

GM 528

ARTHUR Y. NISHIDA

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to
the Statewide Health Coordinating Council,
Gubernatorial Nominee, ARTHUR Y. NISHIDA, for a
term to expire 6-30-2013.

Re: GM258 Nomination to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council
Testimony of nominee: Arthur Nishida

Chairman David IGE
Vice Chairman, Josh GREEN

Members of the Senate on the Statewide Health Coordinating Council, thank you for this opportunity to present a testimony of myself.

My name is Arthur NISHIDA

I retired from City and County of Honolulu at age 55, with a total of 29 years of service. Half of those years were with the Honolulu Police Department, as a police officer and the other half was with the Department of the Prosecuting Attorneys Office, as an investigator.

I am presently employed as a Business Agent with SHOPO, State of Hawaii Organization of Police Officers, for the past five years.

I am asking to be nominated to this council as a representative of labor because I presently feel that it is time to exercise my rights and become active in the welfare of our community. This opportunity comes at a good time in my life. My children are all adults and surviving on their own and my wife, retired.

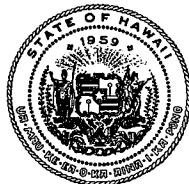
It was not until my father became bedridden and tending to his every needs that I realized the need for health care. It came in the form of service providers coming to our home and I getting trained. Before my father was able to leave the hospital, he had to attend a daily, re-hab training in an exercise room containing special type of medical equipment. All of which I had no clue as to what they were used for. I later found it very interesting, observing what they were intended for.

I know that if selected, I will have an obligation to the people of this state to protect and insure their health care facilities and other health medical equipment etc., are being continuously monitored, improved and purchased with close scrutiny.

I believe this council has a wide range of obligations to perform, at which time I am not privy to. With guidance and health material to assist me, I am confident I can render a fair decision on issues brought forth to this council.

I was raised by wonderful parents, whom I watched as they worked and helped out family, friends and neighbors, just about everyday of their lives. It is with this upbringing that my vision on helping others was inherited. With faith in my abilities and the insights I have gained throughout my career I am confident that can be an asset to this council.

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Senate Committee on Health

**GM 528, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Statewide Health
Coordinating Council, Gubernatorial Nominee,**

Arthur Nishida

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

April 15, 2009

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

3 **Fiscal Implications:** None

4 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose is for the consideration and confirmation to the Statewide
5 Health Coordinating Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, Arthur Nishida. Mr. Nishida is a business agent
6 with the State of Hawaii Organization of Police Officers (SHOPO). He has been with SHOPO since
7 2004 and has served as a Metropolitan Police Officer with the Honolulu Police Department. He started
8 his career in the Police Department as a uniformed patrol officer, later worked in plainclothes capacity,
9 and served as an investigator in the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney.

10 We ask for your support in the confirmation of Mr. Nishida to the Statewide Health Coordinating
11 Council.

SHOPO

April 13, 2009

Via: Facsimile 586-6231

Senator David Y. Ige
State Capitol, Room 215
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Ige:

Re: Mr. Arthur Nishida – Statewide Health Coordinating Council

I am writing this letter in firm support of Mr. Arthur Nishida's nomination to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council.

I currently serve as the President of the State of Hawaii Organization of Police Officers ("SHOPO"), the labor union representing all county police officers throughout the State of Hawaii.

Art, whom I have known for over 20 years, was formerly with the Honolulu Police Department and later retired from the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney. Since 2004 he has served as a SHOPO Business Agent and represents Honolulu police officers in grievance matters.

It is my privilege to recommend Art to serve on the Statewide Coordinating Council as he is reputed to be a very dedicated, hardworking and loyal individual. He has an extensive knowledge of labor/management issues and will be an asset to the council. In addition to his law enforcement background, Art participates in a variety of fund-raising projects and is always willing to lend a helping hand. He understands the needs of our community from personal experiences and is committed to improve Hawaii's health and medical standards.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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April 9, 2009

Via: Facsimile 586-6231

Senator David Y. Ige
State Capitol, Room 215
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Ige:

Re: Mr. Arthur Nishida – Statewide Health Coordinating Council

I am writing this letter in firm support of Mr. Arthur Nishida's nomination to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council.

Art and I joined the Honolulu Police Department in 1971 and have worked together ever since. He is presently a Business Agent with the State of Hawaii Organization of Police Officers, better known as SHOPO.

I am honored to recommend Art to serve on the Statewide Coordinating Council (Labor position), as you will not find a more dedicated, hardworking, and loyal individual. His knowledge of labor will be a definite asset to the Council and he brings with him as well great qualities – knowledge, experience, integrity, patience and, of course, ability to the Council. In short, Art is an all-around good person both in his professional and private life, and I wish him the best.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 429-4494.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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State Capitol, Room 215
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Dear Senator Ige:

Re: Mr. Arthur Nishida – Statewide Health Coordinating Council

I am writing this letter in firm support of Mr. Arthur Nishida's nomination to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council.

I have enjoyed a personal and working relationship with Mr. Nishida for a number of years and know him to be a wonderful family man.

Professionally, Mr. Nishida has been a loyal civil servant for well over thirty years, and has brought to the State of Hawaii Organization of Police Officers a wealth of knowledge as well as enthusiasm, integrity, honesty, fairness, and humor. "Art," as he is known at SHOPO, possesses a pleasing personality and always takes to heart the well-being of his fellow man.

I feel privileged to have worked with Art and feel certain he would be a tremendous asset to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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April 9, 2009

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The Honorable David Y. Ige
Senator
State Capitol, Room 215
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Arthur Nishida-Nomination, Statewide Health Coordinating Council

Dear Senator Ige:

I write this letter in support of Arthur Nishida's nomination to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council. I am a partner with the law firm of Winer Meheula & Devens, LLP, and serve as general outside counsel for the State of Hawaii Organization of Police Officers ("SHOPO"). I also have the privilege of serving as a vice chairman on the State Land Use Commission.

I have known Art professionally and personally for many years. Art has a varied background having served as a police officer with the Honolulu Police Department, and later as an investigator with the Office of the Prosecutor where he was known for his diligence and work ethic. He is currently a business agent with SHOPO where he has earned the reputation for being an extremely hard working and diligent advocate of our union interests, but at the same is respected for being fair minded which has earned him the employers' respect. The traits that I have come to admire about Art is his ability to maintain a high level of professionalism and a sense of humor no matter how heated a matter may become, which coupled with his ability to rationalize matters has diffused and led to a resolution of some very tough issues.

On a personal level, Art is a person of unquestioned integrity, great compassion and humility who never hesitates to help and assist the less fortunate. He can be found on any given weekend helping those in need with their yard work or coordinating huli-huli chicken fundraisers with his personal equipment to help raise funds for various island youth groups.

I know that SHOPO joins me when I say we as a union have been very fortunate to have had Art serving our interests as a union business agent. What ever the task may be, I have no doubt he will have the same success on the council as he has had in his professional life, and will prove to be a significant contributor to the council.

Respectfully submitted,



VLADIMIR DEVENS