

GM 343

Patricia U. Wong

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, PATRICIA U. WONG, for a term to expire 6-30-2013.



Patricia Uyehara Wong
Vice President - Administration
& Corporate Secretary

February 10, 2009

Chair David Y. Ige
Hawaii State Senate
Health Committee
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 215
415 South Beretania St.
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: General Message No. 343

Dear Senator Ige:

On January 31, 2009, Governor Lingle submitted my name for confirmation by the Senate for a nomination for a second term on the Statewide Health Coordinating Council (SHCC) for a term of appointment beginning on July 1, 2008 and expiring on 2008.

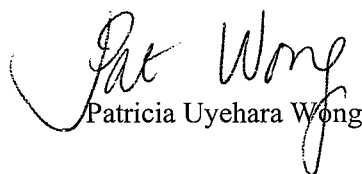
I would be honored to serve a second term as a SHCC member representing consumer/Oahu. During my first term (from July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2009), I have endeavored to carry out my duties responsibly and on behalf of consumer constituents. I am an executive officer Hawaiian Electric Industries (HEI), which is a major employer that seeks to ensure quality health care for its employees at affordable health care costs. On a personal level, I am a mother of four and I know how important accessible and quality health care is to families like mine.

As a SHCC member for the past four years, I have been impressed by the dedication of the State Health Planning and Development Agency staff, the Council members themselves, the County Subarea Health Planning Councils, the certificates of need applicants, and health care providers. I would very much like to continue to serve as a SHCC member to assist in its critical mission of assisting with Hawaii's health care planning.

Attached is my resume. I would be pleased to meet with you before the confirmation hearing should you have a need to discuss any concerns you may have.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Patricia Uyehara Wong

Enclosure

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February 28, 2009

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Re: Governor's Message No. 343

Dear Senator Ige:

Thank you very much for your consideration of my nomination by Governor Lingle to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council (SHCC) for a term of appointment beginning on July 1, 2009 and expiring on June 30, 2013.

As requested in your letter to me dated February 27, 2008, I have enclosed a resume with a list of references. In response to the questions you asked:

(a) Why do you wish to be a member of the Statewide Health Coordinating Council (SHCC)?

I would be honored to serve a second term as a SHCC member representing consumer/Oahu. During my first term (from July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2009), I have enjoyed carrying out my duties on behalf of consumer constituents. As a SHCC member for the past four years, I have been impressed by the dedication of the State Health Planning and Development Agency staff, the SHCC members, the County Subarea Health Planning Councils, the certificates of need applicants, and health care providers. The work is interesting and challenging.

(b) How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the council?

The chief role of a SHCC member is to assist in its critical mission of assisting with Hawaii's health care planning. An important responsibility of SHCC is to evaluate certificate of need applications, using the following statutory criteria: (1) relationship to the state plan, (2) need and accessibility, (3) quality of service /care, (4) cost and finances, (5) relationship to the existing health care system and (6) availability of resources.

(c) Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of the Statewide Health Coordinating Council, 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 this Council.

I am an executive officer Hawaiian Electric Industries, which is a major employer that seeks to ensure quality health care for its employees at affordable health care costs. My training as

a lawyer assists me in reading complex documents and synthesizing critical issues. On a personal level, I am a mother of four and I know how important accessible and quality health care is to families like mine.

(d) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

At its meeting on January 22, 2009, my colleagues elected me Vice Chair of SHCC to assist the Chair in convening hearings on each of the major islands on the Hawaii Health Performance Plan (H2P2). This is an important endeavor to obtain public input and listen to the public's concerns about health care in Hawaii.

(e) Name three qualities that best describe you and that would make you stand out. How would these qualities benefit the Statewide Health Coordinating Council?

I believe I am conscientious, smart and caring. These qualities would benefit the SHCC because I would be conscientious in fulfilling my responsibilities with minimal absences, I would be a quick learner on the issues presented, and I would listen to applicants and testifiers with compassion and respect

(f) Name one previous experience that would make you stand out. How would this benefit the Statewide Health Coordinating Council?

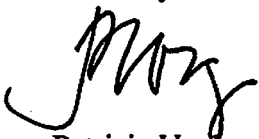
When I was manager of the Environmental Department of Hawaiian Electric Company, I often testified at the legislature and provided requested information and data. I admired the dedication of the legislators and learned to value the hearing process. That experience has helped me as a SHCC member to appreciate the need to provide a forum for applicants and testifiers to feel that there were concerns were heard and considered.

(g) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the Statewide Health Coordinating Council? How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interests?

Because I am not a health care provider or associated with the health care industry, I do not foresee any conflicts of interests that could arise during my service on SHCC. None arose in my first term. If one were to occur, I would recuse myself from the hearing on the matter.

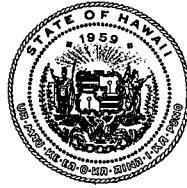
If there are any other questions, I'd be happy to answer them. I appreciate your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Patricia Uyenara Wong

LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



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In reply, please refer to:
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GM 343, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, Patricia U. Wong

Testimony of Chiyome Leinaala Fukino, M.D.
Director of Health

March 11, 2009

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health supports the nomination and confirmation of
2 Patricia U. Wong to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council.

3 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

4 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose is for consideration and confirmation to the Statewide Health
5 Coordinating Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, Patricia Wong. Ms. Patricia Wong serves as Hawaiian
6 Electric Industries, Inc.'s Vice President-Administration and Corporate Secretary. Prior to this she was
7 a Litigation Associate with Cades Schutte Fleming and Wright. Ms. Wong is engaged in a number of
8 community service programs and currently serves on the Executive Committee of the Goodwill
9 Industries and the Honolulu Symphony Campaign Cabinet. She has previously served on the Hawaii
10 Employers Council Board of Governors; the YWCA Leader Luncheon; and the Mayor's Review Team.
11 She is currently the Vice Chair of the Statewide Health Coordinating Council.

12 We ask for your support in the confirmation of Patricia Wong to the Statewide Health
13 Coordinating Council.



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To: The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair
The Honorable Josh Green, M.D., Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Health

From: Laura Robertson, President/CEO
Goodwill Industries of Hawaii, Inc.

Date: March 11, 2009

Re: **Testimony in Support of Patricia U. Wong's Confirmation to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council**

I believe Pat Wong is an ideal candidate for the State of Hawaii's Health Coordinating Council.

As the President and CEO of Goodwill Industries of Hawaii, I have had the pleasure of working with Pat since she began serving in a volunteer leadership position on our Board of Directors in July 2006. In 2007, Pat began chairing Goodwill's Board Development Committee and has led our board through an assessment of board performance, a review and revision of our board policies, and recruited and oriented two new board members.

In addition to chairing the Board Development Committee, Pat also actively serves on our Executive Committee, Executive Compensation Committee, and By-Laws Task Force. Pat understands the importance of community service and I believe she will provide the Hawaii Statewide Health Coordinating Council with the same leadership and commitment that she has demonstrated with Goodwill Industries.



Hawaiian Telcom

March 2, 2009

Via e-mail

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The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair
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The Honorable Josh Green, Vice Chair
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The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker
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The Honorable Willie C. Espero
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The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara
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415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Members of the Senate Committee on Health:

Re: Confirmation of Patricia Uyehara Wong
Governor's Message No. 343
Hearing: March 11, 2009 at 2:45 p.m.

My name is Eric K. Yeaman and I am the President & Chief Executive Officer of Hawaiian Telcom. This letter is written on behalf of Patricia U. Wong, who is seeking to be reappointed to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council (SHCC).

Pat has been a member of the SHCC since July 1, 2005 and during her tenure has carried out her duties responsibly and represented the interests of the public well. In fact, as a result of her efforts and commitment, her colleagues recently elected her to be the Vice Chair of SHCC.


The Members of the Senate Committee on Health
March 2, 2009
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I have known and worked closely with Pat for the past 6 years primarily in her role as Vice President – Administration & Corporate Secretary at Hawaiian Electric Industries. Pat is a talented executive who is honest, energetic, intelligent, and has the desire and interest in serving the best interest of our community. I believe her years of service on the SHCC has prepared her well and allowed her to fully understand the importance of her role as a member of the SHCC.

I am confident that Pat will continue to serve the SHCC well and urge you to confirm her reappointment.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Eric K. Yeaman
President & Chief Executive Officer



Jay M. Ignacio, P.E.
President

February 26, 2009

David Y. Ige, Chairman of Senate Health Committee
16th Senatorial District
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 215
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Letter of Recommendation Before the Senate Committee on Health
By Jay Ignacio, President, Hawaii Electric Light Company


Honorable Senator David Y. Ige:

My name is Jay Ignacio and I am the President of Hawaii Electric Light Company, Inc. I write this letter in support of Patricia Uyehara Wong, who is seeking reappointment to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council (SHCC).

Patricia has been a colleague of mine for the past 12 years. During this time she has demonstrated true professionalism in her work at Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc and now at Hawaiian Electric Industries (HEI). In my experience she has been honest, energetic, intelligent and a pleasure to work with. I am confident she will continue to serve the Statewide Health Coordinating Council well and urge you to confirm her reappointment.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Jay M. Ignacio



February 17, 2009

Edward L. Reinhardt
President

Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair
Senate Committee on Health
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 215
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Ige:

Re: Confirmation of Patricia Uyehara Wong
Governor's Message No. 343

My name is Edward L. Reinhardt and I am the President at Maui Electric Company, Ltd. This letter is written on behalf of Patricia U. Wong, who is being reappointed to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council for a term of appointment beginning on July 1, 2008 and expiring on June 30, 2013.

Pat has been a member of the Statewide Health Coordinating Council since July 1, 2005, and I believe she has ably represented the interests of the public. I have known Pat for the last 20 plus years as she served as a Corporate Lawyer for Hawaiian Electric Company and now in her role as Vice President - Administration & Corporate Secretary at Hawaiian Electric Industries.

Pat is a person of great integrity; she is open to change and has the desire and interest in serving her community. I believe her years of service have allowed her to fully understand her role as a member of the Statewide Health Coordinating Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Patricia U. Wong's reappointment to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council.

Sincerely,

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February 15, 2009

Senate Committee on Health
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 215
415 S Beretania Street
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Dear: Chairman Ige and Members of the Committee:

Re: Governor's Message No. 343

I was delighted to learn that Governor Lingle has submitted Patricia U. Wong's nomination to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council (SHCC). I am Gwen Yamamoto Lau, President of Hawaii Central Credit Union and I strongly support our Governor's nomination of Ms. Wong for reappointment to the SHCC, for a term to expire on June 30, 2013.

Over the past two years, I have had the pleasure of serving with Ms. Wong as a fellow Director for Goodwill Industries of Hawaii as well as on the YWCA's Women Leading Change Alumni. In working closely with Ms. Wong, I have found her to be extremely intelligent, organized and a person of high integrity. I have no doubt that she will continue to be a contributing member for the SHCC.

I am pleased to extend, without hesitation, my testimony for Ms Patricia Wong for reappointment to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council and urge your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

Gwen S Yamamoto Lau
President

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March 3, 2009

Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair
Senate Committee on Health
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 215
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

**SUBJECT: CONFIRMATION OF PATRICIA UYEHARA WONG
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 343
MARCH 11, 2009, 2:45 P.M.**

Dear Senator Ige:

This letter is in support of Patricia U. Wong's reappointment to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council for a term of appointment beginning July 1, 2009 and expiring on June 30, 2013.

Pat has been a member of the Statewide Health Coordinating Council since July 1, 2005, and I believe she has ably represented the interests of the public. I have known Pat for the last 20 plus years when she was an Associate of the law firm of Cades, Schutte, Fleming & Wright, Vice President for Hawaiian Electric Company and now in her role as Vice President - Administration & Corporate Secretary of Hawaiian Electric Industries.

I first worked with Pat, as a client, when she represented our firm in a litigation matter back in the mid-1980's. When she joined Hawaiian Electric Company, I worked with her and the HR Department of Hawaiian Electric Company and their Union (IBEW 1260) on negotiations for health benefits and cost. My experience in working with Pat is that she is a person of high integrity, one that listens attentively to all sides and all issues, and is very thoughtful in her deliberation and communication in working with individuals and groups with differing points of view.

I believe the Community and the State will be well served with her reappointment and confirmation as a member of the Statewide Health Coordinating Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Patricia U. Wong's reappointment to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul A. Tom
President

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February 28, 2009

Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair
Senate Committee on Health
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 215
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Confirmation of Patricia Uyehara Wong
Governor's Message No. 343

Dear Senator Ige:

My name is Robert F. Clarke and I am presently the Executive in Residence at the Shidler College of Business at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. I have held this position since retiring from Hawaiian Electric Industries as Chairman, President and CEO on June 1, 2006.

I am most pleased to support the appointment of Patricia U. Wong to a second term as a member of the Statewide Health Coordinating Council for a term ending June 30, 2013. I have known Pat from her early days as an attorney at HECO, then as Vice President of Human Resources at HECO and finally as Vice President – Administration and Corporate Secretary at HEI. I was the person who recommended her promotion to her present position to the board of directors of HEI.

In my judgment, Pat has integrity, smarts and a genuine care for the well being of the people of Hawaii. She will be a key contributor to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council if she is confirmed.

Sincerely,


Robert F. Clarke

**Senate Committee on Health
March 11, 2009
2:45 P.M.
GM No. 343
Conference Rm. 016**

**Testimony in Support of Patricia U. Wong Reappointment
Statewide Health Coordinating Council**

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Green, and Members of the Committee,

I am submitting testimony in support of Patricia U. Wong in her reappointment to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council for the term beginning on July 1, 2009 and ending on June 30, 2013. Her re-nomination by Governor Linda Lingle is a testament to her able performance as a member of the Council over the past four years.

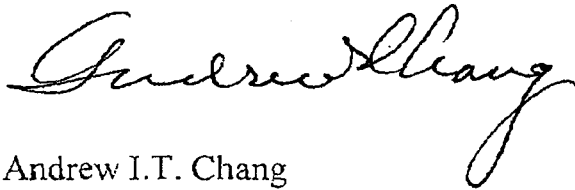
I have the pleasure of knowing Pat through our many years serving as colleagues at Hawaiian Electric Industries, Inc. In her rapid climb up the corporate ladder, her career is marked by many accomplishments at Hawaiian Electric Company where she first served as an attorney, then as manager of the Environmental Department and later becoming an officer where she was appointed as Vice-President of Corporate Excellence. She was again promoted to Vice-President, Administration & Corporate Secretary, HEI, Inc.

She has distinguished herself as a person of admirable qualities where she has a very dedicated sense of purpose in serving others, whether the tasks are meeting her corporate responsibilities or simply lending a hand toward helping people. Above all, she is a person of high ethical standards and will act only with integrity and in the interest of doing "what is right."

As one of its most important functions, the Statewide Health Coordinating Council seeks public input on critical issues relating to the costs and accessibility of quality health care. Its members must have the ability to analyze very complex issues and formulate the right policy recommendations to appointed and elected state officials. As one of its members, I have no doubt that Pat is most qualified and will be an important resource to the Council's deliberations.

I ask that your Committee approve Pat's nomination for a second term.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Andrew I.T. Chang
Vice President, External Affairs
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**Letter of Recommendation Before the
Senate Committee on Health**

February 25, 2009

Honorable Senator David Y. Ige, Chairman, and
Members of the Senate Committee on Health,

My name is Peter C. Lewis, retired Vice President-Administration of Hawaiian Electric Industries, Inc. (HEI) and a former member (8 years) of the Statewide Health Coordinating Council (SHCC).

I have worked with Pat for the last 19 years, first at Hawaiian Electric Company and then at HEI where she replaced me as Vice President-Administration when I retired four years ago. Pat has a strong background in law, human resources and health care issues, as well as bringing to the table the experience of a large employer in the private sector.

Having served on SHCC, I am knowledgeable about the issues SHCC faces and feel that Pat Wong would be a valuable asset to the organization.

Thank you for your consideration.



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Senate Committee on Health
March 11, 2009
2:45 p.m.

Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair
Senate Committee on Health
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 215
415 S. Beretania St
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Confirmation of Patricia Uyehara Wong
Statewide Health Coordinating Council
Governor's Message No. 343

Dear Chairman Ige and Members of the Senate Committee on Health,

My name is Jackie Mahi Erickson. I retired in October 2007 as Vice President-General Counsel for Hawaiian Electric. I support and request your approval of Ms. Patricia Uyehara Wong for reappointment to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council for a term that will expire on June 30, 2013

I hired Patricia for her first position (Corporate Attorney) at Hawaiian Electric. Her intelligence, competence, service and helpfulness, flexibility, and friendly personality quickly set her on the road to advancement and movement to other non-legal positions. Whether it's working in her professional capacity, supporting various charitable organizations, or undertaking any other responsibilities, Patricia is an outstanding teamplayer and leader. Superiors, co-workers and subordinates appreciate and enjoy their relationship with her. For many years both as Vice President of Corporate Excellence for Hawaiian Electric and in her present position as Vice President-Administration & Corporate Secretary for Hawaiian Electric Industries, health care issues have been among her responsibilities and she has learned well.

For these and many other reasons, I highly recommend the reappointment of Patricia Uyehara Wong to the SHCC.

Thank you,


Jackie Mahi Erickson, Esq.
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March 9, 2009

Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair
Senate Committee on Health
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 215
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Confirmation of Patricia U. Wong
State Health Coordinating Council
March 11, 2009, 2:45 p.m., Governor's Message No. 343

My name is T. Michael May, retired President of Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.

I am very pleased to support the appointment of Patricia U. Wong to a second term as a member of the Statewide Health Coordinating Council (SHCC), ending June 30, 2013. As President of HECO, I was honored to be Pat's supervisor for eighth years, from 1998 through 2006, and found her to be competent, diligent and a person of high integrity. As a member of several nonprofit organizations, Pat is an outstanding team player and dedicated to serving the community.

I have extreme confidence that Patricia Wong will continue to be a valuable member of SHCC and am pleased to submit my testimony in support of her reappointment.

Sincerely,
T. Michael May

March 3, 2009

Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair
Senate Committee on Health
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 215
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Confirmation of Patricia Uyehara Wong
Senate Committee on Health
Governor's Message No 343
March 11, 2009, 2:45 p.m.

Dear Senator Ige and Committee Members:

My name is Harry H. K. Kameenui, retired Business Manager-Financial Secretary of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 1260.

I support the reappointment of Ms Patricia Wong to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council.

I have known Pat for over 15 years, as an executive officer of Hawaiian Electric Company and now as the Vice President-Administration & Corporate Secretary at Hawaiian Electric Industries.

Pat is a person of great integrity, intelligence and fairness. I believe her professional experience and knowledge provides the background to address the many issues that comes with health care.

In the past, I appreciated Pat's effectiveness and fair play during contract negotiations. Although we were on the opposite sides, I found Pat to be respectful, honest and fair. Pat is an asset to any team she is a member of.

I strongly support Pat's reappointment. Thank you for your consideration.


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**Ms. Pat U. Wong
Letter of Recommendation - GM. 343
March 8, 2009**

To: Senate Committee on Health

**From: Warren H.W. Lee
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Kamuela, Hi 96743**

**Honorable Senator David Y. Ige, Chairman, Vice Chair Senator Josh Green, and
Members of the Senate Committee on Health,**

**I support the re-appointment of Pat Wong Statewide Health Coordinating Council
(SHCC).**

**Pat being born and raised in the state of Hawaii understands the issues and
crises faced by the health industry.**

**As a former a colleague for the past 20 years, she is not only akamai from the
employer viewpoint but also a team player and fair to all the stakeholders.**

**As former board member of the North Hawaii community Hospital and its Past
President, I know that Pat fully understands the issues and is a valued asset in
providing solutions.**

Mahalo for your consideration.

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