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Governor Message 529 - Submitting For Consideration To The Oahu Island Burial Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, Shad Spearman Kane

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

April 3, 2008

It is with pleasure that the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) recommends Senate confirmation of the appointment of Shad Spearman Kane to the Oahu Island Burial Council.

The Island Burial Councils were established under Chapter 6E-43.5, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, to determine the preservation in place or relocation of previously identified native Hawaiian burial sites and to determine Hawaiian cultural and lineal descendancy claims for specific burials.

State law requires that Island Burial Councils be established for Hawai'i, Maui/Lanai, Molokai, Oahu and Kaua'i/Ni'ihau islands, and be comprised of representatives from specific geographic regions and representatives of developer/large property owners. Shad Spearman Kane was nominated to serve as the Ewa District representative on the Oahu Island Burial Council. If confirmed, Shad Spearman Kane will serve until June 30, 2012.

Shad Spearman Kane is a retired Honolulu Police Department Lieutenant. He was born and raised on Oahu and is very active in various community organizations. He has an extensive background in the cultural history of Ewa and in the proper treatment of iwi kapuna. Mr. Kane has wanted to serve on the Oahu Island Burial Council for a long time and looks forward to serving on the Council.

The Department greatly appreciates your consideration of Shad Spearman Kane and strongly recommends his confirmation to the Oahu Island Burial Council.

Senate Committee For Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs

April 3, 2008 2:45pm Room 224

GM529 Consideration and Confirmation to the Island Burial Council, Island of Oahu

Shad S. Kane

Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair English and members of the committee. I have known Mr. Kane my entire life, and it is with great pleasure that I recommend him for the position on the Island Burial Council for Oahu.

During my term as Director for the Office of Environmental Quality Control, Mr. Kane served on the Environmental Council. He was active and devoted much of his time and effort to bring the Environmental Impact Statement laws to better understanding within the Native Hawaiian community.

Mr. Kane has been active in the Kapolei community and the neighborhood board. He is dedicated in his beliefs to protect the Hawaiian culture. He has the respect and admiration of everyone who comes in contact with him. There is absolutely no doubt in my mind that he will be a valuable asset to the council.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Genevieve Salmonson

From:

Tsuji, Matthew [matthew.tsuji@doh.hawaii.gov]

Sent:

Tuesday, March 25, 2008 10:27 AM

To:

testimony

Subject:

GM529 Testimony, 4/3/08 Hearing

Attachments: GM 529 Testimony.pdf

Committee:

Senate Committee on Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs

Hearing Date:

Thursday, April 3, 2008

Time:

2:45pm

Place:

Room 224

Senator Jill Tokuda and Senator Kalani English:

I am submitting the attached testimony of Genevieve Salmonson on the matter of GM 529, "Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Island Burial Council, Island of Oahu, Gubernatorial Nominee, SHAD S. KANE, for a term to expire 6-30-2012."

Thank you very much,

Matthew Tsuji (808) 586-4528

From: Sean C McNamara [seanmcna@hawaii.edu]

Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 11:04 AM

To: testimony

Subject: Testimony for Shad Kane

Aloha,

My name is Sean McNamara, this is a testimony in regards to Shad Kane for consideration and confirmation to the Island Burial Council, Island of Oahu as a Moku 'O Ewa representative set for Thursday, April 3, 2008 at 2:45.

I am currently a PHD student in the department of Urban and Regional Planning with an emphasis in Hawaiian Cultural Resource Management. Meeting and befriending Shad Kane has been an honor in the development of my career and as a Native Hawaiian. To witness how an individual can make a difference in protecting and revitalizing the Native Hawaiian culture and the willingness to share and educate others about that process has been life enriching for myself as well as for my family. His knowledge, expertise, and compassion for the Moku 'O Ewa is uncomparable and boundless.

Please nominate and confirm Shad Kane as a representative for the Burial Council, Island of Oahu, Moku 'o Ewa representative.

Mahalo, Sean McNamara

From: Kathryn Davis [kdavis@QLCC.org]
Sent: Monday, March 31, 2008 9:10 AM

To: testimony

Subject: Burial Council: Shad S. Kane

Aloha,

Thank you for accepting this testimony in support of Shad S. Kane's nomination to the Oahu Island Burial Council, term to expire 6-30-2012. Mr. Kane has the needed knowledge and 'ike papalua to qualify him for this position of importance. I know him to a be dedicated and passionate individual, who will take the tasks set before our burial councils seriously. He is educated, informed and personally inspired to protect our cultural and genealogical heritage.

Please accept his offer to assist the State of Hawaii in this very important work, and confirm his nomination.

Mahalo, K. Mahealani Davis P.O.Box 350 Kaunakakai HI 96748

From: KaneKawika@aol.com

Sent: Thursday, March 27, 2008 7:22 AM

To: testimony

Subject: Committe on Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs 4/3/2008 @ 2:45PM

Testimony

Committe on Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs 4/3/2008 @ 2:45PM

Aloha Chair Senator Jill Tokuda and Vice Chair J. Kalani English,

My name is Kawika Kane of Kapolei, Oahu and I would like to testify in support of Shad Kane to represent the Oahu Burial Council as a Moku O Ewa Representative.

I am not directly related to Mr. Kane though we share the same last name. I have known Mr. Kane to be a very committed individual and volunteer in the community. Mr. Kane has served on numerous community projects that have strengthen the community.

Mr. Kane is very active with the perpetuating of the Hawaiian culture. He is very wise and well educated in Hawaiian protocol and knowledgeable in Hawaiian issues.

Mr. Kane's appointment to the Burial Council will serve the position well and all that expected will be fullfilled. Mr. Kane is very honorable and dependable.

Mahalo,

Kawika Ainahau Kane, IV Kapolei, Oahu

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To: Senate Committee on Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs Thursday, April 3, 2008 2:45 PM Conference Room 224

Senator Jill N. Tokuda – Chair Senator J. Kalani English - Vice Chair

Subject: Supporting the Nomination of Shad Kane to OIBC

Aloha Kakou e Honorable Senate Committee, Chair and Vice Chair,

Shad Kane's whole being is devoted to the preservation of the Hawaiian Culture and ensuring that it is done in a Pono fashion.

Yet he is humble as he is knowledgeable. Committed as he is careful.

I have known Shad for some time now and have always been impressed with his quest to doing things right culturally and with the people involved to create balance.

He would be a great asset to the Oahu Island Burial Council and bring with him many personal experiences and of those he has been in contact within the Hawaiian community.

Please seriously consider him for the Ewa District Representative position as I know he will not disappoint you.

I am Gordon Umialiloalahanauokalakaua Kai, Hawaiian Practitioner, Member of: Pa Kui A Lua, Hale Mua-Kualii, Na Lehua Kumakua, Vice-Chair Bishop Museum Association Committee and Native Hawaiian Culture and Arts Program (NHCAP) - Board Member.

Mahalo nui loa for your time,

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April 1, 2008

The Honorable Jill Tokuda, Chair;
The Honorable J. Kalani English, Vice Chair
and Members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture
and Hawaiian Affairs
State Senate
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair English and Committee Members:

Confirmation of Shad S. Kane

My name is David W. Rae and I am the Senior Vice President, Development for Kapolei Property Development LLC, an affiliate of the James Campbell Company LLC. Thank you for allowing me to testify today.

I am here to express my strong support for the confirmation of Shad Kane to the Oahu Island Burial Council. Over the past few years, I have had the pleasure of working with Mr. Kane on many projects in the Kapolei region. Throughout this process, Mr. Kane displayed an intimate knowledge of Native Hawaiian culture, practice and history. Moreover, his past work with various Native Hawaiian organizations and the Bishop Museum will be invaluable in making important decisions regarding the proper treatment and re-internment of Iwi Kupuna. It is this experience and his personal familiarity with the land in and around Kapolei, which makes him an ideal candidate to be the regional representative to the Oahu Island Burial Council.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide testimony on this matter.

Sincerely,

David W. Rae

Senior Vice President, Development

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Liheliho
Onaona wale ia pua
Ha miki 'ala man 'ia
Ua liele wale a nohea
(Hele a nohenohea)
Ha nou i kë kehau
(Ha nou a kë kehau)
O beautiful 'ilima
Choice of my heart
O sweet and charming
flower
Soft and lovely to behold

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Senate Committee on Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs

April 3, 2008

2:45 pm

Conference Room 224

On behalf of the approximately 220 members of the Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu, I, Leatrice Maluhia Kauahi, Pelekikena, strongly support the confirmation to the Island Burial Council, Island of Oahu, Gubernatorial Nominee, SHAD S. KANE.

Mr. Shad S.Kane is a Hawaiian Civic Club member and is well respected for his knowledge on his and our Hawaiian culture.

As members of the Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu, we have participated in activities that Mr. Kane shared his knowledge to help us understand the facts concerning difficult Hawaiian issues. He has participated as a leader towards the success of engaging better understanding of these issues with the desire to preserve what is important to the Hawaiian people.

We believe Mr. Kane understands the kuleana with this important confirmation and know he will provide the dedication, time, and commitment to our cultural practices for the island of Oahu.

We ask for your support of Shad S. Kane. Mahalo for this opportunity to provide this testimony.

From: Kawika McKeague [kawikam@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2008 12:16 PM

To: testimony

Subject: Support for GM 529: Shad S. Kane Nomination to OIBC

Letter of Support for Governor's Message (GM) 529 (Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Island Burial Council, Island of Oahu, Gubernatorial Nominee, SHAD S. KANE, for a term to expire 6-30-2012.)

To be heard Thursday, April 3, 2008 at 2:45 PM in conference room 224 By the State of Hawai'i Senate Committee on Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs

Ano'ai me ke aloha e Chair Senator Jill Tokuda and Vice Chair J. Kalani English, and to the Committee on Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs:

My name is Mark Kawika McKeague and I currently serve with great sense of humility on the O'ahu Island Burial Council as its Vice-Chair and Representative of the Moku o 'Ewa.

The first time I met Anakala Shad was in the early 1990s at the foothold of Pu'uokapolei, wherein we had a mana-imbued conversation at that time about the necessity and desire to reawaken the ancestral consciousness of this wahi kupuna. This discussion was a point of focus in preparation to address some of the shared concerns of community members and specifically the 'Ahahui Siwila Hawaii O Kapolei and its concerns that were prevalent at that time related to proposed mixed use of the Pu'u with multiple stakeholders asserting various rights of legitimacy to access and use this property. I recall that it was through the combined efforts of community leadership and stewardship by Anakala Shad and Kumu Hula John Ka'imikaua that I was humbly privileged to participate in 'aha 'aina conducted at Pu'uokapolei. The essence and details of how this ceremony was carried out is not meant for elaboration in this type of communication. However, what is important to share is that this was one of my many learning experiences as to how to invoke traditional cultural practices and values and convey them contemporarily as a means to facilitate and seek a kahua (foundation) from which community dialogue can appropriately commence and be engaging. It has been moments like this that have shaped my beliefs and professional aptitude in what I do as an environmental and cultural resource planner.

Anakala Shad is a well respected authority of cultural matters and affairs within the 'Ewa moku. I have come to respect him as a kupuna, as a source of one's own beginning and learning, for this generation. His cultural knowledge specific to the protection of wahi kanu and iwi kupuna in the moku are also well documented and respected. I look forward to the opportunity to continue to learn from Anakala Shad in our collective effort to malama our kupuna and the places once returned to the bosom of Papahanaumoku.

Mahalo for allowing me to share this mana'o. If there are needs for further discussion, please feel free to contact me at your convenience at then number or email listed below.

Na'u me ka ha'aha'a,

Kawika McKeague (808)265-7901 kawikam@hawaii.rr.com

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

DATE: APRIL 3, 2008

TIME: 2:30 P.M.

IN RE: APPOINTMENT OF SHAD KANE TO THE ISLAND BURIAL COUNCIL ISLAND OF OAHU.

Chair Tokuda and honorable members of this committee, my name is Gary K. Omori. Thank you very much for allowing me to present favorable written testimony in support of Mr. Shad Kane's appointment to the Oahu Burial Council.

I have known Mr. Kane over the past 40 years and can attest to his character, his knowledge and experience of the Hawaiian culture. Mr. Kane has immersed himself in preserving and learning about the cultural practices of the Native Hawaiians. He is well respected for his knowledge and involvement with people in the West Oahu community especially with the Kapolei Hawaiian Civic Club and the students at Kapolei High School. He also gives tours to various organizations and interested groups to areas once inhabited by Native Hawaiians, explaining the cultural practices and history of the area. He is a respected kupuna at all the schools in his area and is sought after for his knowledge and understanding of the Hawaiian culture.

As a former member of the Honolulu Police Department, Mr. Kane has distinguished himself as a fine officer of the law. He has during his tenure been an involved member of his community and has participated in community volunteer work.

As a former member of the O'ahu Burial Council, it is without reservation that I recommend Mr. Shad Kane for your favorable consideration. The council will benefit from his knowledge and understanding of the Hawaiian culture and most of all his sincere commitment and respect in treating the remains of the iwi of the native Hawaiian kupuna.

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Thank you very much for allowing me to present this written testimony.

With warm personal regards and aloha I remain.

VIA EMAIL:

To:

Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair

Senator J. Kalani English, Vice Chair

Committee on Agriculture & Hawaiian Affairs

From:

Lani Ma'a Lapilio

Committee Date:

Thursday, April 3, 2008, 2:45 p.m., Conference Room #224

LATE

Subject:

Support of GM 529 Confirmation of Shad Kane to the OIBC

Aloha Chair, Vice-chair and members of the committee, I am Lani Ma'a Lapilio, principal of Ku'iwalu, a cultural consultant firm, National Trust for Historic Preservation Board of Advisor and executive committee member, Historic Hawai'i Foundation advisor, former executive director of the Judiciary History Center, and native Hawaiian Bar Assočiation member.

It is a privilege to write this letter of strong support for the confirmation of Mr. Shad S. Kane to the Island Burial Council, Island of Oʻahu. I have been involved with the historic preservation community for a long time and over the years I have developed the greatest respect and admiration for Mr. Shad Kane. He is an outstanding community resource and has given generously of his time and expertise in many ways. To his credit, he has cultivated interest and inspired younger generations to perpetuate and mālama (care for) the wahi pana (legendary places) of the 'Ewa district.

I have no doubt that Mr. Kane will be a tremendous asset to the Burial Council. He has extensive historical and cultural knowledge of the geographic region he will represent and is deeply connected to these lands through his 'ohana genealogy of many generations. His personal involvement with reinterring iwi kupuna and the knowledge and understanding of Hawaiian burial beliefs and practices provide a unique perspective that will serve the Council well.

As you know, Mr. Kane has a long and very distinguished record of service. He is well respected in both the Hawaiian and non-Hawaiian communities at large. Most importantly he is one that truly cares about the kuleana (responsibility) of caring for our ancestors. I believe that he will honor this kuleana and do what is right in the very difficult situations that come before the Council for deliberation.

Mahalo nui loa for your support and favorable action to confirm Mr. Shad Kane to the O'ahu Island Burial Council as an 'Ewa District representative.