

Presentation Before the Senate Committee on Education

April 15, 2008

Robert Naniolo

Hawaii Commission For National And Community Service

Chair Sakamoto, members of the Senate Committee on Education, thank you for this opportunity to present background about myself in your consideration of my confirmation to the Hawaii Commission For National And Community Service.

I was born and raised in Hawaii. I grew up in the Nuuanu and Liliha neighborhoods. I also spent significant time at my grandmother's home in Papakolea where I eventually lived for approximately ten years. I currently live in Mililani with my wife and two daughters. I attended and graduated from Kamehameha Schools and the University of Hawaii at Manoa, receiving a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History. I also received a Master of Arts Degree in Professional Counseling from Argosy University-Hawaii Campus formerly known as American School of Professional Psychology.

During the course of my eleven years in Human Service and Social Service Program Management, I have successfully developed more program opportunities for individuals seeking services related to employment readiness, services for children, vocational training, and better access to support services.

A position on the Hawaii Commission For National And Community Service would give me the chance to work on areas that I feel very passionate about, and will allow me to share my work experiences and beliefs on community service. It would be especially exciting to work at increasing volunteer participation throughout the state, to promote citizen involvement in government and private programs, and to assist in the development of an action plan for community initiatives in Hawaii.

With the limited amount of resources available, it is clear that we must continue working together as a community to better the lives of our keiki and kupuna. The key to achieving this goal is to give freely of ourselves to those who need us the most.

I look forward to the challenges ahead. My education, background, and experience give me the tools to succeed. I ask for you to support my nomination to the Hawaii Commission For National And Community Service. Mahalo!



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Senator Norman Sakamoto
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Dear Senator Sakamoto:

Windward School for Adults would like to submit our supporting testimony for Mr. Robert Naniole who is being nominated to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service.

Mr. Naniole has been involved with our school since his tenure at the Honolulu Community Action Program and his present position with the state. He is presently the chair of our School Community Council and has been actively supporting adult education in the Windward district for the past 5 years. Thanks to his efforts our community partnerships in the SCC has grown and has gotten the word out about adult education in the community.

Robert has been directly involved with our school's Strategic, Academic and Financial Plan as well as taking a part in our school's accreditation with the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

Mr. Naniole's nomination to the commission is one that is strongly supported by our school and its stakeholders. We are confident he will do an exemplary job as a commissioner.

Should you have any questions or concerns about this endorsement, please call me at 254-7955 or email me at gary_takaki@notes.k12.hi.us at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary T. Takaki".
Gary T. Takaki
Principal

cc: School files

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To: Senator Norman Sakamoto

Chair Senate Committee on Education

From: Rev. Bob Nakata, Pastor

Kahala United Methodist Church

Re: Nomination of Robert Naniolo to the

Hawaii Commission on National and Community Service

Thank you for this opportunity to speak in strong support of ~~the~~ Robert Naniolo to this Commission. I got to know him as the District Manager of the Windward District of the Honolulu Community Action Program. He did an outstanding job in making that District the best of the HCAP Districts.

Among other things, he created the Windward Homeless Coalition, played a central role in creating Community Works in 96744 and Huki Like, both community organizing groups in Kahala and Kaneohe, aimed at creating a safe and healthy community. He was instrumental in organizing the highly successful anti-ice movement several years ago, both in Kaneohe and Islandwide. He was an effective organizer of many other events, and has continued to do this work from the State Office of Community Services.

I give my highest recommendation to this Commission.