

**Kathleen  
Ahina**

**GM 285**

**EDT**

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March 6, 2009

Via Fax & U.S. Mail

The Honorable Carol Fukunaga, Chair  
Senate Committee on Economic Development  
And Technology  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 216  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Fukunaga:

Re: Nomination to the Stadium Authority

Thank you for your letter of February 26, 2009 regarding my nomination to the Stadium Authority and for your consideration for this appointment.

Below please find my answers to your request for information:

(1) A resume with a list of references – attached.

2(a) Why do you wish to continue serving as a member of the Stadium Authority?

It has been a pleasure to serve in this capacity the past 4 years. Having had this experience, if re-appointed, I believe I will be able to continue to accomplish our tasks that lie ahead.

I have been able to work effectively with the Aloha Stadium management and staff and I believe this cooperative working relationship will allow me to serve successfully for another 4 years.

2(b) How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the Stadium Authority?

The Authority oversees the Aloha Stadium by setting policy, enforcing the rules and general oversight of the Aloha Stadium. Specifically, I see my role and responsibilities are to represent the people of the State of Hawaii to insure that these Rules of the Stadium Authority are enforced.

We also have the opportunity support and advise the stadium manager.

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In addition, as stated in our Mission Statement, we must generate revenue so that the Aloha Stadium can continue to operate effectively and efficiently.

2(c) Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a member of the Stadium Authority, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise, or knowledge that would aid in your decision-making ability as a member of the Stadium Authority.

The last 4 years have shown that I have the abilities, skills and knowledge to represent the people of Hawaii.

Four years ago, when I sat in front of this committee I committed to insure that the Aloha Stadium remains a gathering place that serves all of Hawaii's residents. I believe I have accomplished this.

I have worked not only with the Aloha Stadium management and staff, but my knowledge of working with people has made me an effective member of the Authority. I have been described by others as having the ability to bring people together to achieve a common goal. These attributes have aided me in being involved and effective and therefore, seen as a well informed decision maker on the Authority.

2(d) What have you accomplished during your term of service thus far, and what do you believe you can accomplish during this new term?

In my first year, one of our primary tasks was to hire a new stadium manager. Because Mr. Hayashi had done such an excellent job, it was seen as a somewhat daunting task to find his replacement.

I was the chair of the search committee to find a new stadium manager. We hired Scott Chan—who has been doing an outstanding job as our Stadium Manager. Currently, I am on the committee to publish a new RFP for the swap meet contractor. These tasks were and continue to be very detailed projects that require many hours of service to get the tasks accomplished.

Because of my commitment to keeping the Aloha Stadium family friendly, I also participated in creating the policies for a "family friendly" zone where no beer is allowed. This zone allows families to enjoy the events without being subject to what can be inappropriate behavior for minors.

In addition, several times during the football games, we flash a message on the jumbotron displaying a hot line confidential telephone number to call to report any offensive behavior. Within minutes, we are able to handle any offensive situation.

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Have you noticed that when you walk up to any entry gate, there's more signage explaining the procedures before entering? There's also a recorded announcement further explaining the entry procedures. This has contributed to the overall enjoyment of the events.

The traffic to and from the Aloha Stadium has improved considerably. Working with DOT, HPD, the military and others has contributed to improving the time it takes to enter and exit the Aloha Stadium and that contributes to a much more enjoyable experience.

What I'd like to see accomplished in the next 4 years?

- Facility upgrades.
- Continue to support the UH programs at the Aloha Stadium.
- Continue to support the swap meet at the Aloha Stadium.
- Continue to have the Aloha Stadium be a safe, secure and friendly place for families to attend.
- Look for ways to bring in additional revenue.
- Bring in big name entertainment that will enable the Aloha Stadium to make even more income.

2(e) Name three qualities that best describe you and that would make you stand out. How would these qualities benefit the Stadium Authority?

Respect, a commitment--can do--attitude, and a love for my birthplace, Hawaii, are three qualities that I believe has made me an effective Board member.

Respect is always at the top of the list because as a member of this board, you are a part of discussions from the public. Regardless of whether the person addressing the Board is a State appointed official or a citizen complaining about too much noise, everyone is entitled to be treated with respect. I believe I have always done this.

A commitment to getting things done --a can do--attitude is also at the top of my list because many times it's easier to accomplish a task by a "business as usual" attitude. I pride myself with the ability to think outside the box and look to ways to accomplish a project or task that may not have been tried before.

Lastly, and maybe it should be at the very top of my list, is the fact that I am born and raised in Wahiawa and have spent my life as a resident of Hawaii. I love this state and the Aloha Stadium was a part of my "small kid" time and I want to generations to come to have the opportunity to experience the positive experiences I have had at the Aloha Stadium.

RESUME OF KAY AHINA  
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Objective: To serve the State of Hawaii as a member of the Stadium Authority

Experience:

January, 2003 to Date:

Administrative Assistant to the Chairman and Special Projects Coordinator  
Micah A. Kane, Chairman, Hawaiian Homes Commission  
P.O. Box 1879  
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1995 to December, 2002:

Legal Secretary/Paralegal  
Gale L.F. Ching, Esq.  
Hisaka Stone Goto Yoshida Cosgrove & Ching  
737 Bishop Street, Suite 2000  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Personal secretary/paralegal to Gale L.F. Ching, Esq.

Education:

Part-time student at Hawaii Pacific University

Kapiolani Community College  
Associate of Arts Degree

Leilehua High School  
High School Diploma

Relevant Experience and Accomplishments

Stadium Authority Member 2005 – 2009; Chair of the Selection Committee for Stadium  
Manager

Sakura Condominium Association: Board member 2004 to date

Hawaii Republican Party: Platform Committee Co-Chair 2000 to date

Department of Hawaiian Home Lands: Sustained Superior Performance Awards -  
2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007

References Upon Request

LINDA LINGLE  
GOVERNOR



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Comptroller  
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Deputy Comptroller

**STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING  
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TESTIMONY  
OF  
RUSS K. SAITO, COMPTROLLER  
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES  
TO THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE  
ON  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY  
ON  
March 11, 2009

G.M. 285

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Stadium Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, Kathleen O. Ahina, for a term to expire 6-30-2013.

Chair Fukunaga and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on G.M. 285.

As Director of the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS), I support the confirmation of Kathleen O. Ahina to the Stadium Authority (Authority).

Ms. Ahina has been a contributing member to the Authority during the one term she has served. Her contributions included chairing the Stadium Manager Search Committee which recommended to the Authority a new Stadium Manager. The investigative committee worked with staff from DAGS and the Aloha Stadium. Ms. Ahina has the attitude and experience to continue to be a contributing member of the Authority.

For these reasons I support Ms. Ahina's confirmation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

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TESTIMONY  
OF  
SCOTT L. CHAN, STADIUM MANAGER  
STADIUM AUTHORITY  
TO THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE  
On  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY

March 11, 2009

G.M. 285

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF REAPPOINTMENT OF KATHLEEN O. AHINA TO THE STADIUM AUTHORITY

Chair Fukunaga and members of the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Technology. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to submit testimony on the reappointment of Kathleen "Kay" Ahina to the Stadium Authority.

Ms. Ahina has been a member of the Stadium Authority (Authority) since July 1, 2005. During her tenure with the Authority, she has demonstrated her willingness to serve the community by chairing or serving on several committees including the search committee for a new Stadium Manager and the Swap Meet contract committee. In all instances, she approaches issues methodically and energetically; seeking data and information that will assist in resolving the problem at hand. Additionally, Ms. Ahina brings a unique perspective that enriches the board and illuminates subject matter that others have overlooked.

In closing, I would like to say that Kathleen "Kay" Ahina has admirably served the public, and therefore, should be reappointed to serve as a member of the Stadium Authority.

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February 27, 2009

**[ VIA FAX (586-6899) & U.S. MAIL ]**

The Honorable Carol Fukunaga, Chair  
Economic Development And Technology  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 216  
415 S. Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Appointment Of Kathleen "Kay" Ahina To The Stadium Authority  
Governor's Message Number 285

Dear Senator Fukunaga;

I am pleased to have learned that Kay Ahina has been nominated to the Stadium Authority.

Please be advised that this is an unsolicited letter in support of Kay whom I have had the privilege of knowing for over fifteen (15) years. I am familiar with Kay as I had the opportunity to work with her at my law firm over the years. During this period of time, I learned quite a bit about her work ethics and more importantly her ability to work with others in a positive constructive manner. I have been impressed with her perserverance to accomplish whatever goals are set out despite the obstacles. She possesses that special ability to communicate amicably with others no matter who they are. She has always had a positive attitude towards whatever she sets out to do and I have no doubt that she will continue to do so in the future.

I have no hesitation whatsoever in recommending Kay to the Stadium Authority and ask that you look favorably upon her nomination and appointment for another four (4) years. Kay will be a positive contribution to the Stadium Authority.

Please do not hesitate at contacting me should you have any questions. Thank you for your time and kind consideration.

Very truly yours,

  
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March 1, 2009

The Honorable Carol Fukunaga, Chair  
Economic Development and Technology  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 216  
415 S. Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Fukunaga:

Re: Appointment of Kathleen "Kay" Ahina to the Stadium Authority  
Governor's Message Number 285

This letter is to express my **strong support** of Kay Ahina's nomination to a second term on the Stadium Authority.

I had the opportunity to work closely with Kay over a five-year period between 2003 and 2008. At the time, I was the Deputy Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. In this capacity I was able to observe the qualities and work ethic she not only brings to her job, but also practices in her life.

Kay is very goal-oriented and has the ability to bring people together to accomplish the task. I have observed her conduct in business meetings and have always been impressed with the positive contributions that she makes. She is always open to new ideas and is not afraid to express her views. Kay also has the ability to get along with others no matter how difficult the situation may be. Her positive attitude and outlook on life, coupled with her ability to treat each person with respect, are qualities that will serve her well as a member of the Authority. Most importantly, she cares about our State and our community, and will work hard to improve the management and operations of the Stadium.

It is without reservation that I recommend Kay her for appointment to a second 4-year term on the Stadium Authority. The experience she has gained during her first term will be a valuable asset to the Authority's work.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions. Thank you for your kind consideration.

Aloha,



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Via Fax 586-6899

The Honorable Carol Fukunaga, Chair  
Economic Development and Technology  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 216  
415 S. Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Fukunaga:

Re: Appointment of Kathleen "Kay" Ahina to the Stadium Authority  
Governor's Message Number 285

This letter is in support of Kay Ahina's nomination to the Stadium Authority.

Having known Kay for more than 12 years, I have had had the opportunity to know her on both a business and personal level. During this time, I have always been impressed with her ethics and her perseverance to insure that the job gets done. In a community setting, she posses that special ability to communicate amicably with others—no matter who they are.

Kay has a clear understanding of her role-- whether it calls for her to take the reigns and give clear and concise leadership or if it means being a member of a committee. Besides being highly motivated and reliable, I can think of no other person I would turn to first when leadership is needed.

I have observed her conduct herself in business meetings and have always been impressed with the positive contributions that she had made. Her positive attitude and outlook to others coupled with her ability to treat each person with respect is clearly a noticeable characteristic she possesses.

I have no hesitation in recommending Kay and respectfully ask that you look favorably upon her for the appointment of another 4 years to the Stadium Authority.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions. Thank you for your kind consideration.

Aloha and mahalo,



Micah A. Kane, Chairman  
Hawaiian Homes Commission

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February 26, 2009

The Honorable Carol Fukunaga, Chair  
Economic Development and Technology  
Hawaii State Capitol Room 216  
415 S. Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Fukunaga:

Re: Appointment of Kathleen "Kay" Ahina to the Stadium Authority  
Governor's Message Number 285

This letter is in support of Kay Ahina's nomination to the Stadium Authority

I have known Kay for many years. She has the ability to bring people together in order to accomplish a goal. Kay has a unique way of helping people recognize the importance of working together to reach consensus and "make things happen."

Most importantly, Kay treats people with respect and values diverse opinions. She has a great disposition and keeps everyone focused on the values of creativity with results.

Kay is an asset to any organization and I ask that you look favorably upon her appointment for another 4 years to the Stadium Authority.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration.

Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anita Seyer Wong". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Anita Seyer Wong

March 4, 2009

Ms. Shirley Swinney  
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The Honorable Carol Fukunaga, Chair  
Economic Development and Technology  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 216  
415 S. Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Fukunaga:

Re: Appointment of Kathleen "Kay" Ahina to the Stadium Authority  
Governor's Message Number 285

This letter is in support of Kay Ahina's nomination to the Stadium Authority.

My name is Shirley Swinney, President for Malu'ohai Residents Association, a Hawaiian homestead in Kapolei. I know of Kay's work ethics and professionalism through my participation with the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands over the last 8 years. I have worked along side Kay on homestead issues as she was able to bring people together in order to accomplish the goal. I have observed her conduct at community meetings and have always been impressed with her ability to get along with others no matter how difficult the situation may be. Her positive attitude and outlook to others and her ability to treat each person with respect is clearly evident. Kay extends herself to the circumstance and keeps her conduct professional and within the limits of her office.

I have no hesitation in recommending Kay and ask that you look favorably upon her for the appointment of another 4 years to the Stadium Authority.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions. Thank you for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,  
*Shirley Swinney*

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March 6, 2009

The Honorable Carol Fukunaga, Chair  
Economic Development and Technology  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 216  
415 S. Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Fukunaga:

Re: Appointment of Kathleen "Kay" Ahina to the  
Stadium Authority  
Governor's Message Number 285

This letter is in support of Kay Ahina's nomination to the Stadium Authority. I first met Kay six years ago when I became a Commissioner for the Hawaiian Homes Commission. During my time on the Commission I have had the opportunity to observe Kay in business meetings, community affairs, and other work related transactions. I have always been impressed with how organized and prepared Kay has been. She is a hard worker and makes sure that every detail and follow up is completed.

Furthermore, on a daily basis, Kay has to work with a lot of different individuals. She always makes sure that everyone is treated fairly and with respect. Lastly, her positive attitude and great work ethic are just some of the reasons why I highly recommend Kay's reappointment to the Stadium Authority.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions. Thank you for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,



Trish K. Morikawa