

Presentation Before the Senate Committee on Higher Education
March 09, 2009
June S. Lee
Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service

Chair Tokuda, members of the Senate Committee on Higher Education, thank you for this opportunity to continue to serve as a member of Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service. It was a very gratifying experience serving as a member for the past two and half years. Thank you for this opportunity to present my background again for your consideration of my confirmation to the Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service.

I was born in Seoul, Korea. I attended and graduated from Pai Wha Girls High School, Seoul, Korea. I immigrated to Honolulu, Hawai'i and attended Cannons Business School, Honolulu, Hawai'i. My first employment was at the City Bank of Honolulu.


In the past 30 years as a private business woman, I successfully operated a variety of businesses relating to wholesale and retail. I have successfully negotiated the exclusive franchise of Burger King to Seoul, Korea. I have also owned 14 retail shops at the Hilton Hawaiian Village as well as a supplier to Hilton Hotel Corporation. I am now semi-retired from retail business and currently working in Harbor Wing Technology, Inc. as a Director for Development and Marketing Pacific Rim.

A position on the National and Community Service Commission would give me the opportunity to continue my desire to support people that are in need of assistance. I am actively involved in community service as a Volunteer for Senior Citizen, Korean War Veterans Aloha Chapter Organization Members and Family and at the Maunalani Nursing and Rehabilitation Center – voluntary for Mr. Ralph Walters.

I believe that Community Service is a vital part in our society to ensure that we all live in peace and harmony. There is no better feeling than giving your time and effort to help another person in need.

I am excited and welcome the opportunity to be a member of the National and Community Service Commission. I believe my personality, background, experience and commitment will help me do the very best for this beautiful state. I ask for you to support my nomination to the National and Community Service Commission. Mahalo!

Sincerely,


June S. Lee

COMMISSION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

1. What qualifications and experiences do you have that will benefit the commission? How has your past volunteers and community service activities/leadership roles prepared you for this position?

I have extensive knowledge and experience having done business in Hawaii as I successfully operated a variety of business in wholesale and retail in the past 30 years as a private business woman. I am currently working with Harbor Wing Technology, Inc. as a director for Development and Marketing Pacific Rim. The past three years, I have volunteered as a Commissioner of Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service. I am actively involved in community services as a Volunteer for Senior Citizen, Korean War Veterans Aloha Chapter Organization Members and Family and at the Maunalani Nursing and Rehabilitation Center for Mr. Ralph Walters.

2. What initiatives would you recommend to increase community service participation for all ages?

I recommend in increasing community service for Early Intervention Program for disadvantaged and with Developmental Disorder ages five and under, for school age children, assistance in their learning and academic and social function. For teenager, support existing program for drug abuse and behavior problem children. For all ages, promote their health by advocating smoking cessation.

3. What would be your top three priorities for the commission?

First, try to encourage more community volunteers for all agencies.

Second, helping the homeless, especially their children's health and education.

Third, support the programs for elderly who has no family support.

4. What impact do you think the current economic recession will have on volunteerism and what challenges and/or opportunities will the commission face during these times of economic uncertainty?

I feel strongly that current economic recession will have impact on many programs including program for elderly, homeless family and children and education and early intervention programs. In general As a Commissioner, I would like to see that these services will be provided for the needed in Community.

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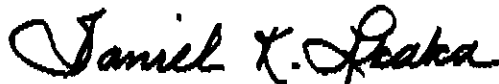
Dear Senator Tokuda:

I am writing in support of June S. Lee, who has been nominated to be a Member of the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service.

I am personally acquainted with June and have known her and her family for many years. She is a successful businesswoman and has the desire to assist the people in our communities. Her continued service on the Commission will no doubt benefit the people of Hawaii. I strongly believe that June is committed to the betterment of the State of Hawaii and would work hard as a Commission Member, as she has the last two and a half years. I know her to be an individual of upstanding moral character and urge your favorable consideration of her nomination.

It is without reservation that I support June Lee's nomination to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service.

Aloha pumehana,



DANIEL K. AKAKA
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RE: Nomination to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service

Dear Chairman Tokuda and Members of the Committee:

It is a great pleasure to highly recommend Mrs. June Lee to the position on the Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service.

I have known Mrs. Lee as a close friend since 1994. Her husband, Dr. Bernard Lee (Colonel, US Army retired), and I have worked together at Tripler for numerous years.

Mrs. Lee is one of the brightest, energetic and caring individuals I have met. She has been and is passionate about caring for people and giving to the community—making positive improvements that benefit Hawai'i. She has been a very successful business woman for many years and has generously and tirelessly applied her many talents to benefit the Korean community as well as our State. I have always been so impressed with her competence and achievements. Her performance on any task she undertakes is truly outstanding. Mrs. Lee is someone who can get the job done!

Mrs. Lee is an ideal choice as a member of the Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service. You will not find someone better suited for this job.

Please do not hesitate to contact me (808-433-6418) if there questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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March 9, 2009

Higher Education Committee
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RE: Letter of Recommendation for June S. Lee

Dear Senators on the Committee of Higher Education,

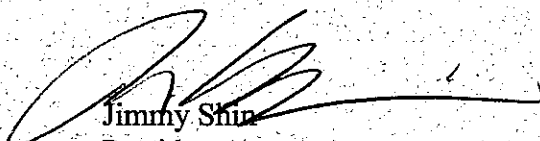
When I was asked to write a recommendation letter for June Lee to be appointed as a member of the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service, I was very excited and happy for her.

In our organization, we rely on volunteers to assist fellow members with various activities and affairs. When I think of community services, June Lee is one of the first people that come to my mind. As a community service to the Korean War veterans, June Lee volunteers her time and effort whenever her assistance is needed. She supports members that are not fluent in English with Translation in interviews and written documents as well as other matters.

June Lee is well respected in the Korean community here in Hawaii. She has a wealth of knowledge and her outgoing and generous personality will be a perfect fit for this commission.

As June Lee is always willing to help without hesitation, I strongly recommend her to be appointed to Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service. She is the right person for this commission and I know that she will always give her best effort.

Sincerely,



Jimmy Shin
President



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March 16, 2009

Re: Nomination to Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service

Dear Chair Tokuda and Members of the Committee;

I am pleased to write this letter of recommendation for June Lee. June has worked for me in the Business Development and Marketing Department at Harbor Wing Technologies Inc. for 5 years. She began here as Director and continues to serve with increasing skill in that capacity.

I interact frequently with June and depended on her. Very goal oriented as well as a team player, June is always punctual, yet easygoing. She is keenly devoted to her work, but being a real people person, she is also enjoyable to be around.

June demonstrated from early in her tenure that she understands what business is all about. She is well organized and thrives under adversity. She is quite aware of the bottom line, and has a knack for recognizing and eliminating waste. I suppose doing well in business is easy if you are, as she is, driven by quality.

In closing, let me say I have no hesitation in recommending June Lee for any position pertaining to Community Service. June is very active in community volunteer service, and I feel confident she would be an asset to you organization.

Sincerely,

Mark Ott
President



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Dear Members of the Committee,

I am writing this letter of recommendation for June S. Lee, whose name was submitted to your committee for the Hawaii Commission for National Community Service.

Mrs. June S. Lee has been a very active member of the Korean American Medical Association of Hawaii for many years and has been instrumental in its functioning. Our organization is active in helping the community with many health care related issues, including access to proper health care in the economically disadvantaged sector. Mrs. Lee has helped to organize and coordinate many such activities to help the community at large.

On a personal level, Mrs. Lee is a model citizen who is intelligent, articulate, socially adept and friendly. She is well respected and highly regarded in the Korean community.

In conclusion, I highly recommend Mrs. June S. Lee for the Hawaii Commission for National Community Service. There is no doubt that she would be a valuable asset to the State of Hawaii.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "M. Kim", written over a horizontal line.

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To: Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senator Norman Sakamoto, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Higher Education

From: Isaac Watson, Executive Director
Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service

Date: April 7, 2009

Subject: Consideration and Confirmation of June S. Lee to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service

Madame Chair, my name is Isaac Watson and I am the Executive Director of the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service. I would like to present written testimony in support of the reappointment of Ms. June Lee to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community service for the next three years.

As a current member of the Hawaii Commission, Ms. Lee has contributed tremendously to the growth and stability of the commission. As a community representative and business person, Ms. Lee's knowledge of community problems and needs has helped the Commission develop its goals, objectives and priorities as to the type of services that are needed in our community. Having served on the Commission for the past three years, Ms. Lee has become very familiar with the federal rules and regulations of the program and is able to make qualified decisions in helping the Commission make a difference in our community, as well as develop high quality national service programs in our state.

Madame Chairman, I strongly urge your support in reappointing Ms. June Lee to the Commission in order that she may continue to provide her expertise and insight in helping the Commission to fulfill the more comprehensive role envisioned for the Commission in order to foster and expand an ethic of service and volunteerism throughout the state.