

TESTIMONY FOR SUSAN PIRSCH
GM 529

NOMINEE FOR BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR
MAUI, MOLOKA'I, LANA'I AND KAHO'OLAWA

Aloha Chair Taniguchi and members of the Judiciary and Government Operations committee. I apologize for not being able to attend this hearing but want you to know about my intent to serve to the best of my ability if my nomination for this board is approved.

I am excited to undertake the responsibilities associated with this appointment and am sure to execute my duties with great enthusiasm. I have long been interested in politics—I even went door to door and phone banked for fellow Minnesotan Hubert Humphrey's presidential campaign (I was nine years old). I continue to train as a Deputy Voter Registrar each election year and encourage students at Seabury Hall (where I work) to be involved with all things in Public Service. It is very exciting for me that every two to four years our state and nation undergo the peaceful revolution we call elections. In that revolution each person who takes the time to vote is a definite cog in the wheel. I believe it is important to make sure all cogs get to do their part to drive the revolution forward.

As a bit of background on who I am... I am a thirty-year resident of Maui; I attended the University of Hawaii and earned a BA in Journalism with a minor in Japan Studies and a Graduate Certificate in Public Health through its distance-learning program, HITS. I also earned a Masters of Counseling in Marriage and Family Therapy from the University of Phoenix, Maui Campus. I have long worked in the human service sector here on Maui—I helped build an Intermediate Care Facility for Developmentally Disabled, worked with Severely Disabled Mentally Ill, ran youth programs for at risk youth and now am the school guidance counselor at Seabury Hall. Each of these positions has taught me the importance of that single cog. I know well that when we respond to the needs of one, we often meet the needs of many.

I am hopeful you will find my credentials satisfactory and recommend approval for my nomination in your committee. If you should have further questions, please feel free to contact me at (808) 280-1150.



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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENT
OPERATIONS
ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 529
NOMINATION OF SUSAN PIRSCH TO THE
BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF THE ISLANDS OF MAUI,
MOLOKAI, LANAI AND KAHOO LAWE

April 13, 2009

Chair Taniguchi and members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations, thank you for the opportunity to testify on the nomination of Susan Pirsch to the Board of Registration of the Islands of Maui, Molokai, Lanai and Kahoolawe, for a term to expire 6-30-2013.

Ms. Pirsch's background and previous experience as a commission member makes her an excellent addition to the Board of Registration of the Islands of Maui, Molokai, Lanai and Kahoolawe.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on GM 529.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
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Dear Senator Taniguchi:

Board of Registration for Maui, Moloka'i, Lana'i and Kaho'olawe nominee, Susan Pirsch has asked me to write a letter in support of her confirmation to the commission. As her supervisor for the past ten years I can both enthusiastically recommend her and support her appointment.

I have known Ms. Pirsch since she began working at Seabury Hall. She is capable, a quick learner, responsible and a self-starter. Her passion for service is clear and she is always willing to step up and take on tasks that need to get done. These are great assets and they serve this community well.

As her employer I can also say that we support her involvement with this appointment and will allow her time away from the school to complete the requirements of this work.

In closing, I will add that her passion for service and her ability to see tasks through to successful completion are the greatest assets she brings to any organization lucky enough to have her work with it. A job to her is not finished until it is finished well.

If you have any questions please feel free to call me at (808) 572-7235

Sincerely

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Senator Brian Taniguchi and
Members of the Senate Judiciary and Government
Operations Committee

Re: Susan Pirsch
Nominee to the Board of Registration - Maui, Moloka'i,
Lana'i and Kaho'olawe

Dear Honorable Taniguchi and members of the Committee,

I am writing on behalf of Susan Pirsch and her nomination to the Board of Registration for Maui, Moloka'i, Lana'i and Kaho'olawe. I have known Ms. Pirsch both personally and professional for over ten years here on Maui.

In her capacity as Counselor for Seabury Hall School, she has helped facilitate several student groups to volunteer with Habitat for Humanity Maui. She has also volunteered personally for Habitat for Humanity on many occasions as well as with other non-profit organizations that help the community on Maui. She has always been an advocate for those who are underrepresented or who cannot speak for themselves.

I know Susan personally and have the utmost respect for this intelligent committed lady. She is articulate, honest and very hard working. She has shown an enormous amount of integrity and wisdom in both her personal and professional life.

Habitat for Humanity Maui is an ecumenical nonprofit that works in partnership with families in need to build simple, decent housing. It is our mission to eliminate substandard housing and homelessness on Maui by building simple, decent homes.

Sincerely,

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