

The Honorable Senator Norman Sakamoto, Chair  
Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chair  
The Senate, State of Hawai`i  
415 S. Beretania St.  
Honolulu, HI 96813

**GM 576 Nomination of Eliza V. Talbot**  
**Hearing: April 14, 2008 at 1:15pm**  
**Hawai`i Commission for National and Community Service**

Aloha Chair Sakamoto, Vice Chair Tokuda and members of the Senate Education Committee:

I am truly honored to be appointed to serve as a member of the Hawai`i Commission for National and Community Service. I have a strong sense of commitment and dedication to enhancing the way of life for Hawai`i residents and I believe that a position on this State Commission is an ideal way for me to expand these sentiments. I also appreciate the time and effort that each one of you must spend to ensure that each state board and commission is composed of exceptional individuals. It is my hope that you will grant me the opportunity to represent the people of Hawai`i by confirming my appointment to the Hawai`i Commission for National and Community Service.

As a young professional in Hawai`i I feel very fortunate for the advantages I have had in life and feel compassion for all the families and young people facing difficulties in Hawai`i. As one of the youngest members appointed to the Commission I hope to offer my unique perspective to the program. It is crucial for young leaders to have opportunities to become involved in every level of government, especially in efforts which include community outreach. I hope to gain an understanding of the challenges and obstacles the organization faces so I may increase the promotion of the volunteer programs and services.

I believe that I am qualified to serve as a member of the Commission because I am passionate for the overall mission of the organization, providing community outreach to the environment, the elderly, children and to all adults in need. I feel that my professional and volunteer experiences have given me an in depth understanding of the struggles most volunteer based organizations face such as fundraising, recruitment and program development. I have also been a leader faced with making difficult decisions based on the best interest of the entire group, not necessarily each individual. I have worked to promote team building and to develop creative methods to solve challenges.

One experience that I feel has heightened my awareness of our community members in need and developed my leadership skills was my role as the project coordinator for "Project Playground" at the Wai`anae Housing Facility at the Civic Center last year. Our goal was to provide funding, equipment and volunteers to give the keiki of the facility a place to play and learn. I was responsible for working with the appropriate private and government agencies to coordinate the effort. The project was a huge success and was a great example of private, public and nonprofit entities working together. I am excited to coordinate similar projects throughout Leeward Oahu over the next 2 years to offer keiki living in transitional or emergency housing a safe learning environment. These efforts are extremely rewarding for me and for all those who participate because it is much more than the installing the physical playground equipment it is neighbors coming together, of all backgrounds, to show their compassion for others in need.

In Hawai`i, our values enhance the goals of the Commission because outreach to our neighbors and environmental protection are already so integral to our way of life. As a member it is critical to represent the Commission and these values with the highest level of integrity on behalf of the State of Hawai`i. I will also be diligent about attending commission meetings regularly and understanding the endeavors, goals and daily operations of the organization and the staff. The Commission offers unique service opportunities to youth and it is my goal increase awareness of these programs to maximize participation in these worthwhile activities.

My willingness to serve and my dedication to advance the programs and goals of the Commission will be evident in all of my actions and decisions. I hope that through my time and efforts on the Commission I can help offer incredible opportunities to volunteers while improving conditions for many families and young people.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony and I look forward to serving the people of Hawai`i.

Aloha,  
Eliza V. Talbot



## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF HAWAII  
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April 9, 2008

Re: GM-576

Dear Senators Sakamoto and Tokuda:

I am pleased to give the highest recommendation for Eliza Talbot to serve on the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service. I have known Ms. Talbot for several years due to her extensive involvement with the community and government.

Ms. Talbot has dedicated countless hours to helping those who are less fortunate. Her volunteer experience includes serving as a Project Coordinator for a homeless transitional facility in Waianae, a member of the Hawaii Habitat for Hawaii fundraising committee and a Youth Ministry Leader for a local church.

I had the pleasure of personally working with Ms. Talbot during the 2005 legislative session in which she served as a Legislative Aide to me and the House Minority Research Office. She made an immediate impact here. I found her to be a person of the highest sense of responsibility and integrity. Her leadership and organizational skills were invaluable. Ms. Talbot often took initiative in our office, and successfully completed tasks with competence, diligence and efficiency. She was able to simultaneously handle a multitude of assignments while staying calm and composed throughout the process.

Ms. Talbot was a great communicator who had an excellent rapport with people of all ages. Her charming personality made her a pleasure to work with. She lead by example, which was why many people found her enthusiasm and dedication both inspiring and motivating. Ms. Talbot worked hard to build authentic relationships with her peers. Her efforts created a more friendly and productive environment.

Ms. Talbot's unwavering devotion to the community and government exemplify her strong moral fiber and character. There is a growing demand for qualified commission members who, not only are experienced, but, exhibit the skills and character of an ideal professional. I am confident Ms. Talbot's wealth of experience and great personality would be an asset to the Hawaii commission for National and Community Service. I respectfully ask for the support of your committee to confirm her appointment.

Thank you very much,

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April 10, 2008

Senator Norman Sakamoto, Chair  
Senator Jill Tokuda, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Education  
The Senate, State of Hawaii Room 216  
State Capitol  
415 S. Beretania St.  
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Re: GM 576 - Testimony for the Hawaii Commission for National and  
Community Service, Gubernatorial Nominee, ELIZA TALBOT

Dear Senators Sakamoto and Tokuda:

I have known Eliza Talbot for many years and ask that you confirm her appointment to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service.

I have worked professionally with Eliza over the last year and have found both her attitude and work ethic to be fantastic. Many of the projects that I have worked on with Eliza have been community based projects, and I have seen her work, both in the office and out in the community. It is with this experience that I am able to say that I believe that Eliza would be a wonderful asset to the Commission and would do well in serving our State in this capacity.

Having now had my own experience with government and commissions like these, I know that you too appreciate the need to and at time difficulty in filling these positions with people who we believe will be dedicated and provide energy to these programs. I am sure that in your interactions with Eliza, you too will be impressed.

Thank you for considering Eliza's appointment. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Aloha,



Todd Apo

\*\* Please note that I am providing this testimony personally and not in my capacity as a City Council Member.

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April 10, 2008

**State Senate Education Committee**

**Testimony for Eliza Talbot**

**For Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service**

**Scheduled hearing for April 14, 2008 at 1:15 PM in the State Capitol**

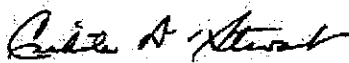
I have known Eliza for several years during which time I observed her as being a very fine lady who is dedicated to hard work. She is a respectable individual who has proven to be reliable, friendly and very concerned about the welfare of the community.

She can certainly be an asset to the Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service who welcomes people like Eliza, who is enthusiastically willing to wholeheartedly serve the community of Hawai'i.

I highly recommend your consideration to confirm her candidacy to serve on the Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service.

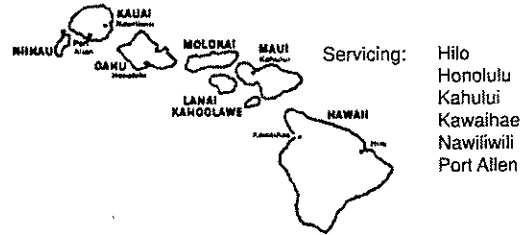
I thank you for this opportunity to testify for Eliza Talbot.

Sincerely,

  
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April 10, 2008

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Senate Committee on Education  
The Senate, State of Hawaii Room 216  
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Dear Senators Sakamoto and Tokuda:

I recently met Eliza Talbot through some mutual friends. I have known her for less than a year now. But Eliza has impressed me as one of those rare individuals you meet in life who gives of herself in ways most of us couldn't even begin to imagine.

I understand Eliza has been appointed by governor Lingle to be a commissioner on the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service. I wish to express to you and your committee that I stand by Eliza with my highest personal recommendation.

I've been working with Eliza on community issues here in our neighborhood in Kailua. Eliza clearly is a person that has demonstrated an exemplary sense of responsibility and integrity. She always seems to be unwavering in her energy and drive while she manages a multitude of tasks. Yet she accomplishes her goals with a quiet sense of calm.

I am certain she will use her professional skills and knowledge to benefit the Commission. I know without a doubt that she will become a tremendous asset to this body. I would respectfully ask your support and that of your committee to confirm her appointment.

Respectfully,

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April 11, 2008


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Re: Eliza Talbot – Appointment to the Hawaii Commission for National and  
Community Service

Dear Senators Sakamoto and Tokuda and Members of the Committee on Education:

I met Eliza Talbot shortly after she arrived in Hawaii. She sought my advice as a mentor and we discussed education, her professional goals, and the importance of giving back to the community. It's always invigorating to meet with young, up-and-coming professionals and I was impressed by this young woman. I encouraged her to stay in Hawaii and we have stayed in touch over the past few years. I'm glad to see she has the opportunity to serve on this Commission and would encourage you to support her appointment.

Sincerely,

  
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The Honorable Senator Norman Sakamoto, Chair  
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**RE: Governor's Message 576 - April 14, 2008 1:15pm – Appointment of Eliza Talbot to the Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service**

Aloha Chair Sakamoto, Vice Chair Tokuda and members of the Senate Committee on Education,

I am writing in support of Eliza Talbot who I believe would be a great addition to the Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service.

I've had the pleasure and opportunity of working closely with Eliza on "Project Playground" last year which provided a playground for the keiki at the Pai'olu Kaiaulu Emergency Housing Facility at the Waianae Civic Center.

I represent Ko Olina Charities which has provided funding for this playground equipment and currently working with Eliza on other similar projects with an anticipated success already realized.

As we continue our efforts the residents of the center continue to benefit from the fellowship of the volunteers and the presence of the playground for their keiki.

Currently, we are coordinating efforts and funding to build 2-3 more playgrounds for keiki at affordable housing and homeless facilities throughout Leeward Oahu.

Eliza is also dedicated to a new project in Leeward Oahu which will provide high school and junior college opportunities for workforce training and job placement at Ko Olina Resort and Marina.

Eliza is passionate and dedicated to community outreach and I highly recommend her for a position on the Commission. I believe that her integrity and professionalism will prove to be an asset to the members of the Commission and to the State as a whole.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on behalf of Eliza Talbot.

Sincerely,

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## testimony

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**From:** Victoria Talbot [vtalbot@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 12, 2008 9:08 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Testimony for Eliza Talbot for Commissioner on the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service

April 12, 2008

Senator Norman Sakamoto, Chair  
Senator Jill Tokuda, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Education  
The Senate, State of Hawaii Room 216  
State Capitol  
415 S. Beretania St.  
Honolulu, Hi 96813

Dear Senators Sakamoto and Tokuda:

I strongly support the appointment of my daughter, Eliza Talbot, as a commissioner on the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service.

Eliza is an extraordinary woman. She has been a dedicated and effective activist throughout her life. She has participated in community service and donated her time, skills and heart to people since she was a young woman. Before she entered high school, Eliza volunteered at church to be a camp counselor for small children. During high school Eliza volunteered to help children with autism and Downs Syndrome. She continued that dedication into college, persuading friends to come and join her help these families. Since she has been in public service in Hawai'i, Eliza has extended her efforts to homeless shelters, to underprivileged children and to people in need throughout her beloved Hawai'i. Eliza has an extraordinary capacity for giving of herself, and it is reflected in her deep commitment to being of service. She is my daughter and she has made me enormously proud of her.

Publicly, Eliza has shown that she is a leader. She is remarkably proficient and enormously capable of producing results. She has demonstrated her professional capacity and for such a young woman, she has a remarkable resume.

I know that Eliza is a tremendous asset to this community. She loves Hawai'i and she is committed to Hawaii's future. She has been deeply moved by the issues that she has championed and she is poised to be of great service in this appointment. I respectfully ask your support and that of your committee to confirm her appointment.

Sincerely,  
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April 11, 2008

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Dear Senators Sakamoto and Tokuda:

As a private citizen who has had a professional relationship with Eliza Talbot over the past year, I am in favor of her appointment as a commissioner on the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service.

In my opinion, Ms. Talbot's professionalism, trustworthiness and reliability would make her a tremendous asset to the Commission. Her work as the Project Coordinator for Project Playground at Pai'olu Kaiaulu Homeless Transitional Facility along with her other community service involvements illustrate her dedication to serving her community. Ms. Talbot's enthusiasm and can-do attitude towards any project she takes on is extremely impressive and a direct reflection of her character.

I could not think of a better addition to Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service. I thank you for this opportunity to speak in favor Ms. Talbot's appointment and I respectfully recommend her confirmation to the Commission.

Sincerely,

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*April 6, 2008*

*Senator Norman Sakamoto, Chair  
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Senate Committee on Education,  
Room 216  
Hawai'i State Capitol*

*Re: Ms. Eliza Talbot*

*Aloha Senator Sakamoto and Senator Tokuda:*

*I am writing in strong support of the appointment of Ms. Eliza Talbot as a commissioner on the Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service.*

*I have known Ms. Talbot for 5 years and from both personal and professional experience I believe her to be extremely community minded, conscientious in her responsibilities, and committed to doing the right thing and doing it well in whatever challenge she faced.*

*Ms. Talbot has a high energy level; is hard working and has excellent communication and collaboration skills. She will be a great addition to the Commission and I respectfully request that you and your committee recommend her confirmation by the full Senate.*

*Sincerely yours,*

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