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April 8, 2008

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The Honorable Clatyon Hee, Chair
and Members of the Committee on Water and Land
State Senate
State Capitol, Room 228
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Hee and Committee Members:

Subject: GM 616 -- Relating to Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation
to the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA), Gubernatorial
Nominee, Jonathan Wai Yun Lai, for a Term to Expire 6-30-2012

I write in support of the re-appointment of Jonathan Wai Yun Lai to the HCDA board.

As one of several Kalaeloa representatives to HCDA, I have had the opportunity to observe Mr. Lai's conduct in many HCDA meetings. He brings to the board considerable experience and impeccable credentials, in addition to a no-nonsense approach to the handling of our board meetings. He has demonstrated his abilities to handle many diverse situations and issues which come before the board.

Please confirm Jonathan Lai for reappointment.

Very truly yours,

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Henry Eng, FAICP, Director
Department of Planning and Permitting

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April 8, 2008

Clayton Hee
Chair, Senate Committee on Water and Land
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 228
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: Governor's Message 616: Hawaii Community Development Authority-Reappointment of Jonathan Lai

To The Honorable Chair Clayton Hee, Vice Chair Russell S. Kokubun and Members of the Committee:

My name is Gary Y. Kawamoto and a 31-year employee with First Hawaiian Bank. I am currently the bank's Residential Real Estate Collection Manager and I write this letter of recommendation on behalf of Mr. Jonathan W.Y. Lai, Partner in the law firm of Watanabe Ing & Komeiji.

Jonathan and I have known each other since 1995, when he began practicing law in Hawaii after graduating from the University of Southern California Law School.

I've found Jonathan to be a very effective and caring attorney when dealing with my bank's customers. We've cooperated on hundreds of cases where he had to be firm yet compassionate for the good of the bank customers and their families. Whenever there was a way, Jonathan always found a solution of satisfying both bank & customers requirements.

Jonathan is also a devoted family man who arranges his professional schedule to fit his family's needs and requirements. I know his daily schedule is very demanding yet his wife and four children are always number-one on his priority list.

Given the opportunity, Jonathan Lai would like to continue his involvement with the Hawaii Community Development Authority. His extensive real estate background, real world experience in resolving conflicts, caring attitude towards people and his desire to get involved in the community planning process will only benefit future generations of this state.

It is my firm belief that Jonathan Lai will be one of Hawaii's great legal practitioners and this appointment to the HCDA will only enhance his contribution to Hawaii's future.

Should you wish to discuss any aspect of this letter of recommendation, please feel free to call me at (808) 844-3916. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Gary Y. Kawamoto
Assistant Vice President
Mortgage Service Center



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April 8, 2008

The Honorable Chair, Clayton Hee
Vice Chair, Russell Kokubun
Members of the Committee

Re: Reappointment of Jonathan W. Lai

Dear Honorable Chair, Vice Chair & Members of the Committee:

This letter represents my recommendation to you to reappoint Mr. Jonathan W. Lai for another term to the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA).

I have known and worked with Mr. Lai for several years and believe that he is definitely a capable candidate for reappointment. He continually demonstrates honesty, integrity and professionalism in the legal area and is an active member in the community. He is not only an asset to his clients but to the State of Hawaii as well. His personal and work ethics has gained total respect from everyone that knows him.

Mr. Lai's reappointment will continue to bring energy and enhance the values of the Hawaii Community Development Authority.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Darlene Ching", written in a cursive style.

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April 8, 2008

Via E-Mail

Clayton Hee
Chair, Senate Committee on Water and Land
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 228
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Subject: Letter of Recommendation for Jonathan Lai
Reappointment to Hawaii Community Development Authority ("HCDA")

To the Honorable Chair Clayton Hee, Vice Chair Russell Kokubun and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to you in support of the reappointment of Jonathan Lai as a member of the Hawaii Community Development Authority ("HCDA").

I have had the pleasure to work Jonathan Lai as a partner of Watanabe Ing & Komeiji LLP, one of Hawaii's leading lawyers. He is fully committed to his practice, clients and our community.

On a personal level, I have known Jonathan Lai for over 20 years. He is a very honest person with the highest level of integrity, and the ability to work collaboratively with others.

Jonathan's role as a member of the HCDA has been instrumental as he served in different capacities and on various sub-committees. His reappointment to HCDA will bring continuity and dedication to accomplish the goals set forth in the new term.

I strongly recommend Jonathan Lai's reappointment to HCDA.

Sincerely,

Lynne Kaneshiro



Rickard A. Deakins
Vice President
Loan Recovery Center

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April 9, 2008

Via E-Mail

Clayton Hee
Chair Senate Committee on Water and Land
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 228
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: Reappointment of Jonathan Lai
Hawaii Community Development Authority ("HCDA")

To: The Honorable Chair Clayton Hee, Vice Chair Russell Kokubun and
Members of the Committee:

During the past 10 years I have had the distinct pleasure to work with Jonathan Lai on professional level involving many diverse business situations. Mr. Lai has always illustrated a true concern to fully understand the situation, take the time necessary to research all of the available options and thoroughly discuss his findings with us for consideration.

Mr. Lai possesses a genuine and interest passion for the work performed within the HCDA and would recommend him for reappointment for additional term.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for your time and consideration

Rickard A. Deakins.

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Delwyn H. W. Wong
Law Offices of Reuben Wong
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April 8, 2008

Via E-Mail

The Honorable Clayton Hee
Chair, Senate Committee on Water and Land
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 228
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Governor's Message 616 - Reappointment of Jonathan Lai to Hawaii Community
Development Authority

To Chair Clayton Hee, Vice Chair Russell Kokubun, and Members of the Committee:

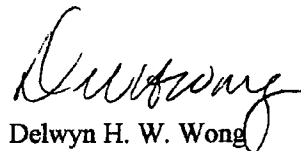
I strongly support the reappointment of Jonathan Lai to the Hawaii Community Development Authority (the "Authority"). I have represented the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, Inc. as an attorney for almost ten years, and over this period of time, I have had numerous occasions to observe Jonathan as a fellow attorney and as a person.

His professional credentials are impeccable. Jonathan is a partner at the prestigious law firm of Watanabe Ing & Komeiji LLP. His experience in real estate, business, and banking law over the last 13 years would clearly be an asset to the Authority.

Jonathan has demonstrated a lifelong commitment to community service. In 1988, he earned Boy Scout's highest honor, the Eagle Scout Award. As a member of the Hong Kong Business Association of Hawaii, Jonathan helped organize a teleconference between Hong Kong and Hawaii attorneys to facilitate business between the two regions. In addition, he has taken active leadership roles in his church, and in his college and high school alumni associations.

In short, Jonathan would be a tremendous asset to the Authority by virtue of his professional experience and dedication to community service. As such, I wholeheartedly support his reappointment.

Respectfully Submitted,



Delwyn H. W. Wong

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