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Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Electricians and Plumbers, Gubernatorial Nominee, MATT BRADY, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.

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To Whom It May Concern:

Subject: Matt Brady's Nomination to the Board of Electricians and Plumbers

I have known Matt Brady for ten years as a colleague and personal friend, ever since I joined Dorvin D. Leis Co. as project manager and engineer. He has adequate experience and knowledge to serve on the Board. His ability to get along with all people from all walks of life, is exceptional. His sense of fairness has seldom been questioned. I recommend him for membership on this Board without reservation.

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To whom it may concern,

I have known Matthew Brady for over 15 years. I first met him while we both served on the building and maintenance committee at our church, Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Ewa Beach. During that time, it was clear to me that Matt was a person of high integrity, values and character. Definitely a person I would welcome into my life. After some time on that committee and at that church the committee dissolved and my family moved to another part of the island and attended church there. We stayed in touch and continue to do so to this day.

I can state, without reservation that, Matt Brady is a man of honor, integrity and an overall quality individual. I have never seen him lose his cool, no matter what the circumstance. He always handles himself in an appropriate manner and I can always count on him to do what he says and say what he means. Matt is an experienced plumber with a deep understanding of what to do and how to do it right. There were times when we would work on the church building and if it meant having to stay late or spend a little more money to do the work right, Matt would always encourage the church to do so. I have even been with Matt on plumbing jobs where the same rules apply. He is an expert at what he does, that is clear to me.

I have total confidence that Matt would approach his role on this board with the same enthusiasm. He would be a perfect addition to any board, especially one pertaining to his field. In my mind, his past experience and his vast knowledge is second to none. I have been in the building industry here in Hawaii for the past 21 years and it is seldom you come across someone with Matt's personality, integrity and willingness not to take shortcuts but to do the job correctly without focusing strictly on the cost. It is the outcome and the quality of the work that Matt is generally focused on.

It is my recommendation that Matthew Brady be seriously considered and ultimately chosen for this board seat. Any other choice would be an error and a disservice to the board and the people they serve. I would welcome a phone call or email to discuss Matt's nomination further if that would help with the decision or to clarify or elaborate on the things I spoke about in this letter.

Matthew Brady is not just a good choice, he would be the best choice.

Respectfully,

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RE: Confirmation for the Electrician and Plumbing Licensing Board

To Senator Baker,

I would be Honored to serve on the Electricians and Plumbers Licensing Board for this coming term. Having been in the plumbing/piping trades for over 23 years, I am a firm believer that our trades must be regulated. I have seen and had our company go back and fix substandard work in the past. I also believe that plumbing and electrical work is a lifesafety trade beyond just a construction/building trade. Injuries and deaths can occur from installations from unqualified people that try to bypass or simply are not intimate with our local codes. I personally have taken code upgrade courses to stay current. It would be an honor to serve along my peers to uphold the licensing requirements for our state and I would like to be apart of that. Note that the plumbing trade has been very good to me and I would like to give back, being on this Board is a very meaningful way to do that.

I have not serve on a state board prior. I have served on church Building and Maintenance Boards as well as other committees in our local community like YMCA sports, church, and Executive Board for Local 675 Plumbers and Fitters. My perception of the Board is to uphold the Licensing requirements for the Electricians and Plumbers. To add in any new ideas or amendments to which codes are to be followed, how to get our tradesmen qualified and assure the general public that lifesafety items concerning our trades are being addressed on their behalf. Im sure there will be some tough decisions to be made as there are City and County Permitting and Inspections that would need to interact with decisions made by the Board and/or the Governors administration. As a member, I would have to have an open mind to other peoples ideas and equally share my thoughts to create a collective body.

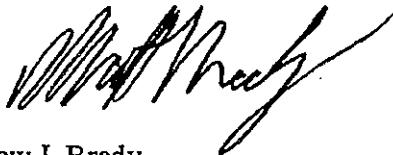
With the 23 years of experience in the plumbing/piping trade I have managed to see a lot. Particularly going thru the 5 year apprenticeship program via Hilo/Maui Community College and the PAMCAH Local 675 Training Program so that could myself become a licensed Journeyman Plumber here in Hawaii. I remember the feeling of success that brought me, and also the responsibility to not do anything that would jeopardize my hard work. This is a feeling all our tradesmen should have. I feel I am qualified to serve on the E&P Licensing Board as I have managed the plumbing side of our company here on Oahu for about 17 years now. My division fluctuates between 60 – 110 craftsmen. I have been a proponent of our men getting their licenses in a timely manner. I have worked within our company to do quality work and maintain a positive relationship with our developers, customers and the general public. I also teach in the Plumbing Apprenticeship Program for Honolulu Community College/PAMCAH Local 675 Training. I currently teach the related Math and Safety, which includes getting our young craftsmen OSHA 10 certified. I have an opportunity to get these new apprentices and start them correctly thru their career. I would like to bring these things to the board.

In a final statement, I have been involved in many projects here in Hawaii. Being raised in Hilo and starting my career in Kona as an apprentice back in 1987, then to Maui where I took and passed my first Journeyman License test in 1992. Going onto Honolulu also in 1992, I started to run projects immediately for Dorvin D. Leis Mechanical Inc. Honestly, coming from a neighbor island, I had to learn and adjust quickly to the big city ways and needs in construction. I embraced the challenge and was an important part of our Oahu operation growing from the 3 of us that originally came here, to as much as 250 total on island during the strengthened economy. I have had to do 100's of interviews for new staff and unionized tradesmen. I have held multiple trainings to keep our people updated in safety, products, and skills. I openly share this with my students in the apprenticeship program. I feel that the experiences, whether they were positive, or a struggle, will help me bring insight to the board. I have worked for only one Mechanical Contractor for most of my career, other than my first years on the Big Island as that contractor came for just the one project. This hopefully being a statement to my workmanlike and professional conduct.

I hope that this statement gives the Commission a fair assessment of myself.

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Mahalo's,



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