

TESTIMONY

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Subject: Testimony IN SUPPORT of GM 354; Hearing on 3/24, 2010; 2:45 p.m.

March 23, 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, Hawaii 96813

Re: Testimony IN SUPPORT of GM 354—Nomination of MARISSA SANDBLOM to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation

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

I am writing this letter in strong support of the appointment of Marissa Sandblom to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

I have known Marissa for five years on a professional level. As a member of the Board of Directors of Grove Farm Company, I have had the opportunity to observe Marissa in numerous different situations. I have found Marissa to be a highly intelligent, caring person with a deep commitment to making our community a better place.

In all of her various responsibilities, as a community volunteer or businessperson, Marissa has unfailingly demonstrated a sense of fairness, common sense and good judgment. Moreover, she is keenly aware of and knowledgeable about the challenges facing our agricultural industry in Hawaii.

It is because of these traits that I am confident that Marissa Sandblom will be a great asset to the Agribusiness Development Corporation. I humbly urge the Committee to view her nomination favorably.

Sincerely,

Timothy E. Johns

LATE TESTIMONY

From: Warren Haruki [wharuki@grovesfarm.com]
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Dear Chairperson Hee & Members of the Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs:

The purpose of this letter is to express my strong support for the appointment of Marissa Sandblom to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC).

Since 2004, I have had the pleasure of working with Marissa in her capacity as Vice President of Grove Farm Company, Inc. and as President of the Grove Farm Foundation. She has done an outstanding job, blending and incorporating her MBA skills with her deep love and affection of our state and Kauai.

She has led numerous initiatives at Grove Farm -- the nene habitat that we built at the Waiahi Water Plant is sustainable and was recognized as an international winner of GE's prestigious ecomagination award. She initiated our Ecological Restoration project at the historic Iliahi location, which has allowed scouts and middle school students to learn about native plants and how to care for them. She has headed up our efforts to build a food processing facility at the old Koloa Mill site, so Kauai residents can begin to eat local -- grow what you eat. There are many more professional achievements that I can mention but will not elaborate further.

Within the community, Marissa is actively involved in the Kauai Economic Development Board, she serves as a trustee of PBS Hawaii, and coordinates all of Grove Farm's philanthropy efforts.

She is highly intelligent, has a deep commitment to making our state a better place, and will share of her business and leadership acumen on the ADC Board.

For all of these reasons, I strongly urge your support of her nomination. Our state will be the beneficiary.

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Sincerely,

Warren H. Haruki
President & CEO - Grove Farm Company, Inc.

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