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Julie M.E. Taomia
P. O. Box 2033
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Dear Ms. Taomia,

Re: Nomination to the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board

Congratulations on being nominated by Governor Linda Lingle to serve on the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board. To assist the Senate with its confirmation process, I would like to request that you submit the following information to my office by Friday, February 26, 2010.

- (1) A current resume with a list of references; and
- (2) A written statement that addresses the following:
 - (a) Why you wish to continue serving as a member of the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board;
 - (b) Your perception of the role and responsibilities of a member of the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board;
 - (c) Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a member of the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board, provide an explanation of your qualifications for the position. Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise, or knowledge that would specifically aid you in decision-making as a member of the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board.
 - (d) Describe your accomplishments during your term of service thus far, and what you hope to accomplish during this new term?
 - (e) Name three qualities that best describe you and you believe set you apart from other potential candidates. How would the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board benefit from having a member with those qualities?

- (f) Describe your previous experience that you believe would make you an asset to the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board.
- (g) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board? How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest?

Your prompt response in providing the requested information will ensure that the Senate confirmation process can proceed in a timely manner.

Mahalo for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chair
Senate Committee on Economic Development and Technology

4 March 2010
Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chair
Senate Committee on Economic Development and Technology
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Fukunaga,

Thank you for your consideration of my continued membership on the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board. I have pursued a career in archaeology and historic preservation because it is my passion. As such, I feel a professional obligation to contribute as I am able beyond my job to historic preservation endeavors. This is the foundation for my interest in continuing to serve on the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board, as well as my membership on the Society for Hawaiian Archaeology Board.

My perception of the role and responsibilities of a member of the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board is influenced by my experience as a former employee of the American Samoa Historic Preservation Office. Our review board in American Samoa provided guidance and advice in overseeing the functioning of the Historic Preservation Office, including reviewing nominations to the National Register of Historic Places. In Hawai'i the board's role has been cast solely to review nominations to the State and National Registers of Historic Places. I am willing to participate in all of these roles, and have indicated my willingness to assist to my colleagues in the State Historic Preservation Division.

My academic background forms the foundation of my qualifications for membership on the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board. I have a Ph.D. in archaeology; my dissertation used archaeological and oral history data to discuss pre-contact social organization on Mangaia Island, Cook Islands, another Polynesian society. I subsequently spent eight years as an archaeologist at the American Samoa Historic Preservation Office, where my responsibilities included managing the National Register program. I have written, reviewed and submitted numerous nominations to the National Register. (American Samoa does not have a Territorial Register, therefore we could not nominate historic properties to such an entity.) In this capacity I also became familiar with the larger historic preservation discipline, including the consideration of more recent historic properties and their eligibility for nomination to the National Register. Since that time I have held several positions in historic preservation, including owner and principal investigator of a contract archaeology firm in American Samoa, Hawaii Island Archaeologist for SHPD, and most recently working in the Cultural Resources program at Pohakuloa Training Area for the US Army. I am very familiar with the National Register program and criteria as well as State and Federal historic preservation laws, regulations and rules. My qualifications for the Board are primarily as an archaeologist and historic preservation professional. In addition, I have become familiar with historic era properties and their significance. Personally, I married a Polynesian and have spent a significant part of my adult life living and working in Polynesia.

I have learned a great deal during my tenure on the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board. I think that I have brought a foundational background in the National Register program to the Board, and my greatest accomplishment has been application of that knowledge to the cases that we have reviewed. I would like to continue to contribute in this way, as well as continuing to educate members of the public on the Historic Places register programs. I would also like to work with other board members to provide assistance and oversight to the State Historic Preservation Division, as possible and appropriate.

I am always eager to learn more, which makes me both interested in learning about the properties that are nominated and to investigate the contexts in which they fit. This provides a background to evaluate the properties. I am persistent in pursuing knowledge and issues, and this can contribute to a better evaluation of the items before the board. I have had an exacting past year which drew me away from close attention to board business, but that situation has resolved itself and I am now able to devote appropriate time and attention to board business. Archaeology, historic preservation and Polynesia are deeply seated passions for me, and I consider this endeavor to be a contribution to the quality of life in our State and an investment in our future. My children are of Polynesian ancestry, and their knowledge of their ancestors is important to me. This drives my dedication to historic preservation and to contribute in the best way I can to the endeavor in this State.

My experience as an historic preservation professional who has actively engaged in many aspects of the endeavor for over fourteen years makes me an asset to the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board.

Possible conflicts of interest that I can foresee would be if Army property were nominated. I would consult with appropriate authorities to determine if there was a conflict, and if there was deemed to be a conflict I would recuse myself from discussion and vote on the matter.

Mahalo,

Julie M. E. Taomia, Ph.D.
PTA Archeologist

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JULIE M. E. TAOMIA

QUALIFICATIONS

I have over 14 years of archaeological and historic preservation experience in Hawaii and the Pacific. I have an intimate knowledge of the federal and state historic preservation programs, including the development and successful submission of National Register nominations. I have directed international teams of archaeologists and archaeological volunteers in field work in several countries. I have worked with a broad cross-section of historic preservationists in Hawaii.

EDUCATION

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY University of California at Berkeley, Department of Anthropology, Berkeley, CA	2000
MASTER OF ARTS University of California at Berkeley, Department of Anthropology, Berkeley, CA	1990
BACHELOR OF ARTS University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI	1989

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Pohakuloa Training Area Archeologist US Army Garrison – Hawaii	January 2010-Present
Senior Cultural Resource Specialist/PTA Cultural Resources Program Manager Employer: Pacific Cooperative Studies Unit, Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii, location of employment U.S. Army Pōhakuloa Training Area, Hawaii Island.	October 2006-January 2010
Hawaii Island Archaeologist State Historic Preservation Division, Department of Land and Natural Resources	February-October 2006
Science Teacher Grades 5-8, 12 South Pacific Academy, Pago Pago, AS	October 2005-January 2006
Owner and Principal Investigator South Pacific Archaeological Consulting Services, Pago Pago, AS	March 2004-December 2005
Senior Archaeologist American Samoa Historic Preservation Office, Pago Pago, AS	March 1996-March 2004

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS

Society for Hawaiian Archaeology
Chair, Publication Committee, Society for Hawaiian Archaeology

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- 2004 Assisted with South Pacific Academy International Day
- 2004 Spoke to second grade class, South Pacific Academy, about 3000 years of Samoan history
- 2003 Participated in South Pacific Academy Science Mania day
- 2002 Conducted field trip for third grade class, South Pacific Academy, to compare historic photos of local villages with the modern layout of the villages
- 2001 Spoke to second grade class, South Pacific Academy, about archaeology in the U.S. Southwest
- 2000 Spoke to 11th grade honors history class, Leone High School, about Samoan Prehistory
- 1998 Conducted a tour of the Tia Seu Lupe (Star Mound) park for Preschool class from Fatu-o-aiga Montessori school, spoke with children about life in prehistoric Samoa

LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



**STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

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**Testimony of
LAURA H. THIELEN
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY**

**Friday, March 05, 2010
1:15 p.m.
Conference Room 016**

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 197
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE HAWAII
HISTORIC PLACES REVIEW BOARD, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JULIE M.E.
TAOMIA, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2014**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources strongly supports the gubernatorial appointment of Dr. Julie Taomia to the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board for a term to expire 6-30-2014.

The Hawaii Historic Places Review Board was established under Section 6E-5.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to: (1) Order and enter historic properties into the Hawaii Register of Historic Places on the basis of their value to Hawaii's heritage; (2) Evaluate and, when appropriate, recommend the nomination of historic properties to the National Register of Historic Places; (3) Review the State Survey of Historic Properties; (4) Review the content of the State Historic Preservation Plan; and (5) Maintain the Hawaii Register of Historic Places (including all those listed on the National Register of Historic Places).

State law requires that the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board include at least one professionally qualified member of each of the following disciplines: archaeology, architecture, history, and sociology. In addition, there shall be one person knowledgeable in traditional Hawaiian society and culture.

Dr. Taomia was born in Boston, Massachusetts and grew up in Detroit, Michigan. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, master's degree in Anthropology at the University of California at Berkeley, and doctorate also at the University of California at Berkeley. Her PhD dissertation was entitled *Archaeological and Ethnohistoric Evidence for Protohistoric Social Relations on Mangaia Island, Cook Islands*.

LAURA H. THIELEN
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Besides her work in the Cook Islands, Dr. Taomia has been employed as an archaeologist or anthropologist in American Samoa, Hawaii, and California. She married a Cook Islander, Sam Taomia, and lived in American Samoa from 1996 to 2006. She has lived in Hawaii since that time. Her current position is as a Senior Cultural Resource Specialist at the Pacific Cooperative Studies Unit, Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii, at the Pohakuloa Training Area on the Big Island.

Dr. Taomia has contributed to the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board in numerous ways, as she has extensive on-site experience in Pacific archaeology and brings a diverse educational background to discussions.

TO: Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chair
Senate Committee on Economic Development and Taxation

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HEARING: Friday, March 5, 2010, 1:15 p.m., Conference Room 016

SUBJECT: Testimony in Strong Support of GM197, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, JULIE M.E. TAOMIA, for a term to expire 6-30-2014.

I am Dr. Sara Collins, Chair of the Legislative Committee of the Society for Hawaiian Archaeology (SHA). We have over 200 members that include professional archaeologists and advocates of historic preservation in general. I am testifying in strong support of GM197, which submits for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board, Julie M. E. Taomia.

Dr. Taomia is a member in good standing of the Society for Hawaiian Archaeology. She is an established and well-respected member of our professional community. She worked for 8 years at the State Historic Preservation Office in American Samoa and as a result of that experience is fully conversant with the federal historic preservation review process. She moved with her family from Samoa to Hawai'i Island four years ago to work for the Historic Preservation Division at the Department of Land and Natural Resources. For the past three years, she has worked as a senior cultural resource specialist at the U.S. Army Pohakuloa Training Area where she currently holds the position of Army Archaeologist for the installation.

Dr. Taomia's depth and breadth of experience has made her a valuable addition to the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board; she has contributed significantly to the commission's deliberations and actions. I respectfully urge the Committee to confirm Dr. Taomia for another term on this important public commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the above email address.