



GOV. MSG. NO. 255

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR

February 12, 2010

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Sirs and Mesdames:

In accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section 6, of the Hawai'i State Constitution, I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration and confirmation, the following nomination to the **Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority (HPHA)**:

Mattie A. Yoshioka

Term to Expire: 6/30/2014

Sincerely,

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LINDA LINGLE

- (a) Why do you wish to be a member of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority?

I have been on the Board of HPHA since 2006 (currently serving as Board Secretary). I have a special place in my heart for affordable housing in general and feel I can contribute in making the Hawaii Public Housing Authority a “high performing” housing agency.

- (b) What do you perceive are the role and responsibilities of a member of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority?

To establish and adopt policies and goals for the HPHA administration to follow, monitor them accordingly; and take action when appropriate.

- (c) Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a member of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise, or knowledge that would aid in your decision-making ability as a member of this Council.

Being a former Community Development Block Grant Coordinator and Housing Administrator of the County of Kauai Housing Agency, I have an understanding of the challenges and issues of managing a public housing agency.

- (d) Name three qualities that best describe you and that make you stand out. How would these qualities benefit the Hawaii Public Housing Authority?

I believe I am fair, empathetic and a good listener, qualities needed to make decisions regarding tenant and management issues.

- (e) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the Hawaii Public Housing Authority? How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest?

No, but should there be one, I would state my conflict, including topics that could be perceived as a conflict, and excuse myself from any discussion and voting.

(f) What are three ways that the Hawaii Public Housing Authority should/must help meet the housing needs in Hawaii?

1. Work with HHFDC and other for-profit/non-profit housing developers to increase the inventory of affordable housing stock.
2. Preserve and maintain HPHA's existing housing units.
3. Work with service providers/community organizations to provide self-sufficiency programs

(g) What goals should the Hawaii Public Housing Authority set and how would you propose to measure them?

1. Increase the availability of decent, safe, and sanitary affordable housing
 - Number of vacant units
 - Response time to prep units for rent
 - Time lapse in filling the vacant units
 - Number of Section 8 rental vouchers issued
 - Average amount of Section 8 per unit subsidy provided by HPHA
 - Number of families participating in the Section 8/Public Housing Self-Sufficiency Program
2. Provide an improved living environment
 - Number of reported complaints by tenants to management & police
 - Number of evictions due to reasons other than nonpayment of rent (criminal, disruptive, property damage, etc.)
 - Number of certified and active tenant associations
 - Scores on REAC (PHA Physical Condition Annual Inspection by HUD)
 - Review the crime statistics in and around HPHA projects
3. Become a financially sound, self-supporting public housing agency
 - Number and amount of delinquent tenant rent payments
 - Number of evictions due to nonpayment of rent
 - Percentage of low and higher income families occupying the units within the same housing complex
 - Review of the profit/loss statements of each housing complex
 - Number of grant applications submitted/timely implementation of awarded grants to help support the management and efficiency of the PHA

- (h) With all of the challenges facing public housing, what are the top three items to address and what do you recommend as solutions?
1. Complete capital improvement projects in a timely manner, including those funded through ARRA. This could be accomplished by providing the HPHA administration with adequate personnel and assistance through third party contracts.
 2. Improve the efficiency and accuracy of the financial reporting system to the Board and HUD, including correcting prior years' audit findings. The HPHA has been unable to hire/retain qualified fiscal personnel. More technical assistance and training should be provided.
 3. Provide a decent and safe living environment for our residents, one that each individual can be proud to call "home." More steps should be taken to involve the residents in managing their own properties – through volunteerism, setting up community watch programs, and active resident associations, etc. Management should also look at ways to shorten the timeline to do work on repair and maintenance.

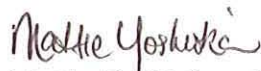
- (i) What are your thoughts regarding current legislative bills regarding Hawaii Public Housing Authority?

SB 2276 - Relating to Intoxicating Liquor – I SUPPORT this bill as it would aid the ability of HPHA to control disruptive behavior.

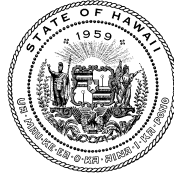
SB2277 – Relating to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (Evictions)– I SUPPORT this bill as it would streamline the eviction process, saving hours and costs to the HPHA.

SB2278 – Relating to Public Housing (Trespass) – I SUPPORT this bill as it would help HPHA management officials to remove threatening and abusive nonresidents from the property.

Submitted by:



Mattie Yoshioka March 12, 2010



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HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR

Testimony of
Linda L. Smith
Senior Policy Advisor to the Governor

Before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION & HOUSING

Monday, March 22, 2010, 1:15 PM
State Capitol, Room 225

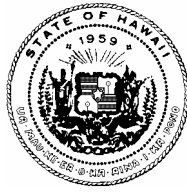
GM 255 Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority
MATTIE A. YOSHIOKA

Chair Sakamoto, Vice Chair Kidani, and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of the confirmation of Mattie Yoshioka to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) Board of Directors.

As a current HPHA Board member, I have worked alongside Ms. Yoshioka since 2004 when she joined the Board and took on the role of Board Secretary. Ms. Yoshioka's experience as the President & CEO of the Kauai Economic Development Board has contributed to the Board's ability to better understand how to help public housing residents move toward self-sufficiency. As a representative from Kauai, Ms. Yoshioka is an important voice on the Board regarding issues that are of particular concern to neighbor island residents.

I urge your favorable consideration of Mattie Yoshioka's confirmation to serve on the Board of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
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March 22, 2010

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Norman Sakamoto, Chair
Senate Committee on Education and Housing

FROM: Lillian B. Koller, Director

SUBJECT: **G. M. 255 - GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE MATTIE A. YOSHIOKA
TO THE BOARD OF THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING
ADMINISTRATION**

Hearing: Monday, March 22, 2010; 1:15 p.m.
Conference Room 225, State Capitol

The Department of Human Services supports the nomination of Mattie A. Yoshioka to Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Administration (HPHA).

Ms. Yoshioka is currently a member of the Board of the HPHA. She is the past Executive Director of the County of Kaua'i Offices of Community Assistance, the former Housing Administrator of the County of Kaua'i Housing Agency and a former member of the Rental Housing Trust Fund Advisory Commission. Her vast experience with housing programs brings much-needed expertise to the HPHA as well as a Neighbor Island perspective.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Ms. Yoshioka's nomination.

LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR



DENISE M. WISE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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BARBARA E. ARASHIRO
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

Statement of
Denise M. Wise
Hawaii Public Housing Authority
Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND HOUSING

March 22, 2010 1:15 P.M.
Room 225, Hawaii State Capitol

In consideration of
G.M. 255

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority (HPHA), Gubernatorial Nominee, MATTIE A. YOSHIOKA, for a term to expire 6-30-2014.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) strongly supports G.M. 255, to confirm Mattie Yoshioka to another term on the HPHA Board of Directors.

The HPHA Board is well served by having Directors with a variety of life experience and professional expertise. Ms. Yoshioka brings to the Board a wealth of experience in low income housing, community development and government operations.

Ms. Yoshioka's experience as President and CEO of the Kauai Economic Development Board is invaluable to HPHA as it embarks on public-private redevelopment of some of its public housing sites now and in the coming years. Her experience also includes administration of the Kauai County Housing Agency and service as vice-chair of the Kauai Charter Review Commission.

Ms. Yoshioka is a respected and valuable member of the HPHA Board of Directors. We urge the Committee to confirm her for another term.

Bernard P. Carvalho Jr.
Mayor



Gary K. Heu
Administrative Assistant

John Isobe
Executive Assistant

COUNTY OF KAUA'I

**TESTIMONY OF THE
COUNTY OF KAUA'I
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

**TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE
ON EDUCATION AND HOUSING**

**TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2010**

**March 22, 2010
1:15 p.m.**

TESTIMONY ON GM 255, RELATING TO GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE MATTIE A. YOSHIOKA TO THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY

TO THE HONORABLE NORMAN SAKAMOTO, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

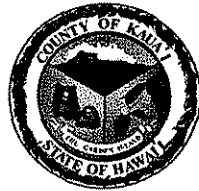
My name is Bernard P. Carvalho, Jr., Mayor, providing testimony in support of Gubernatorial Nominee Mattie A. Yoshioka, to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority (HPHA).

Ms. Yoshioka is being nominated to serve on the Board for the term ending on June 30, 2014. She is an experienced and well-respected leader in the community and will continue be an asset to the Commission especially with her extensive background as a former County housing administrator.

We ask you to confirm her nomination, and thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on this matter.

Bernard P. Carvalho, Jr.
Mayor

Gary K. Heu
Administrative Assistant



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Eugene K. Jimenez
Housing Director

March 16, 2010

The Honorable Senator Norman Sakamoto, Chair,
and Members of the Committee on Education and Housing
State Senate
The Twenty-Fifth Legislature
Regular Session of 2010
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

SUBJECT: EDH Hearing March 22, 2010 1:15PM Conference Room 225
Testimony in **SUPPORT** of **GM255**
Gubernatorial Nomination of **MATTIE A. YOSHIOKA**

The Kaua'i County Housing Agency strongly supports the confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee **MATTIE A. YOSHIOKA** to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA). Ms. Yoshioka has long been an asset to Kaua'i Island and its housing and economic development communities.

In the past, Ms. Yoshioka provided leadership to the Kaua'i County Housing Agency, initially as its Community Development Block Grant Program Manager, following as its Housing Administrator, and continuing on as Director of the Office of Community Assistance. Since assuming her responsibilities as President and CEO of the Kaua'i Economic Development Board, she has continued to work for the entire island in community development projects.

Ms. Yoshioka has also served the County of Kaua'i on the Charter Review Commission, the Salary Commission, and on the Kaua'i Housing Advisory Committee. She has contributed to the Kaua'i community and to the state as a member of the Board of Directors of Hale 'Ōpio and of the Hawai'i Council for Economic Education. Please join us in supporting the reappointment of Mattie Yoshioka to HPHA.

Sincerely,

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Eugene K. Jimenez
Housing Director



March 22, 2010

Senator Norman Sakamoto and
Members of the Education and Housing Committee

RE: Confirmation of Mattie Yoshioka to the HPHA Board of Directors

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Mattie Yoshioka for confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

I have served with Mattie as a fellow board member of HPHA since my appointment to the Board 3 years ago. I have tremendous respect for her knowledge of our local housing needs especially that of public housing. Mattie has been in the housing arena her entire professional career and brings that important perspective to the HPHA Board. As we try to bring our public housing up to date in this 21st Century, it is important that we bring to the table a diverse mix of expertise and experience in order that we make the right decisions. I believe Mattie's presence on the Board helps to accomplish that goal. Being an Oahu based board overseeing a statewide housing program, it is very important to have the input of those who live and work in the areas and locations we serve.

Mattie's influence and knowledge has been a benefit to public housing in Hawaii and would continue to be in the future if confirmed, therefore I highly recommend the confirmation of Mattie Yoshioka to the HPHA Board.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rene Berthiaume
Member HPHA Board of Directors

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From: Clarissa Hosino [ckupuna@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 02, 2010 4:31 PM
To: EDH Testimony
Subject: Testimony for Gm255

Gm255

Aloha,
Chairperson Senator Sakamoto,
Senators of the House committee

I am a Hawaii Public Housing Authority Board member and support Matilda (Mattie) Yoshioka to be re-confirm as HPHA Board of Director. For the past 4 yrs, she have given great knowledge and compassion to this agency.

Matilda Yoshioka and I have served in various Task committees and she gives 110% of her time to this agency and we need her expertise and valuable input to make great changes to improve the living conditions and financial burdens that have been a tragedy.

She is committed to the residents of Hawaii and have evaluated great expectations for the security, safety and health conditions of Public Housing.

I thank you for giving me a opportunity to share my testimony for this wonderful person who is so considerate and caring for the Residents of Hawaii.

Sincerely and Aloha,

HPHA Resident Representative
Clarissa Hosino

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