

GM 302

Measure: GM 302

Date and Time of Hearing: Tuesday, February 24, 2009, 1:15 p. m.

I am Gary Simon, and I am privileged to have been nominated by the Governor to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA). Please find outlined below my resume for your consideration of my nomination to PABEA.

I was born in Hawaii and spent some of my early years (first grade to fifth grade) in the State of Washington and Puerto Rico as the son of an Air Force Non-Commissioned Officer who was stationed at those locales.

When my father retired from the Air Force in 1971, we moved to Aiea, where my family has a home. I attended and graduated from St. Louis School and the University of Hawaii at Manoa, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry.

From 1985 to 1987, I served in the U. S. Peace Corps as a rural secondary school teacher in West Africa.

For the last nineteen years, I have been with St. Francis Hospice, an end-of-life care program which provides care and comfort to the terminally ill and their loved ones. Since 1990, I have progressed from Office Manager to Business Manager to Administrative Director. In 2008, I was appointed to the additional two roles of Program Director for St. Francis Health Services for Senior Citizens and Manager of the St. Francis Lifeline Program.

In 2005, I was appointed to PABEA for a four year term ending June 30, 2009.

Reappointment to PABEA would provide me the opportunity to continue advocating for the fulfillment of the needs of our Elders beyond hospice issues. The position would give me the opportunity to contribute to policies and programs which promote the highest quality of life for our seniors.

My experiences as a nineteen-year supervisor with St. Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii enable me to contribute to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs and, consequently, to the well-being of our elders.

Thank you for considering my nomination.

Very truly yours,

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EXPERIENCE

July 2004-Present

ST. FRANCIS HOSPICE
A Program of St. Francis Community Health Services
Honolulu, Hawaii

Administrative Director

Administrative Director of a health care program which provides care, comfort, and support to the terminally ill and their loved ones in facing death with dignity and meaning via an interdisciplinary team approach aimed at minimizing physical, emotional, spiritual and psychosocial pain and suffering.

March 2008-Present

ST. FRANCIS HEALTH SERVICES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

Director

Director of a program which provides personal bathing services to those frail and elderly who qualify under the Federal, State, and City criteria.

March 2008-Present

ST. FRANCIS LIFELINE PROGRAM

Manager

Manager of a personal emergency response service for frail elderly and individuals with chronic medical conditions living at home.

July 1995-June 2004

ST. FRANCIS HOSPICE

Business Manager

February 1990-June 1995

ST. FRANCIS HOSPICE

Office Manager

1988-1990

FOCUS TECHNOLOGIES, INC.
Washington, D. C.

Executive Assistant & Office Manager

Executive Assistant to the President of a new diagnostic and laboratory business being formed via strategic mergers and acquisitions.

1985-1987

SIERRA LEONE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION/U. S. PEACE
CORPS
Tikonko, Sierra Leone, West Africa

Teacher of chemistry, mathematics, and physics at a rural village
secondary school.

EDUCATION

1985 UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII, Honolulu, Hawaii, B. S., Chemistry

AFFILIATIONS & COMMUNITY SERVICE

Committee Member, Troop Committee, Troop 1, Aloha Council, Boy Scouts of America, November 2008-
Present

First Vice Chair, Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, Executive Office of Aging, State of Hawaii; July
2008-Present

Chairman, Plans & Projects Committee, Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, Executive Office of Aging,
State of Hawaii; July 2008-Present

Committee Member, Executive Committee, Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, Executive Office of
Aging, State of Hawaii; July 2008-Present

Committee Member, Rules and Bylaws Committee, Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, Executive
Office of Aging, State of Hawaii; July 2008-Present

Committee Member, Legislative Committee, Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, Executive Office of
Aging, State of Hawaii; August 2005-Present

Chairman, Legislative Committee, Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, Executive Office of Aging, State
of Hawaii; June 2006-July 2008

Board Member, Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, Executive Office of Aging, State of Hawaii; July
2005-Present

Representative for St. Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii to Hawaii's Partnership for Appropriate and
Compassionate Care; February 2005-April 2008

Assistant Coach, Manoa Giants, Mustang Division, Manoa Youth Baseball League, Honolulu, Hawaii;
2005

Assistant Coach, Manoa Red Sox, Pinto Division, Manoa Youth Baseball League, Honolulu, Hawaii; 2005

Representative for St. Francis Hospice to the Hawaiian Islands Hospice Organization; 2004-2007

AWARDS

2005 Certificate of Recognition for Fifteen Years of Service, St. Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii

2001 Mother Marianne Award Recipient, St. Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii

1998 Achievement Award Recipient, St. Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii

REFERENCES

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Senate Committee on Human Services

GM 302 Gubernatorial Nominee for Policy Advisory Board for Elderly Affairs

**Testimony of Noemi Pendleton
Director of Executive Office on Aging
Attached Agency to Department of Health**

Tuesday, February 24, 2009

1:15 P.M.

Department's Position: The Executive Office on Aging (EOA) is writing in strong support for the confirmation of Mr. Gary Simon's appointment to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA).

Fiscal Implications: None.

Purpose and Justification: Mr. Simon has been a member of the PABEA since July 1, 2005 and an active participant in the PABEA Legislative Committee as well as the chair of the Plans and Projects Committee. He is the director of St. Francis Hospice and brings valuable insights on aging issues. Mr. Simon has shown a sincere regard for the needs of the elderly and their caregivers. He has contributed so much of his time and talents to the PABEA during his first term and has made a difference in the lives of Hawaii's kupuna and their family caregivers.

We, therefore, ask you to support his reappointment as a member of the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



February 12, 2009

St. Francis Hospice

A program of St. Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii

Hawaii State Senate
Human Services Committee
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Honorable Chairperson and Honorable Members of the Hawaii State Senate Human Services Committee:

It is with great pleasure to write a letter of recommendation for **Gary Simon**, Administrative Director of St. Francis Hospice, for the membership on the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs. I have known Gary since November 1994 when I was hired as a Bereavement Coordinator for St. Francis Hospice. Over the years, I have witnessed his positive commitment to the mission of the St. Francis Healthcare System, dedication to the hospice philosophy, and his compassion for our patients, families, volunteers, and staff. As an administrative director and community leader, Gary is versatile, industrious, well-organized, approachable, a good listener, and treats everyone with unconditional dignity and respect. In addition, his witty sense of humor and encouraging manner offer a nice lift to our day to day work at St. Francis Hospice. As far as his past four year term on the Policy Advisory Board of Elder Affairs, I am certain that his ongoing diligent work ethics has proven his merit. I am confident that he will continue to be honorable and worthy in his next four year term assignment.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts about Gary Simon. Gary's commitment to promoting a healthy aging community is needed in the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Felicia Marquez-Wong".

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COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES
A subsidiary of St. Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii

February 14, 2009

Hawaii State Senate
Human Services Committee
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Honorable Chairperson and Honorable Members of the Hawaii State Senate Human Services Committee:

I heartily endorse and support Gary Simon, Administrative Director of St. Francis Hospice, for membership on the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs.

I am proud to have worked with Gary for the past 11 years, 10 years as the Purchasing Manager for the St. Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii and for the past year as the Business Manager at St. Francis Hospice.

Gary has always impressed me, first of all for his integrity and for his undying commitment to the St. Francis Hospice program. He is a tireless administrator and he is always willing to help no matter what time of the day it is or how busy he may be.

Gary's humble personality and generous spirit always amazes me. His ability to juggle numerous tasks and his efficiency in getting them completed without a complaint or need for recognition always impresses me.

Gary brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs. I am honored to recommend him for this most important position.

Sincerely,

Paul Nakamura
Business Manager/St. Francis Hospice

*St. Francis Hospice St. Francis Home Care Services St. Francis Health Services for Senior Citizens
St. Francis Lifeline St. Francis Parish Nurse Community Outreach Program Mobile Care Health Project*



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HEALTHCARE SYSTEM OF HAWAII
A Legacy of Caring for Hawaii's People

February 13, 2009

Senate Committee on Human Services
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Honorable Chairperson and Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Human Services:

My name is Corinne Suzuka and I have been employed with St. Francis Home Care Services since May 1999. I have worked in various home care positions and I am currently the Executive Director of St. Francis Home Care Services.

Mr. Gary Simon is the current Administrative Director of St. Francis Hospice and I have worked with Mr. Simon for almost ten years and he continues to be an inspiration to me because of his expertise, dedication, strong work ethic, and wonderful sense of humor.

When I became Executive Director, Mr. Simon guided me through the many facets of administration. I slowly applied those concepts and processes in the Home Care Program. For almost twenty years, Mr. Simon has been committed to providing the community with the best Hospice has to offer, by managing the business aspects of the St. Francis Hospice Program as well as making decisions that positively affect the clinical aspects of Hospice. His contribution has led to growth and improved benefits for the patients, family and physicians.

I can truthfully say that Mr. Simon is the epitome of the St. Francis core values of Joy, Peacemaking, Simplicity and Charity. His inner strength and spirit has helped people, including myself, through difficult business decisions. He is a team player and does not make decisions in silos, but rather, he provides the avenue for people to work together and develop sound decisions. He is also mindful of how he affects others and is open, honest and humble.

In the last two years, Mr. Simon has been given further responsibilities for the St. Francis Healthcare System because he is able to reach his goals and provide the type of leadership that the Chief Executive Officer needs in an administrator. The added responsibilities may be stressful to others, but, Mr. Simon continues to exceed his goals, all the while having a smile, and continuing to give words of encouragement and a helpful hand to others.

I am honored to recommend Mr. Gary Simon to be a member on the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Corinne A. Suzuka".

Corinne A. Suzuka, R.N., B.S.N., M.A.
Executive Director
St. Francis Home Care Services



St. Francis Hospice

A program of St. Francis Healthcare Services of Hawaii

February 12, 2009

Hawaii State Senate
Human Services Committee
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
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Honorable Chairperson and Honorable Members of the Hawaii State Senate Human Services Committee:

I have known Gary Simon, Administrative Director of St. Francis Hospice, since 1991, shortly after he was hired as Office Manager for St. Francis Hospice.

Since 1991, I have found Gary to be cooperative, industrious, and reliable. His work ethic has been a major factor in his advancement from Office Manager to Business Manager to Administrative Director of St. Francis Hospice.

These qualities promise to serve Gary well on the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs.

I am pleased to recommend Gary for a position on the Board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anita Salcedo". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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The Honorable Susie Chun Oakland
Chair, Committee on Human Services
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: Nomination of Gary Simon to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs

Chair Chun Oakland, Vice Chair Ihara, and Members of the Committee

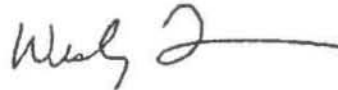
My name is Wes Lum and I support the appointment of Gary Simon to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA).

I have had the great pleasure of working with Gary during his first term on PABEA. He brings a unique perspective to the table -- the director of St. Francis hospice, director of St. Francis' home- and community-based services for frail elderly, and as a father and husband -- that makes him an invaluable resource.

When I think of Gary, several words come to mind: committed, responsible, respectful, integrity, honest, compassionate, and giving. These are the principles that Gary lives his life by, and he demonstrates these principles at work and through his service on PABEA.

I proudly support Gary for a second term. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wesley Lum", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Wesley Lum

I am writing in support of the appointment of Gary Simon to the PABEA committee. I have served with him on the legislative committee of PABEA and found him to be thoughtful and wise. His knowledge of Hospice and his administrative experience has provided a valuable contribution to our deliberations. As chairman for a term, he showed a rare talent for listening to both sides, allowing time for each member to contribute and not dominating the discussion. He is valuable and deserves reappointment.

Laura G. Manis, 597-8838