

Commission For National And Community Service

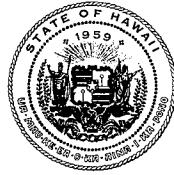
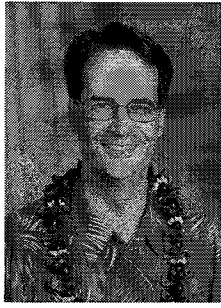
I have been a community volunteer for over 40 years. During my teaching profession I led the kindergartners up to Ronald McDonald house as a community service project. I have organized volunteers for political campaigns, golf tournaments and public library events. I work well with people and am a good recruiter.

I don't think the Hawaii population is aware of this commission. We need to introduce ourselves to the public. There are many worthwhile groups that could and should be recognized for their efforts. I would call upon Senior Residential homes as one area where recruitment might begin.

My top three priorities would be making the public aware of this commission, publicizing commission events and encouraging more participation from Hawaii's citizens.

I think our economic recession will have an impact on volunteerism as more people will be going back to work. We will have to tap areas where we can find committed volunteers. Using students has proved very successful for the Friends of the Library.

TESTIMONY



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF HAWAII
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April 5, 2009

The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda
Chair, Higher Education Committee
State Capitol, Room 218
Honolulu, HI 96813

GM555: Testimony in Support of Sally A. Harper

Dear Chair Tokuda:

I am writing to express my support for Sally A. Harper for a position on the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service. As her resume indicates, she has been active in the community for many years and if appointed will give her new position the same high level of commitment and energy she has given other projects with which she has been involved.

Ms. Harper is dedicated to community service and will bring a commonsense approach to the challenges she will face as a member of the Commission for National and Community Service. She is always polite, but she will not hesitate to call a spade a spade. As you know, both of these characteristics, honesty and politeness, are essential to the smooth functioning of any board or commission.

I unreservedly endorse Sally for this position and mahalo for reading this testimony.

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*Incorporating the
Hawaii Library Foundation*

April 7, 2009

Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 218
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Senator Tokuda:

The selection of Sally Harper to serve on the Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service is one that will benefit everyone involved. Sally was a volunteer trustee for the Hawai'i Library Foundation for five years. When our organization merged in 2005, she joined the board of the Friends of the Library of Hawai'i.

Sally has served in a wide variety of ways, both as an officer on the board and on several board committees. She has co-chaired the Librarian of the Year and Excellence in Service committee, which draws attention to the outstanding service provided by librarians and their staff at branch libraries. Sally mobilizes the volunteers for our annual golf tournament, Marriott Links to Literacy, each year. She also has done an excellent job of recruiting nominees to our board of directors and various committees. She has even recommended an excellent assistant for me!

Sally is incredibly generous of her time and efforts, and our organization has benefited enormously from her work. As a memorial to her husband, Bill, Sally directed donations be made to Friends of the Library of Hawai'i so that we could rehabilitate a defunct bookmobile and turn it into the first year-round FLH bookstore. Bill's Bookmobile operates daily next to our warehouse location, thanks to Sally's generosity and determination.

The choice of Sally Harper to serve on this committee was an excellent choice, and I know she will serve the state with exceptional wisdom and dedication.

Sincerely yours,

Byrde Cestare
Executive Director