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February 22, 2010

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George S. Thronas, Jr.  
P. O. Box 246  
Kapa'a, HI 96746

Dear Mr. Thronas, Jr.,

Re: Nomination to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission

Congratulations on being nominated by Governor Linda Lingle to serve on the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission. 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 King Kamehameha Celebration Commission;
  - (b) Your perception of the role and responsibilities of a member of the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission;
  - (c) Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a member of the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission, 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 King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.
  - (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 King Kamehameha Celebration Commission benefit from having a member with those qualities?

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- (f) Describe your previous experience that you believe would make you an asset to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.
- (g) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission? 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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Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chair  
Senate Committee on Economic Development and Technology  
State of Hawai`i

Aloha Senator Fukunaga and the Senate of the State of Hawai`i:

As a keiki `o ka `aina of Kaua`i, I feel compelled and honored to share my talents and love for my perpetuation of our Hawaiian culture.

Growing up amongst a family that has been actively involved with the Kamehameha Celebrations on Kaua`i, I am humbled to be considered to be a part of this legacy that honors our Mo`i kane, Kamehameha ekahi.

I have currently been serving as an Interim Commissioner since December 1, 2009. Within this past few months I have already been actively pursuing the planning, staging, and processing of our Island of Kaua`i celebration.

It takes commitment, perseverance, and humility to serve on the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission. These are the responsibilities that I see each member of the Commission possessing.

A large part of what I will bring to this Commission is my leadership and hard work skills, this will be an added asset to what we can do as Commission and as one body. If one person lacks the will power to see the end result, I will be there to help them through. If a community member feels that their considerations are not being heard, I will work to ensure each person is heard.

As we continue in this time of economic struggle and challenges. It's important that we look at resourceful ways of making this Celebration live on for our future generations to come. I look forward to bringing on the younger generation to be active and responsible in working to make this Commission brighter and alive.

I have served as a participant, judge, and committee member at our previous parades and celebrations on Kaua`i. I have been groomed, trained, and disciplined by my elders who have served in this same capacity in past Commissions. I am ready to accept my place in this legacy and I humbly ask for your support and confirmation in allowing me to continue to serve as a Commissioner for the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.

Me ke aloha pumehana,



George Thronas, Jr.  
Interim Commissioner / Nominee  
King Kamehameha Celebration Commission

# George Thronas, Jr.

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**Objective** To share my talents and abilities with your organization, through hard work.

**Experience** 8/2008 – present Outrigger at Lae Nani (808) 822-4938  
410 Papaloa Road Kapaa, HI 96746

**Front Office Manager / Executive Housekeeper**

- Manage daily operations for front desk and housekeeping
- Provide immediate assistance to resolve any guest / owner concerns
- Responsible for maintaining costs and increasing revenue

1/2008 – 8/2008 NIU Construction, Inc. (808) 245-8658  
P.O. Box 1525 Lihue, HI 96766

**Dispatcher / Administrative Assistant**

- Manage incoming telephone calls and provide assistance as needed
- Provide proper documentation for all incoming and outgoing trucks
- Responsible for daily auditing of paperwork (i.e. accounting, payroll)

4/2007- 10/2007 Smith's Motor Boat Svc. (808) 821-6880  
174 Wailua Road Kapa'a, HI 96746

**Reservations Manager**

- Oversee the daily operations of reservation staff
- Booked Future Reservations
- Provided assistance to guest with concerns or reservation oversights

Provided training and development of new electronic reservation system

9/2006 - 3/2007 Hawaiian Airlines (808) 835-3700  
3375 Koapaka Street, G-350 Honolulu, HI 96819

**Flight Attendant**

- Responsible for the safety and comfort of passengers at all times on board the aircraft
- Ensure passenger compliance of all Federal Air regulations

Ability to maintain a professional and pleasant manner in close conditions

8/2003 - 1/2004 Walt Disney World Resorts, Inc. (407) 824-1000  
4600 N. World Drive Lake Buena Vista, FL 32821

**Guest Service Host**

- Responsible for assisting guest of resorts with check in and check out
- Assist in guest concerns and needs
- Ability to provide a positive presence under high volume of stress

11/2002 – 8/2003      Outrigger Lae Nani Resort      (808) 822-4938  
410 Papaloa Road      Kapa'a, HI 96746

**Guest Service Agent/ Reservations Agent**

- Responsible for inputting future reservations into system
- Ability to work unsupervised and make logical managerial decisions
- Suggested new and efficient ways to increase reservation inputting

9/2001 - 12/2002      PAHIO Resorts      (808) 826-6549  
3970 Wylle Road      Princeville, HI 96722

**Purchasing Coordinator**

- Expanded resorts purchasing and inventory system
- Responsible for coordinating refurbishments
- Developed energy efficiency purchasing guides

9/2000 – 9/2001      Holiday Inn Sunspree Resort      (808) 823-6000  
3-5920 Kuhio Highway      Kapa'a, HI 96746

**Front Desk Supervisor**

- Assisted guest with check In and Check out
- Responsible for the management of evening front office staff
- Assured quality assurance and expectations of hotel guest

10/1998 – 9/2000      Embassy Vacation Resorts      (808) 742-1888  
1613 Pe'e Road      Koloa, HI 96756

**Front Desk/ Reservations Agent**

- Assisted guest with check In and Check out
- Booked Future Reservations and modified existing reservations
- Suggested activities and assisted with directions

11/1995- 8/2006      Smith's Motor Boat Svc.      (808) 821-6880  
174 Wailua Road      Kapa'a, HI 96746

**Guest Relations**

- Assisted guest with check In and concerns
- Booked Future Reservations
- Suggested new ideas to create a better work environment

**Education**

2002-2005      Kauai Community College      Lihue, HI

- A.A.S. in Hotel Operations/Hospitality Services
- Deans list Spring 2004
- Associated Student Body President, 2004-2005

2005- 2006      University of Hawaii at Hilo      Hilo, HI

\* B.A. degree in Progress, Majoring in Political Science

<b>References</b>	Shane Herrod	(808) 651-1868	Executive Director / President
	Patricia Ornellas	(808) 742-3331	Guest Services Manager
	Faith Burgess	(808) 635-5079	Administration

**Bernard P. Carvalho Jr.**  
Mayor



**Gary K. Heu**  
Administrative Assistant

**John Isobe**  
Executive Assistant

**COUNTY OF KAUA'I  
OFFICE OF BOARDS and COMMISSIONS**

**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 283 and GM 317, RELATING TO GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE  
GEORGE S. THRONAS, JR.**

**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 George S. Thronas, Jr., King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.

Mr. Thronas is being nominated to serve on the Board 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-respected business leader in the community. He will be an asset to the Commission as they plan and develop events for June 2010, which includes the parade and other cultural activities to honor King Kamehameha.

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



LINDA LINGLE  
GOVERNOR



RUSS K. SAITO  
Comptroller

SANDRA L. YAHIRO  
Deputy Comptroller

**STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING  
AND GENERAL SERVICES**

P.O. BOX 119  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96810-0119

TESTIMONY  
OF  
RUSS K. SAITO, COMPTROLLER  
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES  
TO THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE  
ON  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY  
ON  
March 5, 2010

G.M. 317, G.M. 283

RELATING TO CONFIRMATION TO THE KING KAMEHAMEHA CELEBRATION  
COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, GEORGE S. THRONAS

Chair Fukunaga and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify G.M. 317 and G.M. 283.

As Director of the Department of Accounting and General Services I strongly support the confirmation of Mr. George S. Thronas, Jr., to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.

HRS Section 8-5 requires that the Commission have a member from the island of Kauai. Mr. Thronas is from the island of Kauai. His appointment fulfills the statutory requirement for representation. Mr. Thronas is also a current contributing member of the Commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

LINDA LINGLE  
GOVERNOR



RUSS K. SAITO  
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TESTIMONY  
OF  
SANDI YAHIRO, DEPUTY COMPTROLLER  
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES  
TO THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE  
ON  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY  
ON  
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testify on G.M. 317 and G.M. 283.

As Deputy Director of the Department of Accounting and General Services, I  
**strongly support** the confirmation of Mr. George S. Thronas, Jr., to the King  
Kamehameha Celebration Commission.

I have had the opportunity to work with Mr. Thronas for the past few months  
since he has served as interim Commissioner on the King Kamehameha Celebration  
Commission. Mr. Thronas has demonstrated commitment and the desire to revitalize the  
King Kamehameha celebration and I believe he will be a valuable, contributing member  
on the Commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.