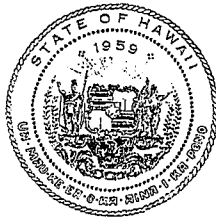


GM 372



GOV. MSG. NO. **372**

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR

January 29, 2009

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Sirs and Mesdames:

In accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section 6, of the Hawai'i State Constitution, I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration and confirmation, the following nomination to the **Board of Taxation Review, 4th Taxation District (Kaua'i)**:

Jose R. Diogo

Term to Expire: 6/30/2013

Sincerely,



LINDA LINGLE

**TESTIMONY OF THE
COUNTY OF KAUA'I
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

**TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE
ON WAYS AND MEANS**

**TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2009**

**March 19, 2009
10:00 a.m.**

**TESTIMONY ON GM 372, RELATING TO GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE JOSE R. DIOGO
TO THE BOARD OF TAXATION REVIEW, 4TH TAXATION DISTRICT (KAUA'I).**

**TO THE HONORABLE DONNA MERCADO KIM, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE
COMMITTEE:**

My name is Bernard P. Carvalho, Jr., Mayor, providing testimony in support of Gubernatorial Nominee Jose R. Diogo to the Board of Taxation Review, 4th Taxation District (Kaua'i) (Board).

Mr. Diogo is known and respected on our island for his work in real property appraisal. He has the necessary credentials and work experience to be an asset on the Board.

We ask you to confirm his nomination, and thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on this matter.



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March 17, 2009

THE SENATE
THE TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2009
COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

To Whom It May Concern:

I am honored to write a letter of recommendation for Mr. Jose Diogo for the State Tax Review Board (Kauai). I have known Jose for over 10 years in a professional and personal manner. I feel very confident that he would be a good choice to sit on this Board.

Jose is well read and educated. I know him to keep up on all the changes in our industry as well as the community, nation and the world. He is always professional and timely in his responses to my request for his appraisal services. I know that his work ethics will be a part of his commitment to the Board if he is selected.

I also feel that Mr. Diogo displays great integrity. In an industry that has had many swings and cycles, Jose has always stood by his principals and beliefs.

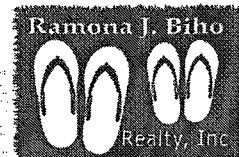
With his years of experience, knowledge and commitment to being a part of this community, I truly believe that if chosen he will be an asset to this Board. I hope that you consider my recommendations and I trust that if you should have any questions or concerns about this letter that you do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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March 18, 2009

THE SENATE
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COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great pleasure and honor to offer a testimony for the nomination of Jose R. Diogo for reappointment to the Board of Taxation Review, 4th District (Kauai). I have known Jose for the past 15 years professionally and personally. I sincerely attest to his professional conduct and integrity in communications and mannerism with homeowners and business partners alike in our industry. He has demonstrated the ability to be fair, honest and consistent throughout the years.

His commitment and dedication will be a significant asset and contribution to this board. I highly recommend Mr. Diogo for reappointment for another term of service.

Respectfully submitted,

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March 17, 2009

**THE SENATE
THE TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2009
COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

Hearing Dated Thursday, March 19, 2009 at 10:00 am

To Whom It May Concern:

It is an honor and privilege to provide you with testimony for the nomination of Jose R. Diogo for reappointment to the Board of Taxation Review, 4th District (Kauai). I have worked for Mr. Diogo for over 6 years and can attest to his professionalism, integrity, fairness and ethical working manners. The fact that Mr. Diogo owns and operates his own appraisal firm since 2000 shows his commitment to hard work, and continuous drive to succeed. These traits coupled with his work ethics will make him a highly qualified candidate to serve on this board. It would be an honor to see Mr. Diogo appointed once more. I recommend him to you without reservation.

Sincerely Submitted,

Lynell Tokuda