

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 been an active volunteer in Hawaii for more than 25 years. As a teenager, my parents and grandparents taught me to always be grateful for what I had and to always "give back" to show my appreciation. As a teenager attending University Laboratory School, I would always volunteer for community and international relations events and projects and participated in numerous activities, ranging from visiting various community and senior centers to assisting with holiday projects. I also participated in exchange programs with students from Japan, and I continue to stay active with learning and mentoring projects such as "Japan in a Suitcase." Through the Japan America Society of Hawaii, I would visit various elementary schools and teach them about their counterparts in Japan using hands on activities and personal experiences as a JET participant from 1997 through 1999. While in Japan, I volunteered with the Special Olympics, coaching basketball, softball and assisting with other community events and projects, especially those that involved working with the youth and seniors of my community.

Upon my return from Japan, I returned to coaching and officiating basketball, volleyball and softball in my community. Because my involvement was year around, I knew all the "ins and outs" of what the expectations were of each coach, parent, child, official and members of the board. Because of this knowledge, I was asked to join the board of directors while also maintaining my head coach and official positions. In this new role, I used patience, understanding, compromise, and communication to gain insights into what each organization participant expected from the other members. Throughout my years of volunteering in my community, I have realized that more often than not there is no right or wrong way of doing things; we all must work together if we are to achieve our goals, making do with what resources we have and working with local organizations within our communities to provide both monetary donations and volunteers.

While working with the Manoa Youth organizations, I became familiar with the Manoa Waioli Lions Club where I have served as an active member for more than seven years. During my time at this wonderful organization, I have learned to truly appreciate what various service organizations do to help keep community programs, events, projects and activities prospering and flourishing. Through organized volunteering, individuals can come together to make a real difference, especially from organizations that are solely dedicated to helping others, such as the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service (HCNCS). HCNCS dedicates itself to supporting, nurturing and developing its commitment to serve the children, their parents and seniors of Hawaii. I too strongly believe this or I wouldn't have accepted this nomination.

As a member on the Board of Directors for the Moiliili Community Center, I see firsthand the need for assistance in our elder care and senior care programs. Unfortunately, due to funding restrictions, our elder care program was terminated last year, but our senior program continues to flourish thanks to private donations and funding. Our children's program is self sustaining and very successful.

I also believe that it is important for everyone to be able to read and was privileged to serve as a member of the Hawaii Literacy Board of Directors. There, I was very active with the family and children reading

centers at Kuhio Park Terrace and Mayor Wright Housing and also provided assistance with locating funds to maintain our Adult Literacy program.

Because of my involvement with youth programs and community service organizations, I was asked by a former Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Club to assist in finding funding for their annual Girls' Invitational Basketball Tournament. Instead of securing funds from outside sources, I took it upon myself to sponsor the tournament for three years until other sources of funding could be secured. The investment was worth every penny. The participants are always very thankful and many have said that it has kept them "out of trouble" by giving them a positive place to go every day.

While working with the annual Girls' Invitational Basketball Tournament, I could see that these young people craved mentorship. To address that need, I established a mentoring program in conjunction with the Boys and Girls Club Leadership Program. The youth first completed the Leadership program and were then matched with mentors from the Plaza Club's Young Professional Group. Pairings were based on questionnaires filled out by the teens as to what their interests were and what profession they were interested in pursuing. For three months during the summer, each participant would shadow their mentors at work, meetings and various functions. At the end of the program the youth and their parents were invited to a party at the Plaza Club to celebrate their accomplishments.

Although everyone involved was touched by the experience, it wasn't without its challenges. For instance, many of the teens did not have the proper attire to shadow their mentors in a professional environment. To address this issue, I asked members of the Plaza Club to sponsor the teens by providing monetary donations, and in return, each member who donated \$25 or more was given a complimentary buffet and had their names posted in our monthly newsletter. In addition, I approached Hilo Hatties with our dilemma, and they graciously provided the participants with discounts on their Aloha attire. With the donations from the Plaza Club members, we not only purchased Aloha wear, but we were also able to purchase gifts for each participant. Everyone who donated was inspired and many were reminded of when they were first beginning their careers.

Because of my lifelong commitment to giving back to the community and my ability to help youth and service organizations secure proper funding, I believe I can be a valuable asset to the Commission. Trying to secure volunteers in a struggling economy where volunteers are a scarce commodity is also a challenge that I face every day as a member of the Moiliili Community Center Board of Directors. As a Commissioner, I will need to use all the resources and connections gained throughout all my years as a volunteer to enrich and grow volunteerism in Hawaii. We will all need to support, cooperate and be patient with each other and achieve our goals. I have worked in the most temperamental situations where leadership started to fall apart, and I was able to step in and help everyone take a deep breath and reflect upon why we were all there. It is not always an easy process when it comes to prioritizing and allocating funds to various organizations. However, through a grassroots effort, utilizing all that is available through corporate, local and national efforts, I think HCNCS will continue to be successful in maintaining its commitment to serving Hawaii's people.

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

Because HCNCS is administratively attached to the University of Hawaii, Office of Student Affairs, I would reach out to them first and ask them to assist in collaborating with campus organizations such as

fraternities, sororities and intramural sports teams to come together and volunteer. We all need to look at creative ways of obtaining volunteer assistance, such as using incentives to get young people involved in volunteering. Perhaps we can look into the possibility of making "volunteering," an extracurricular or lab credit.

Next, I would look at local organizations that are self sustaining and ask them to participate in their local community groups. While it might not be easy to gain their support, we will need to reflect on what has been done successfully and use that knowledge to help other organizations improve their operations.

I would also look to our local schools for assistance. Sometimes, we appeal to businesses for assistance, and fail to see the potential children have. We are supposed to lead by example, and if we show children the joy of giving, they will be inspired to help others as well. Giving back does not always have to be in a monetary form; physically volunteering is indeed priceless as volunteers are a hot commodity in today's struggling economy.

We will need to look at past recipients of HCNCS' assistance and ask that they please donate their time to other organizations in need of help. Whether it is through fundraising efforts or assisting with programs, projects or events, any help would be appreciated.

We can also turn to community and senior centers for help. While many assume that seniors only want to receive assistance, my experience has been that they are always willing and eager to "give back" to their community. They have a lot to offer; all we need to do is ask and listen to what they have to say.

Groups and organizations need to help themselves before getting help. In these tough times where money and volunteers are scarce, only organizations that are willing to make the effort should be rewarded with additional assistance. If organizations are unable to help themselves we will need to research why that is and offer assistance on how they can effectively reach their goals.

When we use each others' knowledge, connections and talents for good, we all benefit.

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

My number one area of focus is our unique "family" culture in Hawaii. We have families that are blood related, but we also have our "hanai" families that are also very strong and united in the same beliefs and values. We all help each other in times of need which, of course, is not unique to our state. But what is different in our State, is that we here in Hawaii, can be complete strangers willing to help each other in times of need. A neighbor is someone who not only lives next door to you, but someone who lives a block or two away. There is a special "trust" that resides in our State, that no other state can claim with pride and confidence. We need to use this special connection we all share to build our communities and make them stronger and safer. We need to rid each community of the "trash," crime, violence, graffiti, homelessness, etc., that is taking over some of our communities. We must all come together in a collaborative effort, uniting in our common goal to make Hawaii stronger and safer. We need to share in our commitment to create self sustaining organizations that in turn, will help guide and lead the way to more prosperous programs that help our most vulnerable. We need to ask and encourage greater participation when it comes to community service. Our children, seniors and family need to prosper for the good of Hawaii and through HCNCS they will. I would like the opportunity to be a part of this effort.

Second, I would help organizations that fit the criteria to receive assistance from DLIR's OCS and any other grant opportunities available. Many organizations do not look for grants and other forms of assistance because they may not know the process for doing so. I understand that the Commission has been faced with a number of challenges from OCS, and I would like to make certain that all aspects in this area of funding are on track and focused to help the numerous entities that need it. When I was a director with Hawaii Literacy, our Executive Director was unaware of some of the programs that OCS offered assistance to. Because I knew a little about the various program grants available, we were able to, with great effort from all involved, receive a substantial grant for our book mobile that helps many in the Leeward district, which includes homeless children along the coastlines of Nanakuli and Waianae. Because there is no electricity on the beaches, the children had nowhere to go to study. The book mobile was the perfect solution, it has a generator that allows for a safer well lit environment and came equipped with a computer for the children to use.

Third, I believe that neighborhoods must take it upon themselves to keep their communities safe, clean and free from drug related activities. Everyone must take pride in where they live and take the initiative to stand up to the "trash" that destroys their communities. Any one of these factors can contribute to a safe and comfortable neighborhood, or just the opposite. Public safety is one of my top concerns. As a member of my neighborhood board, I know firsthand what it is like to hear stories of violence and home invasions. We must all work together as a united community dedicated to the good of our neighbors and the safety of all. With help from leaders of our State, City, local businesses, schools and neighborhood boards and organizations such as the Rotary and Lions Club, I will work to educate individuals and leaders within each community.

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?

Demand on volunteer organizations will increase as funding decreases. There may be a lack of volunteers as some may need to find a second or perhaps third job to simply pay their bills and thus unable to volunteer.

There will inevitably be more competition for funding and HCNCS will have to make "tough" decisions and implement stringent criteria that best meet the needs of the community. By maximizing the impacts and looking for something more than personal gains, the Commission will have to take precedence when selecting which organizations or groups to help.

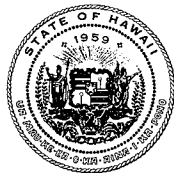
As I mentioned earlier, as a member of the Moiliili Community Center Board of Directors, we needed to make the difficult decision of terminating our elder care program. As difficult as this was, it was necessary to keep the Center itself flourishing. Our largest participation group is our children's program; which is self sustaining. Unfortunately, this is the norm in these tough economic times, only programs that are self sustaining have the best chance of continuing. The Commission will and should be busy researching and thoroughly looking into which programs are capable of being self sustaining with the help of the Commission. We will have to be very selective and scrutinize organizations that request our assistance and unfortunately we will have to turn away some if not most.

As a Commissioner, I would like to search for resources that can form an assistance program that can help programs that are not quite at the level of self sustaining but can be with the proper guidance and help. I understand the Commission already has partnerships within the grassroots and other areas within communities, but we need to search further if at all possible; especially with current economic obstacles.

Finally, I believe that there are people who understand the plight many volunteer organizations face in these tough economic times. Many of these people will try harder to help physically as opposed to monetarily, which is what many organizations need. Experience and time cannot only be measured in dollars; we need to accept the effort of those willing to help in any way or form.

Despite these tough economic times, the American Spirit of volunteerism shall continue to thrive. As a member of the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service, it will be an honor and privilege to help facilitate Hawaii's efforts to give back to the community.

TESTIMONY



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF HAWAII
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April 2, 2009

Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senator Norman Sakamoto, Vice Chair
And members of the Senate Higher Education Committee

Re: Governor's Message GM 557 nominating Nadine Nishioka for the
Commission on National and Community Service

Aloha Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Sakamoto and Members of the Higher Education
Committee:

I endorse the gubernatorial nomination of Nadine N. Nishioka for the Hawaii
Commission on National and Community Service.

Ms. Nishioka has a long history of community involvement, currently serving as a
member of the Manoa Neighborhood Board (where she had served for two years as
Board Chair) and as a board member of the Moiliili Community Center. She is involved
with both boys and girls youth programs in Manoa, serving her 17th year with the Manoa
Youth athletic organizations as both a board member, coach and official/Umpire In
Charge (UIC). She sponsored a girls' basketball tournament for three consecutive
years for the Boys and Girls Club of Honolulu, in addition to a mentoring program. She
is also an active member of the Manoa Waioli Lions Club for seven years.

Additionally, I have observed Ms. Nishioka at work in the Legislature, where she serves
on the staff of the House Minority Research Office.

If you have any questions or if I may be of assistance to you, please contact me at 586-
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With warm regards,

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April 7, 2009

Senator Jill Tokuda
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GM557

Thursday, April 9, 2008 1:15pm Room #225

**Testimony in support of Confirmation for Nadine Nishioka
to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service**

Dear Chair Tokuda,

I am very pleased to support Nadine Nishioka's nomination to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service.

I have known Nadine Nishioka for almost 10 years now at a professional and personal level. She has consistently demonstrated a high level of dedication and integrity while always maintaining her sense of character and honesty.

As an active and committed member of her community she has been very involved in its growth and development. Her 17 years as a board member, coach, and official with Manoa youth athletic organizations, 8 years as a Manoa Neighborhood Board member, and 7 years as a member of Manoa Waioli Lions Club are only a few highlights of Nadine's service to her community.

Nadine will be a significant asset to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service. I look forward to seeing her accomplish many more things in the future as she serves Hawaii.

Sincerely, •

Representative Lynn Finnegan
House Republican Leader



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF HAWAII
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April 6, 2009

Senate Committee on Higher Education
Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
Senator Norman Sakamoto, Vice Chair
Senator Rosalyn Baker, Member
Senator Russell Kokubun, Member
Senator Sam Slom, Member
Senator Dwight Takamine, Member
Senator Brian Taniguchi, Member

Dear Senator Tokuda and Committee Members,

I am writing in support of Nadine Nishioka to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service.

Nadine's desire to serve on the Commission stems from her deep commitment to the community. Nadine was born and raised in the Manoa area; she is a graduate of the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Through her many years of community service, Nadine is keenly aware of the positive impact volunteer service has on not only the residents of Manoa, but to all the citizens of Hawaii.

Nadine has been actively involved with various programs in the community for a number of years including: 17 years in the Manoa Youth athletic organizations where she has been a board member, a softball, volleyball and basketball coach and official; 8 years on the Manoa Neighborhood Board; and 7 years in the Manoa Waioli Lions Club serving as its Director and Bulletin Editor. She has served as a board member of Hawaii Literacy and is currently a board member of the Moiliili Community Center. Additionally, Nadine has sponsored a mentoring program and a girl's basketball tournament for three consecutive years for the Boys and Girls Club of Honolulu.

Through the selfless gift of her time and talents, Nadine Nishioka is a true asset to this community. She has proven she knows what it takes to serve others and will make an excellent addition to the Hawaii Commission for the National and Community Service.

Sincerely,


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April 6, 2009

The Honorable Jill Tokuda, Chair
Senate Committee on Higher Education
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Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Tokuda,

I fully support the nomination of Nadine Nishioka for the Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service.

I became acquainted with Nadine when we served together on the Board of Directors for Hawai'i Literacy. During that time, I recognized Nadine's strong dedication to her community, especially in the area of family literacy. While serving with Nadine, I became very familiar with her ethic of hard work and commitment to a cause.

Nadine also has served as the Chair of the Mānoa Neighborhood Board, of which she is still a member in her eighth year. Because of her excellent leadership there, I asked her to be on the search advisory committee for the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Chancellor, where she served with distinction.

As Chair and member of the Mānoa Neighborhood Board, Nadine has worked closely with the University of Hawai'i and has displayed her signature dedication and leadership while doing so. Nadine also represents the areas surrounding the University as a member of the Moiliili Community Center Board of Directors.

I have been fortunate to have worked alongside such a respectful, intelligent and hard working person, who exudes energy and enthusiasm in whatever she does. Nadine Nishioka would be an excellent addition to the Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 956-9704.

With Best Wishes and Aloha,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'David McClain'.

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Testimony for HRE 4/9/2009 1:15:00 PM GM557

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Comments:

April 6, 2009

I am writing in support of the nomination of Ms. Nadine Nishioka to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service. Ms. Nishioka has served on the board of directors of Moiliili Community Center for many years and has played an active role in supporting the goals and objectives of the Center which delivers services and programs to children and families, well and frail seniors, informal education to all ages, and community support and outreach to those living in the area and beyond. She has been active on the fundraising committee and advisory committee of the Senior Support Center.

Nadine has been active as a volunteer in many community service programs: the boys and girls youth programs in Manoa, board member of the Manoa Youth athletic organizations, member of the Manoa Waioli Lions Club, board of Hawaii Literacy, and sponsor of a girls' basketball tournament for the Boys and Girls Club of Honolulu. She is in her 8th year of service on the Manoa Neighborhood Board.

As you can see from the above, Ms. Nishioka is a very involved volunteer and community service individual. Her appointment to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Services is a most deserved appointment that will benefit the commission and Ms. Nishioka.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on behalf of Ms. Nadine Nishioka.

Sincerely,
E. Rebecca Ryan
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TO: **Committee on Higher Education**
Chair: Senator Jill Tokuda
Vice Chair: Senator Norman Sakamoto
Members: Senator Rosalyn Baker
Senator Russell Kokubun
Senator Dwight Takamine
Senator Brian Taniguchi
Senator Sam Slom

FROM: Tom Heinrich *JTH* Cell 551-4098
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RE: **GM 557** Nomination of **Nadine N. Nishioka** to serve on the
Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service,
Term to Expire 6-30-2012

TO BE HEARD: Thursday April 9, 2009 1:15 PM Conference Room 225

Aloha! I am pleased to offer this **testimony in support** of the nomination of Nadine N. Nishioka to serve on the Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service. I do so in my individual capacity and not as chair of the Manoa Neighborhood Board No. 7, which has not considered her nomination.

As a matter of disclosure, Nadine Nishioka currently serves as the Deputy Director/-Legislative Analyst for the House Minority Research Office, and I serve on Senator Brian Taniguchi's session staff. This testimony is mine alone.

Nadine and I both serve on the Manoa Neighborhood Board, and she served as chair for the 2005 to 2007 term. She is an active volunteer and leader with the Manoa Waioli Lions Club, the Manoa Girls Athletic Club, serves as a softball and baseball umpire, trains and mentors youth year-round in softball and baseball, and is a member of the Moiliili Community Center Board of Directors, with special interest in the elder care program.

She participates in many "sweat equity" volunteer service projects, and has developed an extensive personal network from her community, business, and political activities. All of her experience, service, and attention to the life of our community will serve her well in working to promote the mission and activities of the Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service. I note that the Commission is home-based at the University of Hawaii at Manoa campus.

I respectfully urge the Committee on Higher Education to recommend the advice and consent of the full Senate to the confirmation of Nadine N. Nishioka to serve a term to expire on June 30, 2012 on the Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service.

Thank you for your consideration of my testimony.

Tom Heinrich

Testimony for Senate Committee on Higher Education

April 3, 2009

The Honorable Senator Jill Tokuda
Chairperson, Senate Committee on Higher Education
Hawaii State Senate

The Honorable Senator Norman Sakamoto
Vice-Chairperson, Senate Committee on Higher Education

Dear Senator Tokuda and Senator Sakamoto:

I submit the following testimony in support of the nomination of Ms. Nadine Nishioka to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Services

As a long time resident of Manoa, I have had numerous opportunities to work with Nadine in many community services activities. In my involvement with her I have always found her to maintain the highest degree of integrity and a willingness to express her thoughts on matters of concern. She has especially shown a strong commitment to the development of the young people of our community. She supports all of the Manoa Youth athletic organizations with her personal and financial participation in these activities. She has sponsored a girls' basketball tournament for the Boys and Girls Club of Honolulu for the past three years and has also conducted a mentoring program for the group.

Nadine has also been a member of Manoa Neighborhood Board for the past eight years and has been an effective member of the Board because of her knowledge of the needs of the people of Manoa. She also is a board member of the Moiliili Community Center.

My recent involvement with Nadine has been as a Lion member of the Manoa Waioli Lions Club. She has been a valued member of club who participates in many of our service activities for the Manoa community. She has been a catalyst for our club by introducing new ideas for projects that we could be involved in and is always willing to volunteer for our club's projects and activities as her time permits. She has truly been a most valuable asset for our club.

It is for these reasons that I strongly recommend that the nomination of Nadine Nishioka to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service be approved by your committee. I know she will be an outstanding member of the Commission.

Sincerely,

Melvin Nakamura
Past International Director
District 50 Hawaii Lions

Senate Committee on Higher Education (HRE)
Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
Senator Norman Sakamoto, Vice Chair
Committee Members:
Senators: Baker, Kokubun, Taniguchi, Takamine and Slom

April 4, 2009

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Hawaii Commission for National and Community Support.

Senators and Committee Members,

I consider it an honor and a privilege to recommend Nadine for this well-deserved recognition. I first met her when I joined the Manoa Neighborhood board 2 years ago and continue to be amazed at her willingness to contribute her personal resources to better the communities in which she resides. I am certainly impressed by her accomplishments this far and am sure that there are things that she has done of which I am not yet aware.

Unfortunately, I do not know how Nadine's name comes before your committee nor do I know what information your committee has before it. As a result, I feel compelled to briefly list her contributions as I know them and leave the acquisition of any additional information that you may need to you and your nomination process.

Here is a brief summary of all the things Nadine has been doing for/in her community:

Manoa Neighborhood Board

Serving in her 8th consecutive year; running for another term.
She has chaired the board during that period.

Manoa Youth Athletic Organization

Active for 17 years as a Board Member, coach, official, and "Umpire in Charge."

Manoa Waioli Lions Club

Active participant for 7 years.
Has served as the club's Director and Bulletin Editor and is currently on the Aloha Committee, coordinating speakers and volunteers for events, projects and activities.

Board of Hawaii Literacy: Past member.

Moiliili Community Center: Current Board member.

Boys and Girls Club of Honolulu

Sponsored a girl's basketball tournament for 3 consecutive years.

Sponsored a mentoring program.

During the past two years, I have developed a deep appreciation for all of the community activities that Nadine supports. She is a person of strong convictions that has a solid ethical/moral framework in all that she undertakes. She is outspoken, but that makes her a strong advocate for the many organizations and programs that she supports. I admire her for her beliefs and for her contributions to Hawaii. I wish I had some of her initiative and energy.

Without hesitation, I support any effort to recognize this outstanding contributor to our society. Please feel free to contact me if you desire additional comment. Thank you for the opportunity to support **Nadine N. Nishioka**.

Sincerely,

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April 5, 2009

Senate Committee on Higher Education (HRE)

Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair

Senator Norman Sakamoto, Vice Chair

Committee Members:

Senators Baker, Kokubun, Taniguchi, Takamine, Slom

I am writing in support of Nadine Nishioka. I have known Nadine since 2005 and in this short time, I have seen her donate time and support to a number of causes.

As a strong supporter of the Boys and Girls Club at Spalding, she sponsored a basketball tournament and also facilitated a mentoring program between their youth program and business people in the community.

She also joined Hawaii Society of Volunteers (HSV), an organization dedicated to the betterment of the community through volunteerism. Through HSV, she volunteered at an event coordinated through Project Visitation, which organizes events for foster siblings who don't live together. She also helped connect HSV with Hawaii Literacy, where she was a board member, which led to an Easter event at the KPT library for the young residents.

Through her extensive outreach, I have watched her affect the lives of those around her in a positive way and view her as a caring and giving citizen of the community.

Sincerely,

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7 April 2009

TO: Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
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Senator Norman Sakamoto, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Higher Education

FROM: Lanning Lee, Ph.D.

RE: Nomination of Nadine Nishioka to the Hawaii Commission for
National and Community Service

HEARING: Governor's Message #557, 9 April 2009, Room 225, 1:15 p.m.

Aloha, Senators Tokuda and Sakamoto, I hope all is well. Nadine Nishioka has asked me to submit a testimonial letter in support of her nomination by Governor Lingle to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service, and I am happy to do so.

I have known Nadine for many years. Our common point of personal history is that we both graduated from University High School (aka the University Laboratory School) here in Honolulu. Although Nadine graduated ten years after I did, the Lab School, because of its small size, is a very tightly knit community up and down the grade levels. As such, graduates do tend to cross paths with a kind of paranormal regularity that is sometimes difficult to imagine or fathom.

Truly, I have "crossed paths" with Nadine many, many times over the years. I have followed her career in politics, and I have actually helped to find campaign volunteers for her. As are all people running for office, she, of course, is always interested in finding volunteers to help, but I've been particularly impressed by the fact that she is very much into the idea of teaching volunteers to understand the ins and outs of working on a political campaign.

I am impressed by Nadine's record of service with the Manoa Neighborhood Board - it's always interesting to see her at work on Olelo -- and her service to Manoa Youth groups, to the Waioli Lions Club, to the Moilili Community Center, the Boys and Girls Clubs, and the Japan Exchange and Teaching Programme (JET) -- all of this speaks well of her desire to serve the community.

I currently serve as vice president of ULSAA, the University Laboratory School Alumni Association. I'm happy to say that Nadine is an active and contributing member of ULSAA. For example, when a fire destroyed one of the school's main buildings in June 2006, ULSAA, among other fundraising activities, held a benefit at Kumu Kahua Theatre which involved a play performance along with wine tasting

and a silent auction. Nadine was one of the leaders of that fundraising push, actively selling play tickets and soliciting silent auction prizes and wine donations.

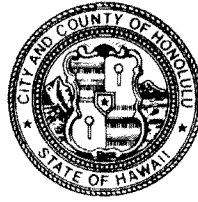
I do recommend Nadine Nishioka for appointment to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service without reservation or hesitation. I believe that her record of service to the community can only impact positively on her ability to serve purposively on the Committee.

Thank you very much for taking time from your very busy schedules to consider my testimony. If I can answer any questions, please call me at 956-7511 or email me: lanning@hawaii.edu.

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April 7, 2009

The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Chairwoman
Committee on Higher Education
The Senate
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chairwoman Tokuda and Senators:

I am pleased to offer these words on behalf of Nadine N. Nishioka, who has been nominated to serve on the Hawaii Commission on National and Community Service.

A community gains its strength only through the energy and commitment of those who contribute to its betterment. We are indeed fortunate to have citizens who step forward to answer this call to public service, and Nadine Nishioka has certainly responded enthusiastically to her civic responsibilities. Her accomplishments are many, and include service on the Manoa Neighborhood Board, offering herself as a candidate for a seat in the Legislature, an active involvement in the Moiliili Community Center, and exemplary leadership with the Lions and youth sports organizations.

As one who leads by example, Ms. Nishioka is well-suited for membership on the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service, and I invite the members of the Senate to look favorably on her nomination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kirk W. Caldwell".

Kirk W. Caldwell
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**Ann H. Kobayashi
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April 7, 2009

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

Subj: Governor's Message 557 – Gubernatorial Nominee to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service, Nadine N. Nishioka, for a term to expire 6-3-2012

Dear Chair Tokuda and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in support of Nadine Nishioka to serve as a member of the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service.

Nadine was brought up in a home where recognizing the values of the many cultures in Hawaii was very important. I have known Nadine's parents for over 50 years, and they have always worked with the youth in our community offering support and encouraging them to participate in the many available athletic programs. Nadine has also been involved with those programs and continues to serve as a coach, umpire, mentor and friend to so many of our children.

Nadine is a member of the Manoa Waioli Lions Club and also serves as a member on the Board of Directors of the Moiliili Community Center. She is an enthusiastic worker and is able to energize groups of people. Nadine is serving her eighth year on the Manoa Neighborhood Board. She is able to communicate her ideas to others and has earned the respect and confidence of the people in her district.

Nadine Nishioka is an asset to any organization and I highly recommend her to serve as a member of the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service. Your favorable consideration of her nomination would be greatly appreciated. Should you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Ann H. Kobayashi

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**FROM: Bruce Kimura, DISTRICT 50 HAWAII, REGION V CHAIRPERSON,
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SUBJECT: Testimonial in support of the nomination of Nadine Nishioka

**TO: Senate Committee on Higher Education
Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
Senator Norman Sakamoto, Vice Chair
Senators Baker, Kokubun, Slom, Takamine and Taniguchi**

Dear Senator Tokuda and Senator Sakamoto, and other members of HRE:

I have known Nadine Nishioka for six years and in those six years, she has shown her dedication to helping others and to serving the community in which she lives. As a member of the Manoa Waioli Lions Club, Nadine has always been very supportive and active in the projects of the Manoa Waioli Lions. She has not always been able to attend our monthly meetings on a regular basis because of her work with the Legislature, but she always makes time to help on the projects that we do. Some of those projects have been installing a new CMU wall for the extension of a storage building at Manoa Valley District Park, helping with vision screening for our young children in schools in the area, helping with Project Vision to provide free eye screening for the Manoa community, and other such projects.

She has also been active in other organizations in the Manoa community, such as the Manoa Neighborhood Board, for which she has served as an officer and its Chairman. She also is very active in the sports programs at the Manoa Valley District Park, either coaching or umpiring the children and their games for the past seventeen years. She also is active with and has served on the boards of Hawaii Literacy and the Moiliili Community Center.

In conclusion, I fully and strongly support the nomination of Nadine Nishioka.

Committee: HRE

Room: 225

Hearing Date: Thursday, April 9, 2009

Governor's Message Number: GM557

To: SENATE COMMITTEE on Higher Education
Chair, Senator Tokuda
Vice Chair, Senator Sakamoto

From: Katy Chen

Date: Tuesday, April 9, 2009
1:15pm; Room 225

Subject: GM 557 - Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service

I strongly support the nomination of Nadine Nishioka to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service.

Senator Tokuda and Senator Sakamoto, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony regarding GM 557. I am Katy Chen and support Ms. Nadine Nishioka's nomination for the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service ("Commission"). I currently work as the Executive Director of PATCH, Hawaii's only statewide child care resource and referral agency. PATCH is Hawaii's only affiliate of the National Association of Child Care Resource & Referral agencies. I also previously worked as the Executive Director of Hawaii Literacy from 2002 – 2006. Ms. Nishioka served as a Board Member of Hawaii Literacy during those years and that was how I came to know her.

Ms. Nishioka would be a good candidate to serve on the Commission. During her time serving on the Board of Hawaii Literacy, she became very familiar with AmeriCorp. Hawaii Literacy had AmeriCorp VISTA volunteers working on a couple of projects. In particular, VISTA volunteers worked in Hawaii Literacy's Family Libraries in the public housing projects of Mayor Wright Homes and Kuhio Park Terrace. As a Board Member, Nadine visited those libraries and saw first hand the value of AmeriCorp to an impoverished community. A VISTA volunteer was also responsible for the opening of Hawaii Literacy's Adult Literacy Program on Kauai.

To capably serve on the Commission, one must have the ability to lead by example and to encourage others toward community service for the benefit of our diverse peoples. Nadine demonstrated that time and again during her service on the Board of Hawaii Literacy. She was able to cultivate other corporate leaders to serve on the Board and formed partnerships with other community groups, most notably, the Manoa Waioli Lions Club. In the case of the latter, she has served for seven years, including as its Director and Bulletin Editor. Ms. Nishioka was also able to secure the commitment of others to fund Hawaii Literacy's programs. She took the fiduciary responsibility of her service very seriously. As a consequence, her service on Hawaii Literacy has enriched the cultural, educational and economic aspects of our community. It has also provided demonstrable success in her ability to partner amongst the nonprofit, corporate, state, public and private sectors.

I am also aware of her other community service activities. She is particularly focused on working with Hawaii's youth. Ms. Nishioka has served on the Board of the Moiliili Community Center and for 17 years with the Manoa Youth athletic organizations as a board member, coach and umpire in charge. She has sponsored a girls' basketball tournament for three consecutive years for the Boys and Girls Club of Honolulu, in addition to a mentoring program. Most prominently, she has served eight years on the Manoa Neighborhood Board.

If honored with the opportunity to serve on the Commission, Ms. Nishioka would work to her fullest potential. Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of Ms. Nishioka's nomination.

TESTIMONY FOR SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

April 5, 2009

The Honorable Senator Jill Tokuda
Chairperson, Senate Committee on Higher Education
Hawaii State Senate

The Honorable Senator Norman Sakamoto
Vice-Chairperson, Senate Committee on Higher Education

Dear Senator Tokuda and Senator Sakamoto:

I submit this testimony in support of the nomination of Ms. Nadine Nishioka to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service.

I have known Nadine for the past couple of years. In this short time, I have seen first hand her commitment to not just her various organizations but to the island wide community itself. In working with her, I have found Nadine to be compassionate, hardworking and motivating.

I have personally been involved in her outreach to the Boys and Girls Club of Honolulu. Through her annual sponsorship of the basketball tournament, I have seen how the kids, who would normally not have opportunity in junior varsity or varsity sports, look forward to tournament play among other affiliated Boys and Girls Clubs. Her involvement at Boys and Girls Club also brought about a new mentoring program between the youths and the business community. This program allowed young adults to be exposed to life in the "real world" to get a better understanding of what to expect after school.

I know that Nadine has been on the Manoa neighborhood board for a number of years and takes her responsibility to the community very seriously. The time she has also devoted to the Manoa Youth athletic organization has displayed that she does not only sit on the board but as a coach/umpire, she is very involved.

It is for these reasons that I strongly support Ms. Nadine Nishioka to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Services. I know she will be an asset to the Commission.

Sincerely,

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Realtor / Business Owner

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April 7, 2009

The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Chairwoman
Committee on Higher Education
The Senate
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Dear Chairwoman Tokuda and Senators:

It is with great honor that I write a letter of recommendation on behalf of Nadine N. Nishioka as a qualified candidate to serve on the Hawaii Commission on National and Community Service.

For nearly 30 years, I have witnessed and observed Nadine's passion, commitment and dedication in style and action. As a high school student-athlete, Nadine excelled in softball and her passion for athletics has not wavered. For the past 17 years, Nadine has volunteered her spare time to serve as the coordinator for softball officials/umpires as well as a youth coach in the Manoa Athletic Club. Through her involvement, she actively engages in mentoring youngsters and has proven to be a positive role model.

Nadine's commitment to her community is evident in her participation as a Neighborhood Board member for the past 8 years, 2 of which she served as the Manoa Neighborhood Board Chairwoman. Her grasp of the issues, ability to communicate and represent her community has enabled me to work closely with her for the past 4 years in my capacity as a city public servant. She seeks the truth and exhibits great care and compassion to bring parties together to resolve issues.

Nadine is dedicated to public service and takes on great challenges for the betterment of our island community. She currently serves as the Deputy Director/Legislative Analyst for the House Minority Research Office. She continues to serve as a conduit in her capacity in the state to link government and the people.

I am confident that Nadine N. Nishioka will serve the Hawaii Commission for national and Community Service.

Sincerely,

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April 9, 2009

To: Sen. Jill Tokuda, Chair
Sen. Norman Sakamoto, Vice Chair
Committee on Higher Education

From: Paula Arcena

Re: GM557 Nomination of Nadine N. Nishioka for the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service, for a term to expire 6/30/12

It is an honor and privilege to submit this testimony in strong support of the Governor's nomination of Nadine Nishioka for the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service.

I believe that Ms. Nishioka is an ideal candidate for this Commission, which seeks to encourage volunteerism and nurture and support volunteer community organizations. Ms. Nishioka's career as a community volunteer began around the time we met as ninth graders at University Laboratory School and has continued into her adulthood. Over the years, Ms. Nishioka has accrued an impressive resume of volunteer community service with a wide range of organizations including youth sports, Japan-Hawaii student exchange, Special Olympics, Lions Club, Moiliili Community Center, Hawaii Literacy, Boys and Girls sports and leadership and Manoa Neighborhood Board. The reoccurring theme in all of Ms. Nishioka's efforts is the desire to share her knowledge and skills with the community because giving back is the right thing to do.

I am confident that the Commission will benefit from Ms. Nishioka participation. She has made valuable contributions to volunteer organizations providing leadership and forging partnerships to maximize benefit to the community. Community partnerships will be especially critical during our currently poor economic climate. Collaboration amongst organizations will be necessary to make the most of scarce resources, both funding and volunteers, to survive and continue to have a positive impact.

Ms. Nishioka is already brainstorming ideas for how the Commission can be of support and assistance to community organizations. She is an engaged volunteer who seeks to give more. I respectfully request that the Committee approve her nomination so that we may all benefit from her energy and expertise.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.