

**GM 556**



**GM 556**  
**Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation**  
**to the Hawaiian Homes Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee,**  
**MICHAEL PUAMAMO KAHIKINA,**  
**for a term to Expire 6-30-2015**  
Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

April 19, 2011

2:45 p.m.

Room 312

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS** the nomination of Michael Puamamo Kahikina to the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Mr. Kahikina has been active in the homestead community, sitting on the Executive Board of the Nānākuli Hawaiian Homestead Community Association and working with the Sovereign Councils of the Hawaiian Homelands Assembly.

A former State Representative, Mr. Kahikina intimately understands the internal workings of the state government and the challenges of the political arena. Mr. Kahikina also formerly served as the director of the Nānākuli NFL Youth Education Town, developing the center's various programs including a native plant garden.

Mr. Kahikina will bring to the Hawaiian Homes Commission a wealth of knowledge and experience relating to homestead issues, state government and program administration that will greatly aid the Department of Hawaiian Homelands in serving its beneficiaries.

Therefore, OHA urges the committee to pass GM556. Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to provide testimony.

## galuteria1 - Ikaika

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**From:** Hardy Spoehr [HSpoehr@papaolalokahi.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 31, 2011 6:47 AM  
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Testimony: GM 556, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaiian Homes Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, MICHAEL PUAMAMO KAHIKINA, for a term to expire 6-30-2015

Wednesday, April 13, 2011  
2:45pm  
Conference Room 224  
State Capitol

Papa Ola Lokahi strongly supports the appointment of Mr. Kahikina as a Commission member to the Hawaiian Homes Commission. He brings to the Commission his strong desire to serve his community. His leadership will bring to Commission great abilities. Thank you for the opportunity to support Mr. Kahikina's appointment.

Hardy Spoehr, Executive Director  
Papa Ola Lokahi (Native Hawaiian Health Board)  
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808-597-6550

## **galuteria1 - Ikaika**

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**From:** Hanalei Y. Aipoalani [haipoalani@olelo.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 06, 2011 7:29 AM  
**To:** Hanalei Y. Aipoalani; HWN Testimony  
**Cc:** Brickwood Galuteria; Sen. Pohai Ryan  
**Subject:** GM556--Support Confirmation of Michael Puamamo Kahikina to serve as Hawaiian Homes Commissioner

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Wednesday, April 6, 2011

RE: GM556--Support Confirmation of Michael Puamamo Kahikina to serve as Hawaiian Homes Commissioner

Dear Honorable Committee Chair Galuteria, Vice Chair Ryan and committee members:

Aloha mai kakou!

I write to express my support of Michael Puamamo Kahikina's gubernatorial appointment to serve as Hawaiian Homes Commissioner.

Uncle Mike, for all intensive cultural purposes, has demonstrated and continues to exemplify trust-responsibility over the core values and principles represented in the 1920 Hawaiian Homes Commission Act (amended in 1921). During his tenure in the Hawai'i State House of Representatives, Uncle Mike leveraged the intent of the federal mandate, enacted for the purpose of rehabilitating native Hawaiians, against state kuleana by drafting legislation to reaffirm the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act and addressing delegation of powers; heretofore memorialized as Act 302.

By establishing a vehicle (Act 302) to equip and empower beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Homes Trust, Uncle Mike's forward-thinking initiative unveiled anew promise filled with hope and a myriad of self-governance opportunities for beneficiaries.

To that end; it is in the spirit of lokahi and aloha ke kahi I ke kahi, that I humbly ask for your favorable support and vote of confidence in Michael Puamamo Kahikina's appointment to serve as Hawaiian Homes Commissioner.

Me ke aloha pumehana,

Hanalei

Hanalei Y. Aipoalani  
Resident, Member and Board Director of Nanakuli Hawaiian Homestead Community Association  
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**From:** Kanani Pereira(Sang) [rodkan05@clearwire.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 12, 2011 1:53 PM  
**To:** HWN Testimony  
**Subject:** DHHL Commissioner appointment

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Aloha Kakou!

My name is Lynette Kanani Sang-Pereira. I am writing to you today to oppose the appointment of Michael Kahikina.

I was born and raised on Waimanalo Hawaiian Homestead. Both my parents, Anthony & Joe-Ann Sang were actively involved in the Hawaiian Homestead movement and were very strong supporters of the Hawaiian Homestead Act. It is through their involvement and participation that I learned the mechanics of the homestead act. I along with my siblings supported my parents and their perserverance in preserving the act. Through their involvement I personally met Mr. Kahikina and while I supported his past work on Hawaiian issues, it seems that he has lost sight of the vision of the Homestead Act. We need someone that supports the beneficiaries of the Homestead Act and will **support** and not oppose certain issues and procedures that have been put in place by the Department of Hawaiian Homelands.

I am now a beneficiary residing in Kaupe'a Hawaiian Homestead and I respectfully submit my testimony.

Mahalo.

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Lynette (Sang) Pereira  
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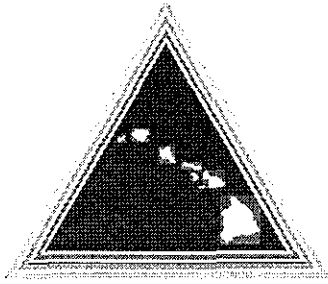
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Submitted on: 4/14/2011

**Comments:**

I strongly support Michael Puamamo Kahikina as a Hawaiian Homes Commissioner. If there are any questions or comments, please contact me via my cell #227-2239.

April 14, 2011

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Richard Soo  
Executive Director

To: **Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Chair**  
**Senator Pohai Ryan, Vice Chair & Members of the**  
**Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture & Hawaiian Affairs**

From: **Kali Watson, Chairman**  
**Statewide Housing & Economic Development Committee**  
**SCHHA**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96792**

Re: **Hearing on Appointment of Michael Puamamo Kahikina to the**  
**Hawaiian Homes Commission – GM 556**  
April 19, 2011 at 2:45 pm  
Conference Room 312, State Capitol

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT**

Dear Chair Galuteria, Vice Chair Pohai Ryan and Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of the appointment of Mr. Michael Puamamo Kahikina to the Hawaiian Homes Commission. I believe that Mr. Kahikina would make a great Commissioner. I've known Mr. Kahikina for over 15 years, seen the way he works, and his ability to grasp complex ideas, and figure out solutions. While Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, I saw State Representative Kahikina in action. He wrote and successfully stewarded legislation that has helped move the program forward. As a homesteader and member of the Nanakuli Homestead Community Association Board for many years, he has shown that he possesses the knowledge and skills needed to move his community forward by heading up the development of the Nanakuli Village Center. As the Chair of the Political Action Committee for the SCHHA, Mr. Kahikina has stayed informed and active in monitoring and supporting proposed legislation impacting the DHHL program. The most important attributes that separate him from other people, is his commitment to native Hawaiians and to the homesteading communities.

The Sovereign Councils of the Hawaiian Homelands Assembly, formerly the State Council of Hawaiian Homestead Associations was founded more than 20 years ago to unite homestead communities and to advocate for the beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1921. The SCHHA is the oldest statewide advocacy organization representing the interests of more than 30,000 beneficiaries and families residing in the communities of the Hawaiian Home Land Trust. Its mission is to promote the self determination of native Hawaiians and the well being of homestead communities. I urge you to please also support the appointment of Mr. Kahikina to the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kali Watson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kali Watson  
Chairman of Housing & Economic Development



Association of Hawaiians for Homestead Lands (AHHL)  
1050 Queen Street #200  
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April 15, 2011

Senate Hawaiian Affairs Committee  
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Pohai Ryan, Vice Chair

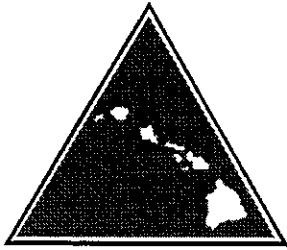
Aloha Senator Galuteria:

The Association of Hawaiians for Homestead Lands supports the nomination of GM556 Michael Puamamo Kahikina's appointment to the Hawaiian Homes Commission

Mahalo,

Dickie Nelson  
President - AHHL

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**Senate Hearing**  
**To: Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs**  
**April 19, 2011**  
**2:45pm – Room 312**  
**Chair, Senator Brickwood Galuteria,**  
**Vice Chair, Pohai Ryan**

**From: Kamaki Kanahele**  
**Chairman**  
**Sovereign Councils of the Hawaiian Homelands**  
**Assembly (SCHHA)**

**Aloha Mr. Chair, Madam Vice Chair and members of the Committee. I am Kamaki Kanahele, Chair of the Sovereign Councils of the Hawaiian Homelands Assembly (SCHHA). The SCHHA is here today in support of the confirmation to the Hawaiian Homes Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, MICHAEL PUAMAMO KAHIKINA, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.**

**For the record, Mr. Chair, the SCHHA is Hawaii's largest beneficiary native Hawaiian organization consisting of 31 homestead associations, totaling 276 elected officers to those associations, our actual members - state-wide (including Lanai) and also, for the first time, included in the Oahu membership group of associations, a wait-list organization called the Association of Hawaiians for Homestead Lands (AHHL). Combined, the SCHHA would represent nearly three-fourths of Hawaii beneficiaries both on and off the lands. I also serve as President of the Moku-puni O Oahu Council of the SCHHA and represent, on said Council, as President of the Nanakuli Hawaiian Homestead Community Association.**

**As Governor Neal Abercrombie's theme, "A New Day in Hawaii" begins to be amplified as a reminder of things to come, so it shall be also, "A Historic Day in Hawaii", when this Senate Confirms Mike Kahikina to this Commission seat. Historic, Mr. Chairman, in that Mike shall be the "First native Hawaiian Commissioner, born, raised and educated on the aina hoopulapula of the lands of this trust. He will be the first native Hawaiian, living on the land, to come to this commission seat armed with fourteen years of House legislative experience as a part of his contributing experience. He will be the first native Hawaiian coming to this commission seat from where the majority of Hawaii's largest native Hawaiian homestead population resides, Oahu's Leeward Coast. Mike will be the State's first commissioner to come to this seat from Hawaii's largest beneficiary organization, the SCHHA, in our organization's twenty four year history.**

**Mike will be, in the history of the Commission, its first member as a beneficiary, armed with the unique experience, as its community's Economic Development Chair, teaming up with the SCHHA's Economic Development Chair and former Chairman of the Department of DHHL, Kali Watson, to building Hawaii's largest homestead community economic development project, the approximately \$100 million dollar Nanakuli Village Center containing a shopping center with its anchor tenet being the Longs Drug Store; the State's largest homestead Community Center named the Dr. Agnes Kalanihookaha Cope Community Center, and a forty eight Unit low income housing Project whose funding requirements have been completely met which shall bring to bare his experience as, presently, the Director of one of Hawaii's large Homeless shelters, Kahi kolu and yet even closer to home, his experience as a grandfather having to receive back into his home his children and twelve grandchildren unable to meet the difficulties in seeking for an affordable home and still on the waiting list.**

**In the battle field with us, Mike was front and center to accomplish the following:**

**Tax Exemptions for all Homestead Lessees on Oahu (\$100 a year – house & lot). This took us seven years to fight to accomplish and included all homesteaders throughout the state of Hawaii. – As we speak the City Councils and its Mayors of Honolulu, Maui, Hawaii, and Kauai Counties are seeking to raised or terminate the exemptions. This fight continues.**

**Mike was there with us to accomplish adding 100 more years to our present 99 year DHHL leases. This took us three years to accomplish when working with Inouye and Akaka in D.C.**

**Fought and won an amendment to the Act to allow for the 50% lessees be able to transfer to a qualified relative who is 25% Hawaiian Blood, husband to wife, child or grandchild. This took us three years to accomplish when working with the legislature and D.C.**

**Amended the Act to allow a homestead lessee who is 25% to transfer lease to a brother, or sister who is at lease a quarter blood quantum. This took us two years to accomplish when working with the legislature and D.C.**

**Assisted 161 families in the last 10 years to keep their homes from foreclosures, evictions, and/or inheritance.**

**Won against OHA/Lingle administration Settlement Agreement on Ceded Lands.**

**Mike, when a member of the House, won Legislation, now state-law (Act 302) to recognize the sovereign, self determined rights of native Hawaiians on Hawaiian Home lands.**

## **As SCHHA Legislative Chair - Presently:**

**Presently working with CNHA and Hawaiian Community Assets to save families from home foreclosures.**

**Working to locate and construct SCHHA Offices in the Kapolei area.**

**Working to support the Akaka Bill (SCHHA is the only formally recognized organization within the Bill that applies to community self governance).**

**Continue to seek scholarships for our students especially for those in the HOOKULAIWI Education Program (the “Only” Education endorsed Program into the homestead systems by the SCHHA) state-wide teaming with the SCHHA’s Education Co-Chairs, Myron Brumaghim and Dr. Margie Maaka. Recently program received a \$675,000 USDOE grant for the support of 50 masters degree scholarships (October, 2010). Shall continue to work with Senator Clayton Hee and members of the legislature in this 2011 Session for support of 102 scholarship- funding for our homesteads on every island.**

**Working with Homestead Associations statewide in creating economic development opportunities in their respective areas.**

**Successfully joined the battle with CNHA and fought for and won, in this past 2010 legislative session, “the requirement on consultation” with the beneficiaries on matters dealing with or associated with the business of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands.**

**Successfully fought for and won, in this past 2010 legislative session, “the requirement for a percentage of the profits”, for the beneficiaries when lands are commercially leased out with said profits to be utilized for cultural purposes.**

**There is no question Mr. Chair that in his life’s walk to seek the best for his people, and I speak with experience, Mike has tasted the bitter inu ika awaawa when dealing internally (on the land) and externally (off the lands) with our own people as well as others. Its part of life’s requirements and he shall be the first to admit the ups-and-downs of looking to better our conditions, but Mr. Chair when all is said and done Mike has done an exemplary job for and on behalf of our people – committed himself to this life’s work and wishes to continue.**

**Never before have our community members brought forth for your consideration and confirmation to the Hawaiian Homes Commission a Gubernatorial Nominee, that if confirmed, shall allow us all to be accorded a place at the decision-making table armed with a naau ame ka pu’uwai understanding of a historic past and the task ahead.**

**The Senate itself shall accomplish a historic measure in bringing my brother to this seat and your kokua to confirm Mr. Michael Puamamo Kahikina as a Commissioner of the Department of Hawaiian Home lands and its Commission is appreciated.**

**Mahalo for your support.**

**Senate Hearing**  
**To: Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs**  
**April 19, 2011**  
**2:45pm – Room 312**  
**Chair, Senator Brickwood Galuteria,**  
**Vice Chair, Pohai Ryan**

**From: Aunty Agnes K. Cope**  
**Kupuna from Waianae**

**Aloha Mr. Chair, Madam Vice Chair and members of the Committee. I am Aunty Agnes Cope the Kupuna member of the Nanakuli Hawaiian Homestead Community Association. I am here today in support of the confirmation to the Hawaiian Homes Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, MICHAEL PUAMAMO KAHIKINA, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.**

**In raising my children, I have, as a mother, needed to pull, every so often Neil's ears (he's the Governor), spanked Boy on the okole and changed Boy's diapers (he's the former Governor Ben Cayetano), told Calvin when he finished at the restaurant as a bus-boy he need to work hard at the legislature and do the best you can, no one can ask for more (that's Speaker of the House Calvin Say), these two boys of mine, Calvin and Boy, liked their Prince Valiant hair-dos, I would say nothing. I told my daughter Colleen, she's in Washington D.C. now. Your priority is family first, take good care of your husband, he loves you. Some kids have to be reminded. Watch out for her, she's gonna imua on up.**

**Several days ago, my other son Kamaki, told me that Mike, his brother, was going to have a difficult time being confirmed because another Senator was nuha at him because of things that happened in the past when Mike was a representative. I said we shall pray for them both. Yesterday Kamaki informed me that Mike met with the Senator (Mahalo to you Mr. Chairman) and Mike feels that the differences between he and the Senator had been settled. When I asked how, Kamaki said that Mike went before him and committed himself to "Mihi". Mike told Kamaki that the Senator was raised by his kupuna who told him that when a "Mihi" is place before him he must accept. I asked my son Kamaki who the Senator was and when I found out, I told my Kamaki, It is a good day to be Hawaii and a proud day to be Hawaiian.**

**Mr. Chairman, a persons resume represents ones physical, mental and material skills, accomplishments and successes. In this case, the measure is in the spiritual accountability to ones self to a fellow human being and that at the end of the day, if both have come together in a commitment of "Pono" than what more can a Senate Committee like this ask for than a harmony of goodness so needed in the future of the Department o Hawaiian Home Lands and its Commission. Mike shall bring this to the Commission along with a life time walk that can only make things better for us all. Please support Mike to this Commision. Mahalo.**

## **galuteria1 - Ikaika**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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Submitted on: 4/17/2011

Comments:  
Aloha;

I am a resident of the Nanakuli Homestead for 30 + years. I oppose the consideration and confirmation of Michael Puamamo Kahikina to the Hawaiian Homes Commission. I have no personal dislike of this person, as he is a pretty good guy. Tho, I believe, he will not represent the Hawaiian families living on the homesteads. Mahalo.

## galuteria1 - Ikaika

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**Comments:**

TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF MICHAEL PUAMAMO KAHIKINA TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION

Aloha no,

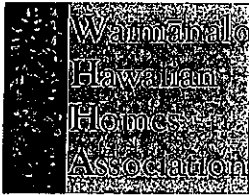
Mahalo for allowing me to express my strong support for Michael P. Kahikina to serve on the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Mike has wholeheartedly committed himself to the Hawaiian community, our people and our home lands. He is a tireless advocate and inspiration for all people. The wealth of knowledge, experience and wisdom acquired from his many years as a community leader, educator, and legislator speaks for itself through his accomplishments.

Mike has been serving on the Nanakuli Hawaiian Homestead Community Association Board, the Sovereign Mokupuni Council o O'ahu and the Sovereign Councils of the Hawaiian Homelands Assembly. All of his past and current positions have led to this opportunity to serve as an excellent Hawaiian Homes Commissioner.

Michael Puamamo Kahikina has the patience, compassion, dedication, perseverance and aloha to be a great Hawaiian Homes Commissioner. I ask for your consent of his nomination and confirmation

Me ka ha'aha'a,  
Kapua Keliikoa-Kamai  
Wai'anae Valley Homestead Lessee



P.O. Box 353, Waimānalo, Hawaii 96795-0353

COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Chair

Senator Pohai Ryan, Vice Chair

TESTIMONY

DATE: Tuesday, April 19, 2011

TIME: 2:45 p.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 312  
Hawaii State Capitol

Honorable Chairman Sen. Galuteria and Vice Chair Sen. Ryan and members of the Hawaii Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, Aloha!

Honorable Senators, my name is Paul P. Richards, mahalo for the opportunity to allow our organization to submit this testimony.

On behalf of the elected Executives, Board of Directors and the General Membership of the Waimānalo Hawaiian Homes Association, please accept this testimony for the following gubernatorial nominees as Commissioners for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands Commission.

Each of the following nominees have proven their commitment, dedication and support of the Hawaiian homestead residents and its purpose defined in the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920 including self-determination, self-governance and advocating the beliefs, traditional practices and values of Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalanianaʻole and its very first department chairperson, Princess Elizabeth Kahanu Kāauwai Kalanianaʻole.

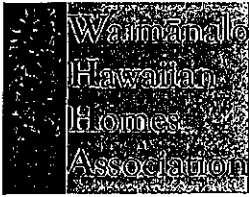
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GM 554	Perry O. Artates	STRONGLY SUPPORT
GM 555	Jeremy Kamakanealooha Hopkins	STRONGLY SUPPORT
GM 557	Ian Lee Loy	STRONGLY SUPPORT
GM 558	Renwick V. I. Tassill	STRONGLY SUPPORT

Waimānalo Hawaiian Homes Association (WHHA) remains an advocate, supporter and promoter of individual(s) who have proven themselves by their actions and beliefs in traditional or cultural Native Hawaiian practices.

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Paul P. Richards, President • N. Kilauea Wilson, Vice President • Moana Akana, Recording and Corresponding Secretary • Roxanne Hanawahine, Treasurer • Mary Ann Crowell, Historian  
• Heidi "Ilima" Ho-Lastimosa, Director • Apela Peahi, Director • M. Ku'ulei Laughlin, Director





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All of the Hawaiian homestead community organizations were founded by worthy homesteaders committed to "rehabilitate, nurture and revitalize" the Native Hawaiian race and their fellow community residents. Like our ali'i trusts, they have maintained a high level of integrity, responsibility, citizenship, caring and fairness as major values and used these as their pillars of character.

When actions and experiences transform to historical fact, it resonant a lingering uneasiness or a need to "remember" that which was important should never be forgotten. For this purpose, the Waimānalo Hawaiian Homes Association has taken the following position:

GM 556

Michael Puamamo Kahikina

***STRONGLY OPPOSES***

We apologize for not being able to voice our testimony in person today due to our attendance at the DHHL Commission hearing at Kalamaula, Moloka'i; however, we hope this written document be accepted as representing the 644 households of the Waimānalo Hawaiian Homesteaders.

Please do call upon us should you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter.

O wau me ka ha'aha'a,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul P. Richards".

Paul P. Richards, President  
Waimanalo Hawaiian Homes Association

cc: WHHA Executive and Board of Directors

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Paul P. Richards, President • N. Kilauea Wilson, Vice President • Moana Akana, Recording and Corresponding Secretary • Roxanne Hanawahine, Treasurer • Mary Ann Crowell, Historian  
• Heidi "Ilima" Ho-Lastimoso, Director • Apela Peahi, Director • M. Ku'uilei Laughlin, Director

Lori Nordlum  
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COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Chair  
Senator Pohai Ryan, Vice Char

TESTIMONY

DATE: Tuesday, April 19, 2011  
TIME: 2:45 p.m.  
PLACE: Conference Room 312  
Hawaii State Capitol

Aloha, Honorable Chairman Senator Galuteria and Vice Chair Ryan, and members of the Hawaii Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, my name is Lori Nordlum. I am 50% Hawaiian. Mama was 100% Hawaiian.

I am a DHHL Lessee at Princess Kahanu Estates Hawaiian Homestead, in Nanakuli. I have served as a charter member on the Princess Kahanu Estates Association Board of Directors for 15 years.

Our homestead was named after Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole's wife, **Princess Elizabeth Kahanu** Kaauwai Kalaniana'ole. Princess Kahanu Estates is the first Hawaiian Homestead in Hawaii's history to have developed a planned community. In order to enhance order in the community and to protect the value, desirability and attractiveness of Princess Kahanu Estates, DHHL Commissioners had established certain covenants, conditions and restrictions (DCCR) which will inure to the benefit of all present and future owners and users of the community. Our residences adhere to the DCCRs of Princess Kahanu Estates and this results in a clean, neat, orderly, quiet and safe community. I personally wanted to live at Princess Kahanu Estates because it has DCCRs. The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands refers to Princess Kahanu Estates as the "flagship" of all homesteads.

Michael Kahikina and Kamaki Kanahale (SCHHA president) have always been in opposition to Princess Kahanu because our homestead is guided by the DCCRs. It has been disconcerting to some of our homeowners that Kamaki Kanahale has verbally condemn them for moving to Princess Kahanu Estates, simply because PKE has DCCRs. He contends that Hawaiians never had DCCRs (rules). I contend that Hawaiians had the most efficient rules, which produced an extremely orderly, productive and intelligent society in the world. PKE is an orderly community because of its DCCRs. Michael Kahikina and Kamaki Kanahale work hand-in-hand to further their own interests, and not necessarily the interests and welfare of the homesteader. They are referred to by many in the Hawaiian community as "bullies". We need commissioners who have commitment, dedication and the support of the Hawaiian homesteaders, and also adheres to the

purpose as defined in the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920 and the values of our Prince Kuhio.

**I STRONGLY OPPOSE GM 556 – Michael Puamamo Kahikina.** All other gubernatorial nominees, I approve of.

I have worked with Michael Kahikina and Kamaki Kanahale in a direct and constant way for 15+ years on Hawaiian homestead issues while I served as a member of the SCHHA (State Council of Hawaiian Homestead Associations). Because of my past experiences with them, I have some concerns about Michael Kahikina regarding his integrity. My sentiments are shared by other homesteaders. They count on community leaders like myself to stand up and speak, even though it has cost me. These homesteaders feel intimidated to speak up. Mike Kahikina serves as an extension for Kamaki Kanahale. This raises concerns for me and others about his capacity to act independently.

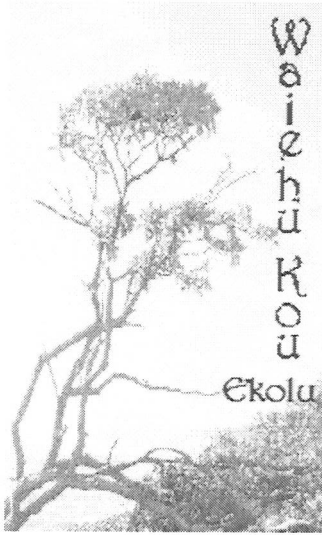
One example, in July 2007 the SCHHA leadership (under the control of Kamaki Kanahale and Mike Kahikina) at its quarterly conference in Honolulu introduced an amendment which was voted "down". That amendment was to allow Kamaki Kanahale, under his leadership as president of the SCHHA, to require all homesteads to turn over all of their land, assets (liquid and fixed) to the SCHHA.

The following month the SCHHA held its annual convention on Kauai. The amendment was adopted at that time even though it was "voted down" by the SCHHA statewide leadership in Honolulu the previous month. Michael Kahikina and Kamaki Kanahale prevented the delegates who questioned the amendment from speaking on the floor. Although the amendment "failed to pass" in Honolulu, the minutes of the 2007 Kauai annual convention reflected that the amendment was now included in the minutes as "adopted." Integrity and honesty were dismissed from this issue.

Princess Kahanu Estates Board of Directors vehemently were opposed to this situation, and after lengthy discussion and consideration, the Board of Directors unanimously voted to withdraw from the State Council of Hawaiian Homestead Association (SCHHA) membership. Prior to PKE's withdrawal, the Waimanalo Hawaiian Homestead and the Maluohai Hawaiian Homestead in Kapolei also withdrew their homesteads from the SCHHA. We believe that our allegiance is with the Department of Hawaiian Homes which was created by Congress to carry out the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920; not the SCHHA.

Thank you.

Lori Nordlum  
Princess Kahanu Estates Lessee



## **Waiehu Kou Phase 3 Association, Inc.**

**Subject:** Letter in support of Mike Kahikina for Department of Hawaiian Home Lands Commissioner.

**From:** Roy Oliveira, President, Board of Directors.

**To:** Ikaika Rawlins, Committee Clerk and Senate Hawaiian Affairs Committee Chair Sen. Brickwood Galuteria

**Cc:** WKP3A, WKP3AHC, WKP3ABoD, CMHHR.org, DHHL, SCHHA

**Date:** 04/09/2011

Aloha mai kakou,

This letters of support is for Mike Kahikina (Oahu Seat) and his confirmation as a Department of Hawaiian Home Lands Commissioner.

Submit testimony online:

[galuteria1@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:galuteria1@capitol.hawaii.gov)

<http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/emailtestimony/>

Mahalo,

Roy Oliveira

WKP3ABoD, President, Hawaiian Homestead

CMHHR.org

Senator Brickwood Galuteria  
Hawaiian Affairs Committee  
Hawaii State Capitol  
Honolulu, HI

4/4/11

Senator Galuteria and Members of the Hawaiian Affairs Committee

Please allow me to give you a little of my background. I was born and raised on a farm in northern Illinois and I owned a farm in southwestern Wisconsin. Both farming communities were 100% Caucasian and close to being 100% Republican in their political bent. This is important!

Through a series of circumstances, God brought me to Waianae, HI, in 1985. I instantly went from a 100% Caucasian community to being a part of a very ethnically diverse community where I was part of a minority ethnic group. Quite a cultural shock plus going from a rural semi affluent environment and now living in a crowded and impoverished community with very different ethical values.

I became involved in ministering within the Christian Church in Waianae and soon became aware of the plight of the "local people." The social problems of the Waianae Coast was causing many family situations whereby CPS became involved with the removal of the family's children and the children seldom reunited with their family. At their front door, the Hawaiian community was fighting for the restoration of their lands when out of their back door their most important legacy was being permanently taken from them. I could not understand their inability to see the hypocrisy that was taking place right under their nose.

During this time period, Mike Kahikina – a Democrat was elected as our Representative from the Maile area. I met him and became acquainted with his pastor and church. Mike became the chair of the Human Services Committee and Housing Committee and soon recognized the injustices within CPS and sought to bring legal corrections and solutions. This is what brought us together and I became a political supporter of his even helping him in his running for reelection. Mike and I are still working together at a housing facility in Waianae.

My love and deep respect for him and his integrity resulted from him taking time to mentor me in the legislative process and the ways of the Hawaiian culture and community. There was times when he became frustrated with my inability to see what he was trying to do to help the Hawaiian People and the populous of the State of Hawaii, but he never gave up on me.

Mike would make an excellent commissioner on the Hawaiian Affairs Committee and would bring many insights that would help not only the Hawaiian community but also the State of Hawaii.

Sincerely,  
Harry W. Simons  
A pastor at the House of Angels Ministries  
87-189 St. John's Rd. (My home address)  
Waianae, HI 96792

April 9, 2011

Senate Hawaiian Affairs Committee  
Chairman: Sen. Brickwood Galuteria

Subject: Letter of support for Mike Kahikina as Commission

It is my pleasure to write this letter of support for Michael Puamamo Kahikina's nomination as a Commissioner to the Hawaiian Home Commission.

During the 25 years that I have worked with Mike Kahikina, he has effectively managed our Alternative Learning Program for our at-risk students at Nanakuli High and Intermediate School, successfully supervised the every day operations of the Waianae and Nanakuli Boys and Girls Clubs, and served as a productive Representative of the 44<sup>th</sup> District in our State Legislature. Currently, he serves as the director of a transitional shelter in Waianae.

In these diverse and challenging capacities, Mike Kahikina continued to exhibit exceptional rapport with people of all ages, while creating programs that both inspired and enhanced the lives of many. He connected with them, and provided a welcoming, productive, supportive environment that lent itself well to the creation of a nurturing climate with a focus of improving their quality of life.

As a manager of various community programs and projects, he has shown initiative, enthusiasm and integrity in all phases in his endeavor to secure the best for his organization, community and people that he serves.

In summary, Mike Puamamo Kahikina has always conducted himself with truthfulness, honesty, caring and most importantly as a professional. It is for these reasons that I fully support his nomination as Commissioner to Hawaiian Home Commission,

Me Kealoha Pumehana,

Myron Kamohoalii Brumaghim

## galuteria1 - Ikaika

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**From:** leahkpereira@aim.com  
**Sent:** Monday, April 18, 2011 11:21 AM  
**To:** galuteria1 - Ikaika  
**Subject:** Letter of support fpr DHHL

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Dear Representative Galuterua,

Please consider my support for Mike Kahikina - Oahu commissioner and Dr. Liela Nitta for Kauai commissioner. to DHHL.

Malama Pono .

Leah KaHookano Pereira-President Mokupuni O Kauai.Vice Chairman SCHHA