

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 experiences that I have successfully operated a variety of small businesses for at least last 21 years typically relating to travel industries, option tours, prearranged transportation, consulting and I am trying to expand my business to manufacturing as well as import and export businesses. I am actively involved in community services as a member and a past president of the Honolulu Hibiscus Lions Club, a member and a vice president of GCS. One of my volunteer works includes but not limit to a clean once a month the area where the Korean Centennial monument is located in Pawa Park with the Hawaii Korean Senior Cultural Center members.

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

I recommend in increasing community service with more programs which can reward the volunteers; such as recognition for volunteers, increasing training sessions that will benefit for both volunteers and beneficiaries, and to open communication channels for people whose native language is not English.

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

First, communicate to various ethnic background organizations and agencies especially to those native language is not English such as a South Asian group, and explain them why, what, how we can do volunteer works more fun, easy, and safe ways that whole family can participate.

Second, create various training and reward programs that benefit both volunteers and beneficiaries for their health and safety.

Third, support the programs for the elderly and children who do not have other family member to take care of them and those alienated involuntarily from their friends and family.

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 believe that current economic recession will have strong impact on many programs as well as volunteers who have devoted their time and passion in volunteerism. That is more reasons why we should try hard to communicate with different group and agencies and educate them through training sessions and reward incentive programs. As a commissioner, I would like to see these programs put in affect so that our society can become healthier, safer and brighter.

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter of recommendation for Mr. Albert D. Kim who is currently applying to be a commissioner in the National and Community Service Commission.

I have personal knowledge of Mr. Albert Kim to be a outstanding and contributing member of the community. Mr. Kim is an accomplished Hawaii business person ad president and owner of Orient Travel Inc. since 1988. He is an outstanding citizen of Hawaii, supportive of many of programs which enhance our lives such as the Boys and Girls Club, Hibiscus Lions Club, Korean Catholic church, Federation of Hawaii Hongwanji Lay Association. He is also supports United Korean Association of Hawaii financially as well as a volunteer for projects we do in service to the Korean community.

Mr. Albert Kim is of high ethical and moral standards in his personal and business life. He is a husband, father and provider of his household consisting of his wife, 8 years old daughter and mother-in-law. I am confident that Mr. Albert Kim will be a positive addition to your committee because Mr. Kim's background and continued desire to involve himself with community service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Young Hae Kim".

Young Hae Kim

President of United Korean Association of Hawaii



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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to write a letter of recommendation for Mr. Albert D. Kim who is applying for a commissioner in the National and Community Service Commission.

I have known Mr. Albert Kim for almost 20 years through Korean Catholic Church in Hawaii. He is an active member of the church and his service to the church is outstanding. He served as the secretary general in Parish Council for 3 years.

Mr. Kim is also a contributing member of the community. He is an outstanding citizen of Hawaii, supportive of many of programs which enhance our lives such as the Boys and Girls Club, Hibiscus Lions Club, Korean Catholic church, Federation of Hawaii Hongwanji Lay Association. He not only supports Korean Cultural Center Committee financially but also volunteers for projects we do in service to the Korean community.

Mr. Kim is an accomplished Hawaii business person and president and owner of Orient Travel Inc. since 1988. Mr. Albert Kim is of high ethical and moral standards in his personal and business life. He is a husband, father and provider of his household consisting of his wife, 8 years old daughter and mother-in-law. I am confident that Mr. Albert Kim will be an asset to your committee because of Mr. Kim's background and continued desire to involve himself with community service.

Sincerely,

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RE: Recommendation of Mr. Albert Kim
Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service

To Whom It May Concern:

It gives me great pleasure to recommend Mr. Albert Kim for a position on the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service. Mr. Kim has the enthusiasm and passion for interacting with and providing service to a wide variety of populations with diverse backgrounds.

I have known Mr. Albert Kim for over 20 years, of which 15 of those years have been through the Hawaii Chapter of GCS International. Mr. Kim has been an active member, serving on the Board as Secretary and currently as Vice President, since 1994. GCS International is a global service effort based on three principles of Goodwill, Cooperation, and Service. The Hawaii Chapter is committed to serving the local community by partnering with other organizations as well as spearheading events to support and improve the lives of the people and environment of Hawaii.

As current President of the Hawaii Chapter, I have had many opportunities to witness Mr. Albert Kim as both a leader and servant. In our planning sessions and presentations, he exhibited strong leadership skills and was extremely articulate, exhibited enthusiasm, creativity, responsibility, and flexibility, as well as an excellent ability to work as part of a team.

In summary, I believe Mr. Kim has the requisite ability, motivation, attitude and compassion necessary to be a member on the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service. I have met many individuals throughout my life, both personally and professionally. Mr. Albert Kim stands out among them as a man of consistent character. I therefore offer him my highest recommendation.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 808-228-1222, or via email at aaronhskim@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Aaron H.S. Kim

President of GCS International – Hawaii Chapter

April 7, 2009

Senator Jill Tokuda

My name is Keith Fukuda and I wish to provide supporting testimony on behalf of Mr. Albert Kim to the Hawaii Commission for National Community Service.

I have known Mr. Kim professionally and socially for more than 20 years and I have witnessed his personal involvement in community service.

As a member of the District 50 Hawaii Lions and serving as a District Governor of Hawaii for the International Association of Lions Clubs I have witnessed Mr. Kim provide community service as a member of the Hibiscus Lions Club. He rings bells for the Salvation Army, collects canned goods for our homeless, teaches Korean immigrants the words to our "Pledge of Allegiance" and songs "Hawaii Pono'i" and "America". I have witnessed his community service performing amblyopic (lazy eye) testing for public school children and leading a community service effort fundraising for a van to provide transportation for the elderly. He tirelessly provides translation of immigration forms to our citizens whom English is a second language and continues his community service as a registered translator for our State Judiciary.

Though these "gifts" are just some examples of his personal contributions to our community we have all been truly blessed and enriched by his efforts. I applaud his efforts to continue to serve our greater community and I support his appointment.

Sincerely
Keith Fukuda
Past District Governor
District 50 Hawaii Lions