

TESTIMONY
GM597

NICK W. TEVES, JR.

Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair
Senate Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture
and Hawaiian Affairs (WTL)
Hawaii State Capitol Room, Room 228
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

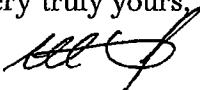
April 10, 2009

Dear Chair Hee:

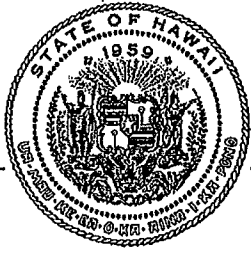
Thank you for your questions dated April 6, 2009. Provided below are my responses. I will be happy to explain or expand on any of my answers.

1. The Land Use Commission has authority over the use of Hawaii's most limited resource, land. To the commission I will bring with me a passion for the well being for the development and care of the lands of Hawaii. As a member of a Kamaaina family I have a concern about use of our land for not only the present but also for the future.
2. As a present member of the Land Use Commission as well as other state boards and commission in the past, I have kept an open mind and based my decisions on what I believed to be the best interest of the people and the precious resources we have here in Hawaii.
3. I have successfully owned and operated Commercial Electric, Inc. for 36 years. I have experiences in business, labor negotiations, public issues, and remain objective and reasonable when making decisions. My focus has always been the welfare of our people, our land, and our limited resources which is what guides my philosophy in every decision I make as a commissioner.
4. I feel that designating the Important Agricultural Lands for preservation is the most important action the government can undertake.
5. The most important task the Land Use Commission must take on is the weight of responsibility when changing land classification. We need to make sure that in doing so, we completely analyze the short and long term consequences of the change and its effect to the land, people, and natural resources.
6. I do not foresee any present or future conflicts of interest. However, if a possible conflict arises I will disclose it immediately.

Very truly yours,



Nick W. Teves, Jr.



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Statement of
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Director
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COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
Wednesday, April 15, 2009
2:45 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

in consideration of
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SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE LAND USE COMMISSION,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, NICHOLAS W. TEVES, JR.,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2013.

Chair Hee, Vice-Chair Tokuda, and Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land.

As the Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, to which the Land Use Commission is administratively attached, I offer my strong support for the reappointment of Nicholas W. Teves, Jr. to the Land Use Commission ("Commission").

By way of background, Nick Teves is a self-employed businessman who has run his company, Commercial Electric, Inc., for the past 36 years. Mr. Teves is able to bring the perspective of a successful small businessman to the workings of the Land Use Commission. In addition, he has been active in various business organizations including the Sand Island Business Association (Board Member) and the Pacific Electrical Contractors Association

(President). Mr. Teves also has been committed to improving the operations of his industry, serving several terms on the Contractors License Board.

Mr. Teves has a long history of giving back to his community. As a life long resident of Hawai`i, he also is well aware of its unique natural and cultural resources and brings this sense of balance to his work on the Commission.

Mr. Teves was previously confirmed by the Senate for a term that ends on June 30, 2009. On behalf of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, I thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of Mr. Teves' confirmation to the Land Use Commission.

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Statement of
Orlando (Dan) Davidson
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Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism
before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER & LAND

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NICHOLAS W. TEVES, JR**

To the Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair, and the Honorable Jill Tokuda, Vice Chair, and Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land.

My name is Dan Davidson, and I am the Executive Officer of the Land Use Commission ("LUC"), and on behalf of the LUC, I am here to respectfully request that this Committee favorably consider the nomination of Nick Teves to serve as Commissioner for the LUC for an additional four-year term ending on June 30, 2013.

Mr. Teves has run his own company, Commercial Electric, Inc., since 1970. As a successful small businessman, who has operated through several full economic cycles, Nick Teves brings this very important perspective to the Land Use Commission. He also demonstrates patience, competence, humor, and an ability to balance efficiency and process. Over the years, the proceedings before the LUC have become progressively more complex and in many cases, more contentious. Mr. Teves is able to use his experience to help keep the Commission focused on its work; consistent with protecting natural and cultural resources and promoting appropriate economic development.

Serving on the LUC requires a tremendous commitment in terms of time and priorities, more so than most other boards and commissions, and Mr. Teves has already demonstrated his commitment to fulfilling his responsibilities as a Commissioner.

Mr. Teves is highly respected by his fellow Commissioners, and we are confident that given the opportunity, Mr. Teves will continue to serve on the LUC with distinction.

For these reasons, we respectfully ask for your favorable consideration of Mr. Teves nomination to serve as Commissioner on the Land Use Commission.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify before this Committee.

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Comments:

The Land Use Commission establishes the district boundaries for the entire State. The Commission acts on petitions for boundary changes submitted by private landowners, developers and State and county agencies.

Although I have nothing personally against Mr. Teves, I strongly oppose having a contractor on the Land Use Commission because contractors profit directly from expansive growth. Nominees to the Land Use Commission should favor and have an understanding sustainable development, preservation and good planning.

"[Man] must exercise malama, because if he starts selling parts of his natural environment abroad for creature comforts, he will lose it all, and be unable to survive here. If he uses up his landscapes, mountains, valley and vistas, or if he degrades his air and waters, he will destroy the beauty and hence the spirit of Hawai`i, and in so doing, his own spirit. Malama is thus an imperative." July 25, 1973, Kenneth F. Brown

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