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Testimony on GM 510
Confirmation of David M. Louie
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Governor Neil Abercrombie

SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR
Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
Senator Maile Shimabukuro, Vice Chair

March 29, 2011
9:30 a.m. Room 016

Chair Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro and committee members, I respectfully ask for your favorable support of my nominee David Louie as the Attorney General for the state of Hawaii. Since being appointed on December 19, 2010, Mr. Louie has shown tremendous leadership skills within the Department of the Attorney General. His management abilities and professional relationships are needed in Department to move the state forward. Mr. Louie has a strong legal background and understands the challenges ahead.

Mr. Louie is the right person to lead Department of the Attorney General and I am proud to have him as a member of my team to ensure a New Day in Hawaii.

Thank you for your consideration to confirm this leader.



Testimony of the
HAWAII STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
relating to the nomination of

DAVID M. LOUIE
Attorney General for the State of Hawaii

To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations
The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair
The Honorable Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair

Hearing: Tuesday, March 29, 2011, 9:30 a.m.
Conference Room 016
State Capitol

The Board of Directors of the Hawaii State Bar Association appreciates the opportunity to comment on the qualifications of David M. Louie for the position of Attorney General of the State of Hawaii.

The HSBA Board has established criteria for determining the qualifications of judicial and executive appointments generally utilizing the American Bar Association Guidelines for Reviewing Qualifications of Candidates for State Judicial Office. The HSBA uses the following criteria, which are not exclusive: integrity and diligence, legal knowledge and ability, professional experience, judicial temperament, financial responsibility, public service, health, and responsibilities and duties required of the position for which the applicant has been nominated. The HSBA Board's rating system includes the categories of "qualified" and "not qualified."

As part of its procedures for evaluating and taking positions on judicial and executive appointments, the HSBA Board utilizes a subcommittee of the HSBA Board to review materials presented by the nominee and input from members. The subcommittee is also tasked with checking references and contacting others who have knowledge of the nominee's experience and qualifications. The full Board reviews the materials prepared by this subcommittee, the complete materials submitted by the nominee and members and conducts an interview of the nominee.

Taking into consideration all of the information presented by and about the nominee and an interview with the nominee, the Board of Directors of the Hawaii State Bar Association finds David M. Louie to be qualified for the position of Attorney General for the State of Hawaii.

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The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair
The Honorable Maile Shimabukuro, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
State Capitol, Conference Room 16
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Re: Testimony in Support of GM 510: Consideration and Confirmation to the Attorney General of the Department of the Attorney General, Gubernatorial Nominee, DAVID M. LOUIE, for a term to expire December 1, 2014

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I am writing in support of the appointment of David Louie as Attorney General. I am a former deputy attorney general, and have served as a supervisor of a division during my tenure with the department. I have known David not as an attorney but as a father and husband. Our sons attended school together and have been friends during the whole time. This has provided me a perspective that only comes from seeing a father and his son. Our families have been involved in activities together during the years our sons were in school together.

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It is easy to see my fellow attorneys in just that light but the Attorney General must be more than just a good attorney, he must see the state and its people in much the same light as a father sees a son or daughter. The position demands a passion for justice, to do the right thing. Legalities must be tempered by the demand for justice, not just for some but for all. I know David will bring that passion to this job. It is this confidence in David which leads me to submit this letter in support of his nomination. I have known many Attorneys General, and have served under two. I know that David shares the same qualities of those under whom I served, and will serve the state well.

I would urge the Committee to approve his nomination and ask the full Senate for confirmation of his appointment.

Sincerely,


R. Brian Tsujimura

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The Honorable Clayton Hee
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Hawaii State Capitol, Room 407
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Testimony in Support of Confirmation of
David M. Louie as Attorney General, GM #510
JDL Hearing March 29, 2011 at 9:30 am

Dear Chair Hee and Members of the Committee:

I write in strong support of Governor Abercrombie's nomination of David M. Louie to serve as Hawaii's Attorney General.

Having served as Governor Waihee's Attorney General from 1992-1994, I understand the rigors of the office that David holds, and with your consent, will continue to hold. I have every confidence that David will continue to excel in this demanding assignment.

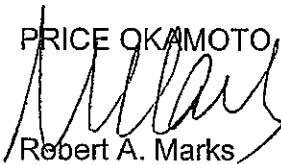
I have known Mr. Louie since 1986 when we litigated a beach drowning case. From that experience and others since, I know David is both a worthy advocate and yet very fair-minded. He is familiar with the defense of lawsuits, and will do an excellent job protecting the general fund from claims. More significantly, David also has the intellect and curiosity to pursue the complex legal problems that land on the Attorney General's desk every day.

The people of Hawaii will be well served by having David serve as Attorney General, and I strongly urge the Committee to make a favorable recommendation on his nomination to the Senate.

Hon. Clayton Hee and Members
Senate Judiciary Committee
March 24, 2011
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Very truly yours,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Marks", is written over the printed name of the law firm.

Robert A. Marks

c: Hon. David M. Louie

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Committee on Judiciary and Labor
c/o Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair
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Re: GM 510 (David M. Louie, Esq.,
Attorney General gubernatorial Nominee)
Date and Time of Hearing: 3/29/11, 9:30 a.m.

Dear Chair Hee, Vice-Chair Shimabukuro and Committee Members:

I write in strong support of your confirmation of David M. Louie, Esq. to the position of Attorney General for the State of Hawaii.

I have personally known Mr. Louie for approximately the last 14 years, having met and worked closely with him on various bar-related matters at the Hawaii State Bar Association ("HSBA"). Mr. Louie succeeded me by 3 years as President of the HSBA. I, of course, knew him by reputation long before that as a highly skilled and competent trial lawyer.

In all of my dealings and interactions with him, I found Mr. Louie to be extremely intelligent, diligent, responsible and easy to work with. He was for years the Chair of the Hawaii Supreme Court Rule 19 Committee Regarding Judicial Performance, where he was principally responsible for establishing and operating the Court's judicial evaluation program. In that capacity, he not only crafted the judicial evaluation questionnaires but also compiled, reviewed and tabulated the results of the completed questionnaires for presentation to the

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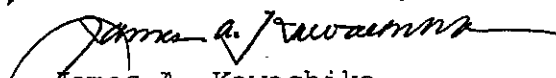
Court. The task required no small measure of serious and even-handed reflection on the comments received in order that a fair and balanced evaluation could be achieved. Mr. Louie skillfully accomplished that job with the utmost of tact and even-temperedness, which earned him the respect of not only the judges evaluated but also the bar members who submitted evaluations. We always felt like we got a fair shake from him. The excellent quality of our judiciary today, I believe, is attributed in large measure to Mr. Louie's work over the years in ensuring the continued improvement of its performance.

On a personal level, Mr. Louie is simply a likeable guy with excellent sense of humor. He never puts on airs and is never full of himself. He is humble and self-deprecating to a fault and always quick to give credit to others. He is level-headed and slow to anger. It is easy and a pleasure to call him a friend.

If confirmed, Mr. Louie will bring all of these same qualities to the serious job of the Attorney General. The State will undoubtedly be in good and safe hands with him at the helm. I therefore wholeheartedly endorse his nomination and respectfully ask for your confirmation of Mr. Louie.

Thank you for your consideration of my views.

Very truly yours,



James A. Kawachika

cc: David M. Louie, Esq. (via e-mail)

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March 25, 2011

The Honorable Clayton Hee
Chair, Committee on Judiciary and Labor
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Re: GM 510, Confirmation of David Louie as Attorney General
March 29, 2011, 9:30 a.m.

Dear Chair Hee and Members of the Committee,

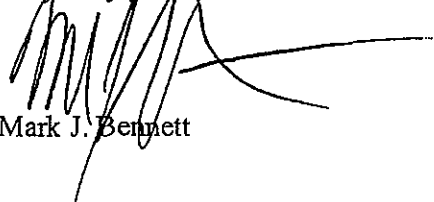
I submit this testimony in strong support of the confirmation of David Louie as Attorney General. I believe that among the most important qualities of an Attorney General are an abiding commitment to justice and to the rule of law, honesty, ethics, diligence, and legal ability. I believe David Louie has all of those qualities and will be an excellent Attorney General.

Mr. Louie graduated from one of the finest law schools in the country, the Boalt Hall School of Law at the University of California, Berkeley. Mr. Louie has a great breadth of legal experience, spanning more than 30 years. He also has an excellent record of service to the legal profession, including with the Hawaii State Bar Association.

Mr. Louie's reputation is superb, including his reputation for ethics, honesty, hard work, and legal ability. In addition, I believe it is very important that an Attorney General have had experience handling some of the types of complex cases that he will face as Attorney General. That experience would significantly help in defending the State--a large part of the job of the Attorney General. Mr. Louie not only has this type of experience, including trying difficult and complex cases, he has decades of such experience.

I have no hesitation in enthusiastically recommending Mr. Louie for confirmation, and respectfully ask the Committee to recommend to the Senate that it advise and consent to Mr. Louie's nomination.

Very truly yours,



Mark J. Bennett

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March 25, 2011

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Judiciary and Labor Committee
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Senator Maile Shimabukuro, Vice Chair
Judiciary and Labor Committee
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Re: David M. Louie for Attorney General - GM #510 - Support

Dear Chairman Hee, Vice-Chairman Shimabukuro and
Judiciary and Labor Committee Members:

I am honored to support David M. Louie as the next Attorney General for the State of Hawaii. David's firm members have been my lawyers for the past 12 years. David is the leader of the firm. He is a tough jury trial lawyer, very steady and fair. He and his partners have always made me feel lucky that they have represented me over all these years. David is both truthful and pleasant in his dealings, even when he is in the trenches during trial. He has just the right combination of intellectual capacity and administrative leadership to help guide our Governor and the State of Hawaii during these hard times. We will need a dedicated Attorney General to both guide us and fight for the local peoples' rights. He has the experience and tenacity to address the issues that will shape this administration, including our transition into alternate energy, transportation issues, and foreclosure nightmares.

I am pleased to enthusiastically support his nomination.

Sincerely,


Stanley H. Roehrig

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David M. Louie
Testimony in SUPPORT

TO: Chairman Hee and members of the Committee;

I have known Mr. David Louie for many years in his work as a lawyer, as a volunteer for the Hawaii State Bar Association, including his term as president and finally as a friend. He is not only well-respected as a professional, but is a very decent human being with a positive attitude and a collegial spirit. He is smart, fair, empathetic and hardworking. He will make an excellent attorney general for our state.

I urge your confirmation of Mr. Louie as our state's Attorney General.

Sincerely,

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**SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF WILLIAM MEHEULA in re: Attorney General Confirmation Hearing
scheduled for Tuesday, 3/29/2011, 9:30 a.m.**

Honorable Committee:

I have been a licensed attorney in the State of Hawaii since 1978 practicing mostly in the areas of commercial litigation and personal injury litigation. I have known David Louie for most of my career because he was first licensed in 1978 and has also practiced in the same areas of law. Over the years, I have been on the opposite side of Mr. Louie in cases and also served as co-defense counsel in other cases. I also know Mr. Louie as a strong leader of our bar when he served as its president. I have also known Mr. Louie in a parental capacity because his son and daughter are the same ages as my son and daughter, and they have played soccer on the same teams and our daughters were high school classmates and remain close friends.

I support Mr. Louie for the position of Attorney General of the State of Hawaii for the following reasons:

1. Mr. Louie always practices lawyer at the highest ethical level. He never gets close to crossing the line into prohibited activities and accordingly he is very well respected by the local bar.
2. Mr. Louie is a very skilled litigator. This includes good judgment in evaluating the merits and likely outcome of cases if tried. This is particularly important quality for an Attorney General because he will need to evaluate many cases and recommend settle or proceeding to trial in many cases, and his ability to reasonably and quickly settle cases and try the ones that the State is likely to win will save the State a lot of money and result in a more efficiently operated office.

3. Mr. Louie is an effective public speaker who clearly and succinctly explains positions in a manner that is easily understandable and without airs of superiority. The Attorney General is often called upon to make statements on behalf of the State of Hawaii and the general public will understand his positions and come to trust his statements. He is also not a grandstander.

4. As is true of most good litigators, Mr. Louie understands that it is the client's position and not his personal goals that are important. Mr. Louie will not push his personal political agenda. Once a determination is made on the State's direction or position on a particular matter, he will not let his ego get in the way.

I hope that the Senate confirms Mr. Louie's nomination as Attorney General.

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Comments:
Chair, JDL Committee
Honorable Committee Members

We support Mr. David M. Louie, Esq. for confirmation as the next AG of the State of Hawaii.

Recommend advise and consent to GM 510.

Mahalo for this opportunity to submit written testimony in support.

Sincerely,

Arvid Youngquist
Founder & Editor
I Love Kalihi Valley



Constance H. Lau
President and CEO

March 26, 2011

The Hon. Clayton Hee, Chair
The Hon. Maile S. L. Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Senate, State of Hawaii
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Re: David M. Louie for Attorney General, State of Hawaii – Support – GM #510

Dear Senators Hee, Shimabukuro, and Committee Members:

I write in strong support of David M. Louie's nomination for Attorney General of the State of Hawaii.

I have known Mr. Louie for more than 10 years, both professionally and personally, and can assure you that he is an **outstanding appointee** for the office of Attorney General of the State of Hawaii.

As head of one of Hawaii's major corporations, we have often turned to Mr. Louie to represent us because of his **excellent professional reputation and skills as a kupuna litigator and corporate lawyer** in our community. He now has over 33 years of experience as an attorney and during his career has represented many diverse interests, ranging from his days with the Asian Law Caucus and Federal Public Defender in San Francisco, California and Common Cause in Washington, D. C., to representing corporate interests such as ours. I believe this diversity of representation gives him the breadth of knowledge and perspective to provide balanced representation for our State on the many varied issues for which State government is responsible.

Mr. Louie has also been a **recognized leader of our legal community**, having served in leadership capacities with the Hawaii State Bar Association and Hawaii Defense Lawyers Association and in representative capacities with our Ninth Circuit U. S. Court of Appeals and Hawaii Supreme Court. He has also been active in national professional organizations such as the Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel, the Association of Defense Trial Attorneys, The Defense Research Institute, the American Bar Association and the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association. You could not find someone more interested in advancing the professionalism and competency of the legal profession than Mr. Louie, and our community will benefit from having someone of his stature and with his leadership skills to represent us as Attorney General.

Mr. Louie has also been managing partner of his own law firm for more than 23 years, and while the Office of the Attorney General is significantly larger, I believe Mr. Louie has the **leadership and management skills** to provide excellent leadership and management of the Office.

Mr. Louie is also a man of **great personal and professional integrity**. In all the years that I have known him, he has always sought to do the right thing. He is a fierce and effective advocate for his clients, but also provides sound and professional advice to guide them. He has a streak of public interest lawyer in him that has never left him, and I believe he sees this opportunity to serve as Attorney General for the State of Hawaii as his opportunity to give back.

We are fortunate to have someone of Mr. Louie's caliber willing to serve the public as Attorney General, and I **strongly urge you to confirm his appointment**.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Constance H. Lau". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

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March 27, 2011

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

Senator Clayton Hee, Chair

Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair

HEARING

Tuesday, March 29, 2011

9:30 a.m.

Conference Room 016

Re: Testimony in Support of the Nomination of
DAVID M. LOUIE as Attorney General

Dear Chair Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and Members of the Committee:

I have known David Louie since 1976, when we both attended the law school at the University of California at Berkeley (Boalt Hall), and have followed his legal career as a friend and colleague since then. David has a well-earned reputation as an exemplary trial lawyer, he built and managed a successful private practice for many years, and he has served the community in several leadership positions, including as President of the Hawai'i State Bar Association. His exceptional legal, management, and leadership skills will serve him well as Attorney General. Moreover, his integrity is unquestioned. I am certain that he will be an outstanding Attorney General for the State of Hawai'i.

I strongly support the nomination of David Louie as Attorney General.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

Leigh-Ann K. Miyasato

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Submitted on: 3/27/2011

Comments:

Given Mr. Louie's past actions as Chair of the Aloha Tower Development Corp., I oppose his nomination as Attorney General. I believe there are far more qualified attorneys that would serve Hawaii's residents better in this most trusted position. Mahalo.

PRESENTATION OF LAWRENCE L. TONG

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE
ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

TWENTY-SIXTH STATE LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2011

Hearing on Tuesday, March 29, 2011
9:30 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 510

Nomination of David M. Louie to the position
of Attorney General, State of Hawaii

TO THE HONORABLE CLAYTON HEE, CHAIR
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

It is my privilege to support the nomination of David M. Louie to be Attorney General of the State of Hawaii.

I have known Mr. Louie for at least twenty-five years. Mr. Louie is a highly competent attorney who has specialized in commercial litigation, and the defense of personal injury lawsuits. Mr. Louie has extensive experience with a variety of contract and tort disputes. He regularly dealt with State and private contracts, and has experience in dealing with expert witnesses such as engineers, physicians and economists. He has a broad base of experience which should serve him well as our State's Attorney General.

Mr. Louie has been active in community and professional organizations. He was elected president of the Hawaii State Bar Association, and worked to address issues of concern to the public. He also served as a lawyer representative to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, as well as vice chair of a State committee concerning the evaluation of the State judiciary. In these and other positions, Mr. Louie gained the respect of his peers and the judiciary, and demonstrated a commitment to the delivery of quality legal services in our State.

Mr. Louie was also managing partner of a mid-sized law firm in Honolulu. I believe he developed an understanding of the local economy, and an empathy for the economic pressures faced by smaller businesses. I believe this experience will serve him well in his dealings with the community.

I have also known Mr. Louie's family, as our daughters were classmates and friends from kindergarten through high school. Mr. Louie is a committed father and husband, who gave steady, loving guidance to his children. Although a busy attorney, he was always available to assist with school functions. He proved a committed parent who believes firmly in the need to improve the quality of education in our State.

I believe Mr. Louie will be a fine Attorney General. He is bright, talented and experienced. He is extremely hard-working. He is even-tempered, and carefully listens to all before forming an opinion. He has the ability to understand the breadth of legal issues which his office confronts. Mr. Louie also understands that, while he provides counsel to the Governor, his primary obligation is to serve the people of our State. I am firmly convinced that he is always guided by a desire to do what is right, and not what is politically expedient.

I urge that you confirm Mr. Louie as our next Attorney General.

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March 25, 2011

Senator Clayton Hee
Senator Maile Shimabukuro
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Confirmation of David Louie for State Attorney General (GM510)

Dear Senators Hee and Shimabukuro,

This is to express my wholehearted support for the confirmation of David M. Louie for Attorney General of Hawaii.

I have known David Louie for more than 35 years in Hawaii. I first met him when he arrived on the Honolulu legal scene after graduating from Berkeley Law School and worked for a law firm in Honolulu. He was considered a rising star at that time and of course David continued to rise in the legal profession and the community.

Our office has had quite a number of cases with David and his firm. Although we cannot agree all of the time, we know we were dealing with attorneys who were very intelligent, well prepared, experienced and most of all possessed integrity. He was always forthright and gets right down to brass tacks.

Unquestionably, he possesses the leadership and exudes the confidence with fellow attorneys as exhibited by his election to be President of the Hawaii State Bar Association in which he won handily. He served in that capacity and others with the Judiciary and other legal organizations with the important vision of promoting justice and improving the legal profession. He was highly regarded by his peers as he inspired everyone to be the best that they can be.

David has also been a leader of several national legal organizations, giving him a broad perspective on the legal system, and the inspiration to seek better solutions to our day to day challenges. He has also been a leader in the political system, earning him respect. There is no doubt that David Louie will serve the people of Hawaii well as our Attorney General. I am confident that you will give him your vote of confidence and vote to confirm his nomination.

Sincerely yours,



Rai Saint Chu

From: Diana Warrington [dianawarrington@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 27, 2011 12:25 PM
To: JDLTestimony
Subject: GM 150 David Louie Attorney General Confirmation Hrg 3/29/11 @ 9:30

To: COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR
Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair

From: Diana L. Warrington, Judge (Ret.)

Re: GM 150 - Testimony in Support of David Louie for Attorney General
Confirmation Hearing Set for March 29, 2011 at 9:30 a.m.

Dear Senators Clayton Hee and Maile Shimabukuro:

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Mahalo for your consideration,

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March 27, 2011

Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 016

RE: GM510 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Attorney General of the Department of the Attorney General, Gubernatorial Nominee, DAVID M. LOUIE, for a term to expire December 1, 2014.

Dear Chair Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro and Members of the Committee:

I am pleased to support Governor Abercrombie's nomination of David Louie to be Attorney General of Hawaii.

As one of those charged with the responsibility of assisting the Governor by seeking out the most qualified candidates for the position, I can happily say that there were a number of really good, really qualified candidates, and that David's personal and legal credentials, presentation of himself, and support from others, stood out.

It isn't easy finding someone to be Attorney General. The really good candidates in the private sector have to suspend lucrative careers. The person must be someone that the local legal community respects and agrees is top notch. And that is always a challenge. He or she must be someone with the administrative skills to drive a 200 lawyer law firm. Almost no one can do that. It is not required that the Attorney General be an outstanding courtroom litigator, a "top gun," but it is something that is looked for. David Louie fits the bill in all the particulars.

Simply put he is in a class by himself. I believe that he will be a stand out success as Attorney General.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written comments.

Sincerely,

John H. Radcliffe

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Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: GM 510 – Tuesday, March 29, 2011 at 9:30 a.m.
Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee – DAVID M. LOUIE
Attorney General of the Department of the Attorney General

Dear Senator Hee:

This is submitted in support of the Senate confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee David M. Louie as the Attorney General of the Department of the Attorney General for the State of Hawaii. As a former Hawaii Bar President, Mr. Louie is respected by his peers, and has consistently been polite, professional and courteous.

Mr. Louie is a highly experienced civil litigation attorney who has handled numerous complex cases over his approximately thirty years of practice in the State of Hawaii. He brings a wealth of knowledge and litigation skills that will be invaluable to the Department of the Attorney General in assessing the liability and damages of each case. His vast civil litigation experience will be an immense asset in evaluating the risk of exposure, probable jury verdict range, defense or prosecution costs, and the settlement value of claims or lawsuits involving the State of Hawaii.

The State of Hawaii is fortunate that a litigator of Mr. Louie's caliber has placed public service above his private litigation practice and his personal income. After managing his law practice and firm for years, Mr. Louie brings leadership, organizational, and management skills to the Department of the Attorney General. In these difficult economic times, we need someone like Mr. Louie to run the Department of the Attorney General like a private practice, and make difficult litigation decisions in the best interest of the taxpayers. Please confirm Mr. Louie as Attorney General.

Very truly yours,

Ann H. Aratani

Testimony in Support of GM 510, David M. Louie

Committee on Judiciary and Labor - Tuesday, March 29, 2011 · 9:30 a.m. · Conf. Rm. 016

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee:

I am Riki Amano, retired circuit court judge of the Third Judicial Circuit, State of Hawai'i. Please accept this writing as my testimony in support of David M. Louie for Attorney General of the State of Hawai'i.

My familiarity with Mr. Louie is from his work as a lawyer. He is a well-respected litigator and has made numerous presentations as a panelist sharing his expertise with his peers. He speaks knowledgably about various aspects of litigation; to wit, defense, trial, alternative dispute resolution.

Recently, I served with Mr. Louie on a 3-arbitrator panel. We were charged with managing an arbitration of a motor vehicle accident case and making the ultimate decisions. Mr. Louie was clear-thinking, very well-informed about the subject matter, cooperative, reliable and fair. Working and deliberating with him made me feel that the process of justice was served very well in that case.

I respectfully request your confirmation of David M. Louie for Attorney General of the State of Hawai'i. He will be excellent as he serves our state competently and unselfishly if you give him the chance to do so.

WILLIAM D. HOSHIJO
Email Bhoshijo@aol.com

March 29, 2011
Rm. 016, 9:30 a.m.

To: The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

From: William D. Hoshijo

Re: G.M. No. 510

Nomination of David M. Louie
to the Attorney General of the Department of the Attorney General

I strongly support the Nomination of David M. Louie to be the Attorney General of the Department of the Attorney General.

I have served as the Executive Director of the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission (HCRC) since 1997, but submit this letter of support as an individual rather than in any official capacity. Prior to my tenure at the HCRC, I served for thirteen years as the Executive Director of Na Loio, a nonprofit public interest law organization that provided access to services and representation for the immigrant poor.

I first met David Louie in the early 1980s, and have known him nearly 30 years. His legal experience and professional leadership have prepared him for and will serve him well in his new and important role as the Attorney General for the State of Hawai'i.

Mr. Louie has extensive civil litigation experience, primarily in personal injury and insurance defense, commercial litigation, and contract disputes. This experience will be valuable in overseeing the Department of the Attorney General, which defends the State in all manner of civil litigation. I firmly believe that Mr. Louie's experience and perspective will help him weigh the State's interests in disputes and make legal judgments and pursue legal strategies that benefit the people of the state.

Throughout his career, Mr. Louie has stepped forward to serve in leadership roles. He has the respect of his professional peers, as reflected in his election to serve first as the Vice-President and then the President of the Hawai'i State Bar Association (HSBA). His leadership in the Hawai'i Chapter and as a Regional Governor of the National Asian

Pacific Bar Association reflect his commitment to justice for all, including underrepresented minorities.

As long as I have known him, Mr. Louie has consistently supported public interest initiatives. I have always been impressed by his thoughtful and inquisitive probing and consideration of where the public interest truly lies, and how we can move in that direction. He has expertise in and an excellent grasp of matters of law and policy. He is smart, skilled, and principled; and is a person of good character with a strong commitment to his family and the broader community.

I strongly support the nomination of David M. Louie to the office of the Attorney General.

Thank you for your consideration.

Law Offices of Joyce K. Matsumori-Hoshijo

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TO: Senate Chair Clayton Hee
Senate Vice Chair Maile S. L. Shimabukuro
Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

FR: Joyce Matsumori-Hoshijo
Attorney at Law

RE: GM 510—Testimony in Support of the Nomination of David M. Louie
as Attorney General of the Department of the Attorney General
Hearing date and time: March 29, 2011 @ 9:30 a.m.

I am writing to express my strong support for the nomination of David M. Louie as Attorney General of the Department of the Attorney General. I am an attorney in private practice.

I have known Mr. Louie since the mid-1970s when he was a law student intern at the Asian Law Caucus in San Francisco, a nonprofit public interest law organization. I was an undergraduate volunteer at this organization during that time period and was inspired by David's dedication to use his legal skills to assist indigent clients in civil litigation.

Through my social interaction with Mr. Louie and his family over the past thirty-five years, I have come to know Mr. Louie as a person of outstanding character and intellect. From my discussions with other attorneys, I believe that Mr. Louie is very well-respected in the legal community, both for his litigation skills and his consistent leadership work with a wide array of law-related associations and committees.

For all his accomplishments, Mr. Louie is a genuine and good-hearted person. He has compassion for others and is very generous with his time and resources. He is a real "people person" with an exceptional sense of humor. Mr. Louie is a true leader and I have every confidence that he will be a most competent and effective Attorney General.

Thank you for your time and attention to this letter of support. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 591-9597.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2011 8:34 AM
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Subject: Testimony for GM510 on 3/29/2011 9:30:00 AM

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Conference room: 016
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Kim Harman
Organization: FACE Hawaii
Address:
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E-mail: KimHarman@FACEHawaii.org
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:

I am writing in support of David Louie's confirmation for Attorney General. Representatives of FACE met with Mr. Louie on February 14, 2011 to discuss the state's foreclosure crisis, the need to defend Hawaii's families from the deceptive practices of mainland lenders and mortgage servicers, and how vital it is that Hawaii fight for a fair settlement with Bank of America, Wells Fargo, JP Morgan Chase, and Citibank through the ongoing 50-state AG settlement discussions and negotiations. These settlement discussions of which Hawaii is a part have the potential to prevent thousands of foreclosures in Hawaii and bring hundreds of millions of dollars into the state.

On behalf of FACE, I urge that David Louie be confirmed and that he make addressing Hawaii's foreclosure crisis a priority. FACE will stand behind him in his pursuit of a fair settlement with the mainland lenders and mortgage servicers who are aggressively and sometimes deceptively pursuing thousands of unnecessary foreclosures in our state.

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Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
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Re: Consideration and Confirmation of David M. Louie as
Attorney General of the State of Hawaii
Hearing: Tuesday, March 29, 2011 @ 9:30 a.m.

Dear Senator Hee and Honorable Members of the Committee:

I strongly urge you to approve the appointment of David M. Louie as Attorney General of the State of Hawaii.

I met Dave Louie about 15 years ago, when I was general counsel for Aloha Tower Development Corporation and Dave was the chair of the board of directors, so I have the unique perspective of knowing him as a client and not as a lawyer. Dave is intelligent, honest, pragmatic, always willing to listen, diligent and truly dedicated to serving the public interest. He will be an outstanding Attorney General, and we all owe Dave a debt of gratitude for his willingness to make the sacrifice of leaving his successful private practice and devote himself to serving the public.

Please give David Louie your favorable consideration.

Very truly yours,

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The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair
and Committee Members
Committee on Judiciary
Hawaii State Senate
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Re: GM 150 Consideration and Confirmation to the Attorney General of the Department of the Attorney General
Gubernatorial Nominee - David M. Louie, Attorney General

Dear Chair Hee and Committee Members:

I am testifying in support of David M. Louie's nomination as the Attorney General for the State of Hawaii.

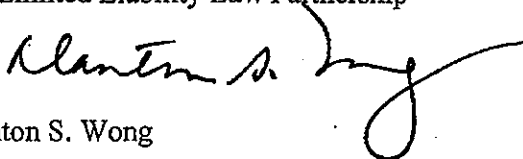
I have known David both personally and professionally for over 20 years starting when we practiced at the firm then known as Case, Kay & Lynch and playing golf and tennis together.

David has the intellect and temperament that are required for the position of Attorney General. He is fair-minded, willing to listen and decisive when the circumstances require a decision, as well as careful and process-oriented when the circumstances require more information or input from others. However, the most important quality that David brings to the position of Attorney General is his desire to serve the people of Hawaii as evidenced by his leadership positions as President of the Hawaii State Bar Association and as Chairman of the Aloha Tower Development Corporation.

I have no doubt that David will be an exemplary Attorney General and ask that you favorably consider his nomination. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Very truly yours,

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March 28, 2011

TESTIMONY OF OWEN K. TAMAMOTO

ON THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE:

GM 510 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Attorney General of the Department of the Attorney General, Gubernatorial Nominee, DAVID M. LOUIE, for a term to expire December 1, 2014.

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

DATE: Tuesday, March 29, 2011 TIME: 1:45 p.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 016

Chair Hee and Members of the Committee:

Please confirm David M. Louie to the Attorney General of the Department of the Attorney General. Mr. Louie has met with me (I am the Supervisor of the Office of Child Support Hearings) and I believe he will work to improve each of the divisions within the Department.

He has adopted the phrase: "Better, cheaper, faster" as his mantra, and he intends to put it into practice in the Department of the Attorney General.

I respectfully ask that you confirm David M. Louie to the Attorney General of the Department of the Attorney General.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Rev. Bob Nakata
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Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:

My name is Rev. Bob Nakata and I am in support of confirming David Louie today so that he can concentrate on the very important issues facing our state. One issue in particular is the foreclosure crisis in our state. There are several avenues that need to be pursued in order to achieve justice for Hawaii.

One avenue is that too many of our families have suffered from deceptive practices at the hands of huge mainland lenders and mortgage services like Bank of America and Wells Fargo. These deceptive practices have led to unnecessary foreclosure and the stripping of equity from these families and their neighborhoods.

Another avenue is the nationwide, 50-state AG negotiations that should result in a 20-30 billion dollar settlement to be shared among states including Hawaii, as well as a ban on the deceptive practices that have led many of our families into default and foreclosure. A fair settlement will be a large settlement and will improve the finances of the state.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today.

Carrie K.S. Okinaga

March 28, 2011

The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair
The Honorable Maile Shimabukuro, Vice Chair
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
State Senate
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: David M. Louie for Attorney General – GM #510 - Support

Dear Senators Hee and Shimabukuro:

This letter is written in support of confirmation of David Louie's appointment to Attorney General of the State of Hawaii. I have known Mr. Louie for over 10 years, primarily through my activities in the Hawaii State Bar Association, an organization with which Mr. Louie has been heavily involved and through which he has engaged in many hours of service to the community in general and the Bar in particular.

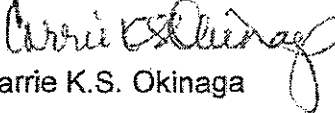
Contrary to what some may assert, there are a great many lawyers in our State who care deeply about our community and the people who reside in it. Mr. Louie has always been one of those stand-up, stand-out lawyers who "gives back" to the community, with time, dedication, and resources, despite having a full-time litigation practice and family responsibilities. There is no better evidence of this dedication and selflessness than his acceptance of his current appointment.

As a State taxpayer, I feel very grateful for Mr. Louie's willingness to serve this community; as the City and County of Honolulu's Corporation Counsel for the past 6 years, and as a friend of former Attorney General Mark Bennett, I understand the sacrifices one makes and risks one takes to enter government service at that level. Mr. Louie's acceptance of this tremendous responsibility is a testament to his character and demonstrates the full extent of his devotion to this community. I believe Mr. Louie will use his considerable talents and will work very hard on behalf of all citizens, and I have already experienced Mr. Louie's willingness to dialogue on issues of consequence to the City taxpayer.

The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair
The Honorable Maile Shimabukuro, Vice Chair
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
March 28, 2011
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Thank you for your consideration of this recommendation. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,


Carrie K.S. Okinaga

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Mahalo for your consideration,

Diana L. Warrington, Judge (Ret.)

March 28, 2011

VIA EMAIL (JDLTestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov)

Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
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Senator Maile Shimabukuro, Vice Chair
Judiciary and Labor Committee
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 223
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Re: GM 510
David M. Louie for Attorney General – Support
Hearing Date/Time: Tuesday, March 29, 2011, 9:30 a.m.

Dear Senator Hee and Senator Shimabukuro:

I am an attorney who has been practicing in Hawaii for over thirty years. I have known David Louie for nearly thirty years. I have worked with him as a lawyer and known him as a personal friend. David brings extensive and superior experience as a trial lawyer in a wide variety of cases. In particular, I have been opposing counsel to David in cases ranging from premises, medical negligence, products and automobile. In all of these cases and the entirety of my dealings with David he has been highly competent and displayed the highest standards of legal practice.

David has also been managing partner of his law firm as I have for mine. From time to time, we have talked about management practices. I believe him to be a competent and experienced manager.

As a former Director of the Hawaii State Bar Association, I know firsthand that David is highly regarded and respected in our legal community. His character, ethics, legal skill and commitment are of the highest caliber. It is my belief that he would make an excellent Attorney General and be a real asset for the State of Hawaii. I heartily recommend him for the position of Attorney General.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,



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