

TESTIMONY
GM 339

RESPONSES FROM KYLE CHOCK

Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
Senate Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs

Question #1 – Having served as a member of the LUC, how do you respond to the comments and what recommendations would you offer to address the concerns expressed above?

During my brief tenure on the LUC, public intervention has been a successful and integral part of our decision making process. Although we rely heavily upon the Office of Planning, LUC staff, and county governments, as well as neighborhood boards, the commission has greatly benefited by the quality of intervenors in cases such as the Hawaiian Memorial Park cemetery expansion in which the commission denied the petition by a unanimous vote.

In addition, the commission has gone to great lengths to conduct community hearings giving the public an active role in the LUC process allowing their voices to be loudly heard. Several petitions come to mind during my tenure: Hawaiian Memorial Park, Waimanalo Gulch expansion, etc. In every instance, community input has been vital to the process. Lastly, on the subject of intervention, my experience on the LUC has been to liberally allow intervention by community groups to participate in the quasi-judicial proceedings of the LUC thus enabling “the community” to present a case and expand the record. I do not recall a single instance where intervention was denied.

Having said that, it has become obvious that community groups lack the resources to hire expensive experts to counter and rebut the opinions being offered by a developer’s experts. We have discussed the potential of the LUC hiring our own independent experts; however, cost and resources are a limiting factor in this regard. I believe that even the Office of Planning struggles to fund independent expert witnesses.

Overall, however, I do believe our current process provides a high level of very effective public involvement and participation.

Question #2 – Should we allow development of prime agricultural land?

HRS 205-17 requires the commission to consider a balancing analysis as to whether the public benefit from the proposed district boundary amendment or zone change outweighs the benefits of retaining the land for agricultural purposes and the impact upon the viability of agricultural operations on adjacent agricultural lands.

In addition, when considering a petition for a boundary amendment, the commission is also required to apply the decision-making criteria provided for in HRS 205-17, which includes conformity with the Hawaii state plan and applicable district standards and the impact of the reclassification on employment opportunities, economic development, housing opportunities including for low and low-moderate groups, county general plans and community development plans.

Each petition must be decided on a case by case basis after hearing all of the evidence and applying the decision-making criteria, although there is no question that prime agricultural lands require special consideration in the face of a petition for a boundary amendment.

Although the 1978 Constitutional Convention mandated protection of important agriculture land, it wasn't until 2008 that the legislature adopted the necessary procedures and incentives to enact IAL legislation. Last year, Alexander & Baldwin successfully designated two large land tracts, over 30,000 acres in total, into IAL on the islands of Kauai and Maui. I would encourage giving the IAL process a chance to work.



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Statement of
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COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, AGRICULTURE & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
March 24, 2010
2:45 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 414

in consideration of
GM 339
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE LAND USE COMMISSION,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, KYLE JAMES KALEO CHOCK
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2014.

Chair Hee, Vice-Chair Tokuda, and Members of the Senate Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs.

As the Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, to which the Land Use Commission is administratively attached, I offer my strong support for the reappointment of Kyle Chock to the Land Use Commission ("Commission").

By way of background, Kyle Chock serves as the Executive Director of the Pacific Resource Partnership, an organization which serves a critical link between Hawaii's top contractors and the Hawaii Carpenters Union. He has held this position since 2005. In this important role, Mr. Chock works to strengthen the building industry by developing new markets, promoting job growth, and advancing initiatives that improve labor-management relations.

His record of community involvement is impressive. This includes service to 1) Lanakila Pacific Foundation, Board of Directors, 2) Child & Family Service, Board of Directors, 3) The Nature Conservancy Corporate Council for the Environment, Member, 4) Kapolei Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors, and 5) The ARRA Legislative Oversight Commission (ACT 150), Appointed Member.

The Land Use Commission deals with a number of controversial, community based issues and matters on a continuing basis. Mr. Chock's strong professional and community background is of tremendous benefit to the Commission when faced with tough decisions.

Mr. Chock was previously confirmed by the Senate for a term that ends on June 30, 2010. On behalf of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, I thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of Mr. Chock's confirmation to the Land Use Commission for an additional term.



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March 19, 2010

The Honorable Senator Clayton Hee
Chairperson
Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 228
415 South Beretania Street
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Re: Re-appointment of Kyle Chock to the Land Use Commission (GM #339)

Aloha, Chairperson Hee, Vice-Chairperson Tokuda, and Members of the Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs:

I want to share with you my support of the re-appointment of Kyle Chock to the State Land Use Commission (LUC).

Since becoming Chancellor at UH West O'ahu in 2005, I have gotten to know Kyle as a dedicated professional who has a clear understanding of land use issues and the communities affected by them. Kyle has an appreciation for doing what is right as well as what is in the best long-term interest of our State.

During his service on the Land Use Commission over the last two years, I have experienced firsthand Kyle's well-reasoned, thoughtful understanding of all sides of issues placed before the commission. Our university's land planning process has been, and will continue to be, multi-faceted. We rely on the LUC's support throughout our land planning process. Having commissioners who understand our lands, our issues, and our vision for our new campus is important to our success. Kyle is one such commissioner.

His overall understanding of critical details associated with land and environment issues in Hawai'i are the hallmarks of his reputation. However, it is his grasp of how those issues affect our communities today and tomorrow that really take Kyle to another level.

The leadership and experience of its commissioners enhance the LUC's effectiveness. Without question, Kyle has both of these qualities. In this connection, I urge you to support his continued service to our communities and residents through his re-appointment to the LUC for a full term, from 2010 through 2014.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gene I. Awakuni".
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Re: Re-appointment of Kyle Chock to the Land Use Commission (GM #339)

Dear Chairperson Hee and Members of the Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs:

My name is Dr. Rockne Freitas, Chancellor of Hawai'i Community College and I am writing this letter in support of the re-appointment of Mr. Kyle Chock to the State Land Use Commission.

Kyle has demonstrated his leadership and support for major Big Island initiatives such as the construction of a telescope at Maunakea and the development of a community college campus in Kona. In both instances, Kyle's commitment to providing greater access to education for our island residents has been extremely beneficial to the Big Island. While advocating for the construction of both projects, Kyle has shown to be knowledgeable in the areas of land use and sensitive to our island environment and culture.

Without a doubt, I am certain that Kyle will continue to do an outstanding job in his second term as a land use commissioner.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Rockne Freitas'.

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March 24, 2010

Statement of
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TO THE LAND USE COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE
KYLE JAMES KALEO CHOCK

To the Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair, and the Honorable Jill Tokuda, Vice Chair, and Members of the Senate Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture & Hawaiian Affairs,

My name is Dan Davidson, and I am the Executive Officer of the Land Use Commission ("LUC"), and on behalf of the LUC, I am here to respectfully request that this Committee favorably consider the nomination of Kyle Chock to serve as Commissioner for an additional four-year term ending on June 30, 2014.

His work as a leader in the building industry is well known. As the Executive Director of the Pacific Resource Partnership, Kyle works to develop programs and projects that promote job growth and fair treatment for Hawaii's construction industry. His record of community involvement also is impressive. This includes service to 1) Lanakila Pacific Foundation, Board of Directors, 2) Child & Family Service, Board of Directors, 3) The Nature Conservancy Corporate Council for the Environment, Member, 4) Kapolei Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors and 5) The ARRA Legislative Oversight Commission (ACT 150), Appointed Member.

Serving on the LUC requires a tremendous commitment in terms of time and priorities, more so than most other boards and commissions, and Mr. Chock has already demonstrated commitment to fulfilling his responsibilities as a Commissioner.

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Mr. Chock often asks the tough questions and helps develop the record in hearings before the Commission. He is highly respected by his fellow Commissioners. We are confident that given the opportunity, Mr. Chock will continue to serve on the LUC with distinction.

For these reasons, we respectfully ask for your favorable consideration of Mr. Chock's nomination to serve on the Land Use Commission.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify before this Committee.

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Re: **State Land Use Commission Reappointment-Kyle Chock**

Dear Chairman Hee:

I am writing this letter in full support of Commissioner Kyle Chock's reappointment to the State Land Use Commission ("LUC").

I currently serve as the first Vice-Chair on the LUC and am also a partner with the law firm of Meheula & Devens, LLP, which serves as general outside counsel for the State of Hawaii Organization of Police Officers ("SHOPO").

I have had the opportunity to serve on the LUC alongside Commissioner Chock, who has without question proven to be a valuable and contributing member on the commission. He is extremely bright and has a wealth of knowledge and experience that has served him well in the matters that have come before the LUC. During his tenure, Commissioner Chock has sat through several significant contested case hearings, during which time he has displayed a sense of balance and fair play when it comes to the decision making process. He understands the decision-making criteria that the LUC must apply when considering and passing on petitions for a district boundary amendment. At the same time, he has displayed compassion for the little guy and the public's interest in contested case hearings and is not afraid to aggressively put a petitioner through tough questioning, especially when it comes to expert witnesses that are called to testify on behalf of a developer.

There is a tremendous commitment of time that is required for the LUC's work. Each commissioner must commit themselves to serving four days out of the month to attend hearings, and during the interval must spend significant time studying voluminous materials that must be read to prepare for the next hearing. Commissioner Chock is without question dedicated to the responsibilities and duties of his position as evidenced by his preparedness and familiarity with the materials which exhibits itself during his questioning and statements

The Honorable Clayton Hee
Chair
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at our hearings. He asks sharp and pointed questions which can only be accomplished by thoroughly studying the briefs and materials submitted by the parties.

Commissioner Chock has proven himself to be a dedicated and hard working commissioner and his contributions on the LUC have been insightful and very much appreciated.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this letter and I hope Commissioner Chock will receive your committee's favorable consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



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March 24, 2010

Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
Committee on Water, Land,
Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs
State Capitol, Room 229
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RE: GM 339 Confirmation of Kyle James Kaleo Chock to the Land Use Commission for a term to expire 6-30-2014.

Dear Chair Hee and Members of the Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs:

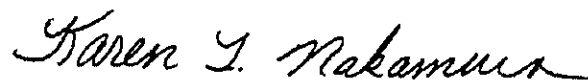
I am Karen Nakamura, Chief Executive Officer of the Building Industry Association of Hawaii (BIA-Hawaii). Chartered in 1955, the Building Industry Association of Hawaii is a professional trade organization affiliated with the National Association of Home Builders, representing the building industry and its associates. BIA-Hawaii takes a leadership role in unifying and promoting the interests of the industry to enhance the quality of life for the people of Hawaii.

Kyle Chock is the Executive Director of the Pacific Resource Partnership (PRP) whose mission is to support federal, state, and county initiatives that strengthen the building industry. BIA-Hawaii shares similar goals with PRP and we have worked collaboratively with PRP on many programs and issues.

Mr. Chock's wide range of personal and professional experiences provides him with a unique perspective in fulfilling his role as a Land Use Commissioner. He has worked as a Senior Advisor to a City Councilmember, as Executive Assistant to the Chancellor of Honolulu Community College, as a Senior Account Executive for a public relations firm, and has served on numerous community boards, most notably The Nature Conservancy Corporate Council for the Environment.

BIA-Hawaii strongly supports the confirmation of Mr. Kyle Chock to the Land use Commission for a term to expire 6-30-2014.. We firmly believe that he will serve as a dedicated and resourceful public servant in this capacity.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our views with you.



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Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs

March 24, 2010; 2:45PM
Conference Room 229

Re: GM 339 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Land Use Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, KYLE JAMES KALEO CHOCK, for a term to expire 6-30-2014.

Aloha, Chair Hee, Vice-Chair Tokuda, and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity support Kyle Chock's nomination to the Land Use Commission. I have had the opportunity to work with Kyle for several years and have found him to be a decisive, though thoughtful, decision-maker and an inclusive leader. His strong technical skills and solid judgment are augmented by equally well-developed people skills.

During his two-year tenure, Kyle has proven his value as a member of the Land Use Commission and a commitment to conscientious use of Hawaii's resources, environmental stewardship, and a keen understanding and appreciation of the needs of local residents. In addition, Kyle's familiarity with State and County policy-making processes is an asset to the decision-making body.

It has been my privilege to serve on the Boards of Directors of Child & Family Service (CFS) and Lanakila Pacific Foundation with Kyle. In addition to the hours spent furthering CFS's mission to strengthen families and foster the healthy development of children, Kyle also commits time to the Nature Conservancy and the Lanakila Rehabilitation Foundation.

Thank you for the opportunity to support Kyle Chock's additional term on the Land Use Commission and continued service to the people of Hawaii.

Very truly yours,

Mark Yamakawa
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Testimony to the Senate Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs
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GM 339: Re-appointment of Kyle Chock to the Land Use Commission

Chair Hee, Vice Chair Tokuda and Members of the Committee on Water, Land,
Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs.

My name is Gary Kai and it gives me great pleasure to submit this letter in support of the re-appointment of Kyle Chock to the Hawaii State Land Use Commission.

As a member of the Nature Conservancy's Council for the Environment and in his role with the Pacific Resource Partnership, Kyle has gained a deep understanding of land use and environmental conservation and the many issues that face our community. This experience also has given Kyle the unique opportunity to view land use issues from both the preservation and development perspectives. And he has a great appreciation for the need to look at land use issues from all stakeholder perspectives.

In addition to his strong commitment to his ohana and extended ohana, Kyle gives back to our entire community through his volunteer work. In addition to the Nature Conservancy, he has worked on a variety of issues including health and human services, youth-at-risk and affordable housing during his service with Child and Family Services and the Lanakila Rehabilitation Foundation.

I have been fortunate to have known Kyle for over 10 years on a personal and professional level. In that time I have found Kyle to be a person of great integrity which is extremely important quality for anyone serving on any Public Commission.

In all of his various responsibilities, as a community volunteer, businessperson and public servant, Kyle has also demonstrated a sense of fairness, common sense and good judgment.

I am confident that Kyle Chock will continue to be a great asset to the Land Use Commission and our community.

Sincerely,

//s

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Re: Re-appointment of Kyle Chock to the Land Use Commission (GM #339)

Dear Chairperson Senator Clayton Hee, Vice Chair Senator Jill N. Tokuda and Members of the Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs:

I am honored to submit this testimony in strong support of the reappointment of Kyle Chock to the Hawaii State Land Use Commission. Mr. Chock has the background and experience that makes him well qualified to serve on the Land Use Commission.

I have known Kyle for the last 4 years in his capacity as a board member here at Child & Family Service. Kyle has served the Board and the organization very capably and has made strong contributions to our mission as well as other nonprofit organizations like Lanakila Pacific.

However, Kyle is qualified because of his tenure working with the Honolulu City Council that gave him a strong understanding of the governmental process and public policymaking. He is also qualified because of his service as a member of the Nature Conservancy's Council for the Environment and in his position of leadership with the Pacific Resource Partnership.

In addition to all of these other qualifications I have found Kyle Chock to be an individual of high integrity who is committed to service and to giving back to his community.

For all of the above reasons, I strongly support the re-appointment of Kyle Chock to the Land Use Commission and urge you to do the same.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony.

With Aloha,

Howard S. Garval, President & CEO

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COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, AGRICULTURE, & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Senator Clayton Hee, Chair

Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chair

Re: GM 339 Relating to KYLE JAMES KALEO CHOCK
Hearing: Wednesday, March 24, 2010 at 2:45 pm in Conference Room 229

Aloha Chair Hee and Vice Chair Tokuda,

I oppose the reappointment of Kyle James Kaleo Chock to the Land Use Commission. Those who supported Mr. Chock's nomination to the LUC in 2007 are predominantly developers, construction companies and affiliates, and unions:

Department of Labor and Industrial Relations;; Building Industry Association of Hawaii; Watanabe Ing & Komeiji (developer's attorneys); Iron Workers Stabilization Fund; NORDIC Construction, Ltd.; ILWU Local 142; Hawaii State AFL-CIO; HGEA; Bank of Hawaii; Hawai'i Hotel & Lodging Association; Hawaii Business Roundtable; Hawaii Carpenters Union; Laborers-Employers Cooperation and Education Trust; Alan Shintani, Inc.; Alexander & Baldwin, Inc.; Lanakila; Outrigger Enterprises Group; Iroquois Point Island Club; Kiewit Building Group; Kaneohe Ranch; CC Engineering & Construction, Inc.; Ralph S. Inouye Co Ltd; Hidano Construction Inc.; International Union of Painters and Allied Trades District Council 50; General Contractors Association of Hawaii; PMCI Hawaii; Koga Engineering & Construction, Inc.; KUD International; Hawaii Vinyl Fencing Inc.; First Hawaiian Bank; Hawaiian Dredging Construction Company; International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental and Reinforcing Iron Workers Local Union Number 625; Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii; and Winer Meheula & Devens (developer's attorneys).

In the later part of the last century, developers had free rein to build their hotels in filled-in wetlands, thousands of homes in filled in fishponds and thousands of condos in a filled in salt lake resulting in a wholesale loss of our cultural resources. Please oppose Mr. Chock's nomination so that this development frenzy does not continue into this century.

Mahalo,



Jeannine Johnson

cc: Sen. Sam Slom
Rep. Lyla Berg
Rep. Barbara Marumoto

Testimony Presented Before the
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March 24, 2010 at 2:45, Capitol Rm 229

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GM339: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Land Use Commission (LUC),
Gubernatorial Nominee, KYLE JAMES KALEO CHOCK, for a term to expire 6-30-2014.

Chair Hee, Vice Chair Okuda and Members of the Senate Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture, and
Hawaiian Affairs Committee

This testimony is in opposition to the reappointment of Duane Kanuha as a member of the LUC. Over
the past few years he, along with the rest of the LUC members, have failed on numerous occasions to
fulfill their obligation to citizens of the state and by their inaction have encouraged continued land
development and speculation at the Turtle Bay Resort property on the North Shore of Oahu.

This is the same property that in 2008 your SB2423 "Direct(ed) the governor, or the governor's designee,
to acquire lands owned by Kuilima Resort Company, Oaktree Capital, LLC, and their successors in
interest, commonly known as Turtle Bay Hotel and Resort located in Kahuku, Oahu." and that this WTL
committee passed unanimously. Today Act 140 remains unfulfilled.

In April 2008 a citizen watchdog group filed a motion with the LUC that seeks to revert 236 acres of
resort property back to its original agricultural zoning. The motion specifically requests the issuance of a
show cause order to the owner of Turtle Bay, to explain why, after twenty five years of inaction, various
speculators and would-be developers have not met the conditions of the land use permit that allowed
for resort development and why the LUC should not revert the property to its original classification.

Meanwhile, without fear of regulation or oversight from the state, the owners, working under
foreclosure, were seeking final subdivision approval from the City and County of Honolulu's Department
of Permitting and Planning (DPP) that may increase the intrinsic value of the property for future
speculators. In September 2009, the developer was granted an unprecedented fifth, discretionary
subdivision permit extension from the DPP and in February 2010, the consortia of investors who had
foreclosed on Oaktree Capital, acquired the property through a deed in lieu of foreclosure transaction.
The new out-of-state speculators, Credit Suisse, Wells Fargo, and other investors, have stated that they
would "hold the property for at least five years" and that "There are no immediate plans to build any
additional hotels or condominiums at the resort." (PBN 2/23/10). This is exactly the speculative, land-
squatting behavior the LUC is supposed to prevent.

The reason Mr Chock should not be reconfirmed as a member of the LUC is that the LUC is not acting in
the interests of the people of the state. In eight (8) meetings over almost two years, the LUC has been
unable to decide to issue an order to show cause in this case, much less proceed with those hearings.
For two years Mr Chock has failed to act and his behavior on this commission should not be rewarded
with approval of his re-nomination. New membership on the LUC is warranted.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair

The Honorable Jill Tokuda, Vice-Chair

Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs Committee

Hawaii State Senate

415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Support of Kyle Chock's Re-nomination to the State Land Use Commission

Aloha Senators Hee and Tokuda,

Please accept this statement of support for the re-nomination of Kyle Chock to the State Land Use Commission.

Kyle has a deep understanding of the diversity of people that make up our Aloha state and the importance of building relationships with both the public and private sectors that are unique to Hawaii. He has been most influential and open minded while reviewing statewide projects during a time when our State is suffering from record unemployment.

While always looking out for the working man and while ever diligent in his quest for consistency and fairness Kyle Chock stands out as a young emerging leader. Kyle is a tremendous source of knowledge and has the ability to lead community discussions with thought and care. This ability not only makes him a valuable asset to Hawaii's economic future but also an essential member of the State Land Use Commission.

I strongly ask this committee to accept Kyle Chock's re-nomination to the State Land Use Commission and mahalo for accepting this letter of support.

Sincerely,

Sandra Dawson
Task Leader for Thirty Meter Telescope Site Master Planning

The Twenty-Fourth Legislature
Second Special Session of 2010

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Senator Clayton Hee, Chair

Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chair

State Capitol, Conference Room 229

Wednesday, March 24, 2010; 2:45 p.m.

**STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 KYLE JAMES KALEO CHOCK
FOR THE LAND USE COMMISSION
G.M. 339**

The ILWU Local 142 supports the confirmation of Kyle Chock to serve on the State Land Use Commission for a term to expire on June 30, 2014.

The State Land Use Commission is charged with the important function of ensuring balance in land use and protecting our natural resources for Hawaii's future. We believe Kyle Chock is uniquely suited to fulfill the legislative mandate of the Land Use Commission.

Mr. Chock's experience is diverse. Through his work experience in the public arena, both for the City Council and Honolulu Community College, Mr. Chock has developed an understanding of public policy needs. Through his volunteer activity with Lanakila Rehabilitation Foundation and Child & Family Service, Mr. Chock has come to understand the needs of the private nonprofit sector. In his service to The Nature Conservancy, Mr. Chock has developed a clearer appreciation for the environment and the crucial need to protect and preserve Hawaii's natural resources. In his current position with Pacific Resource Partnership, Mr. Chock works with both employers and unions to promote the construction industry in Hawaii.

Mr. Chock will bring a balanced perspective to the Land Use Commission and a commitment to responsible development.

The ILWU urges the Senate to confirm Kyle Chock for the State Land Use Commission. Thank you for the opportunity to share our views.

March 23, 2010

The Honorable Senator Clayton Hee
Chairperson
Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 228
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Testimony IN SUPPORT of GM 339, Nomination of KYLE JAMES KALEO CHOCK to the Land Use Commission

Dear Chairperson Hee
and Members of the Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs

I am pleased to submit this testimony in strong support of the re-appointment of Kyle Chock to the Hawaii State Land Use Commission.

I have known Kyle for 10 years on a personal and professional level. And in that time I have found Kyle to be an intelligent and compassionate person with a deep commitment to improving our community. Moreover, Kyle's background and experience make him uniquely qualified to serve on the LUC.

During his tenure working with the Honolulu City Council, Kyle developed a strong understanding of the governmental process and public policymaking. These are critical skills that will further serve our community well, especially on the Land Use Commission.

As a member of the Nature Conservancy's Council for the Environment and in his role with the Pacific Resource Partnership, Kyle has gained a deep understanding of land use and environmental conservation and the many issues that face our community. This experience also has given Kyle the unique opportunity to view land use issues from both the preservation and development perspectives. And he has a great appreciation for the need to look at land use issues from all stakeholder perspectives.

In all of his various responsibilities, as a community volunteer, businessperson and public servant, Kyle has unfailingly demonstrated a sense of fairness, common sense and good judgment.

I can think of no one more qualified to serve on the Land Use Commission, and I humbly urge the Committee to support Kyle's nomination.

Sincerely,

Timothy E. Johns

The Senate
Committee on Water, Land,
Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs
March 24, 2010
2:45 p.m., Room 229

Statement of the Hawaii Carpenters Union in Support of the
Confirmation of Kyle Chock to the Land Use Commission

Chair Hee, Vice Chair Tokuda, and members of the Committee, I am Ron Taketa, speaking on behalf of the Hawaii Carpenters Union.

Our union is in full support of the confirmation of Kyle Chock to the Land Use Commission. He brings an all important combination of knowledge on planning, community and economy.

I have also come to know Kyle personally and professionally, and feel qualified to testify that he brings honesty, thoughtfulness and "heart" to each decision, each challenge, each opportunity, he comes upon. He listens to people, and seeks to see all facets of each situation.

Kyle has sought and acquired varied experience that allows him to understand issues as broad as those brought before the Land Use Commission. Kyle worked to root himself in Hawaiian culture and sensibility, then learned by working in government, commercial industry and higher education. His volunteer service with the Nature Conservancy's Council for the Environment, Child and Family Services, Lanakila Rehabilitation, and the YMCA deepen his perspective on public policy.

Kyle Chock will only increase his contributions to Hawaii when re-appointed to the Land Use Commission. Please consider my testimony urging his confirmation for a full term by this Committee and the Senate.

CARL TAKAMURA
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March 23, 2010

The Honorable Clayton Hee
Chairperson, Senate Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture
And Hawaiian Affairs
State Capitol, Room 228
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Re-appointment of Kyle Chock to the Land Use Commission (GM #339)

Dear Chairperson Hee and Committee Members:


I am pleased to submit this letter in support of the re-appointment of Kyle Chock to the State Land Use Commission.

I have known Kyle for many years on both a personal and professional level and he is a person of great integrity and compassion who cares deeply about Hawaii and its future. Throughout his career, he has made public service a priority as evidenced by his past service with a number of community organizations, including the Nature Conservancy's Council for the Environment, Child and Family Services, and the Lanakila Rehabilitation Foundation.

As a past member of the City's Zoning Board of Appeal, I am well aware of the importance of making sure that all stakeholders are given the opportunity to be heard in a fair and open forum and that decisions are based upon the facts presented, a clear understanding of the relevant public policies involved, and an awareness of the potential impact any decision may have upon the wider community. I believe that Kyle has demonstrated his understanding of these factors during his tenure as a member of the Land Use Commission and that he will continue to serve the Commission and our community well in a second term as a commissioner.

I urge you to act favorably upon his re-appointment to the LUC.

Sincerely,



Carl Takamura



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Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs
Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
Senator Jill Tokuda, Vice Chair

Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229
Wednesday, March 24, 2010, 2:45pm

Re: Re-appointment of Kyle Chock to the Land Use Commission
(GM #339)

Chair Hee, Vice Chair Tokuda, and Members of the Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs. Thank you for the opportunity to express my support for the re-appointment of Kyle Chock to the Hawaii State Land Use Commission.

Kyle has been on Lanakila Pacific's Foundation Board for the past four years. During this time, Kyle's experience and knowledge have contributed to the development of the Foundation. His business acumen, compassion and commitment to our community are evident in the discussions he brings to the board as well as his decisions.

The Land Use Commission requires members with technical knowledge about land use and the environment, public policy, and a commitment to the betterment of our community. I believe you find these traits in Kyle.

Thank you for considering Kyle Chock's reappointment to the Land Use Commission.

Submitted by:


Marian E. Tsuji
President

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March 23, 2010

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Senator Clayton Hee and Committee Members
Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs
Hawaii State Capitol
417 South Beretania Street, Room 228
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: GM339; Confirmation of Kyle Chock as a State LUC Member

Dear Senator Hee and Committee Members:

I support the confirmation of Kyle Chock for reappointment as a State Land Use Commission member.

Mr. Chock and I joined the Commission as members at the same time, in 2007. In the 3 years that he and I have served together we have not always seen eye-to-eye on matters before the Commission. However, Mr. Chock has always been open to consideration of alternate views and I have never once had reason to question the sincerity of his position. He is always prepared for and engaged in Commission meetings and encourages and is receptive to public participation in the process.

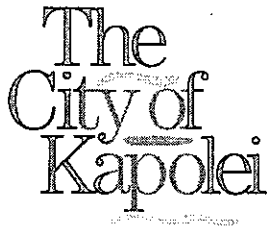
I hope you will agree with me, as I believe my fellow commissioners would support, that Mr. Chock is an asset to the Commission and confirm his reappointment. Thank you for your consideration of my written testimony.

Aloha,

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March 18, 2010

The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair
The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chair
and Senate Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture
and Hawaiian Affairs
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 228
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Hee, Vice Chair Tokuda and Committee Members:

Re-appointment of Kyle Chock
to the Land Use Commission (GM 339)

I am writing this letter in support of the re-appointment of Kyle Chock to the State Land Use Commission.

In my experience, Kyle has proven himself to be very knowledgeable in the areas of land use and the environment. He also has a great understanding and appreciation of the needs of the community and Hawaii residents.

His leadership and commitment has served the Land Use Commission well over the past two years and I know that he will continue to do so in his second term as a commissioner.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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David W. Rae
Senior Vice President, Development

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March 19, 2010

Honorable Senator Clayton Hee
Chair
Committee on Water, Land , Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs
Hawaii State Capitol, room 228
415 So. Beretania St.
Honolulu, Hi. 96813

Re: Re-appointment of Kyle Chock to the Land Use Commission (GM#339)

Dear Chair Hee and Members of the Committee:

It is with great pleasure to submit a letter of support for the re-appointment of Kyle Chock to the Hawaii State Land Use Commission.

His past experience with the City and his membership on the Nature Conservancy Council and his role with Pacific Resource Partnership give him the unique opportunity to view land use matters from a preservation and development perspective. Kyle meets the best attributes to this position-- technical knowledge of land use and environmental policy along with someone with a sense of fairness, good judgment and personal integrity.

I am confident that Kyle Chock will continue to be an asset to the Land Use Commission and to the future of our State.

Sincerely,
Maeda Timson

Maeda C. Timson

92-684 Nohona St., Kapolei, Hi. 96707; (808) 672-9414; Chair- Makakilo/Kapolei Honokai Hale Neighborhood Board; Commissioner- Hawaii Community Development Authority; Board Member – Seagull Schools

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND HOUSING
TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION 2010

TIME/DATE: 2:45 p.m., Wednesday, March 24, 2010

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 339 – "SUBMITTING
FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE LAND USE
COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL
NOMINEE, KYLE JAMES KALEO CHOCK, FOR A TERM TO
EXPIRE 6-30-2014

TO SENATOR CLAYTON HEE, CHAIR AND
MEMBERS OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND,
AGRICULTURE AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS:

The International Union of Painters and Allied Trades, District Council 50, appreciates the opportunity to testify in support of Governor's Message No. 339 – Gubernatorial Nominee, Kyle James Kaleo Chock to the Land Use Commission. My name is Lynn Kinney, and I am the Business Manager/Secretary-Treasurer of the District Council 50, which represents four (4) unions, the Painters, Local Union 1791; the Glaziers Architectural and Glass Metal Workers, Local Union 1889; the Carpet Linoleum and Soft Tile, Local Union 1926; and the Drywall, Tapers Finishers, Local Union 1944.

Mr. Chock has a strong background in the construction industry which is exemplified in the day-to-day operation of Pacific Resource Partnership – Hawaii (PRP-Hawaii). He is responsible for the development and management of programs that support unionized labor in Hawaii. As Executive Director of PRP-Hawaii, Mr. Chock understands the need of Hawaii's construction families. He knows the

importance of building relationships with developers to ensure new market growth as well as keeping local members working. Because of Mr. Chock's experience and background in the construction arena, I believe and support his appointment to the Land Use Commission. I respectfully ask that you confirm Mr. Chock nomination. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in this appointment.

Stanley M. Kuriyama
4656 Aukai Avenue
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March 19, 2010

The Honorable Senator Clayton Hee
Chairperson
Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture and
Hawaiian Affairs
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 228
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Reappointment of Kyle Chock to the Land Use Commission (GM #339)

Dear Chairperson Hee and Members of the Committee on
Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs:

I am submitting this testimony in support of the re-appointment of Kyle Chock to the
Hawaii State Land Use Commission.

I have known Kyle in various social and professional capacities for over 10 years, and
can personally attest to Kyle's character and his qualifications to continue to serve on the Land
Use Commission. Kyle has certain key attributes that make him a valuable contributor to the
important work of the Commission:

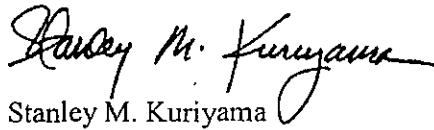
- During his tenure working with the Honolulu City Council, he gained a thorough working
knowledge of the legislative process and familiarity with the interpretation and
application of laws and rules. From this experience he has also derived a full
appreciation of the value of public input, and the need to protect the community's
interests in one's actions and decisions.
- Kyle's leadership experience at Pacific Resource Partnership and his membership on the
Nature Conservancy's Council for the Environment has allowed him to see both sides of
the land use issue--from the development, as well as the preservation, perspectives. It has
given him a deep understanding of the need to balance the varying interests of the public
and the business community.
- Kyle's extensive service to non-profit organizations, including Child and Family Services
and the Lanakila Rehabilitation Foundation, has allowed him to interact with a broad

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cross-section of our Hawaiian community and to appreciate the critical importance of serving our 'ohana.

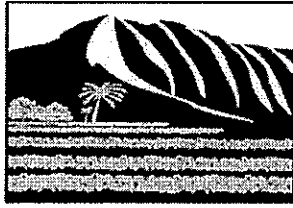
Finally, Kyle has shown himself to be a person of the highest integrity, who cares deeply about Hawaii and its future. He has been a major asset to the Land Use Commission, and has served the public with great dedication. Therefore, I respectfully ask for your support of Kyle Chock's re-appointment to the Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stanley M. Kuriyama". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Stanley M. Kuriyama

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March 18, 2010

The Honorable Senator Clayton Hee
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Via Fax: 808-586-7334
Via Email: senhee@capitol.hawaii.gov

Re: Re-appointment of Kyle Chock to the Land Use Commission (GM #339)

Dear Chairperson Hee
And Members of the Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs

It gives me great pleasure to submit this letter in support of the re-appointment of Kyle Chock to the Hawaii State Land Use Commission.

I have been fortunate to have known Kyle for eight years on a personal and professional level. In that time I have found Kyle to be a caring, compassionate person with a deep commitment to his family, friends, business associates and the community. Kyle also has a deep understands of how Agricultural fits with development

One of his greatest personal traits is his sense of integrity. You can always count on Kyle to be open, honest and stand by his commitments.

In all of his various responsibilities, as a community volunteer, businessperson and public servant, Kyle has also demonstrated a sense of fairness, common sense and good judgment.

When selecting someone to serve on the Land Use Commission, you should look for someone with technical knowledge about land use, the environment and public policy. But perhaps more importantly, you must find candidates with strong personal character.

It is because of these traits that I am confident that Kyle Chock will continue to be a great asset to the Land Use Commission and our community.

Sincerely,

Dean J. Okimoto
President/Owner

**Before the Senate Committee on
Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs**

DATE: March 24, 2010

TIME: 2:45 p.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 229

**Re: GM 339: Submitting for Consideration and
Confirmation to the Land Use Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee,
KYLE JAMES KALEO CHOCK, for a Term to Expire June 30, 2014.**

My name is Stephen Teves and I am writing to support the nomination of Kyle Chock to the Land Use Commission.

I have known Kyle for nearly 15 years and I have always found Kyle to be conscientious and highly ethical. Additionally, Kyle is thorough in listening to all sides being discussed and is one of the most fair minded individuals I know. He is the kind of community-minded volunteer who is needed in public service and he would continue to be an asset to the people of the state in his role as a Commissioner on the Land Use Commission. Please favorably consider his nomination.

TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
WATER, LAND, AGRICULTURE, AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

RE: GM 339 (KYLE JAMES KALEO CHOCK)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 2010

CONFERENCE ROOM 229

2:45 P.M.

CLYDE T. HAYASHI, DIRECTOR

HAWAII LABORER'S-EMPLOYERS COOPERATION & EDUCATION TRUST

Chair Senator Clayton Hee, Vice-Chair Senator Jill Tokuda, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Clyde Hayashi, Director, of the Hawaii Laborers-Employers Cooperation & Education Trust and I am testifying in support of consideration & confirmation to the Land Use Commission, Mr. Kyle James Kaleo Chock, for a term to expire 6-30-2014.

Mr. Chock is currently the Executive Director of the Pacific Resource Partnership where he develops and manages programs that support unionized construction and fosters strategic relationships with developers.

Mr. Chock is highly qualified to serve on the Land Use Commission and will do what is best for the State of Hawaii,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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The Honorable Senator Clayton Hee
Chairperson
Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs
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Re: Land Use Commission Appointment of Kyle Chock (GM #339)

Dear Chairperson Hee
And Members of the Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian
Affairs

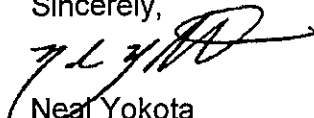
Thank you for giving me the opportunity to submit this testimony in support of the re-appointment of Kyle Chock to the Hawaii State Land Use Commission (LUC).

I have known Kyle for many years, both on a professional and personal basis. And I am confident that Kyle's experience and knowledge make him an excellent candidate to continue serving as a member of the LUC.

Over the year's, Kyle has demonstrated that he is a dedicated public servant that has taken his role on the LUC very seriously. He has a deep appreciation for the environment and has a great understanding of land use issues and how it can affect the future of our community.

But what is most important is my experience with Kyle on a personal level. I have always known Kyle to be a man of great conviction and character. I know that Kyle will act in only the best interests of our community and will be a tremendous asset for the LUC and I encourage you to approve his appointment and allow Kyle to continue to serve Hawaii.

Sincerely,



Neal Yokota
President and CEO

TESTIMONY
GM 339
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