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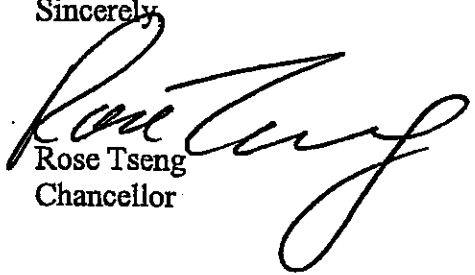
Senator Norman Sakamoto
Chair and Members of the Senate Committee on Education
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 230
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Confirmation of Harvey S. Tajiri to the University of Hawaii
Board of Regents

Dear Senator Sakamoto and Senate Committee Members:

This letter is to register my wholehearted support for Harvey Tajiri's nomination to the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents. He has been an important community leader and long-standing supporter of the University. I respect his judgement, experience, and honesty and believe he will be an excellent regent.

Sincerely,


Rose Tseng
Chancellor

The Honorable Norman Sakamoto
Chair, Senate Committee on Education
State Capitol Room 230
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

April 14, 2008

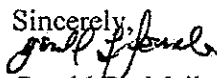
Dear Senator Sakamoto and Members of the Committee,

I am pleased and honored to write to you to convey my support for Harvey Tajiri for confirmation to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents. Harvey is a very energetic and successful leader, and brings a significant record of achievement and accomplishment over the past 30 years to Hawaii County and State of Hawaii. He has successfully worked in business, government and has had a passion for developing and supporting higher education in the State of Hawaii. I have known Harvey for over 30 years that he has worked in business, County Government and as a State Legislator. Consequently, my comments are based on my life long experiences with him. His actions, values, straight talk, and philosophical outlook have always been predicated on being visionary and moving Hawaii forward. And, likewise, his interest and commitment to education K-12, Rainbow and Vulcan Athletics and the University System as an economic driver and contributor to the State's economy, has been genuine and noteworthy.

As a community leader, he has gained the confidence of the community by initiating and developing community organizations like Hui Ka 'ui, a non-profit community group that supports University initiatives in the arts, theater, fall orientation and athletics. Through his leadership and encouragement he has actively worked to welcome and support new students as well as faculty to the University. He has forged new ways of working to bring the University and Community together and people value his pragmatics and effectiveness as a leader. His paradigm for developing a town gown relationship between the University and Community is a model that could conceivably be applied throughout the University System. He is a leader with a depth and breadth of experience in business, education and community building to be a thoughtful contributor to the Board of Regents.

While serving on the Hawaii County Council Harvey engaged planning concepts in downtown Hilo that helped to stimulate small business. These basic planning concepts are operational today and continue to contribute to downtown economic success. These planning principles were insightful and proved to be historically prudent. This is indicator of an attuned leader. I believe that Harvey's acumen will be a major contributor to enrich our University System. Also, he is versed in exploring new paradigms notably public private partnerships that potentially could bring investment to the University System.

Clearly, Harvey has an action-oriented style with a demonstrated breadth of experience and accomplishment. Thus, I am pleased and honored to support his confirmation as a University Regent.

Sincerely,


Gerald De Mello, Director University Relations, UH Hilo

April 15, 2008

Dear Senator Sakamoto:

As individuals interested in the future of the University, we ask for your consideration of Mr. Harvey Tajiri in approving his candidacy for Regent of the University of Hawaii

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In 2005, Harvey and other interested individuals formed Hui Ka'ua in Hilo, a non-profit organization committed to initiating community involvement in the long-range strategic planning of UHH, including facilities and program development and financial and manpower support for various university programs and initiatives. Hui Ka'ua was able to raised over \$25,000.00 from the community at it's first fund raiser that will be used for University programs.

The organization has about 60 members at the present time and has sponsored "Meet the Faculty" functions, participated in graduation ceremonies and assisted in classroom improvements at UHH. More programs are planned for the future.

We believe Mr. Tajiri is highly qualified to serve and will be a valuable member as a Regent of the University of Hawaii.

Your consideration of Mr. Tajiri's candidacy is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Aloha Senator Sakamoto,

While the attached letter is only a form letter, it still carries , my belief that the University of Hawaii will only improve with Harvey as a Regent. I have known him over 35 years. His extensive background in business, politics and education will serve all of us well.

Keep up the good work.

Aloha,

Ernest Medeiros

April 15, 2008

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sakamoto2@capitol.hawaii.gov

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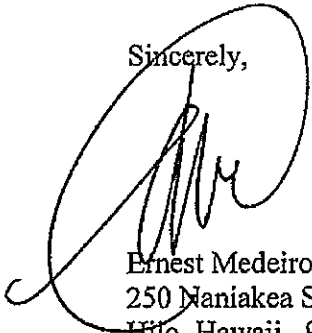
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Sincerely,

Joey Estrella, UHH Baseball
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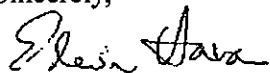
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I believe Mr. Tajiri is highly qualified to serve and will be a valuable member as a Regent of the University of Hawaii.

Your consideration of Mr. Tajiri's candidacy is appreciated.

Sincerely,



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Senator Norman Sakamoto
Chair of the Senate Committee on Health

**TESTIMONY SUPPORTING
THE NOMINATION OF HARVEY S. TAJIRI
AS A REGENT TO THE
UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII**

Individual Testimony of
IVAN I. NAKANO
Corporate Controller
I. Kitagawa & Co., Ltd. IK Motors, Inc.
Kona Auto Center, Inc. Parts Center Hawaii, Inc.

I am Ivan I. Nakano, Corporate Controller of I. Kitagawa & Company, Ltd and its subsidiaries. I appreciate the opportunity to testify in strong support of HARVEY S. TAJIRI as a REGENT of the UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.

Harvey has had a life long dedication to serving his community. He was born and raised in Hilo and received his education degree from the University of Hawaii. His experience as a businessman and a former legislator has prepared him and makes him an ideal candidate for the position of Regent.

In 2005, Harvey took the initiative to form, with community leaders, Hui Ka'ua, a 501(c)(3) non profit organization committed to initiating community involvement in the long-range strategic planning of the University of Hawaii at Hilo, to include facilities and program development and financial and manpower support. The organization has now grown to over 100 members.

I believe Harvey is highly qualified to serve and will be a valuable member as a Regent of the University of Hawaii. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (808) 934-5202.

**Testimony for Hawai'i State Senate Committee on Education
Governor's Message No. 611**

**For consideration and confirmation to the Board of Regents of the University of
Hawai'i, Gubernatorial Nominee, Harvey S. Tajiri**

Before the committee April 16, 2008 at 1:15pm

**By Tania Kehau Cortez-Camero
Student at the University of Hawai'i at Hilo**

Representative Sakamoto and Honorable Members:

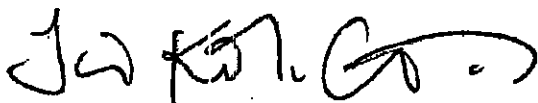
**I testify in support of Harvey S. Tajiri, Gubernatorial Nominee, to the
University of Hawai'i Board of Regents.**

**As a student of the University of Hawai'i at Hilo, I have come to know Harvey S.
Tajiri in several capacities. Mr. Tajiri, a man of wonderful vision and insight
about UH Hilo has played a tremendous part in helping to build the University
of Hawai'i at Hilo to what it is today. Harvey Tajiri is an open-minded person
who listens to the needs of students. His ability to recognize the full potential
of UH Hilo is incredible.**

**As an alumni of UH Hilo and UH Manoa, I believe Mr. Tajiri will ensure that the
voices of the students at UH Hilo are heard as well as the students of the
University of Hawai'i system at large.**

**I once again, offer my support for Mr. Harvey S. Tajiri as an appointee to the
University of Hawai'i Board of Regents**

'O wau me ka ha'iha'a.



**Tania Kehau Cortez-Camero
Student, UH Hilo**

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Your consideration of Mr. Tajiri's candidacy is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Glen Kagamida

Glen Kagamida
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February 19, 2008

**Honorable Senator Norman Sakamoto
Chairman and Members -Senate Confirmation Hawaii State Capitol Building
Honolulu, HI 96813**

Testimony: Confirmation of Harvey Tajiri, UH Board of Regents:

By this letter, I am requesting your support to confirm Mr. Harvey Tajiri to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents.

I have personally had the opportunity to know and work with Mr. Tajiri over the past 30 years. His dedication to community and especially to higher education will no doubt be an asset to our State.

He has been the initiator and driver of numerous programs that support higher education and we wish to see him continue in this regent role.

Sincerely Yours,



Hugh Y. Ono, P.E. - Ret. State Highways Administrator

April 15, 2008

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sakamoto2@capitol.hawaii.gov

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I believe Mr. Tajiri is highly qualified to serve and will be a valuable member as a Regent of the University of Hawaii.

Your consideration of Mr. Tajiri's candidacy is appreciated.

Sincerely,

«GreetingLine»
203 Pohai Street
Hilo, HI 96720



April 15, 2008

Senator Norman Sakamoto
The Senate
State of Hawaii
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Nomination of Harvey S. Tajiri for Regent of the University of Hawai'i

Via Email: sakamoto2c@capitol

Dear Senator Sakamoto:

I have known Harvey professionally for over 20 years and during this time has first hand experienced his energy and enthusiasm for his community and UHH/HCC. As an individual personally interested in the future of the University and Hawaii Community College, I sincerely ask for your consideration and recommendation of Mr. Harvey Tajiri as a candidate for Regent.

Mr. Tajiri has had a life long dedication to serving his community. He was born and raised in Hilo and received his degree in education from the University of Hawaii. His experience as a businessman and a former legislator has prepared him and makes him an ideal candidate for the position of Regent. Throughout most of his career and as a legislator he has had a keen interest in the University system.

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I believe Harvey is highly qualified and has the passion and stamina to serve and will be a valuable member as a Regent of the University of Hawaii.

Your consideration of Mr. Harvey Tajiri's candidacy is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Dear Senator Norman Sakamoto,

I am writing to express my support for Harvey Tajiri, a nominated candidate for Regent of the University of Hawaii.

As a long time resident of the Big Island, and a UH-Hilo Alumni, I have had the pleasure of working with Mr. Tajiri on many projects to enhance our community and the University. He is a leader that we trust and works tirelessly to make sure the University is the best that it can be. He has a wide variety of experience, both as a businessman and a state legislator, that will enable him to advance our community's interest in creating a vibrant university.

Please respect our community's needs and support his nomination. The University of Hawaii will be a better place if his nomination is approved and he is allowed to represent us in improving one of the most important institutions in our State.

Sincerely,

Kelly Moran

62-225 Ouli Street

Kamuela, HI 96743

April 15, 2008

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Dear Senator:

As an alumni of the University of Hawaii and a resident of the Big Island, I would like to ask your favorable consideration in the confirmation of Harvey Tajiri for the University of Hawaii's Board of Regents. I have never met anyone so passionate about the success of the University of Hawaii and have no doubt that he will be a valuable asset as a Regent.

Although the University of Hawaii has always been Mr. Tajiri's passion, he has had a life long dedication to serving his community. He was born and raised in Hilo and received his degree in education from the University of Hawaii. His experience as a businessman and a former legislator has prepared him and makes him an ideal candidate for the position of Regent. Throughout most of his career and as a legislator he has had a keen interest in the University system.

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Your consideration of Mr. Tajiri's candidacy is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Harry M. Yada
24 Kaulana Street
Hilo, Hawaii 96720

Dear Sir:

RE: Harvey Tajiri, Nominee Board of Regents University of Hawaii.

I am Arlen W. Bento and supporting Harvey Tajiri, in his confirmation to the Board of Regents at the University of Hawaii

I have known Harvey for over 25 years as a friend and family man, as well as businessman,

sportsman and community supporter. He was an effective member of the Hawaii County Council and served in the state legislature for many years where I worked for him as a legislative aide. After he retired from office, he continued to be involved in community activities. Through the years he has demonstrated his willingness to work for the betterment of the community and the state of Hawaii. His wealth of knowledge and experience will be as asset to the Board of Regents.

Sincerely

Arlen W. Bento Sr.

Judith Fox-Goldstein
1236 Moku Place
Hilo, Hawai'i 96720

April 15, 2008

Re: Nomination of Harvey S. Tajiri for Regent of the University of Hawai'i

Dear Senator Sakamoto:

I am submitting this letter in support of the selection and consideration of Mr. Harvey Tajiri as a candidate for the Board of Regents.

Mr. Tajiri's name has always been synonymous with service, dedication and community. As a native son of Hilo, he chose to receive his education and degree from the University of Hawai'i. With his degree in education combined with his business acumen, and his proficiency and knowledge of the legislative process, Mr. Tajiri makes an ideal candidate for this prestigious position.

In addition to his extensive experience, Mr. Tajiri has a passion for the University that is uncompromised and infectious. He is committed to improving the system, enhancing the educational experience for students, blending the community with the academy and making Hilo a University town. His enthusiasm is authentic, his talent and commitment outstanding and unquestionable. It is thrilling to have a candidate of his exceptional experience and dedication be considered for this appointment.

Please accept my endorsement and recommendation for Mr. Harvey Tajiri as a candidate for appointment to the Board of Regents for the University of Hawai'i.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Fox-Goldstein
1236 Moku Place
Hilo, Hawai'i 96720
808 974-7555

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Sincerely,

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I believe Mr. Tajiri is highly qualified to serve and will add significant value as a Regent of the University of Hawaii. Please consider Mr. Tajiri's candidacy for Regent.

Sincerely,

Haidee O. Kanakanui
Manager

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Steven J. Jacunski

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Sincerely,

Jill Jacunski

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I strongly believe Mr. Tajiri is highly qualified to serve and will be a valuable member as a Regent of the Univeristy of Hawaii.

Your consideration of Mr. Tajiri's candidacy is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Glen Shigehara
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Senator Norman Sakamoto
Hawaii State Senate

Via e-mail: sakamoto2@capitol.hawaii.gov

Re: Nomination of Harvey S. Tajiri as a Regent of the University of Hawaii Board
of Regents

Dear Senator Nakamoto:

I am writing as an individual to support the nomination of Harvey S. Tajiri for a Regent position on the University of Hawaii Board of Regents.

I have known and admired former State Representative Tajiri for several years. He is an active and dedicated community leader, having volunteered for many charitable and educational organizations over the years. He also has a strong professional background in business, which will be an asset to the Board of Regents.

On the Big Island, Harvey is well known for his dedication and commitment to the University of Hawaii (alumni) and to the University of Hawaii at Hilo as a member of the Hilo community. In 2005, Harvey and other UHH supporters formed Hui Ka Ua, a non-profit organization committed to lending support and input to UHH. With 100+ members, Hui Ka Ua has been contributing manpower, funds and ideas to help make UHH a better place for higher education on the Big Island.

I can't think of an individual who would be more qualified and dedicated to representing our area on the UH Board of Regents. I urge the Senate's confirmation of his nomination. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Carol A. VanCamp

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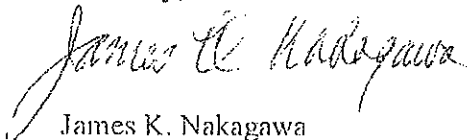
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Timothy Eakins
421 Ohukea St.
Hilo, HI 96720

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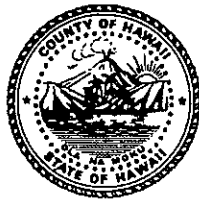
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To sum it up in one sentence, **I believe Mr. Tajiri is the best qualified person from Hawaii County to serve as a Regent of the University of Hawaii.**

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Sincerely,
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April 16, 2008

Letter of Recommendation for Harvey Tajiri

As the council member representing the district that University of Hawai'i at Hilo and Hawai'i Community College is situated in, I wholeheartedly support the confirmation of Harvey Tajiri to the Board of Regents.

Mr. Tajiri has always exhibited support for the higher education opportunities throughout the entire state. I know he will bring his many years of public service and volunteerism to the board, balanced with his knowledge of small business, makes his appointment a "no brainer". Mr. Tajiri is a tireless worker and I have every confidence that he will be an outstanding regent.

Thank you for the opportunity for me to provide support to his confirmation.

Stacy K. Higa
Council Member, District 4
Hawai'i County Council

16 April 2008

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Chairman and Members of the Committee on Higher Education

My name is Steve Yamashiro and I am a resident of Hilo, HI. I am here to ask your support for the nominations of Carl Carlson and Harvey Tajiri to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii. I have known and worked with both of these people for over 30 years. They will bring strength and integrity to this board. If anyone has shown a concern for the University of Hawaii at Hilo it is Harvey.

He has devoted much time and to the establishment of a support group, Hui Ka Ua, who's mission is the support and betterment of the University of Hawaii at Hilo. I ask once again for your favorable support of both of these candidates.

Thank You.

Yours Truly,
STEPHEN K. YAMASHIRO