



MARK DEVELOPMENT, INC.

April 8, 2009

Honorable Mike Gabbard, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Energy and Environment
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 201
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Appointment of Makani Maeva to the Board of Directors of the NELHA

Dear Chair Gabbard and members of the Committee:

My name is Craig Watase, President of Mark Development, an affordable housing developer and property manager. I am also a past president of the Building Industry Association of Hawaii and past Executive Board Member of the National Association of Home Builders.

I have known Makani Maeva for over 15 years professionally and personally. I believe that Makani would be a fine addition to the NELHA Board. Makani is a smart problem solver on her feet, creative, with a common sense financial mind about her.

In an affordable housing acquisition-rehab deal that Makani and I worked on, she was able to help us to preserve affordable housing for elderly while also installing photo-voltaic electricity at the project, keeping cost down for the tenants and helping our environment.

Please give her your support for this appointment. Feel free to call me if you have any questions. My cell is 256-7417.

Aloha,

(via email)

Craig Y. Watase

President, Mark Development Inc.