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Jennifer L. Zelko
1939 B. Kaiwiki Road
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Dear Ms. Zelko,

Re: Nomination to the Community-Based Economic Development Advisory Council

Congratulations on being nominated by Governor Linda Lingle to serve on the Community-Based Economic Development Advisory Council. 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 serve as a member of the Community-Based Economic Development Advisory Council;
 - (b) Your perception of the role and responsibilities of a member of the Community-Based Economic Development Advisory Council;
 - (c) Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a member of the Community-Based Economic Development Advisory Council, 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 Community-Based Economic Development Advisory Council.
 - (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 Community-Based Economic Development Advisory Council benefit from having a member with those qualities?

- (f) Describe your previous experience that you believe would make you an asset to the Community-Based Economic Development Advisory Council.
- (g) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the Community-Based Economic Development Advisory Council? 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

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Jennifer Leilani Zelko
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808-961-0406

Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chair
Senate Committee on Economic Development & Technology
The Senate
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Nomination of Jennifer L. Zelko to the Community-Based Economic Development
Advisory Council

Aloha Senator Fukunaga and distinguished members of the Senate Committee on Economic
Development & Technology,

It is an honor to be re-nominated to serve on the Community-Based Economic
Development ("CBED") Advisory Council. I sincerely apologize that I am unable to attend the
March 5, 2010 confirmation hearing in Oahu, as I have pre-existing work commitments that day
in Hilo. Thank you all for the incredible work you do for our Islands and our people.

I believe that being a member of the CBED Advisory Council allows me the opportunity
to be a representative voice for the younger generation that call Hawai'i home. I am very
concerned with the long term economic forecast for Hawai'i. We need to diversify our economy.
I think the role of the CBED Advisory Council is to help realize people's visions and ideas that
will help support viable, sustainable ventures for Hawai'i.

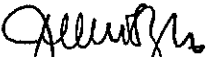
As the Vice President of the YWCA of Hawai'i Island, I have seen first-hand the effects
of cuts in funding for programs that attempt to make the quality of life for our Island's residents
better. As a corporate attorney, my clients are faced with many difficult business decisions, and
it is my job to help guide them in the right direction. I truly believe that the various roles that I
play on a daily basis will help me in my role on the CBED Advisory Council.

This is a wonderful place we call home. We need to create opportunities that will have
the greatest benefit on our economy and our environment. During the last year, I have witnessed
the impacts of layoffs and furloughs on our Island's families. I have watched programs geared
toward our most vulnerable population cut from our non-profits. I have listened to the passionate
pleas by both the employer and employees arguing to keep the programs going. These pleas will
help me remember what is important. People are important, and people need to be able to make a
living so that they can provide for their families.

We had only one scheduled meeting since my confirmation on the CBED Advisory
Council since last April. I was unable to attend that meeting due to an emergency. Should I be
confirmed for this Council, I do not see any conflict arising during my term.

Thank you very much for your consideration and I humbly ask for your support.

Mahalo,



Jennifer L. Zelko

JENNIFER LEILANI ZELKO

EXPERIENCE

- Torkildson, Katz, Moore, Hetherington & Harris, ALC** Hilo, HI
October 2007-Present
- Associate Attorney
- Carlsmith Ball, LLP** Hilo, HI
October 2004-October 2007
- Associate Attorney
- Diana L. Van De Car, Attorney at Law** Hilo, HI
January 2004-September 2004
- Legal Intern
- Douglas L. Halsted, Attorney at Law** Hilo, HI
January 2004-September 2004
- Legal Intern

EDUCATION

- Gonzaga University School of Law** Spokane, WA
J.D., May 2003
- University of Hawaii, Hilo** Hilo, HI
B.A., Psychology, July 2000

BAR ADMISSION

- *Admitted*, State Bar of Hawaii, 2004-Present
- *Admitted*, State Bar of Oregon, 2003-Present (Inactive Member)

ACTIVITIES

Board Member East Hawaii Council of Advisors 2009-2010 term, Vice President and Board of Director YWCA Hawaii Island, YWCA Operations Committee, Hawaii Island Chamber of Commerce

REFERENCES

- Ms. Ann Roberti 808-557-1196
- Mrs. Midge Mebane 808-961-5796
- Mr. Douglas Halsted 808-961-5566
- Mr. Newton Chu 808-961-0406
- Ms. Brenda Olcott 808-557-8975



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Statement of
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Director
Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism
before the
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY**
Friday, March 5, 2010
1:15 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 016

in consideration of
GM 279
**GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE TO THE COMMUNITY BASED ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2014.**

Chair Fukunaga, Vice Chair Baker, and Members of the Committee.

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) strongly supports the nomination of Ms. Jennifer L. Zelko to the Community-Based Economic Development (CBED) Advisory Council.

Ms. Zelko's education and professional experience will serve to increase the "skill and knowledge" resources that program staff and other CBED Advisory Council members draw upon in their mission to assist and empower Hawaii's communities.

Having graduated from Hilo High School in 1995, the University of Hawaii at Hilo with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in 2000, and Gonzaga University School of Law in 2003. Ms. Zelko currently is an Associate Attorney with the law firm of Torkildson, Katz, Moore, Hetherington & Harris. She is a member of the Hawaii State Bar Association and Hawaii County Bar Association.

Currently, Ms. Zelko serves as Vice-President on the Board of Directors for the YWCA, and on the Alumni Board of the University of Hawaii.

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, and the CBED Program, are proud and honored to support the nomination of Ms. Jennifer L. Zelko to the Advisory Council of the Community-Based Economic Development Program.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.