



GOV. MSG. NO. 584

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GOVERNOR

March 28, 2008

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Sirs and Mesdames:

In accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section 6, of the Hawai'i State Constitution, I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration and confirmation, the following nomination to the **State Council on Developmental Disabilities**:

April M. Mira

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

Sincerely,

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LINDA LINGLE

April Mira  
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The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair  
Senate Health Committee  
Twenty-Fourth Legislature  
Hawaii State Capitol  
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Dear Senator Ige:

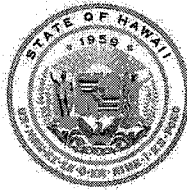
Governor's Message – 584 – April M. Mira to the State Council on  
Developmental Disabilities

My name is April Mira. I want to introduce myself to you and the Committee. I am a self-advocate and I live independently in the Arc of Hawaii apartments in Pearl City. I've lived in my apartment for one year and take care of my apartment. I pay my own rent and telephone bills every third of the month. I am currently not working, but looking for a job a courtesy clerk or dishwasher. I'm involved with Abilities Unlimited to find a job.

I graduated from Partners in Policy Making Leadership Academy Training in 2006 and have learned to advocate for myself. I also attend the Day at the Capitol to meet with legislators. I am willing to serve on the DD Council to help other people with disabilities to live independently in the community and to advocate for themselves and others.

Please consider me to be appointed to the Council. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
April Mira



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April 9, 2008

The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair  
Senate Committee on Health  
Twenty-Fourth Legislature  
State of Hawaii  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Ige and Members of the Committee:

**SUBJECT: GM 584 - State Council on Developmental Disabilities  
Gubernatorial Nominee April M. Mira**

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS GM 584** to confirm the nomination of **April M. Mira** for a term to expire on June 30, 2012.

The Council's Federal mandate (P.L.106-402) is clear in determining the composition of this body to ensure that all the players involved in the development, implementation, and use of DD supports are represented. The law specifically requires that 60 percent of the membership of the Council be comprised of individuals with DD, their parents, or family members. Additionally, the following agencies are required to be on the Council: Department of Health; the agencies that administer funds provided under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, the Older Americans Act of 1965; Titles V and XIX of the Social Security Act; the Protection and Advocacy Agency; the Centers for Excellence in DD Education, Research, and Service; agencies and private non-profit organizations concerned with services to individuals with DD. The Governor's nominee meets all the Federal requirements for Council membership.

Ms. Mira is a self-advocate who lives independently in the Arc of Hawaii-operated apartments in Pearl City. She is a recent graduate of the DD Council-sponsored Partners in Policymaking Leadership Academy Training and has participated in the Council's annual Day at the Capitol event. She has held various employment positions at Sac-n-Save, Pearl Harbor, Kmart and Hawaii Newspaper Agency.

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Ms. Mira will be an asset to the Council in promoting independent living and self-determination to empower individuals with DD to become self-advocates. She serves as a model for others to achieve independence in the community.

The Council is pleased with Ms. Mira's nomination to serve on the Council and looks forward to her participation and contributions to improve the quality of life for individuals with DD. Thank you for the opportunity to express our strong support for GM 584 confirming April M. Mira to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,

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Waynette K.Y. Cabral  
Executive Administrator