



GOV. MSG. NO. 392

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR

March 30, 2010

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Sirs and Mesdames:

In accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section 6, of the Hawai'i State Constitution, I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration and confirmation, the following nomination to the **Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority**:

R. Eric Ho'olulukamakani Beaver, Esq.

Term to Expire: 6/30/2014

Sincerely,

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LINDA LINGLE

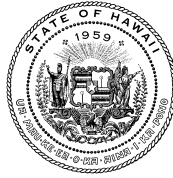
Aloha Senator Sakamoto:

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to your letter. I will be in attendance at the April 12 hearing and will do my best to answer any questions you may have of me.

1. Please find attached my resume.
2. Written statement in response to the questions included in your letter:
 - a. I've served four years on the HPHA board. Public housing is a very challenging situation, but I feel that our board has made significant progress. I hope to continue that progress and help further fulfill the vision and mission of the agency.
 - b. To establish purpose, direction and policy that achieves the vision and mission of the agency.
 - c. I bring to the board a balanced approach to solving issues. I have a background in real estate development, property management and a knowledge of housing. I understand numbers and the importance of economic sustainability. I understand people and the principles that can help us achieve success. I am experienced with making difficult decisions and do so in a balanced, sensitive manner.
 - d. Consensus building. HPHA must work with the tenants, staff, HUD, governor, legislature, unions, media, etc. to be successful. My ability to remain calm, stay focused and think clearly in difficult situations. Public housing is filled with emotional issues. Staying focused and principled, while appreciating and addressing emotion, is needed for balanced solutions. Understanding and working well with people of multiple cultures and varying socio-economic backgrounds.
 - e. No conflicts of interest.
 - f. 1) Provide safe, reliable and decent housing in a timely manner; 2) find a way to make public housing sustainable; and 3) help people through social programs to develop the abilities to move to permanent housing.
 - g. 1) Maintain high and safe occupancy. This indicates that units are benefitting the most people possible. 2) Find a way to balance the economic equation for public housing. This is measured through sound financial statements and involves various ways to improve revenue and minimize expenses without losing quality of the programs that help tenants progress and leave public housing. 3) Move to more mixed income and mixed use, clean and quality environments. These projects help balance the financial equation, but perhaps more importantly, they increase the probability of public housing tenants improving their socio-economic situation. These environments help people feel proud about the places where they live.
 - h. 1) Limited resources. Consider privatizing public housing or find some way to reduce the cost of procurement and other government processes to minimize expenses. The law dictates that tenants pay no more than 30 percent of their income, regardless of the amount of their income. On the expense side, the agency pays the going rate. As a result, the agency is forced to seek increasing subsidies to supplement revenue in order to balance the financial equation. Mixed income/use developments is one way of improving

this equation. 2) Management staff. Limited resources have made it extremely difficult to fill positions that are essential to proper management of the housing inventory and voucher program. The economic downturn has exacerbated the problem. One way of addressing this challenge is to increase tenant involvement in much of the work that's needed, i.e. yard maintenance and clean-up, painting and repairs and other work. Volunteer programs have also been very helpful. 3) Solving the long-term sustainability issue for public housing. Most of the units were built in the 1960's and 70's and are at the end of their shelf life. With no or little reserves, the replacement and disposition of the housing inventory will become more and more challenging. This will take the will of the people to determine what the future of public housing will be. Beginning the process to find and articulate that will should begin immediately.

- i. Security continues to be difficult, though good progress has been made by changing laws that now allow the police to prosecute violators while on HPHA property. Tenants will need to continue to share this responsibility, as they are the eyes and ears for the police and the housing agency. Many of the tenant groups have taken a stand in their communities and are making a real difference. It'll continue to require a team effort if we are to sustain progress.



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Testimony of
Linda L. Smith
Senior Policy Advisor to the Governor

Before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION & HOUSING

Monday, April 12, 2010, 2:30 PM
State Capitol, Room 329

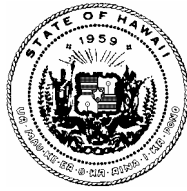
GM 392 Hawaii Public Housing Authority Board of Directors
ERIC H. BEAVER, ESQ.

Chair Sakamoto, Vice Chair Kidani, and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of the confirmation of Eric Beaver to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA).

Mr. Beaver currently serves as the Vice Chair of the HPHA Board and on its subcommittee on finance. His advice and counsel to his fellow Board members and the HPHA staff is well respected. He exhibits a thoughtful understanding of the complex issues that come before the Board. As the President and CEO of a land management company on the North Shore, Mr. Beaver has extensive experience in development and community-building which can be applied to the Board's oversight of public housing.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Mr. Beaver's reappointment to the HPHA Board of Directors.



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
P. O. Box 339
Honolulu, Hawaii 96809-0339

April 12, 2010

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Norman Sakamoto, Chair
Senate Committee on Education and Housing

FROM: Lillian B. Koller, Director

SUBJECT: **G. M. 392 - GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE R. ERIC
HO'OLULUKAMAKANI BEAVER TO THE BOARD OF THE
HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING ADMINISTRATION**

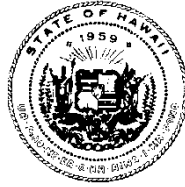
Hearing: Monday, April 12, 2010; 2:30 p.m.
Conference Room 329, State Capitol

The Department of Human Services supports the nomination of R. Eric Ho'olulukamakani Beaver to Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Administration (HPHA).

Mr. Beaver currently serves as the Board's Vice Chair and is a member of several subcommittees. As President and CEO of Hawaii Reserves, Inc. Mr. Beaver brings expertise in development issues and finance that are critical as HPHA explores mixed finance redevelopment of public housing.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Mr. Beaver's nomination.

LINDA LINGLE
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BARBARA E. ARASHIRO
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

April 8, 2010

The Honorable Norman Sakamoto
Chair, Senate Committee on Education and Housing
Hawaii State Senate

Aloha, Senator Sakamoto

The purpose of this letter is to support the nomination of R. Eric Ho'olulukamakani Beaver, Esq. for re-appointment as a Director on the Board of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

Eric is currently the Vice Chair of the Board. He brings to the Board a wealth of experience, and provides excellent guidance to the Authority. He has taken the lead in the mixed income redevelopment efforts for public housing, and in addition, has provided valuable service in the review of the Authority's financial matters. He does an excellent job of researching the issues, and providing his recommendations on all matters before the Board.

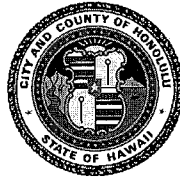
In my view, the HPHA and the state of Hawaii is very fortunate to have a person of Eric's capability and background as a Board member. As the Chair of the Board, I fully endorse the continuation of Eric Beaver as a member of the Board of Directors of HPHA.

Sincerely,

Travis O. Thompson

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MUFI HANNEMANN
MAYOR



April 9, 2010

The Honorable Norman Sakamoto, Chairman
and Members
Committee on Education and Housing
The Senate
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chairman Sakamoto and Senators:

I am pleased to support the nomination of R. Eric H. Beaver to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority Board of Directors.

I have known Eric for many years and can attest to his love for Hawaii and its people. A graduate of Kahuku High School and the University of Hawaii, and a life-long resident of the North Shore, he has devoted his career and made a personal commitment to the betterment of these islands. As the president and chief executive officer of Hawaii Reserves, Inc., he has the qualifications and experience for this directorship that would enable him to make meaningful and immediate contributions to the difficult work of the authority. While there may be others in the community who have a similar background, few can match Eric's proven leadership, insights, compassion, and desire to serve the public. These are all qualities that will hold Eric in good stead as a member of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority board, and allow the organization to move ahead on its stewardship of the state's public housing inventory.

R. Eric H. Beaver is an excellent candidate for this important position, and I urge the members of the Senate to give his nomination your favorable consideration.

With warm regards and aloha,

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mufi Han". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mufi Hannemann
Mayor

To: The Honorable Senator Norman Sakamoto, Chair, Education & Housing Committee

From: John A. Hoag

Subject: R. Eric Beaver, reappointment to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority

I have worked closely with Mr. Beaver for sixteen years as the chair of the board of directors of Hawaii Reserves Inc, a land management company in which he served as President and CEO. During a portion of that time I was also the President of First Hawaiian Bank. My experience in both positions provides me diverse range of experiences in the general area of housing and related issues.

I can highly recommend Mr. Beaver based on his training, professional knowledge and character. Both his education as an attorney as well as his "hands on" work experience makes him a valuable asset for public service. He is thorough, dedicated to success of any task and most dependable. His community service has extended in many areas including the transition of Kahuku Hospital to the State system when he was Chair of the Board of Directors, thereby saving a critical emergency facility for the north shore communities.

Mr Beaver is a person unique qualities and an outstanding community leader. I highly recommend his continues service on the Public Housing Authority.

Respectfully submitted,

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From: Sherri Dodson [sherri@habitat-maui.org]
Sent: Thursday, April 01, 2010 1:41 PM
To: EDH Testimony
Subject: Confirmation of Eric Beaver

GM 392

Aloha,

I am writing in support of the confirmation of Eric Beaver, Esq. to serve an additional term as a member of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority Board. I have had the pleasure of serving with Mr. Beaver for the last two years on the board of Public Housing. He has great skill in finance and development, both of which the board needs now more than ever as move into the Re-development of public housing. Mr. Beaver also listens to both tenants, staff and other board members and works towards a spirit of cooperation in all situations. The agency greatly benefits from having Mr. Beaver as a board member.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any specific questions about Mr. Beaver but I hope you vote to continue his tenure on the board.

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sakamoto2 - Erin

From: Jace McQuivey [McQuiveyJ@hawaiireserves.com]
Sent: Friday, April 09, 2010 12:58 PM
To: EDH Testimony
Cc: Sen. Norman Sakamoto
Subject: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT - GM 329 - R. Eric Ho'olulukamakani Beaver
- Public Housing Authority

April 9, 2010

The Honorable Norman Sakamoto, Chair

Committee on Education and Housing

Hawaii State Senate

Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 329

415 South Beretania Street

Honolulu, HI 96813

Submitted via email: EDHTestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov

RE: Testimony in **strong support** of the re-appointment of R. Eric Ho'olulukamakani Beaver to

the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority for a term to expire 6-30-2014

Hearing: Monday April 12, 2010. 2:30pm

Conference Room 329

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My name is Jace McQuivey and I work professionally with an O'ahu land management firm dealing with the complex issues of housing. I offer this testimony in **strong support** of the re-appointment of R. Eric Ho'olulukamakani Beaver to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority. Through my many opportunities of working with Mr. Beaver professionally and in volunteer capacities in the community, I know him to have an extraordinary knowledge of the housing issues of Hawaii and know he has a strong commitment to work through the enormous and complex challenges facing our people. Eric is a man of great capacity, genuine sensitivity and creative intelligence. The people of Hawaii would be well served to have Mr. Beaver continue on the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

I strongly urge you to affirm the nomination of Mr. Beaver and thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion.

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