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Michael J. Murakoshi
2110 Kaneka St.,
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Dear Mr. Murakoshi,

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



First Hawaiian Bank

Michael J. Murakoshi
Senior Vice President
and Region Manager

March 3, 2010

The Honorable Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chairperson
and Members of the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Technology
State Capitol, Conference Room 016
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Fukunaga and Members:

RE: GM 280/281
Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Community-Based
Economic Development (CBED) Advisory Council, Gubernatorial, Nominee,
Michael J. Murakoshi, for a term to expire 6-30-2010 and 6-30-2014.

Once again, thank you for this opportunity to present background information about me as you consider and confirm my appointment to the CBED Advisory Council. Unfortunately, I am unable to attend my hearing scheduled for this Friday, March 5, 2010 at 1:15 p.m. due to a prior work related commitment.

I consider it an honor and a privilege to continue to serve as Kauai's Representative on the CBED Advisory Council. Through CBED's funding, our communities are given an opportunity to become self-sufficient with grants focused on economic development and job creation. Additionally, we help develop community leaders who provide guidance and a vision for our future.

As an advisory committee member, I look forward to pursuing my role and responsibilities while carrying out its mission to review requests for financial assistance for Community-Based Economic Development activities and make the appropriate recommendations.

My career with First Hawaiian Bank spans 43 years which, I believe, gives me the foundation to be an asset on this Advisory Council. During my career with First Hawaiian Bank, I have worked in and managed departments and branches, gained an understanding of our industry thus the ability to review and interpret financial data and make lending decisions. It is also part of my responsibility to review and recommend grant requests to our First Hawaiian Foundation, the charitable division of First Hawaiian Bank.

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Through the Bank's programs and my working relationship with businesses and community affiliations, I have gained an understanding of marketing, products, planning, forecasting, budgeting, and the major industries that affect our economy. Working with people in all financial situations has broadened my perspective and created an understanding of the needs of our community and funding sources, as well as a profound respect for our Island's heritage.

Since the inception of my term on July 1, 2009, this Council had the opportunity to review two funding requests, of which I participated in the discussions and recommendations. With the Legislature's support in securing funding for this program, we look forward to expanding the number of grant awards. With this available funding and in working together with the other advisory council team members, we will be provided the opportunity to support our local economy and accomplish CBED's Mission.

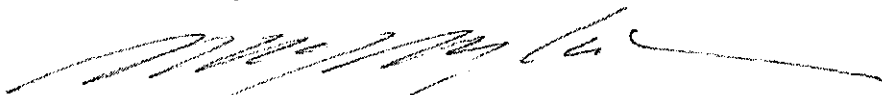
Over the years, I have worked in community groups which focused on soliciting funds and granting requests for funding. My involvement in these organizations draws on my leadership skills, experience and knowledge. I will ask difficult questions when appropriate but recognize the importance of a fair and open decision making process.

As a former Board Member of "United Way of Kauai", we relied on raising our funds through fund drives which we used to provide funding opportunities for non-profit groups supporting our community. As a member of its Allocation Committee we reviewed requests, conducted interviews, and with the information gathered, recommended grants to the agencies.

At this time, I do not see any direct conflicts by my serving on the Community-Based Economic Development Advisory Council. However, should one arise; I will take the necessary steps to resolve the issue and will not jeopardize the Council's integrity.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to present myself to you and the Economic Development and Technology Committee members.

Sincerely,



Michael J. Murakoshi
Senior Vice President and Kauai Region Manager

Michael J. Murakoshi

Education

- Pacific Coast Banking School
- Whittier College
 - Business & Political Science Degree
- Kahuku High & Elementary School

Professional experience

- FIRST HAWAIIAN BANK
- 3/1967 to present

Senior Vice President & Region Manager – Kauai Region Office

Began my banking career as a management trainee in March 1967. Since then, I have had the privilege to work in our Bank's Credit Examination Department, Branch Loan Administration, and served as Branch Manager at several Oahu branches, including the Main Banking Center; was named Senior Vice President in 1992; and in 1996 helped develop the Bank's Private, Personal & Business Customer Relationships Programs. In January 2000 I was assigned to Kauai.

Presently, I am the Senior Vice President and Kauai Region Manager for our seven Kauai Branches. My responsibilities include providing leadership and guidance for First Hawaiian Bank on Kauai to include credit management, financial performance, sales growth, service quality, customer relationships and teamwork within our employees and community.

Civic/Community affiliations (present)

- 2010 Census Partner (Volunteer)
- Academy 21 Principals' Leadership Academy 2010
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Honolulu (Board of Directors) [Past Treasurer, Finance Committee Chair, Internal Affairs Chair] & Kauai Advisory Committee (Chair Person)
- Contractors Association of Kauai (Member)
- Easter Seals (VIP Campaign)
- Friends of Kauai Aloha Endowment (Advisor) [Past Treasurer]
- Hawaii Food Industry Association (Associate Member)
- Hawaii Hotel Association (Kauai Chapter, Associate Member)
- Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii (Board of Governors)
- Kauai Chamber of Commerce (Member)
- Kauai Developers Council (Member)
- Kauai Economic Development Board (Finance Committee)
- Kauai Filipino Chamber of Commerce (Member)
- Kauai Housing Development Corporation (Treasurer)
- Kauai In Step (Committee Member)
- Leadership Kauai (Treasurer) [Past President]
- Navy League of the United States (Member)
- Wilcox Health Foundation (Board Member)

**Civic/Community
affiliations (past)**

- American Banker's Association (Member)
- Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii (Member)
- Hawaii State Jaycees (President)
- Hawaii Visitors & Convention Bureau (Board Member)
- Kailua Jaycees (President)
- Kauai Affordable Housing & Traffic Coalition (Member)
- Kauai Island Utility Coop (KIUC) Nominations Committee (Member)
- Kauai Visitors Bureau (Chair)
- Mid-Pacific Country Club (President)
- Muscular Dystrophy Association (Board Member)
- Regency Hulei'a AOA (Treasurer)
- Rotary Club of Windward Oahu (President)
- United Nations Day (Chairman)
- United Way of Kauai (Treasurer)
- Waipahu Businessmen's Assoc. (President)
- Windward Businessmen Association (President)

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COUNTY OF KAUA'I

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

**TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE
ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY**

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

March 5, 2010
1:15 p.m.

TESTIMONY ON **GM 280 and GM 281**, RELATING TO GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE
MICHAEL J. MURAKOSHI.

TO THE HONORABLE CAROL FUKUNAGA, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE
COMMITTEE:

My name is Bernard P. Carvalho, Jr., Mayor, providing testimony in support of
Gubernatorial Nominee Michael J. Murakoshi to the Community-Based Economic
Development Advisory Council (Council).

Mr. Murakoshi is being nominated to serve on the Council for the remainder of a
term to expire June 30, 2010 and for another term which ends on June 30, 2014. He is
a well-known member of the business community on Kaua'i, and will be an asset to the
Council as it evaluates grants to assist in the establishment and development of
economically viable traditional or community-based businesses in the State.

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



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Statement of
THEODORE E. LIU
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 281
**MICHAEL J. MURAKOSHI, 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 Mr. Michael J. Murakoshi to the Community-Based Economic Development (CBED) Advisory Council.

Mr. Murakoshi'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 Kahuku High and Elementary School, Whittier College with a Business and Political Science Degree, and the Pacific Coast Banking School, Mr. Murakoshi, since 1967 to present, serves as Senior Vice-President and Regional Manager – Kauai Region Office for First Hawaiian Bank. His responsibilities a Regional Manager for seven Kauai

branches include providing leadership and guidance for First Hawaiian Banks on Kauai that includes credit management, financial performance, sales growth, service quality, customer relationships and teamwork within their employee ranks and within the communities.

Currently, Mr. Murakoshi serves as a Board of Director for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Honolulu, and as Chair for Big Brothers Big Sisters Kauai Advisory Committee. He is a member of the Contractors Association of Kauai; Past Treasurer and Advisor for the Friends of Kauai Aloha Endowment; an Associate Member of the Hawaii Food Industry Association and the Hawaii Hotel Association (Kauai Chapter); serves on the Board of Governors for the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii; is a member of the Kauai Chamber of Commerce, and many more current and past civic and community affiliations.

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, and the CBED Program, are proud and honored to support the nomination of Mr. Michael J. Murakoshi to the Advisory Council of the Community-Based Economic Development Program.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.



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March 4, 2010

Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chair
Committee on Economic Development and Technology, Rm. 016
415 Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Ref. GM 280, GM 281 - Michael J. Murakoshi
Nomination to the Community-Based Economic Development Advisory Council

Dear Senator Fukunaga:

Please accept this letter as my written testimony on behalf of Michael J. Murakoshi to the Community-Based Economic Development Advisory Council.

I have known Mike on a personal and professional basis for the past 28 years and have found him to be a man of the highest integrity. Through his business and personal affiliations, Mike has acquired a broad knowledge of the needs and economic development in Hawaii. Professionally he has always conducted himself in a manner that deems the highest respect from all of his associates. I have found Mike to be a giving person of both his time and support when it comes to community functions and events. Overall, he is a man well liked in the community and a valued representative of First Hawaiian Bank on Kauai.

Again, I am certain that you will find Mike to be a man of impeccable integrity, conscientious, truthful, capable and reliable. I'm sure that he has the perfect qualifications to be a contributor to the Advisory Council.

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to express my recommendation for his nomination.

Sincerely,

Charles Kawakami
President
Big Save, Inc.

**Committee on Economic Development and Technology
Hearing**

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

Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chairperson

**Testimony on GM 280 & 281
Michael J. Murakoshi to CBED Advisory Council**



Honorable Senator Fukunaga and Committee Members:

This testimony is in STRONG SUPPORT for the appointment of Michael J. Murakoshi to the Community-Based Economic Development Advisory Council. I have served with Mr. Murakoshi on the Kauai Economic Development Board Finance Committee for the last ten plus years, and have worked with him on a large number of community issues.

Mr. Murakoshi brings to the CBED Advisory Council a background in finance and understanding the various components that make up economic development in our State from his position with First Hawaiian Bank. There will be many issues that will come to the Council that will need these disciplines. His common sense and intelligence combine all of this into a person that can distill a complex issue into understandable parts for decision-making. His strong business background has proven invaluable many times, as we dealt with Kauai's economic diversity and what we wanted to be Kauai's economic diversity. His sense of humor provides the balance to intense situations for everyone.

I strongly urge you to appoint Michael J. Murakoshi to the CBED Advisory Council. He will continue to balance the needs of the State and our citizens for the future. Mahalo!

Me ke aloha pumehana
With warm aloha,

PAHIO DEVELOPMENT, INC.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lynn P. McCrory".

Lynn P. McCrory
President

C: Michael J. Murakoshi

GM 280 and 281

Hearing Date: March 5, 2010

Time: 1:15 p.m.

Location: Conference Room 016

The Honorable Carol Fukunaga, Chairperson
and Members of the Senate Committee on Economic Development and
Technology
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Fukunaga and Members:

RE: SUPPORT OF MICHAEL J. MURAKOSHI.

My name is John Isobe, submitting testimony in support of the gubernatorial nomination of Michael J. Murakoshi to the Community Based Economic Development (CBED) Advisory Council.

Michael Murakoshi's experience in business and volunteer work with non-profit and community service organizations makes him an outstanding choice to serve as Kauai's representative on the CBED Advisory Council. He possesses the ability to review and analyze the merits of any grant or loan proposal that may come before the Council for consideration and can offer a balanced perspective regarding the socio-economic potential that a project may bring to the community it proposes to serve. His participation will ensure that the State's limited financial resources are used to maximize the potential for economic and social return on investment.

As a former member on the CBED Advisory Council, I appreciate the CBED program and its efforts to facilitate community-based initiatives aimed at stimulating economic development and job creation.

I support the appointment of Michael J. Murakoshi as Kauai's representative to the CBED Advisory Council and humbly ask that you favorably consider his confirmation.

Thank you.