

GM565

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Community Development Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, LOIS MITSUNAGA, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.

Thursday, April 14, 2011; 1:20PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz
Chair, Senate Committee on Water, Land and Housing
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Re: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Community Development Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, **LOIS MITSUNAGA**, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.

Chair Dela Cruz and Members:

Thank you for this opportunity to allow me to present some information about myself and request your consideration for my confirmation to the Hawai'i Community Development Authority (HCDA).

I was born and raised in Hawai'i. My family and I lived at One Waterfront Towers in Kaka'ako from 1990 to 2000 and I currently live there now. As a resident of Kaka'ako, I have had the opportunity to see and experience first hand, the growth that has taken place in the neighborhood over the years. As much as the neighborhood has grown, it is my belief, that this area will continue to grow and will become the preferred home for many young working people such as myself. As someone who grew up in the Kaka'ako area, I want to do all that I can to build a live, work and play community for many others.

Following my graduation from Punahou School, I attended and received a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Southern California and a Master of Science in Structural Engineering from the University of Hawai'i at Manoa. However, while my parents taught me from an early age the importance of pursuing an education, they also stressed that I must also contribute to our community. So as a high school and college student, I participated in community service and volunteer work.

After graduating from college, I focused on learning the practical skills needed to work effectively as an engineer and a project manager. I believe that these skills and experiences will allow me to serve effectively as a member of the HCDA. I believe that I am now ready to serve the State and my community, if I am fortunate enough to be confirmed by the Senate to the HCDA.

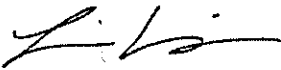
I want to serve on the HCDA because I believe that with my background and skills as an engineer and work in the architectural, engineering and construction industry, I can contribute to the goals and mission of the HCDA. In addition, as my company specializes in architecture, planning, project management, construction management, civil, structural, mechanical and electrical engineering; I believe that I can call on additional expertise and resources if needed.

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If I am fortunate enough to be confirmed, I promise to put in the necessary time and effort to effectively contribute to furthering the goals and objectives of the HCDA and our community.

Thank you again for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lois Mitsunaga". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Lois Mitsunaga



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DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY



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STATEMENT OF

ANTHONY J. H. CHING, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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BEFORE THE

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, AND HOUSING

THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2011

1:20 P.M.

State Capitol, Conference Room 225

**GM 565 - SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND
CONFIRMATION TO THE HAWAII COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, LOIS MITSUNAGA
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2015.**

I recently had the opportunity to meet with Ms. Mitsunaga and discuss her vision and expectations should she be confirmed as a member of the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA). I came away from our meeting impressed with the fact that a young urban professional such as Ms. Mitsunaga would be willing to offer her services and time to further the mission of the HCDA. Given my first impression, our meeting and after examining her resume, I offer my **support** for her confirmation as a member of the HCDA for a full four year term.

Ms. Mitsunaga's educational credentials are impressive and consistent with the demands of an individual serving on the HCDA. Her educational background and professional work as a structural engineer since 2005 will serve her well in reviewing development proposals and zoning applications brought before the HCDA. What is also impressive about Ms. Mitsunaga is that while she was working in her chosen profession, she was also pursuing an advanced degree in structural engineering.

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I believe that her educational background, project management experience and willingness to serve are consistent with the necessary qualifications for an individual to serve effectively on the HCDA and again ask that her nomination is confirmed.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments in support of Lois Mitsunaga.

To: Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair, Committee On Water, Land and Housing

RE: GM 565 Submitting for Consideration And Confirmation , Nominee Lois Mitsunaga To The Board of the Hawaii Community Development Authority

This testimony is submitted in strong support of the nomination of Ms. Lois Mitsunaga to the Board of the Hawaii Community Development Authority.

The Legislature, in its wisdom, created and established the Hawaii Community Development Authority in 1976 to plan for and revitalize urban areas in the State which lawmakers determined were in need of timely redevelopment. This action resulted in joining the strengths of private enterprise with public development and regulation to improve our communities. Therefore, individuals considered to serve on this Board should possess leadership qualities, intellect, and be a beacon for the future of our State.

Ms. Mitsunaga is the ideal candidate. She has exceptional Education credentials. She is a graduate of Punahou School, earned a GPA of 3.96 for her Master of Science in Structural Engineering degree from the University of Hawaii and holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering degree from the University of Southern California.

As the Treasurer of Mitsunaga & Associates, Inc., she has experience in the private and public sector. In budget matters for the company, she has direct responsibility, from preparation of documents to decision-making on construction proposals, including personnel supervision, and on an international level in Korea and the Philippines. This experience aids in her ability to understand the global market and utilize this perspective to assist in economic issues that may come before the Board. Her experience also includes work with our government personnel for which she received a commendation from DAGS for a timely response to the 2006 Earthquake damages to the Laupahoehoe Library on the Big Island. Ms. Mitsunaga is more than ready to serve.

In the community, I have seen her display extreme calm under pressure from irate and loving citizens and handle huge projects statewide that included diverse groups of people, and all with the dignity and sensitivity of a person way beyond her youth. Hawaii is fortunate to have someone like her who is interested in serving the community.

I have known Lois for more than twenty years. She is smart, honest, action-oriented and has grown to be an excellent role model for aspiring engineers. It is with the utmost respect and enthusiasm that I wholeheartedly urge your Committee to approve her nomination.

Respectfully submitted,

Pauline N. Namu'o, 04/08/11
Former Deputy Director For Administration
Department of Public Safety

April 7, 2011

To: Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair, and Committee on Water, Land and Housing

Re: GM 565 Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation, Nominee LOIS MITSUNAGA to the Board of Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA)

Submission of Written Testimony in strong support of Ms. Lois Mitsunaga for nomination to the Board of the Hawaii Community Development Authority.

Hearing: April 14 at 1:20 pm in Conference Room 225

Dear Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair, and Senator Malama Solomon, Vice Chair, Water, Land and Housing (WLH) and Members of the Committee:

I have known Lois Mitsunaga and likewise her family for many years. I have watched her grow into a young lady who has developed notable professional expertise and a community sensibility well beyond her years. I know Lois to be hard working. Educationally, as a student she worked very hard as evidenced by her completion of academic studies to be awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Southern California. Also, Lois has very impressively demonstrated her work ethic, with the fact, that while working as a professional engineer, she managed her time well and completed a Master of Science degree in Structural Engineering. Anecdotally, anyone who has enrolled in a graduate program while continuing to work at a day job, have found this to be, (in terms of scheduling) a very demanding endeavor! The pursuit of her graduate education while working is very telling with regard to her professionalism and her ability to management time and focus. These are management attributes that will bring very effective service to the Board.

In addition, through the course of conversations; it is notable that along with her interest in serving, Lois, has developed a mature community mind set, a strong personal will, and a passion to serve on the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA). Clearly, the Board is very fortunate to have someone like Lois who has these qualities and expressed a strong interest to serve on this Board.

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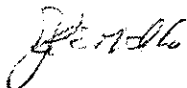
Ms. Mitsunaga's professional background and work experiences will serve her well. She has the background to review proposals that will be brought before the Board and also, as a result, of her work experiences will be able to move (HCDA) on the proposals that are the scope of the Board. Yet, at the same time has the quality to look at the long view. We in Hawaii are at a critical time in our history challenged by accelerated change and unprecedented economic conditions, therefore, people who serve on this Board —collectively, need to be prudent decision makers, have leadership qualities and be visionary to help assure a better quality of life, for the generations of Hawaii's people that are not yet born. In effect, Lois has the above mentioned qualities to potentially contribute the "long view" to the Board.

Given the aforementioned, I believe, that Lois has the necessary breadth of talent, in project management and work experiences to be a productive Board member. To sum, her background will provide the Board with an individual who will contribute effectively to the collective working body of Hawaii Community Development Board.

I am pleased to have had the opportunity to confidently endorse Ms. Lois Mitsunaga's nomination to the Hawaii Community Development Board; I ask that her nomination be confirmed.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide these comments to support Lois Mitsunaga.

Aloha,



Gerald De Mello

Hilo, Hawaii

Committee on Water, Land, and Housing

Date of Hearing: April 14, 2011
Time: 1:20 P.M.
Place: Conference Room 225

Testimony in Support of GM 565

Committee Chair Senator Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Solomon and members of the Committee, thank you for allowing me to testify in support of GM 565.

Your committee's favorable consideration and confirmation of Lois Mitsunaga to the Hawaii Community Development Authority is strongly encouraged. The nominee has demonstrated a committed focus in making a difference in our community.

As a youth, Ms. Mitsunaga was an active volunteer in service learning projects through her school and active involvement in community activities. Ms. Mitsunaga worked to support community youth sports leagues in various capacities such as organizing games and serving food in various booths for community fairs. She was equally active and supportive in school co-curricular activities.

As a former school Principal, teacher and current educational administrator, these qualities were what I admired in Ms. Mitsunaga as she enthusiastically completed whatever she was asked to do. And she did them exceptionally well. She was the type of youth who studied and did homework on the spectator benches at the sport fields while cheering on her brother and his teammates. Following games, she helped to set up, serve and clean up after the "pot-luck." This scenario was repeated over more than 13 years for baseball, soccer, volleyball, basketball, etc.

This early involvement in community engagement helped to develop a "servant leader" perspective in adulthood. All tasks, large and small will be competently handled with the commitment toward making a positive difference to our state.

Your confirmation of Ms. Mitsunaga is encouraged.

Thank you.

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April 14, 2011

The Honorable Donovan Delacruz, Chair
The Honorable Malama Solomon, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Water Land and Housing
Hawaii State Capitol

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT

GM 565, LOIS MITSUNAGA, Gubernatorial Nominee for consideration and confirmation to the
Hawai'i Community Development Authority
Senate Committee on Water, Land and Housing, Thursday, April 14 at 1:20 p.m.

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Solomon and members,

My name is Shannon Alivado and I am writing in **support** of the nomination of Lois Mitsunaga to serve as a Board Member of the Hawaii Community Development Authority. I have known Ms. Mitsunaga for over fifteen years and have witnessed her excel in her chosen profession as an engineer and an active community leader. Ms. Mitsunaga is an intelligent and knowledgeable young woman with a diverse background, which includes working on development projects overseas, proficiency in the Korean language, and a passion for sports.

The purpose of the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) as codified in Section 206E of the Hawaii Revised Statutes is to establish a public entity which shall determine community development programs and cooperate with private enterprise and the various components of federal, state, and county governments in bringing plans to fruition. In the adoption of the HCDA, the legislature found it necessary that a new and comprehensive authority for community development needed to be created to join the strengths of private enterprise, public development and regulation into a new form capable of long-range planning and implementation of improved community development.

Ms. Mitsunaga's experience in the private sector and her dedication to her profession qualifies her to serve as a board member of the HCDA because she has practical knowledge and understands the pressures of running a private business. As an engineer, she has first-hand knowledge and an understanding of the procedures involved in the development of a project. The HCDA has jurisdiction over a number of different Development Districts, including Kakaako, Kalaeloa and Heeia, thus board members must be well-versed in understanding the unique characteristics of each Development District. Ms. Mitsunaga is the ideal candidate for this position because she has established private and public relationships, practical experience and is quick to learn. Moreover, through her experiences in Hawaii and abroad she can appreciate the uniqueness of Hawaii.

Moreover, Ms. Mitsunaga's ability to work well with others makes her an asset to the Board. Her work in the community and in the public sector through her volunteer efforts promises that her relationships with Board Members and the communities will make it easier to carry out the mission of the HCDA.

For these reasons, I respectfully request your favorable consideration and nomination of Ms. Mitsunaga as a Board Member of the HCDA.

To: The Honorable Donovan Dela Cruz – Chair, Senate Committee on Water, Land and Housing
Hawaii Community Development Authority

Re: GM 565 - Submitting testimony for consideration and confirmation for nominee Lois
Mitsunaga to the Hawaii Community Development Authority

This testimony is in strong support for the consideration and confirmation of Lois Mitsunaga to the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA).

I have known Lois Mitsunaga for more than 20 years and have seen her develop from a young student to a professional. And now she is pursuing opportunities to serve our community.

She has many accomplishments in her field of structural engineering, such as having the prestigious recognition of being an inaugural scholar in 2008, which speaks to her level of knowledge, commitment and passion for her career.

Along with her extensive education in structural engineering from the University of Southern California and University of Hawaii, Manoa, and background and experience in construction and architecture at Mitsunaga and Associates, Lois has exceptional credentials that will equip her to positively contribute to the leadership and progression of the HCDA.

Born and raised in Hawaii, Lois is deeply rooted in our community and has a vested interest in seeing the long-term success of our state. This is also demonstrated in her dedication to sustain and grow her family's locally owned and operated business that she has been working at since 2001.

She devotes herself to accomplishing her goals and is not afraid of hard work. She will be committed to moving the HCDA forward on its projects and has the know-how and determination to deal with challenges that the HCDA may face.

Lois' character is one of integrity and honesty and undoubtedly will serve the HCDA and our community well. I believe Lois will be an asset to the HCDA and humbly urge the committee to approve her confirmation.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Morgan Kaya

COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, AND HOUSING

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair

Senator Malama Solomon, Vice Chair

DATE: Thursday, April 14, 2011

TIME: 1:20 P.M.

PLACE: Conference Room 225

GM 565, LOIS MITSUNAGA

Submitting my **support** for the consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Community Development Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, LOIS MITSUNAGA, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.

Lois Mitsunaga has great potential to oversee these Community Development Districts.

As an Engineer she applies scientific knowledge, mathematics and ingenuity to develop solutions for technical problems.

As a Promoter she understands the strategies of highly accessible and scalable communication techniques of the social media to reach an audience large or small.

As a Leader she has been a liaison to stakeholders and information sources that can help a group of people understand their common objectives and assist them to plan and achieve them through various non-administrative competencies.

And as a Friend, she's been dear to me.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my support for **GM 565**, Lois Mitsunaga.



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Senate Committee Confirmation Hearing **GM 565**, Thursday, 1:30 pm, April 14, 2011.

Submitting Testimony in favor for Consideration and Confirmation of Lois Mitsunaga to the Hawaii Community Development Authority's Board of Directors

Honorable Chair Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee on Water, Land and Housing:

It gives me great pleasure and honor to submit testimony on behalf of Lois Mitsunaga and humbly ask your consideration to confirm Lois Mitsunaga to the Hawaii Community Development Authority's Board of Directors. I have known Lois for many years and have had the pleasure to work with her as a fellow employee since Lois joining our firm in 2005.

Lois's educational credentials are impressive earning an undergraduate degree in Civil Engineering from USC and a Masters in Structural Engineering from the University of Hawaii. Lois's educational background and her experience as working Structural Engineer will serve her well in the continuing efforts to update the Master Plan for Kakaako, reviewing Development Proposals and zoning applications brought before the HCDA Board.

I can vouch that Lois is a very hard working and very thorough individual whom will serve the HCDA with professionalism, an open mind and willingness to work with everyone for the betterment of the community or task at hand. Lois also has (if needed) the use of office resources such as staff and/or professional input should need or opportunity arises.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to provide my testimony in favor and **support** of Lois Mitsunaga to the HCDA Board of Directors.

Testimony of Glenn Ida

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Before the Senate:

Committee on Water, Land and Housing

Thursday, April 14, 2011

1:20 PM, Conference Room 225

In **strong Support, GM565**, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Community Development Authority, Ms. Lois Mitsunaga, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz and Vice-Chair Solomon and Committee Members,

My name is Glenn Ida; as an individual, I **strongly Support** the nomination of Ms. Lois Mitsunaga, to the Hawai'i Community Development Authority.

Ms. Mitsunaga is highly educated and has a background in Structural and Civil Engineering and is currently the financial officer for Mitsunaga & Associates. With her education and work experience she would be an asset to the Hawai'i Community Development Authority.

I respectfully request favorable consideration and confirmation for Ms. Lois Mitsunaga.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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