conference room 016

From : Representative Barbara Marumoto *BM*

Re : MAUREEN K. MURAOKA for the Board of Registration, Island of Oahu

It is my pleasure to ask the members of the Judiciary and Labor Committee to consider Maureen K. Muraoka for a second term as the Oahu member on the Board of Registration.

Maureen was a hard working member of the Board during her first term, never missed a meeting, and took her duties seriously. We are fortunate to have citizens like her who are willing to take the time to serve in a volunteer capacity. They make Hawai'i a better place to live.

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March 5, 2008

The Honorable Senator Brian T. Taniguchi
Chairman
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
State Capitol, 415 S. Beretania Street Room 219
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: GM 409-Maureen K. Muraoka
Board of Registration of the Island of Oahu

Dear Chairman Taniguchi and Committee Members:

I am pleased to lend my support to the re-nomination of Maureen K. Muraoka to the Board of Registration of the Island of Oahu.

Maureen and I have been friends for many of years and worked with her on the Board of Registration of the Island of Oahu. I have been involved with her in working together at a number of community affairs and projects. She has actively served on several boards of organizations and non-profit committees. I know she is a detailed-oriented and responsible person who will conduct herself in a businesslike and professional manner.

Maureen Muraoka should continue to serve on the Board of Registration of the Island of Oahu and I hope you and the members of the Senate will give her re-nomination your favorable consideration.

Mahalo,

Roberta Chong Kee

Karen H. Iwamoto
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Committee on Judiciary and Labor Hearing
March 7, 2008
10:00 a.m.
Conference Room 016

**RE: GM 409 Consideration and Confirmation to the Board of Registration of the
Island of Oahu, Gubernatorial Nominee Maureen Muraoka, for a term to expire
6-30-2012**

Chair Taniguchi and Members of the Judiciary and Labor Committee:

I am Karen Iwamoto, private citizen, testifying in support of Maureen Muraoka's nomination and confirmation to the Board of Registration of the Island of Oahu. I met Maureen Muraoka at Representative Marumoto's office during the course of my work as Government Relations Director for the Building Industry Association of Hawaii (BIA-Hawaii). My support of her nomination and confirmation are based on her personal attributes which I believe make her eminently qualified to serve again on the Board of Registration.

The duties of a Board of Registration member are to hear and decide appeals regarding voter registration that arise from a voter challenge or from an appeal of a clerk's decision prior to and including election day. Ms. Muraoka has had experience in mediating interdepartmental issues when she worked as a medical technologist and laboratory supervisor. I know that she is deliberative and fair in carrying out the duties of a Board member. From an outsider's view, serving on this Board seems like a thankless job, but I am grateful to citizens like Maureen who want to serve in this capacity in settling appeals in the voting process.

I respectfully request your confirmation of Maureen Muraoka's nomination to the Board of Registration.

Karen H. Iwamoto

March 5, 2008

Senator Brian T. Taniguchi
State Capitol, Room 219
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Subject: Member Recommendation for Oahu Board of Registration

Dear Senator Taniguchi,

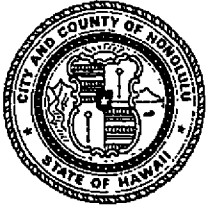
As a resident of your Senate district, please accept my recommendation of Mrs. Maureen Muraoka for the Oahu Board of Registration. Having known her for many years, Ms. Muraoka has always struck me as being a well-informed and very conscientious person. I believe her attributes, combined with her previous experience as an Oahu Board member, will serve the Office of Elections well.

Thank you for your consideration.



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March 6, 2008

The Honorable Brian Taniguchi
Chair, Judiciary and Labor Committee
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 219
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Taniguchi and Members of the Judiciary and Labor Committee:

This letter of recommendation is in support of Maureen Muraoka's appointment to the Boards of Registration. I have known Mrs. Muraoka for the last eight years and have been impressed by her energy and dedication in helping to improve her community.

I have also found that Mrs. Muraoka is a tireless worker in all her endeavors and her integrity is exemplary. I give my wholehearted endorsement for your favorable consideration of her appointment. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. Best wishes.

Aloha,

Charles K. Djou
Councilmember, District IV

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cc: Maureen Muraoka