

GM 454

Measure Title:

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Civil Defense
Advisory Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, EDWARD R.
CRUICKSHANK, for a term to expire 6-30-2011.

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY
RELATING TO THE CONFIRMATION OF
EDWARD R. CRUICKSHANK
TO THE CIVIL DEFENSE ADVISORY COUNCIL

PRESENTATION TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

BY

MAJOR GENERAL ROBERT G. F. LEE
ADJUTANT GENERAL

April 12, 2010

Good Morning, Chair Espero, Vice Chair Bunda and Committee Members:

I am Major General Robert G. F. Lee, State Adjutant General. I am testifying in strong support of Mr. Edward R. Cruickshank, a gubernatorial nominee to the Civil Defense Advisory Council.

I have known Mr. Cruickshank for many years and can personally attest to his character, outstanding work ethic, selfless service, his sense of fairness and respect, and his integrity.

Mr. Edward R. Cruickshank has a wealth of experience in the military and public sectors. He has served with distinction in the Hawaii Army National Guard as a commissioned officer in the Infantry, retiring as a Colonel. He worked for the Bank of Hawaii for 21 years as a vice president and branch manager. He also worked for First Hawaiian Bank as an assistant branch manager.

His experience as a battalion and deputy brigade commander along with his work with the Civil Defense Commission has provided him with a wealth of knowledge in disaster preparedness.

As an exceptional leader in the military and the community, Mr. Cruickshank will be a tremendous asset; therefore, I respectfully request your favorable consideration and his confirmation to the Civil Defense Advisory Council.

From: Edward Cruickshank
Sent: Thursday, April 08, 2010 11:54 PM
To: Sen. Will Espero
Subject: Nomination to the Civil Defense Advisory Council - Edward R Cruickshank

Dear Senator Espero:

In response to your letter dated April 1, 2010 regarding Nomination to the Civil Defense Advisory Council, I am addressing each question below. For your convenient reference, I am also attaching another copy of my resume.

1. I wish to be a member of the Civil Defense Advisory Council because I believe I have the experience and knowledge to be an asset to the Council.
2. My perception of the role and responsibilities of a Civil Defense Advisory Council member is to advise and assist Mr. Teixeira, Vice Director of Civil Defense, in accomplishing his mission. This would include, but is not limited to, providing information from a citizen's viewpoint to him and communicating how to better prepare for natural disasters to the local community.
3. As my resume states, I am a retired banker of 30 years. I also retired from the Hawaii Army National Guard as a colonel. My last assignment was serving as the Disaster Preparedness Officer for the Hawaii Army National Guard. In this role, I was activated for Hurricane Iniki to work with the Kauai community following the hurricane's devastation. I also served as Chair on the Civil Defense Commission for the City & County for 8 years.
4. I would like to make the community aware of how fortunate we are to have a very competent State Civil Defense Headquarters. With legislative funding, being operational 24 hours is a wonderful thing for the people of Hawaii.
5. The three qualities that best describe me are: duty, honor and integrity. I have never shied away from hard work and have always done my job well. I am honorable in all that I do and say and am a man of my word. These attributes are not only necessary for a member of the advisory council, but in all aspects of life.
6. My prior experience as Chair of the Civil Defense Commission, under then Mayor Jeremy Harris, involved revamping of the Board and the writing of Disaster Plans. This experience should be invaluable to the Civil Defense Advisory Council.
7. I have no conflicts of interest.

Should you have any additional questions, feel free to contact me at 808-478-3299 or via email at edward.cruickshank@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

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Dear Madame/Sir:

I would like to explore the possibility of working with your organization. Enclosed is my resume detailing my background and capabilities.

My diverse background includes considerable experience in: management, sales and marketing, banking and finance, twenty-seven years in the Hawaii Army National Guard, and public safety with extensive training in disaster preparedness. As Director of Veterans Services for the State of Hawaii, I have worked closely with the federal government, the State legislature, and other agencies to solicit funding for various veterans projects and programs and have been very successful in this endeavor. I am an achievement-oriented professional with a strong record for successfully creating "win-win" business arrangements.


Additionally, my qualifications include: a Master of Arts Degree in Business Education, a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration, and successful completion of the Hawaii Management Program at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

I enjoy the stimulation of challenging assignments and I am open to a variety of situations where my skills and experience will prove valuable and appropriate.

You may reach me by Email, mail or telephone at the above addresses and telephone numbers.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



EDWARD R. CRUICKSHANK

Enclosure