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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.