

GM 444

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GM 444 Gubernatorial Nominee for Policy Advisory Board for Elderly Affairs

**Testimony of Noemi Pendleton
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Attached Agency to Department of Health**

Thursday, April 8, 2010

2:15 P.M.

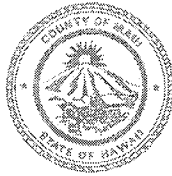
Department's Position: The Executive Office on Aging (EOA) is writing in support of the confirmation of Ms. F. Adele Rugg's appointment to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA).

Fiscal Implications: None

Purpose and Justification: Ms. Rugg is an older adult Maui county resident and is retired from the County of Maui. She is a Maui board member for Alzheimer's Association statewide and a distinguished past president of the Kiwanis Club of Kahului. She is active in the American Cancer Society and trained to assist breast cancer survivors. Recently, Ms. Rugg was selected as "Women of Maui County" for Women's History Month for her 30 years of community service. She was the 2008 finalist for Maui County's Outstanding Volunteer Recognition Program (Adult 60+ category) and received the 2008 Governor's Volunteer Recognition Award.

Ms. Rugg brings valuable insights on aging issues and has contributed so much of her time and talents to our state. We, therefore, ask you to support her appointment as a member of the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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April 7, 2010

Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
and Members of the Human Services Committee
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 226
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Oakland:

**SUBJECT: HEARING ON THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 2010 – TESTIMONY IN
SUPPORT OF GM 44 – F. ADELE RUGG, NOMINEE TO THE
POLICY ADVISORY BOARD FOR ELDER AFFAIRS (PABEA)**

I am writing in support of the nomination of F. Adele Rugg to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs. I have known Adele Rugg for many years. When I was a member of the Maui County Council, Adele was a very diligent Executive Assistant for former Councilmember and Mayor, Alan Arakawa. During her time as an Executive Assistant Adele's service to our community was exemplary. She has been active with community programs involving our senior citizens.

It is with great pleasure that I forward this recommendation to you in support of Adele Rugg to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charmaine Tavares".

CHARMAINE TAVARES
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April 7, 2010

Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
And Members of the Committee on Human Services
Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 016
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Oakland and Members of the Committee:

**SUBJECT: HEARING ON THURSDAY APRIL 08, 2010 - TESTIMONY IN
SUPPORT OF GM 444 - F. ADELE RUGG, NOMINEE TO THE
POLICY ADVISORY BOARD FOR ELDER AFFAIRS (PABEA)**

I am writing in support of the nomination of F. Adele Rugg to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs. As an extremely active senior, Adele represents the non-sedentary aging population living a fulfilling and purposeful life, not settling on retirement because of age.

I find it hard to equate Adele with the definition of senior because of her youthful manner and zest for life. She has worked tirelessly for her former boss Alan Arakawa when he was a Maui County Councilman and later when he became Maui's Mayor. As his Executive Assistant, Adele was versed in the political and legislative processes, assisting constituents with navigating the workings of the County and finding solutions to their problems. A truer advocate you'd be hard pressed to find.

Adele is also very active in the community. She is a Kiwanian, a volunteer at the Maui Arts and Cultural Center, a paddler with the Kihei Canoe Club and a certified clown who entertains children and adults in the hospital. An active life for the non-senior, yet Adele seems to be like the Energizer Bunny, she just keeps on going and going and going. She is a testament to a healthy and active lifestyle.

Adele will bring a freshness and energy to the Board with the perspective of a truly active senior. Her why not, can do, not afraid of hard work attitude will serve her and the Board well.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Danny A. Mateo".

DANNY A. MATEO
Council Chair

ChunOakland3 - Serena

From: adele rugg [adeleonmaui@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 07, 2010 3:53 PM
To: HMS Testimony
Subject: Hearing .. HMS Testimony - 4.08.10

April 7, 2010

Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
And Members of the Committee on Human Services
Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 016
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Dear Chair Oakland and Members of the Committee:

**SUBJECT: HEARING ON THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 2010 -
TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GM 444 -
F. ADELE RUGG, NOMINEE TO THE
POLICY ADVISORY BOARD FOR ELDER
AFFAIRS (PABEA)**

My name is F. Adele Rugg and am unable to personally attend your hearing on Thursday, April 8, 2010.

I am writing to you and your Committee to ask for your support for my nomination as the Maui County representative to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA).

Please know that I am both honored and humbled to be considered to this Board. For many years, in addition to working full-time, I have been a volunteer in many organizations here on the Island of Maui .. always holding a special place in my heart for our awesome kupuna.

If confirmed, I assure you that I will do my very best to represent the seniors of Maui County.

Thanking you in advance for your kind consideration to my request.

Sincerely,

Adele Rugg

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From: Elaine Slavinsky [Elaine.Slavinsky@alz.org]
Sent: Wednesday, April 07, 2010 1:42 PM
To: HMS Testimony
Subject: Testimony for the Committee on Human Services

Aloha, Senator Chun Oakland, Chairperson

I am writing to highly endorse Adele Rugg's appointment to the Policy Advisory Board for Elderly Affairs. I have worked with Adele for several years on a professional level in her capacity as the Maui County Board member for the Alzheimer's Association, Aloha chapter. I have also worked personally with her on many community projects over the past 15 years. Adele works tirelessly as an advocate for the citizens of Maui County, particularly our kupuna. She will be definitely be a wonderful representative for the PABEA group.

Mahalo for your consideration.

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Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
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Dear Chair Oakland and Members of the Committee:

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GM 444
F. ADELE RUGG, NOMINEE TO THE
POLICY ADVISORY BOARD FOR
ELDER AFFAIRS (PABEA)**

I am writing in support of the nomination of F. Adele Rugg to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs. Ms. Rugg was one of those at the top of the list of those honored as the most influential women in Maui County over the past thirty years. Her heart and her hands have touched so many lives on Maui as she has responded to every request for her support and assistance from many Agencies and from individuals who needed help.

One year ago I called the Neighbor-Helping-Neighbor Program for assistance as I was recovering from a major health crisis. The busiest woman on Maui, Adele Rugg, arrived to drive and accompany me to Doctor's appointments, shopping and offered personal support that has been a major factor in my recovery. She understands the problems of the elderly as they try to survive and Age-in-Place, at home, as long as possible.

Ms. Rugg is well aware of the impact on the State of Hawaii Health Care System and the demands on the Office of Aging for programs to assist the growing numbers of Elderly who need help. With her professional background, her expertise and her kind heart, please give serious consideration to her nomination to the Policy Advisory Board.

Thank you,



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