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April 9, 2009

The Honorable Carol Fukunaga and
Committee Members
Committee on Economic Development and
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Hawaii State Senate, State Capitol
415 S. Beretania St., Rm. 216
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Nomination to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Strategic
Development Corporation

Dear Senator Fukunaga and Committee Members:

I am writing in response to your Nomination letter dated April 7, 2009. Please find the responses to all questions to assist the Senate with its confirmation process.

- (1) Please see my resume that is attached.
- (2) (a) Why do you wish to continue serving as a member of the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation?

I would like the opportunity to continue advising the Corporation as it begins a new chapter under the leadership of a new Executive Director.

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

As a member of the Board, my role would be to continue to provide independent judgment with respect to Corporate action and provide ideas and guidance on policy matters brought before the Board.

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- (c) Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a member of the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Strategic 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 Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation.

Having now served for just over 2 years, I feel that I gained an understanding of the purpose of the Corporation, its relationship to the venture capital and high tech industry and how the members of the Board and the Corporation's staff interact. I feel that I am now better able to judge the effect of actions and decisions that are presented to the Board because of this experience and therefore can render a more informed decision.

- (d) What have you accomplished during your term of service thus far, and what do you believe you can accomplish during this new term?

Probably the single most important accomplishment has been my service on the executive search committee with other members of the board and the executive search firm. We reviewed all of the applications, met with selected applicants over a period of 6 weeks and then participated in the final selection of the new Executive Director with the entire Board.

On a going forward basis, I would look forward to the opportunity to work with the new Executive Director to help update the investment policies of the Corporation and to update the goals of the Corporation in light of the current economic and financial condition of the State of Hawaii.

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

The three qualities that I believe would well serve the Corporation are (1) my calm demeanor, (2) my ability to make a decision, and (3) my ability to articulate a position or question.

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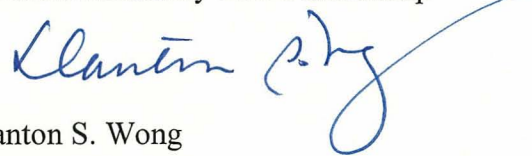
- (f) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation? How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest?

I do not foresee any conflicts of interest.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

CHUN, KERR, DODD, BEAMAN & WONG,
a Limited Liability Law Partnership



Danton S. Wong

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Enclosure

DANTON S. WONG

Mr. Wong is a partner in the law firm of Chun, Kerr, Dodd, Beaman & Wong, a Limited Liability Law Partnership, and has been in practice since 1982.

Mr. Wong's practice is concentrated in the areas of real estate acquisitions, sales, financing and development; commercial leasing; business consultation; and related areas. He has represented local, national and international banks, hotel companies, shopping center owners and developers, condominium and residential developers, retail companies, as well as entrepreneurs and public institutions.

Recent transactions in which Mr. Wong has participated include the sale of Parker Ranch Center, the purchase of all warehouse and industrial properties from Damon Estate, the acquisition (by way of stock purchase) of the Caterpillar heavy equipment division from Theo H. Davies, the acquisition (by way of stock purchase) of the Pizza Hut and Taco Bell fast food franchises in the State of Hawaii and Guam, and the development of the Honolulu Design Center.

His current clients include Queen Emma Land Company, Hawaiian Island Development Co., Inc., HRPT Properties Trust, TD Food Group, Inc. and Hawaii DeBartolo, LLC.

Mr. Wong has served as a member of the Chinatown Review Committee of the City and County of Honolulu, and the Chinese Bicentennial Celebration Committee for the Chinese Chamber of Commerce. He currently is a director of the Hawaii Heritage Center, the Friends of Iolani Palace and the Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation, and a Trustee of the Island Pacific Academy. Mr. Wong also serves as an arbitrator in the Court Annexed Arbitration Program.

Mr. Wong is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* and was featured in the July 2003 edition of *Honolulu* magazine.

Mr. Wong received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from Stanford University in 1979 and his Juris Doctor from Hastings College of Law in 1982. He is a member of the American and Hawaii State Bar Associations and numerous organizations including the Hawaii Developer's Council.

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Statement of
THEODORE E. LIU
Director
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before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TAXATION

Wednesday, April 15, 2009
1:15 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 016

In consideration of

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**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS OF THE HAWAII STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION,
GUBANATORIAL NOMINEE, DANTON S. WONG,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2013.**

Chair Fukunaga, Vice Chair Baker, and Committee Members:

DBEDT is pleased to support the continued appointment of Danton S. Wong to the board of the Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation (HSDC). Mr. Wong is a Partner with the law firm of Chun, Kerr, Dodd, Beaman & Wong, concentrating in the areas of real estate transactions and commercial lending. As such he will provide good business perspectives to assist HSDC with its venture capital investment programs and its entrepreneurial development activities.

Among DBEDT's core goals is improving Hawaii business environment, and Mr. Wong's legal practices in the areas of real estate lending, acquisitions, and business consultation will greatly assist HSDC and local entrepreneurs.

Mr. Wong has long been involved with numerous community activities and organizations, and we are fortunate that he is willing to continue to ably serve HSDC as well.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Mr. Wong's nomination.



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Statement of
Karl K. Fooks
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Before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TAXATION

Wednesday, April 15, 2009
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State Capitol, Conference Room 016

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GM 551
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS OF THE HAWAII STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, Danton S. Wong,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2013.

Chair Fukunaga, Vice Chair Baker, and Committee Members:

HSDC fully supports the continued appointment of Danton S. Wong to its Board of Directors. Mr. Wong brings extensive legal expertise in the areas of real estate transactions and commercial lending which will assist HSDC in the evaluation of investment decisions and the development of a sustainable venture capital industry in Hawaii.

Mr. Wong is highly active in many community organizations and his broad network of business contacts and awareness of the business community will add greatly to the HSDC board. HSDC will be able to tap his expertise and contacts to support local entrepreneurs launch and grow their businesses.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on Mr. Wong's behalf.



**American
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Hawaii State Chapter

April 9, 2009

Honorable Senator Carol Fukunaga & Committee
Committee on Economic Development and Technology
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 216
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: **Confirmation of Danton S. Wong to Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation Board for Another Term**

Dear Senator Fukunaga and Committee Members:

I am writing to express my strong and heartfelt support for the nomination of Danton S. Wong to serve another term on the Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation Board. I have known Mr. Wong for over 30 years and am well familiar with his talents and abilities as a lawyer and community leader.

As Executive Director of the Hawaii State Bar Association for 13 years, I had firsthand experience working with Mr. Wong. He was active in the Real Property & Financial Services Section of the Hawaii State Bar Association and has written scholarly works in this area as well as participated as a speaker on numerous occasions. His expertise in the area of real estate and financial services has gained him high respect from his peers.

When I became CEO of the Hawaii State Chapter of the American Red Cross, I continued to rely on his generosity of time and talent in offering pro bono advice to our organization. Given his high standing in the legal community, expertise, and willingness to do pro bono work, I believe that Mr. Wong will continue to contribute invaluable skills and knowledge to this important body.

I know that Mr. Wong served on the executive search committee to select the new Executive Director, and is eager to have the opportunity to work with this person. Having Mr. Wong continue his service to this Board will be beneficial to the State of Hawaii, especially because of the economic challenges we are now facing.

I urge you to approve Mr. Wong's nomination and recommend that he be confirmed by the full Senate. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 739-8103.

Sincerely,

Coralie Chun Matayoshi, Esq.
Chief Executive Officer



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Melvin Y. Kaneshige
Executive Vice President
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April 9, 2009

VIA FAX (586-6899) AND MAIL

The Honorable Carol Fukunaga
Chair
Senate Committee on Economic Development and Technology
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Room 216
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Danton S. Wong
Nomination to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Strategic
Development Corporation

Dear Senator Fukunaga and Members of the Committee:

I am writing in support of the nomination of Danton S. Wong to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation (HSDC).

I have known Danton since 1991 when he joined the Chun, Kerr, Dodd & Kaneshige law firm of which I was managing partner at the time and have worked extensively with him both as a partner as well as a client since I left the practice of law in 1995 to become Executive Vice President of Real Estate and Development for the Outrigger Enterprises Group.

I believe that he is both qualified and well-suited to be a member of the Board for the following reasons:

- He has the requisite background and experience with HSDC, having served several years on the Board. This eliminates any need for a transitional learning period which is important in these trying economic times when we need to explore as many alternative ways to get our economy moving again as quickly as possible.
- He understands the economy of our State, having represented many of the key players in the most important sectors of our economy, and the need for better diversification. He has represented Outrigger as well as The Queen Emma Land Company so he understands the importance of the visitor industry but also recognizes the need to diversify to avoid the dominance of one sector over the economy. He is able to understand and translate how new businesses would be able to get started and to eventually thrive within the current fabric of our existing economy.

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- His personal style is well suited for this task as it is not combative but directed at working collaboratively at finding solutions.

For the above reasons, I wholeheartedly recommend Danton Wong for a seat on the Board of Directors of HSDC.

Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Melvin Y. Kaneshige', written in a cursive style.

Melvin Y. Kaneshige

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THE TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY

Hearing April 15, 2009
Testimony on GM 551
Confirmation of Danton S. Wong to the Board of Directors of
Hawai'i Strategic Development Corporation

Chair Fukunaga, Vice-Chair Baker, members of the Committee:

I strongly support the confirmation of Danton S. Wong to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation ("HSDC"). Mr. Wong brings impeccable credentials and experience to the Board. In addition, his unbounded thinking enables him to identify opportunities that may not be readily apparent to others. Mr. Wong's experience will help the HSDC to meet its long-term goals of developing a venture capital infrastructure in Hawaii to support business growth and expansion.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter L. Fritz". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "P" and a long, sweeping underline.

999 Bishop St.
Suite 2700
Honolulu, Hawaii
March 9, 2009

Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chair
Senate Committee on Economic Development and Technology
The Senate
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Nomination of Danton Wong to the Board of the Hawaii Strategic
Development Corporation

Dear Senator Fukunaga:

I am writing you to wholeheartedly support the nomination and reappointment of Mr. Danton Wong to the board of HSDC. I previously (in a prior life) had the opportunity to work with Mr. Wong on matters of the agency, and found him to be a strong contributor to HSDC's venture capital and technology development programs, applying his legal and business background to policy matters, always in furtherance of good agency oversight.

Mr. Wong is the type of community-oriented individual who ensures that the work of the State is accomplished through its voluntary boards and commissions, and he has been and I am sure will continue to be a strong advocate for HSDC. Thank you for your continued unwavering efforts to diversify Hawaii's economy and for your support of Mr. Wong's nomination.

Sincerely,



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Karen Piltz
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April 14, 2009

The Honorable Carol Fukunaga and
Committee Members
Committee on Economic Development and
Technology
Hawaii State Senate, State Capitol
415 S. Beretania St., Rm. 016
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: GM 551 Consideration and Confirmation to the Hawaii Strategic Development
Corporation Board, Gubernatorial Nominee Danton S. Wong

Dear Senator Fukunaga and Committee Members:

I am writing in support of Danton S. Wong in his nomination to the Hawaii Strategic
Development Corporation ("HSDC") Board.

I believe that Danton's background and experience as a lawyer, counselor and family man will
be an asset to the Board.

I have worked with Danton for several years and recognize that his 25 years of practice in the
Hawaii legal community have provided him with a very diverse, well-rounded legal, business
and financial background. Danton has assisted many companies in his practice in which we
faced many complex business issues. In each instance, Danton has consistently helped to find
creative solutions to challenging problems. His ability to see the "big picture" and the project's
relationship to other company matters has proved to be very valuable.

On a personal note, Danton is very involved with his family and their sports activities and
educational endeavors. As a father of three children ranging from pre-teen to young adult whose
lives more often than not, revolve around cell phones, laptop computers and the Internet, Danton
gets to experience the fast-changing technological advances that are available. I believe that
Danton's perspective in balancing the goals of keeping Hawaii a special place while providing
opportunities for growth and development for a sustainable Hawaii will serve the Board well.

I respectfully ask that you support Danton Wong's confirmation as a nominee to the Hawaii
Strategic Development Corporation.

Very truly yours,

Karen Piltz



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TESTIMONY OF KIPPEN DE ALBA CHU

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY
Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chair
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair

Wednesday, April 15, 2009
1:15 pm

GM 551 – Nominee Danton S. Wong

Chair Fukunaga, Vice Chair Baker, and members of the Committee, thank you for this opportunity to testify in **strong support** of Gubernatorial Nominee Danton Wong to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation.

Since joining the Board of Directors for The Friends of Iolani Palace in 2007, Danton has been an important asset to this institution from the beginning. His law expertise, background in business, and new perspectives on problems facing Iolani Palace have been much needed and well received.

Danton has been a very active board member, eager to tackle difficult issues with both common sense and strategic thinking. He is able to quickly assess situations and will oftentimes facilitate board discussions in exploring not just solutions, but solutions which are appropriate. This is extremely helpful in delicate or controversial circumstances, where his analytical skills have served this institution considerably.

Danton's commitment is unwavering. The fact that he is being nominated to the HSDC is a testament to his talents, experience, and respect in the community. I urge this Committee to recommend that his nomination be confirmed by the full Senate.

Thank you again for this opportunity to testify in strong support of Danton Wong.