

TESTIMONY
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February 14, 2009

Senator Clayton Hee
Chair, Senate Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs
State Capitol
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Dear Senator Hee,

The following is my response to your questions:

(a) Why do you wish to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation?

I believe that agriculture is vital for the future of Hawaii and that I may be able to help in its preservation and development.

(b) How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation?

Listen to tenants and their constituents and apply what has been legislated to help with their concerns and needs. Study and discuss items brought to the Board of Directors and make judgments on what to do about them.

(c) Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a member of the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation, 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 Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

I have been making responsible decisions every day for many years. I believe that my judgments have been fair and for the most part good. I have always believed that making any decision requires knowledge of the subject matter. Not having experienced everything in life, I will listen to experts on the subject and ask many questions until I am comfortable in making a decision.

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

I hope to learn much about Hawaii's natural resources and to help make efficient use of our water and land.

(e) Name three qualities that best describe you and what would make you stand out. How would these qualities benefit the Board of Directors of Agribusiness Development Corporation?

Patience, curiosity and respect of mankind.

(f) Name one previous experience that would make you stand out. How would this benefit the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation?

Three years ago, I was asked to meet with a group of businessmen and state officials to plan a trade mission to southern Japan. Not knowing much about the people in Fukuoka except for the fact that Hawaii had a "Sister State" relationship and that this trade mission was also to commemorate the 25th anniversary of this relationship I asked a simple question. Who are the people of Fukuoka and why did they immigrate to Hawaii? No one in the committee could answer my questions so they all agreed that I would do the research. This led to months of research and interviews. It ended with a display that was shown in Fukuoka City's main train station for a month before our group arrived and it was one of my most successful trade mission that I have been on just because we were able to understand the connection between the two states.

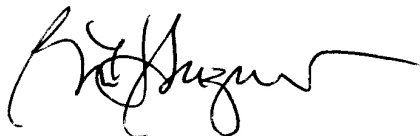
Understanding some of what the farmers and ranchers do will help me and the Board make better decisions.

(g) Can you see any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation? How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest?

I can't think of any conflicts of interest at this time, however, if one should arise, I would immediately make everyone aware of it and refrain from taking part in any discussion and definitely abstain from voting on the subject.

Should you have any question, please feel free to contact me. Thank you very much for your service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian H. Suzuki". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Brian H. Suzuki



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TESTIMONY OF ALFREDO LEE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
WATER, LAND, AGRICULTURE AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

February 16, 2009
11:00 a.m.

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 395
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD
OF DIRECTORS OF THE AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, BRIAN H. SUZUKI,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2011

Chairperson Hee and Members of the Committee:

Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC) is in strong support of the confirmation of Mr. Brian H. Suzuki to the ADC Board of Directors.

Mr. Suzuki was nominated to the ADC Board of Directors by the Governor last year and has served on the board since July 2008. After graduating from the University of Hawaii, Mr. Suzuki worked for Pan American World Airways and Transpacific Air Cargo before forming Hawaii Air Cargo Inc. As President and CEO of Hawaii Air Cargo, Inc., Mr. Suzuki brings a lot of needed agricultural transportation experience and industry contacts to ADC. He is very familiar with a variety of farming operations and the uniqueness of each island's transportation issues.

Besides serving on the ADC Board, Mr. Suzuki is a director of the Air Cargo Association of Hawaii, which he founded and was a past president. He is also affiliated with the Air Forwarder Association of America, the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii, the Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce, Hong Kong Business Association, Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii and Palama Settlement. He was also in the U.S. Navy Reserve from 1961-1975.

ADC is very fortunate to have someone of Mr. Suzuki's caliber nominated to our board.



TESTIMONY OF WAYNE K KATAYAMA
PRESIDENT
KAUAI COFFEE COMPANY, INC.
CHAIRPERSON
AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

BEFORE THE SENATE
COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND,
AGRICULTURE AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Monday, February 16, 2009
11:00 a.m.

GOVONORS MESSAGE 395
SUBMISSION FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD
OF DIRECTORS OF THE AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
BRIAN H. SUZUKI

Chairperson Hee, Vice Chair Tokuda, and Members of the Committee:

I am strongly in support of the confirmation of Mr. Brian Suzuki as a board member to the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Mr. Suzuki's forty years of experience in transportation and logistics adds a much needed dimension to the current board. He is currently the President and CEO of Hawaii Air Cargo, Inc. His knowledge of Hawaii's crops, quality issues, and transportation bottle necks will greatly strengthen the effectiveness of polices and programs implemented under the governance of the ADC.

Mr. Suzuki is also active in community and professional organizations. He is currently a board member, director or officer of the following professional and

community organizations: Air Cargo Association of Hawaii, Air Forwarders Association of America, Palama Settlement, Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce, Hong Kong Business Association and Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii.

I am looking forward to having Mr. Suzuki being a member of the ADC board and humbly ask for Mr. Suzuki's confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

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