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Subject: Fwd: AMENDED Testimony in Support of Adrienne King's confirmation to Commission on Status of Women

To: Senator Bryan Taniguchi, Chair
Senator Dwight Takamine, Vice Chair
Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Organizations
From: Adrienne King, Esq.
Subj: Testimony in Support of Adrienne King's confirmation to Commission on Status of Women

Hearing Date & Time: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2009, 10a.m. Rm 016

Good Morning Senator Taniguchi and fellow members of the Judiciary and Governmental Affairs Committee. You know me as the past Chair of the Family Law Section (FLS) of the Hawaii State Bar Association (HSBA), the founder and Chair of the Honolulu Family Court Professionals, and a tireless supporter of Saving Honolulu Family Court and for the creation of a 4th Judicial Circuit in Kapolei.

Today, however, I am here to ask your confirmation to the Commission on the Status of Women. I am honored by this nomination and for this opportunity to bring my experience and perspective on women's issues to the Commission.

My interest in women's issues began when I left law school and sought employment. Equal pay for equal work was an issue then and continues to be an issue now. When it comes to the workplace, the gender of the worker should not determine the salary more than the substance of the work done, the challenges well met, and the goals accomplished. I support the focus of the Commission on equity pay.

Prosecution of rape and domestic violence cases while in the Prosecutor's office, and my current work in Family Court, especially in custody matters has enabled me to experience up close and personal how public attitude shapes the law and how it is put into practice. I support the Commission's work on increased public awareness of the impact of our laws on women.

There is no doubt that the status of women in this country has improved a lot since I got out of school. However, there is still much to be done to support women helping women empower each other to reach our true potential. I welcome the chance to contribute my time and energy to the work of the Commission on the Status of Women.

Thank you for your attention.

**Testimony on GM 584
Gubernatorial Nominee, Adrienne King
Commission on the Status of Women**

**COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chair
Senator Dwight Takamine, Vice Chair**

**Wednesday, April 15, 2009 10:00 a.m.
Conference Room 16, State Capitol**

My name is Sharon Ferguson-Quick and as Executive Director of the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women, I'm providing written testimony of support for gubernatorial nominee Adrienne King. I support this nominee's confirmation to the Commission on the Status of Women.

The Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women established in 1964 by Hawaii Revised Statute 367, has laid out as its primary purpose to ensure equality for women and girls in the State of Hawaii by acting as a catalyst for change through advocacy, education, collaboration and program development and research. The foundation of its work as a statewide network and governmental and community resource dedicated to addressing the broad scope of issues impacting the status of women in Hawaii is its Commissioners. These women, during the Commission's forty-five year history have worked to ensure we continue to strive to remove the barriers that impede women and girls reach their full potential.

I have worked with Ms. King over the past two years as part of the team on the Family Court Intervention Task Group led by Senator Chun Oakland. I've found her to be an intelligent committed individual who strived to contribute to the mission of the group in a positive way. She has a strong advocate's voice that I believe will be an asset to the Commission on the status of women

I support this nomination and request Ms. King's name be submitted to the Legislature for confirmation.

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TO: Senator Taniguchi, Chair
Senator Takamine, Vice Chair
Members of the Judiciary & Government Operations Committee

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DATE: April 15, 2009

RE: Support for GM584, Appointing Adrienne King to the Commission On The Status Of Women

Good morning. I am a Domestic Violence Survivor Advocate who has known Adrienne King for the past few years through Senator Chun-Oakland's task forces regarding family court issues. My experience with Adrienne is that she has been quick to respond to what concerns I bring to her and while she speaks from experience, that does not preclude her from considering the experience of others who may not share the same view as her. Moreover, she is humble enough to ask for clarification, is not intimidated when faced with hostile opposition and I have never seen her "strong-armed" into taking a position; these are assets that I know Ms. King would bring to the Commission, so I would appreciate it if the JGO Committee would join me in supporting Ms. King's nomination.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.

Respectfully,

Dara Carlin, M.A.
Domestic Violence survivor Advocate

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Via Email

April 13, 2009

Senator Bryan Tanigiuchi, Chair
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Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Organizations
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Gentlemen,

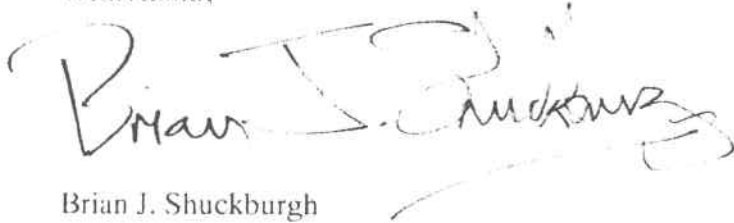
I would like to add my support to the confirmation of Ms. Adrienne King as a member of
the Commission on the Status of Women.

I have known Ms. King for more than twenty years, initially at St. Andrew's Cathedral
where we served together on various program committees of the Church.

Adrienne is a personal friend whose interest in issues of justice is well known to me and
for which I greatly admire her. I heartily support her inclusion on the Commission on the
Status of Women, knowing that she will bring her energy, dedication, and knowledge to
the work of the Commission.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

With Aloha,



Brian J. Shuckburgh

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Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Organizations

From: Laurette Schaller, Ph.D.

Subj: GM584: Testimony in Support of Adrienne King's confirmation to Commission on Status of Women

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Aloha Members of the Senate Judiciary and Government Organizations Committee,

I support the nomination of Adrienne King to a seat on the Commission on the Status of Women. I have worked with her on the Legislature's SR10 committee, dealing with Family Court issues. I was also an invited speaker to a seminar the Honolulu Family Court Professionals, which she founded, co-sponsored with the Hawaii State Bar Association last year on the new laws passed by the legislature.

I have found Adrienne to always want to pursue the best course of action for the benefit of all the people in the state. She is diligent and pays attention to details. She has demonstrated to me her understanding of issues that effect women. Adrienne would be a wonderful asset to the Commission on the Status of Women and I wholeheartedly support her nomination.

Dr. Laurette Schaller
Court Appointed CE, GAL, Mediator
HAMFT Ethics Committee Chair
SR-10 Working Committee Member
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From: Douglas Crosier [crosier@daclaw.net]
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2009 3:15 PM
To: JGO Testimony
Cc: Adrienne King
Subject: IN SUPPORT OF ADRIENNE KING'S CONFIRMATION TO COMMISSION ON STATUS OF WOMEN

To: Senator Bryan Taniguchi, Chair
Senator Dwight Takamine, Vice Chair
Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Organizations

From: Adrienne King, Esq.

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Hearing Date & Time: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2009, 10a.m. Rm 016

Dear Senators Taniguchi and Takamine:

I am writing to you to express my unequivocal support of the confirmation of Adrienne King to the Commission on Status of Women.

I have been a licensed active attorney in the State of Hawaii for over 30 years in good standing. I have known of Ms. King ("Adrienne") for many of those years by reputation as an experienced litigator and I have known her personally for the last 5 years because we both emphasize family law in our private practice.

Adrienne would be an excellent member on the Commission on Status of Women because of her unique and admirable quality of actively and creatively participating in any endeavor she is part of. She puts in untold hours of work and demonstrable effort in matters of importance. The Commission on Status of Women needs individuals like Adrienne who will be proactive in seeking improvement and betterment of the opportunities for and challenges that face women in our rapidly changing society. She will not be a commission member that "sits on the sidelines" as an observer member; rather, her history shows that she will be a proactive participant member of the Commission. Women need people like Adrienne as a spokesperson and leader. Adrienne has demonstrated this and more in her long legal career.

Adrienne is also recognized by her peers as a leader. A couple of years ago, Adrienne was elected as Chair of the Hawaii State Bar Association's Family Law Section, one of the largest active sections of the Hawaii Bar. In her tenure, she addressed the organizational and systemic issue of revising the Family Law Section's rules and governance by-laws in an effort to make the Family Law Section more effective as an advocate for clients and the public such as having the Section become proactive in the development of family law through legislation.

Adrienne is an example of what a lawyer can do in public service. She has been at the legislature many times to offer her time and effort to assist in the drafting of legislation. She has met with judges informally as Chair of the Family Law Section to discuss issues of concern for the public, courts, and lawyers. She has made the most of her tenure as Chair of the Family Law Section to improve our justice system in the Family Courts.

Adrienne would make an excellent Commission member. Please do not hesitate to contact me if there are questions or if you need additional information.

Thank you and aloha,

Douglas A. Crosier

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Senator Taniguchi & Senator Takamine:

My name is Lorraine T. Sakaguchi, and I am a resident of the State of Hawaii. I am writing in support of Adrienne King's appointment to the Commission on the Status of Women. I have known Adrienne King, both as a friend and as a fellow parent and volunteer at our children's school, for nearly 20 years, starting when we each had a child in the same kindergarten class who became friends with each other. Over the years, she has shown to me that she is a person of high ideals and passionate commitment to them. Even as she pursued her career as an attorney, she and her husband raised two fine sons. She often volunteered at their school, even after they graduated -- we have sometimes done that volunteer work together -- and she made sure that she was always there for her sons' important events. As they were growing up, she also created a warm, inviting atmosphere for her children's friends at her house, so that they felt at home there. She has always striven for success as a professional woman, but also knows what it's like to be a mom at the same time, so she has a personal understanding of many of the issues that women face today here in Hawaii, both in the working place and at home. She treats people from all walks of life as equals, and has always been interested in broader social issues. She is a person who has great self-confidence, but is also humble enough to acknowledge immediately when she's erred, and without any rancor. I have enjoyed knowing her, and I believe she would be an excellent choice for this position.

Respectfully,

Lorraine T. Sakaguchi

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I support Adrienne King's appointment to the Commission on the Status of Women, in fact I can not think of a better person. I have the unique perspective of being Mrs. King's son, so I have known her for all my life. Apart from just being a great mother, all the women who have ever met my mom and all the women I have even described my mom to, all agree that she is an awesome lady. I even got her in touch with Women's Right's Advisers in Iraq because they were so fascinated by my descriptions of her. I can't think of any women who would choose a better woman to represent their interests in Hawaii than Adrienne King.

Thank you,

Sam King