

**GM 266**

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February 25, 2010

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Senate Committee on Human Services

FROM: Lillian B. Koller, Director

SUBJECT: G.M. 266 - Gubernatorial Nomination of Beverly C. Wong to the  
Statewide Council on Independent Living

Hearing: February 25, 2010 1:15 pm  
Conference Room 016, State Capitol

The Department of Human Services supports the nomination of Ms. Beverly C. Wong to the Statewide Council on Independent Living (SILC).

Ms. Beverly C. Wong is seeking appointment to the State Independent Living Council. Ms. Wong retired from government work and has numerous years volunteering for local and national organizations that work with vulnerable populations of the public.

Ms. Wong has a positive attitude; strong organizational and speaking skills that we believe will benefit the work of the SILC. Ms. Wong was voted by the council to be the secretary for the SILC.

Ms. Wong will provide representation to the SILC from the Oahu County.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony to this Committee.



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HAWAII STATE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM  
SALT LAKE-MOANALUA PUBLIC LIBRARY  
3225 SALT LAKE BOULEVARD  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96818

February 24, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

I have known Beverly Wong since June 9, 2004, when I attended my first meeting of the Friends of Salt Lake-Moanalua Library as a new branch manager and she was serving as one of the officers in that volunteer community organization. What struck me first about Beverly was her warm personality and ability to get along with people. If anyone can be described as a "people person" that would be Beverly. Since 2004, Beverly has held just about every officer position in our Friends group and I've been able to observe her firsthand in sitting on our board. She is reliable (attending all of our quarterly meetings in five years except one, I believe), conscientious in trying to move matters forward to completion, friendly in interactions with my staff and a great overall booster for our branch library and community. I am also aware that Beverly does extensive volunteer work with the American Cancer Society.

I give Beverly Wong my highest recommendation to serve on the Advisory Board to the Statewide Independent Living Council. She will be a tireless advocate in promoting independent living and integration of persons with disabilities into the community.

Sincerely,

Duane Wenzel MA, MBA  
Branch Manager

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*Independent Living*  
*Council*  
of HAWAII

## SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair  
Thursday, February 25, 2010, 1:15 p.m.  
Conference Room 016  
GM 266

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Statewide Council on Independent Living, Gubernatorial Nominee, BEVERLY C. WONG, for a term to expire 6-30-2013.

My name is Sheryl Nelson. I am the executive director of the Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC). The council strongly supports the appointment of BEVERLY C. WONG to the SILC.

Beverly's vast experiences working for the City and County of Honolulu, the State of Hawaii, and as a key volunteer for several nonprofit community organizations are assets to the Council. Beverly is the current secretary for the Council. She enthusiastically embraces the values of independent living for all people including people with disabilities.

Sheryl Nelson

From: Nathan Say

Chair of the Statewide Independent Living Council

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN  
SERVICES

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My name is Nathan Say. I am the Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC). I strongly support the appointment of BEVERLY C. WONG to the SILC.

Beverly's vast experiences working for the City and County of Honolulu, the State of Hawaii, and as a key volunteer for several nonprofit community organizations are assets to the Council. Beverly is the current secretary for the Council. She enthusiastically embraces the values of independent living for all people including people with disabilities.

From:  
Louise Horio  
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Re: GM266  
Beverly Wong's nomination to the Statewide Independent Living  
Council of Hawaii, (SILC HI)

To: Senator Chun-Oakland, Chair  
Senate Committee on Human Services  
Thursday, February 25, 2010, 1:15 p.m. Conference Room 016

Aloha Senator Chun-Oakland and Members of this Committee;

My name is Louise Horio and I strongly support the nomination of  
Beverly Wong to the Statewide Independent Living Council of  
Hawaii (SILC HI).

Although I have known Beverly Wong for only a short time, I find  
her enthusiasm on the Council to be very encouraging and  
refreshing. From the first day we met, she displayed a positive  
willingness to learn more about the role of SILC and offered to  
help in any way she could. She graciously accepted the task of  
becoming our secretary and does an excellent job of producing the  
minutes.

I admire her many years of service working for the State  
Department of Transportation, City and County of Honolulu in the  
Managing Director's Office, at the University of Hawaii and at the  
Board of Water Supply.

Her community associations, her involvement with the Salt Lake Friends of the Library, and her passion to be part of the American Cancer Society are most commendable.

I truly believe that Beverly Wong is an asset to SILC and represents us very well.

Most Respectfully,

/s/ Louise Horio  
Vice-Chair, SILC HI



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**TESTIMONY OF MURRAY TOWILL  
PRESIDENT  
HAWAI'I HOTEL & LODGING ASSOCIATION**

**February 25, 2010**

**RE: GM 266 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Statewide Council on Independent Living, Gubernatorial Nominee, BEVERLY C. WONG, for a term to expire 6-30-2013.**

Good afternoon Chairperson Chun Oakland and members of the Senate Committee on Human Services. I am Murray Towill, President of the Hawai'i Hotel & Lodging Association.

The Hawai'i Hotel & Lodging Association is a statewide association of hotels, condominiums, timeshare companies, management firms, suppliers, and other related firms and individuals. Our membership includes over 150 hotels representing over 48,000 rooms. Our hotel members range from the 2,680 rooms of the Hilton Hawaiian Village to the 4 rooms of the Bougainvillea Bed & Breakfast on the Big Island.

The Hawai'i Hotel & Lodging Association strongly supports Beverly Wong's nomination to the Statewide Council on Independent Living. I have know and worked with Beverly over the years on a variety of issues. She is reasonable and will listen to different points of view and make a balanced decision. Beverly's background and experience in working in a variety of state office positions will be an asset to the Council on Independent Living. Her active involvement in the community and on community issues makes her a good choice.

We believe Beverly will be a valuable addition to the Council on Independent Living.

Again, mahalo for this opportunity to testify.



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February 22, 2010

The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
The Honorable Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair  
Members of the Senate Committee on Human Services  
State Capitol, Room 16  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: GM 266: Consideration and Confirmation to the  
Statewide Council on Independent Living, Gubernatorial  
Nominee, Beverly C. Wong

Dear Chair Oakland, Vice Chair Ihara, and Members of the Senate Committee on Human Services:

I am testifying in support of the nomination of Beverly Wong to the Statewide Council on Independent Living. I have known Bev for many years and know that she will make a positive addition to the Council.

She worked for Ed Hirata as his assistant when he was Managing Director, and worked at the Department of Transportation. She also worked for Marvin Anderson, Chancellor of the University of Hawaii; and volunteers at American Cancer and Friends of the Library and is the Wong Society Education Committee Chair. Bev has a big heart for giving, and her appointment would be an asset to our community. For these reasons I request your support for Bev.

Sincerely,



R. Brian Tsujimura

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**From:** Francis & Beverly Wong [fbad4@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 21, 2010 1:53 PM  
**To:** HMS Testimony  
**Subject:** GM 266 - Public Hearing - Thursday, 2/25/10, 1:15 p.m.

Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland and Members of the Committee on Human Services:

It will be a privilege and pleasure to be appointed to the STATEWIDE COUNCIL ON INDEPENDENT LIVING.

Last year, I was appointed as an interim member of the Council and had the opportunity to work with the other Council members on the State plan for independent living. I was so impressed by the dedication of the members to fulfill the mission to promote independent living and integration of persons with disabilities into the community and to aid individuals in achieving their goals and basic human rights.

After 40 years working at the State, City and University of Hawaii, I wanted to volunteer to make my community a better place to live for everyone: the young, senior citizens, sick, able and disabled. During my 15 years of retirement, I have volunteered at the American Cancer Society and Friends of Salt Lake Library. I have served on the Governor's Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs and now I hope to have the opportunity to serve on another worthwhile State Council.

Your favorable consideration will be appreciated.

Beverly C. wong

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COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

February 25, 2010

1:15 P.M.

GM 266

Conference Room 016

**Testimony in Support of BEVERLY C. WONG To The Statewide Council on Independent Living, Gubernatorial Nominee, For A Term To Expire 6-30-2013.**

Chair Suzanne Chun Oakland, Vice Chair Les Ihara, Jr. and Members of the Committee,

I am submitting testimony in support of Ms. Beverly C. Wong to the Statewide Council on Independent Living for a term to expire June 30, 2013. Her nomination by Governor Linda Lingle to serve as a member of the Council is a testament and recognition for the many contributions she made to the betterment of our community throughout her life.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Bev over the many years when she served top ranking executives in the administrations of both County and State governments. Always known for her extraordinary dedication to those with whom she worked, she is a very warm and cheerful person; and, she fills the room with her great enthusiasm for the work at hand. Her energy is particularly needed during this time when resources are extremely limited thereby requiring all government agencies to double their efforts to achieve their mission while doing with less. This is especially true with the Statewide Council on Independent Living whose mission it is “...to promote independent living and the integration of persons with disabilities into the community and to aid individuals in achieving their goals and basic human rights.” One of Bev’s greatest attributes is her genuine optimism for one’s ability to achieve all that their potential will allow. I have no doubt that Bev is a good fit and will be a real asset to the work of the Council and those that it serves.

Without reservations, I urge your support in confirming Bev to serve as a member of the Statewide Council on Independent Living.

Thank you for your consideration.

Andrew I.T. Chang

October 22, 2007

Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair,  
Human Services Committee  
Hawaii Senate  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Support of Beverly Wong for Statewide Council for Center of Independent Living

Dear Chair Chun-Oakland and Committee Members:

On behalf of the Ironworkers Stabilization Fund, I would like to go on record to wholeheartedly support the appointment of Beverly Wong as a member of the Statewide Council for Center of Independent Living.

Having known Ms. Wong for many years, I can say with conviction that she is a man of utmost integrity and character and will serve the people of Hawaii with distinction should she be given an opportunity to serve in this capacity. We have every confidence that Ms. Wong will be a strong advocate for people who needs additional assistance in society.

I respectfully request that you consider my opinion when you are deliberating on Ms. Wong's appointment.