

Coralie Chun Matayoshi (GM 663)
University of Hawaii Board of Regents
Senate Education Committee Request for Information

1. **Why I applied to serve on UH Board of Regents**

I was born and raised in Hawaii to parents too poor to attend college. Their parents emigrated from China, and being the eldest children in their families, they worked to put their younger siblings through college. With hard work, sacrifice and determination, they overcame their humble beginnings and gave their 4 daughters, including me, the most precious gifts of all: a loving home, high hopes and expectations, and a top notch education.

These are the values that I have been brought up with, live by, and apply to everything I undertake. I am not afraid of hard work, enjoy new challenges, and have always left an organization in better shape than when I first started.

I attended UH Manoa for 2-1/2 years and graduated *magna cum laude* from the University of California Berkeley with a political science degree. After receiving my juris doctor degree from Hastings College of the Law, I served 3 years as a Trial Attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice Antitrust Division in Washington D.C., and then came home to practice law in Hawaii at a private firm. Thereafter, I became Executive Director of the Hawaii Institute for Continuing Education, Executive Director of the Hawaii State Bar Association, and now CEO of the American Red Cross, Hawaii State Chapter.

My legal training and dispute resolution experience has given me the ability to spot and analyze issues from all sides. As a Mediator, I assisted parties in articulating their interests and attempting to reach common ground. Serving as an Arbitrator for the Judiciary and Better Business Bureau entailed objective, impartial, decisive decision-making. Once given adequate information upon which to make a decision, I am very comfortable making decisions. However, I prefer to work collaboratively with all stakeholders to arrive at a decision that makes sense for everyone involved.

I have been a volunteer and have worked with volunteers all of my life. As a youth, I was constantly involved in church projects and worked with students at the Hawaii School for the Deaf & Blind as part of my high school Service Club. I have served as a mediator and Board member of the Neighborhood Justice Center, KHON-TV 2 Action Line Board member, Hawaii Bar Journal editor, AUW non-profit sector Campaign Chair, Diamond Head Theater Advisory Board member, and Hastings law school Alumni Association Board of Governors. I have also overseen the work of thousands of volunteers over the past 25 years and have dedicated my life to public service. I know what it's like and what it takes to motivate people to serve.

I have been blessed with many opportunities to contribute to society and believe that I possess the background, education, experience, and passion to make a significant contribution to the University of Hawaii by serving on its Board of Regents.

2. **Roles and responsibilities of individual Regents and Board as a whole**

The role of the Board of Regents is to formulate policies and objectives for the University of Hawaii and to provide the means by which to accomplish these objectives through a budget and oversight of the internal structure, management and operation of the University.

Individual Regents need to make well reasoned decisions based on the best interests of the University, and not concern themselves directly with the administration of the University.

3. **Short term goal – bridge “Town & Gown” through community partnerships**

Innovative community partnerships between UH, business, government and non-profits can harness the collective energies and strength of all partners to tackle complex social problems, give students practical experience and exposure to the real world, provide un-paid assistance (for academic credit) to business, government and non-profit partners, build a base of future volunteers, produce a future workforce that is cognizant of the needs of the public, and create trust, goodwill, buy-in, and financial support for UH from the community.

The UH School of Social Work has a practicum requirement for all BSW and MSW students. The Hawaii Red Cross currently has 5 social work students interning for academic credit. They are doing community disaster preparedness outreach, disaster response, and case work follow up with military families in times of crisis. This is meaningful work that not only helps us fulfill our mission, but gives the students a chance to shape their choice of career. The following is a quote from two of the students:

"The start of my journey as a Social Worker has taken place through interning at the American Red Cross. My social work background has been very minimal up until now. Walking into this placement a year ago, I do not believe I am the same person walking out. The spectrum of skills and experiences that I was able to gain with the Red Cross, has allowed me to develop a better understanding of Micro and Mezzo level practice. This includes providing Mental Health crisis counseling and client case work as a member on the Disaster Action Team, to establishing new partnerships with community leaders in becoming Disaster Red Cross Emergency Shelters. It has been a rewarding and humbling opportunity that has helped me grow as a professional and individual."

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“I wanted to share with you that my year and a half here at the Hawaii Red Cross as a practicum student has provided me with enriching opportunities to experience a different yet growing field of social work. Disaster mental health professionals have become as essential as registered nurses post-disaster and it has opened my options to yet another area of social work. My experiences on the Disaster Action Team and Casework follow-up has sparked an interest for me to continue to be a Red Cross volunteer beyond finishing my practicum time here. Being at the Red Cross has also motivated me to continue into the MSW program to be qualified as a mental health volunteer and to possibly obtain a career as a social worker in the area of disaster.”

When I was an undergraduate student at UC Berkeley as a political science/pre-law major, I received credits for working at a public interest law firm in San Francisco. At my alma mater Hastings law school, students are given the opportunity to work at legal clinics that serve the poor and disadvantaged.

My daughter just graduated from Santa Clara University with an undergraduate degree in Psychology, and she earned degree credits for field placements at a homeless shelter, Easter Seals, and pre-school for underprivileged children.

These kinds of internships not only benefit society, but expose students to real world experience so necessary for their academic and emotional growth. It also builds a sense of community between “town and gown” and generates invaluable support (e.g. financial, in-kind, political) for UH.

Long term goal – increase online education and transform the way students learn

Technology can help transcend time and distance to enable student-centered learning that offers motivating content and allows students to advance at their own pace while staying connected with their teachers and peers.

Imagine students learning from the best, most authoritative and engaging professors no matter where they reside. Students could access lectures any time of night or day, repeat the parts they don’t understand, and e-mail questions to a UH professor or teaching assistant. In person classroom meetings would reinforce the online learning through lively discussion and mentoring by UH educators.

As Executive Director of the Hawaii Institute for Continuing Legal Education, I utilized the University of Hawaii’s HITS system 23 years ago to bring live educational courses to neighbor island attorneys. At the Red Cross, we are offering online CPR and Nurse Aid training for the lecture and written test portions of the course which allows us to cut instructor costs and need for dedicated classroom space. Students only need a few hours of live instruction for the skills training and certification part of the course.

Online learning and testing, coupled with engaging classroom discussion would not only allow students to learn from the best at their own pace, but decrease costs (lecture personnel and classroom space) and allow UH educators to focus on mentoring, inspiring, and helping students apply their learned knowledge to the real world.

4. **Possible conflicts of interest**

My husband Ron Matayoshi is the Director of Practicum/Director of International Programs at UH School of Social Work and is tenured with 21 years of service. My son is a second year student at the UH Richardson School of Law. If a matter came before the Board of Regents which involved the School of Social Work or Law, I would disclose my relationship or interest, consult with General Counsel, and recuse myself from the decision if there was an actual or appearance of conflict.

Another potential conflict is that my position as CEO of the American Red Cross, Hawaii State Chapter involves fundraising. If the Red Cross and UH were cultivating the same donor, I would let others approach them on behalf of UH.

5. **UH Strategic Plan & Goals**

Over the past 23 years, I have successfully led three statewide non-profit organizations with volunteer Boards and throughout that time, have been actively engaged in designing, marketing, and presenting educational programs.

I am most interested in our core commitments to Educational Effectiveness, Economic Development, and Technology. My thoughts are included in responses to Question #3 above.

Educational Effectiveness – currently, only 50% of UH freshman get degrees within 6 years. This represents a tremendous loss of investment in students who lose the opportunity to reach their full potential. Students need real life experience to make career choices, mentoring by community partners who have an interest in the future workforce, freedom to pursue interdisciplinary studies, and even study abroad. Participation by businesses, government and non-profits creates buy-in and support for UH and builds a sense of community between “town and gown.”

Economic Development – we need to educate a highly skilled flexible world-class labor force and engage them in helping to solve social problems. By strengthening public and private partnerships, we can produce entrepreneurs with a social conscience who will achieve personal and financial success and give back to the community at the same time.

Technology - technology can help transcend time and distance to enable student-centered learning that offers motivating content and allows students to advance at their own pace while staying connected with their teachers and peers.

6. **Budget**

At this time, I am not yet familiar enough with UH's budget to suggest specific cost cutting measures. However, as explained above in my response to Question #3, bridging "town & gown" through community partnerships will bring more support and "buy in" for UH from business, government, and non-profits. And, as explained above in response to Question #3, increasing online education and transforming the way students learn will not only allow students to learn from the best at their own pace, but decrease costs (lecture personnel and classroom space) and allow UH educators to focus on mentoring, inspiring, and helping students apply their learned knowledge to the real world.

I have a proven track record in helping to turn organizations around financially.

- As Executive Director of the Hawaii Institute for Continuing Legal Education (HICLE), I started with a nearly bankrupt educational organization that had no staff, no courses planned, \$50,000 in debts, a disinterested Board of Directors, and little support from the legal community. I used my innate sense of creativity, entrepreneurship, and financial savvy to create a well respected, financially successful organization by creating partnerships with other organizations in the community and inspiring volunteer lawyers and judges to spend thousands of hours teaching classes and writing practice manuals to improve the competency of the legal profession. When I left HICLE to run the Bar Association 3 years later, HICLE had \$150,000 in reserves.
- As Executive Director of the Hawaii State Bar Association, I led the sweeping transition from a voluntary to Supreme Court mandated organization. Through careful budgeting, creative non-dues revenue generation and prudent spending, we were able to keep member dues at the same level for over a decade. I started at HSBA with little reserves and left the organization with \$1 million in reserves after rebating \$225,000 to our members.
- As CEO of the American Red Cross, I oversee the statewide delivery of humanitarian services through 9 offices (headquarters, 4 neighbor islands, 4 military centers), 90 full and part-time employees, 4,000 volunteers, and a \$5 million budget. Just before I came on board, they had just let go 7 out of 45 full-time employees, and I started with a \$200,000 deficit budget. My Board and I were able to pull together business and community support to end my first year at the Red Cross with a \$350,000 surplus. When I started with the Red Cross 7 years ago we had \$2.8 million in

assets and \$570,000 in cash; we now have \$10.8 million in assets and \$4.4 million in cash. We also raised \$5 million to renovate our 35 year old facility (including \$3 million from the State Legislature and City Council) and recently obtained a \$240,000 federal appropriation to install photovoltaic panels at our headquarters building to supply clean renewable energy and reduce our operating costs by at least \$20,000 per year for the next 25 years.

7. **Ten-Campus System**

I support UH's attempt to capitalize on the strengths of each of the 10 campuses and create synergy between them to create an integrated system of higher education. The recent implementation of automatic admission and credit transfer between campuses provides seamless flexibility for students and improves the chances that they will graduate on time. UH should operate as a whole, with maximum efficiencies in operation. Duplication should be eliminated and academic standards uniform to the extent that community colleges serve as feeder schools to UH Manoa, Technology can be utilized to a greater extent to make courses available at all campuses and enable students to graduate on time.

8. **Relationship between UH and Legislature**

UH and the Legislature need to have open communication, with needs and wants of both parties put on the table. The Legislative and Executive branches should guide the direction of the State and articulate areas of need and plans for job creation. UH should help fill these needs with programs and graduates in those areas. Together, the UH and Legislature can create higher paying jobs and fill these jobs with its own well educated and prepared workforce.

9. **Closing Remarks**

I owe much to the University of Hawaii - not only did I receive a great education, but I met my future husband and made lifelong friends through Beta Beta Gamma Sorority. I have fond memories of running from my World Civilization class at Varsity Theater all the way to French class at Moore Hall, pledging for my sorority, intramural sports, Homecoming, and rushing to work after class (I was a full-time student working full-time as a flight attendant for Aloha Airlines while serving as Vice President of my sorority and Narcissus Queen). No, I didn't get much sleep, but I did learn to budget my time, which came in awfully handy later on in balancing the demands of career and family.

I look forward to using my energy, passion and talents to help make the University of Hawaii the best it can be for future generations.

GM663

Testimony



EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
GOVERNOR

Wednesday, April 6, 2011, 1:15 PM
State Capitol Room 225

Testimony of
Honorable Neil Abercrombie
Governor, State of Hawaii

To the Senate Education Committee
Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

GM663 Confirmation of **Coralie C. Matayoshi** to the
University of Hawai'i Board of Regents

Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Kidani, and members of the Committee:

I am pleased to appoint Coralie C. Matayoshi to the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents. Matayoshi will represent the City and County of Honolulu. Her term will end June 30, 2016.

Matayoshi is an attorney with a deep background in public service. Currently, Matayoshi is CEO of the American Red Cross, Hawaii State Chapter where she has served since 2003. Matayoshi oversees a statewide operation that provides delivery of humanitarian services through 90 employees and 4,000 volunteers. She works with a volunteer Board of Directors, neighbor island advisory councils and many partners including military, government, schools and peer agencies.

Matayoshi's prior experience includes Executive Director of Hawaii Institute for Continuing Legal Education and of the Hawaii State Bar Association for 13 years. She also served as Trial Attorney for the U.S Department of Justice, Special Assistant U.S. Attorney, and Chief Policy Analyst for the State Senate Committee on Business Development and Pacific Relations.

Matayoshi has board experience working with boards of organizations she has led and community organizations including the Neighborhood Justice Center, Diamond Head Theater Advisory Board, and KHON-TV 2 Action Line Board. She also served on the University of California Hastings Law School Alumni Association Board of Governors.

Thank you for your consideration. I respectfully request that you confirm Coralie C. Matayoshi to the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents.



10 April 2011

Senator Jill Tokuda
Chair, Senate Education Committee

Senator Michelle Kidani
Vice-Chair, Senate Education Committee

Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Subject: **GM663 Coralie Matayoshi, BOR, 4/13, 1:15pm**

I am sending this letter in strong support of the nomination of Coralie Matayoshi to serve on the Board of Regents for the University of Hawaii. I have had the pleasure of working with Coralie these past eight years as the American Red Cross Hawaii Chapter supported State Civil Defense in every emergency our State faced. Coralie's leadership and management skills changed the American Red Cross Hawaii Chapter to be a financially strong organization able to support the many emergencies in our State large and small. Additionally, the American Red Cross Hawaii Chapter supported our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan by connecting their families during unexpected emergencies. They were always able to find our troops no matter how remote and link the service members with their families in the shortest time.

I know that Coralie Matayoshi can make a difference for the students and faculty at the University of Hawaii. She knows how to work in a challenging financial environment and still build a successful organization. You will find no better Regent in our community!

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Robert G.F. Lee

Robert G.F. Lee
Major General
U.S. Army (Retired)

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April 6, 2011

The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
and Members
Committee on Education
The Senate
State Capitol, Room 218
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: GM663 Coralie Matayoshi, BOR, 4/13, 1:15 p.m.
Letter in Support of Coralie C. Matayoshi
to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents

Dear Chair Tokuda and Members:

This letter is written in support of Coralie C. Matayoshi to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents. I have come to know Ms. Matayoshi during my tenure as Chief of Police through the American Red Cross Hawaii Chapter and believe that she will make a significant contribution to the University of Hawaii by serving on its Board of Regents.

Ms. Matayoshi is well respected in the community for her passion to help people and has held many positions in public service. As the current CEO of the American Red Cross Hawaii Chapter ("ARC HI"), Ms. Matayoshi oversees the statewide delivery of humanitarian services through 9 offices, 90 full and part-time employees, and 4,000 volunteers, as well as working with the ARC HI Board of Directors which includes 50 business and community leaders in the military, government, schools, and peer agencies. As a member of the ARC HI Board, I have witnessed Ms. Matayoshi's leadership skills and determination to manage a successful organization.

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and Members
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I am confident that Coralie Matayoshi, with her experience in education and business, will support the University of Hawaii Board of Regents to succeed in sound making decisions for the management and operation to the university for our future generations.

I respectfully ask for your support in the appointment of Coralie C. Matayoshi to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents.

Sincerely,

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LOUIS M. KEALOHA
Chief of Police

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April 5, 2011

The Honorable Jill Tokuda, Chair
Committee on Education
The State Senate
State Capitol, Room 218
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee on Education
The State Senate
State Capitol, Room 228
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chairs Tokuda and Kidani:

SUBJECT: GM663 CORALIE MATAYOSHI, BOR, 4/13, 1:15 P.M.

I am writing this letter in support of Coralie Matayoshi's nomination to serve on the University Of Hawaii Board Of Regents. I have worked extensively with Coralie over the past five years in my capacity as the Fire Chief of the Honolulu Fire Department. I have found her to be extremely dedicated, talented, and tireless in her efforts to assist those in need throughout the state of Hawaii.

She has a very rare talent that combines administrative savvy and an intangible gift to motivate and lead people. I believe Coralie has the experience, education, and most importantly, the passion to make significant contributions to the University of Hawaii by serving on its Board of Regents.

Should you have any questions, please call me at 723-7101.

Sincerely,

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KENNETH G. SILVA
Fire Chief

KGS:lt



Office of the President and
Chief Executive Officer

National Headquarters
430 17th Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20006

April 13, 2011

The Honorable Jill Tokuda
Senate Education Committee
Hawaii State Legislature
415 S Beretania St # 409
Honolulu, HI

Subject: GM663 Coralie Matayoshi, BOR, 4/13, 1:15pm

Dear Madam Chairwoman and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit my written testimony in favor of Coralie Matayoshi's nomination to serve on the University of Hawaii Board of Regents. She would be a tremendous asset to the Board of Regents and has my full endorsement.

As President & CEO of the American Red Cross over the past three years, I have worked closely with Ms. Matayoshi in her role as CEO of the American Red Cross Hawaii State Chapter. Ms. Matayoshi is an exceptional leader, overseeing management and service delivery of 9 offices (headquarters, 4 neighbor islands, 4 military centers), with 90 full and part-time employees, 4,000 volunteers, and a budget of \$5 million. She is the face of the American Red Cross in her community and works closely with volunteer Board of Directors, community leaders, military, government, and peer agencies to finance, market, and staff programs to prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies. In this role, she is a proven communicator, fundraiser and overall leader. She has an extensive network throughout the state of Hawaii and across the nation which would certainly benefit the Board of Regents.

In addition to being a great humanitarian, she is also a savvy businesswoman. Over the past 7 years, she has worked to significantly increase the assets and cash flow of the Chapter, helping to ensure that they have the capacity to respond to disasters in the community.

Coralie Matayoshi is well-respected and well-regarded among the entire Red Cross organization which includes over 600 Chapters. We are undergoing significant changes as an organization, but Ms. Matyaoshi is always eager to collaborate – learning from and sharing best practices. She is a team player and a natural outspoken leader.

The Red Cross is extremely fortunate to have Ms. Matayoshi at the helm of the American Red Cross Hawaii State Chapter. She is driven and passionate about her work and always has the organization's best interest at heart. She has the experience to effect change, embodies integrity, and demonstrates good judgment. I know she would bring the same outstanding attributes to her role on the University of Hawaii Board of Regents.

Sincerely,

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Gail McGovern



PETER S. HO
CHAIRMAN, PRESIDENT AND
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

April 8, 2011

State of Hawaii Senate Members
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

**Re: Letter of Support, Nomination of Coralie Chun Matayoshi for the
University of Hawaii Board of Regents
GM663 Coralie Matayoshi, BOR, 4/13, 1:15 p.m.**

Dear Members of the Senate:

I am very pleased to offer this letter of support for Ms. Coralie Chun Matayoshi's nomination to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents. I would like to urge the Senate members' favorable support for her nomination.

As the Chairman of the American Red Cross, Hawaii State Chapter, I consider Ms. Matayoshi a colleague, business associate, and a friend. She is a person of high integrity and excellent character. She is extremely competent in handling stressful situations. She is very knowledgeable and a superb administrator and manager. She's vigilant in the handling of financial matters and is an excellent spokesperson for the organization in the community.

Her passion for the organization and the cause is palpable and is critical in driving the success that the chapter enjoys. I truly believe that Ms. Matayoshi is committed to the ideals of public service, and it is my opinion that she will bring tremendous value and serve unselfishly to benefit the University of Hawaii system and its students.

Thank you for this opportunity to recommend Ms. Matayoshi to you. She is a proven professional, and I strongly urge her confirmation as member of the University of Hawaii Board of Regents.

Sincerely,

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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
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LEO P. MARTINEZ

Professor of Law

April 6, 2011

Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
Senate Education Committee

Re: GM663 Coralie Matayoshi, BOR, 4/13, 1:15pm

Dear Senator Tokuda and members of the Senate Education Committee:

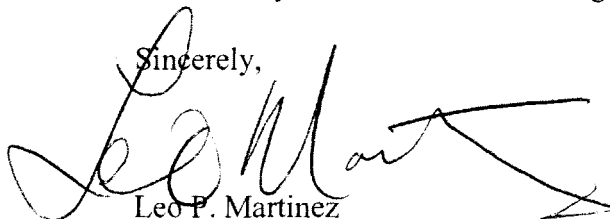
I write in enthusiastic support of Coralie Chun Matayoshi's nomination to serve on the University of Hawaii Board of Regents. She would be a superb appointment to the Board.

I have known Coralie Matayoshi personally and professionally for nearly four years. Because she casts such a large shadow, I've known her by reputation for a much longer time as one of Hastings' stars. Last academic year, in my capacity as Hastings' Chancellor and Dean, I had the opportunity to work with Coralie in her role as a member of the Hastings Alumni Association. She quickly distinguished herself as an extremely capable member of the Alumni Association and the broader Hastings community. She took leadership role in establishing at needed Hawaii Hastings scholarship fund and she was instrumental in creation of a successful student video contest. She provided me counsel and I found her to be a reliable sounding board for the problems that plague all academic administrators. It comes as no surprise that she has risen to lead virtually every organization she has been associated with in her professional career.

As a former dean and academic administrator, I know that educational institutions are advanced only with the contributions of capable people. Coralie Matayoshi has a first-rate intellect which she combines with exemplary people skills. She is a patient and even-tempered lawyer, she is a person of integrity and character, she has shown herself to be a superb leader and administrator, and she has dedicated her entire career to public service. Indeed, I can think of no one better qualified or better motivated to serve on the University of Hawaii's Board of Regents.

These are hard times for higher education and Hawaii is fortunate to have someone of Coralie's caliber to serve the public interest. Coralie Chun Matayoshi is a winner and she should be confirmed immediately as a member of the University of Hawaii Board of Regents.

Sincerely,



Leo P. Martinez



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April 11, 2011

GABRIEL LEE
EXECUTIVE
VICE PRESIDENT,
COMMERCIAL MARKETS

The Honorable Shan Tsutsui, President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

RE: University of Hawai'i Board of Regents
GM 663

In Support of the Confirmation of Coralie C. Matayoshi

Dear President Tsutsui and Members of the Senate:

It comes with great pleasure to recommend and support Coralie C. Matayoshi for consideration and confirmation to the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents.

I have known Coralie Matayoshi for approximately 15 years, with the past 5 years on the Board of Directors of the American Red Cross, Hawaii State Chapter.

Coralie Matayoshi will be a great member of the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents. She has an impeccable reputation as a business person and community supporter. Her thought process is methodical and fair, being a person of high competency and self initiative.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or if I can be of further assistance.

Best regards,

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April 8, 2011

Senator Jill N. Tokuda
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Senate Education Committee
State Capitol, Room 225
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

RE: GM663 - Coralie Matayoshi
Governatorial Nominee to the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents
Senate Education Committee
April 13, 2011 1:15 P.M.

Dear Chair Tokuda, Chair Kidani and members of the Senate Education Committee:

It gives me great pleasure as a University of Hawai'i at Mānoa alumnus to have this opportunity to write to you regarding the nomination of Coralie C. Matayoshi, Esq. by Governor Neil Abercrombie to the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents. Regents are tasked with setting the standard for higher education through their control of the University of Hawai'i system as well as serving as the State Board for Career and Technical Education. For this reason it is vital that those chosen to serve be of the highest qualifications with the broadest expertise to be able to formulate competent and effective educational policies which will in turn affect Hawai'i future workforce for years to come.

My experience with Ms. Matayoshi began with her tenure as CEO of the Hawai'i State Chapter of American Red Cross. When she took the helm, the Chapter was operating under a deficit and its facilities and supplies were aged and in need of repair or replacement. Over the course of her first year with the Chapter, Ms. Matayoshi was able to turn that deficit into a \$350,000 surplus and she began an aggressive facility rebuilding program. Seven years later, the Chapter has a completely refurbished building, and almost three times the assets and cash on hand.

These achievements alone would be encouragement enough for me to recommend her confirmation, but when coupled with her outstanding past achievements in not only in education and government but also the private and non-profit sectors, I can think of no other candidate who is more well rounded or better prepared for the duties and responsibilities of a Regent of the University of Hawai'i. I am supremely confident that her level of commitment and performance will continue if confirmed to the Board of Regents.

I strongly encourage you to vote in favor of Governor Abercrombie's nomination of Ms. Matayoshi to the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents. Her confirmation will be an invaluable contribution to higher education in Hawai'i.

Thank your for your consideration of my testimony.

Respectfully,

Jason Toth
Chairman

JT:cmp



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FROM: Tracey Wiltgen, Executive Director
The Mediation Center of the Pacific, Inc.

RE: GM663 Coralie Matayoshi, BOR, 4/13, 1:15pm

Dear Senator Tokuda, Senator Kidani and members of the Committee:

I am pleased to submit testimony in support of the nomination of Ms. Coralie Matayoshi to serve on the University of Hawaii's board of Regents.

I have had the pleasure of working with Ms. Matayoshi over the past fifteen years in her capacity as a Director on the Board of the Neighborhood Justice Center (currently the Mediation Center of the Pacific) and as the Executive Director of the Hawai'i State Bar Association. In all of my dealings with Ms. Matayoshi, I found her to be the ultimate professional, an extremely hard worker and always committed to doing her best, no matter how small or large the task.

Ms. Matayoshi's energy and dedication to making Hawai'i an even better place to live, is just one of the many outstanding qualities that make her an excellent candidate for the Board of Regents. She has a brilliant legal mind and excellent negotiation skills. She is extremely versatile in her approach and adapts to any situation and personality. Her many accomplishments are a testament to these qualities.

The University of Hawaii's Board of Regents needs strong leaders who can deal with current issues as well as lay the foundation for a solid future for the University. In my experience, Ms. Coralie Matayoshi is such a leader. I encourage you to approve her nomination.

Sincerely,

Tracey S. Wiltgen
Executive Director



*Constance H. Lau
President and CEO*

April 12, 2011

Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice-Chair
Education Committee
Senate, State of Hawaii
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813-2425

Re: GM 663 Testimony in Support of Coralie Matayoshi for Board of Regents, UH,
4/13/11 1:15 pm

Dear Senators Tokuda and Kidani and Members of the Education Committee:

I write in **strong support of the Governor's nomination of Coralie Matayoshi to the UH Board of Regents**. I have known Ms. Matayoshi for more than 25 years, both professionally and personally. I support her nomination for the following reasons:

Committed to the value of education. As the daughter of parents too poor to attend college, Coralie understands and appreciates the tremendous educational opportunities she was given to attend Punahou, the University of Hawaii and the University of California Hastings College of the Law. She understands the power of education to significantly change the course of someone's life within one generation through education.

Understands the special role that the University of Hawaii system can play in educating local students. As a local girl made good to whom UH gave a great undergraduate education which prepared her to become a lawyer and use her skills to benefit others, Coralie knows the special role that the University system can play in affording local students access to quality higher education that fits their needs, both in the community colleges and at the university level.

Committed to public service. For her entire life, Coralie has always volunteered to help others, and after a short stint in the U. S. Department of Justice and private practice, she dedicated her career to nonprofits. I first met her when she was executive director of the Hawaii Institute of Continuing Legal Education and I became board chair, more than 25 years ago. I accepted the board chair largely because Coralie was executive director and I knew the organization would be well run.

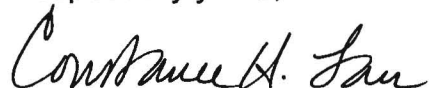
Brings a wealth of experience in managing complex organizations. While the purpose of the University system is education, it is a large enterprise that requires excellent organizational and management skills, especially since much of the budget is funded by the public and the University has an obligation to see that the money is spent well. Coralie has always focused on strengthening the nonprofits she has run financially, something that is critical to the long-term survival of any organization, and something that could benefit UH and the public significantly to have an efficient and effective University system. In addition, in a time when public support is less able to support the University, Coralie knows how private funding can significantly expand and improve the quality of the education the University can provide, and also the contribution it can make to acting as a catalyst for our economy.

Brings great enthusiasm and energy to the Board of Regents. You cannot find someone with greater enthusiasm and energy to help UH elevate its activities to a new level. The University can be an important force for our state but it will require significant change in the system. Change requires drive and energy that must be sustained at a high level and I know Coralie will bring this to the Board of Regents.

Very collaborative and experienced in working with multiple constituencies. Lastly, our University is nothing but complex and is often expected to be all things to all people. Being a Regent will mean listening to all constituencies, weighing important issues and working with other Regents to come to the best decisions that best accommodate often conflicting interests. Coralie has worked in such environments for much of her life and will be an important collaborative and facilitative force on the Board of Regents.

For all these reasons, I strongly encourage you to confirm Ms. Matayoshi's appointment to the Board of Regents. She will work tirelessly for the benefit of the University and the state of Hawaii.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Conrad H. Lau".

April 12, 2011

The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senate Committee on Education
The Honorable Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Education
State Capital, Room 218
Honolulu, HI 96813

Subject: Letter of Support for Coralie Matayoshi, GM663 Coralie Matayoshi, BOR, 4/13, 1:15pm

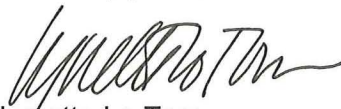
Dear Senator Tokuda, Senator Kidani and Members of the Committees:

I am writing to express my strong support of GM663 Coralie Matayoshi nomination to serve on the University of Hawaii Board of Regents.

I have known Coralie for more than 40 years and have always been amazed at her energy level and pride in her work. Whenever she commits to a project, she gives more than 150 percent. You can check her references at the Hawaii State Bar Association and the American Red Cross, but I would bet that co-workers would never use the words "cruise" or "lazy" in the same sentence as Coralie's name. She is very passionate for the causes she takes on and I fully urge her confirmation as University of Hawaii Board of Regents.

She will do a great job in this important position. Please feel free to contact me directly should you have any questions at 275-3004 or lynette@brightlightmarketing.com

Sincerely yours,



Lynette Lo Tom
President & CEO
Bright Light Marketing

cc: Coralie Matayoshi, American Red Cross, Hawaii State Chapter



April 12, 2011

Subject: GM 663 Coralie Matayoshi, BOR, 4/13, 1:15 p.m.

Dear Senator Tokuda, Senator Kidani and Members of the Senate Education Committee,

I have known Coralie Matayoshi for more than 30 years. Her qualifications for the Board of Regents are superior. From her early years as a studious UH undergraduate to her passionate leadership of the Hawaii Branch of the American Red Cross, she has integrated her many talents and attributes to inspire others towards excellence. She approaches every challenge with a dedication and commitment that never falters. She is tireless! Coralie is visionary, and articulates her ideas with clarity, truthfulness, and respect. Her intelligence goes beyond the intellect. Her compassion for humankind is genuine, and she understands what it takes to bring people together for the good of the whole.

I have no doubt that Ms. Matayoshi would be an outstanding member of the Board of Regents. Please accept my strongest support for her nomination.

Sincerely,

Carla Nip-Sakamoto, MD



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April 12, 2011

The Honorable Jill Tokuda, Honorable Michelle Kidani and Committee Members
Senate Committee on Education
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 225
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: GM663 Coralie Matayoshi, BOR, 4/13, 1:15pm

Dear Senator Tokuda, Senator Kidani and Members of the Committee:

It is my pleasure to recommend Coralie C. Matayoshi as a member of the Board of Regents for the University of Hawaii. I understand what is expected and can sincerely recommend Coralie for this position.

As an executive committee board member for the American Red Cross, Hawaii State Chapter, I have the privilege of working with Coralie on many different projects. I witness Coralie's continued dedication to serving others and the community. She is not afraid of hard work and appreciates new challenges. Her professional experience, work ethic and community leadership is what makes her a great asset to our society.

As the CEO of the American Red Cross, Hawaii State Chapter, Coralie is highly respected for her diligence and selfless service towards the State of Hawaii. I continue to be impressed by Coralie's extraordinary commitment to community giving.

Coralie's outstanding leadership is evident. She is a devoted and generous humanitarian and a very good friend. I wholeheartedly recommend Carolie C. Matayoshi as a member of the Board of Regents for the University of Hawaii.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Patrick K. Kobayashi
President & CEO
Kobayashi Group, LLC

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From: Janice P. Kim [kimj054@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Friday, April 01, 2011 11:47 AM
To: EDU Testimony
Subject: GM663 Coralie Matayoshi, BOR, 4/13, 1:15 p.m.

Dear Senator Tokuda, Senator Kidani and Members of the Education Committee,

I submit this testimony by email in support of the Governor's nomination of Coralie Matayoshi for the UH Board of Regents. I have known Ms. Matayoshi for over 30 years both as a colleague in the practice of law and as a friend. She was an extraordinary leader of the bar association, tireless in her efforts to improve the practice of law, a manager of tremendous capability and a passionate defender of the judicial system. I had the pleasure of serving as the Treasurer of the Hawaii State Bar Association for two years with Ms. Matayoshi as its Executive Director. I witnessed first hand her managerial excellence and outstanding grasp of economics in business. If given the helm of any organization, it cannot but succeed. Her willingness to extend herself in public service to the University of Hawaii is to the great fortune of our higher education system. Ms. Matayoshi has uncompromising integrity and dedication to any task she chooses to undertake. She will make wise and compassionate choices. We are indeed lucky she has decided to serve in this capacity.

I urge you to confirm her immediately and look forward with great expectation to the benefit we will all reap from her service.

Sincerely yours,

Janice P. Kim

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From: Godfrey, Signe [Signe.Godfrey@olsten.com]
Sent: Friday, April 01, 2011 1:14 PM
To: EDU Testimony
Subject: Re: Testimony for Coralie Matayoshi

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to submit testimony for Coralie Matayoshi as a friend, as a supporter and colleague. I have known Coralie for many years through our sorority, Beta Beta Gamma, as a friend and as a supporter of the Red Cross and volunteer.

Coralie is professional, patient, kind, persistent, energetic, loyal, intelligent, sharp and creative. Her work with the many organizations clearly shows how capable Coralie is of doing any job she holds, regardless whether it is a volunteer or paid position.

My praise for Coralie is so small in comparison to the many things she has done, and I cannot say enough to do her justice, and as a friend she is in an excellent category all on her own.

I would be happy to answer any questions about my testimony.

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Sent: Saturday, April 02, 2011 10:49 AM
To: EDU Testimony
Cc: 'Gayle Burgher'
Subject: GM663 Coralie Matayoshi, BOR, 4/13, 1:15 pm/ TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF CORALIE MATAYOSHI

DEAR HONORABLE SENATORS JILL TOKUDA, MICHELLE KIDANI AND MEMBERS OF THE STATE SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

I AM HONORED TO SUBMIT MY TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF YOUR CONFIRMATION OF MS. CORALIE MATAYOSHI TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.

AS THE FIRST UNIVERSITY GENERAL COUNSEL/VICE PRESIDENT FOR LEGAL AFFAIRS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII FROM 1999 THROUGH 2006, I WORKED VERY CLOSELY WITH THE BOARD OF REGENTS AS ITS LEGAL COUNSEL. FROM THAT EXPERIENCE, I BELIEVE I GAINED A DEEP PERSPECTIVE AS TO WHAT KIND OF INDIVIDUAL IS BEST QUALIFIED TO BE A REGENT. CORALIE, WITH HER EXTENSIVE BACKGROUND IN LAW, EDUCATION, PUBLIC SERVICE AND SERVICE IN THE NON-PROFIT SECTOR, AND WITH HER IMPECCABLE CHARACTER AND INTEGRITY, WILL BE A PERFECT FIT AS A REGENT. I AM CONFIDENT SHE WILL SERVE THE UH AND THE BOARD WITH HONOR AND DISTINCTION.

I AM ALSO PERSONALLY FAMILIAR WITH CORALIE'S WORK ETHICS, CHARACTER AND PEOPLE RELATIONSHIP SKILLS. WHEN SHE SERVED AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTR OF THE HAWAII STATE BAR ASSOCIATION, I SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF THE HAWAII STATE BAR ASSOCIATION IN 1990. TOGETHER, OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND SHE WORKED TIRELESSLY TO LEAD THE SWEEPING, AND LANDMARK, TRANSITION FROM A VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATION TO A SUPREME COURT-MANDATED BAR ASSOCIATION WHICH REQUIRED EDUCATING AND SEEKING THE BUY-IN OF ALL THE LAWYERS IN THE STATE OF HAWAII, AS WELL AS DRAFTING THE NEW SUPREME COURT RULES WHICH WOULD REQUIRE A MANDATORY BAR ASSOCIATION. CORALIE'S LEGAL EXPERTISE, STRONG LEADERSHIP AND PERSISTENCE, AND PERSONAL SKILLS IN DEALING WITH THE LAWYER-CONSTITUENTS WERE MAJOR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS THAT ENABLED US TO ACHIEVE OUR GOALS.

I WILL BE HONORED AND HAPPY TO PERSONALLY ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS IN SUPPORT OF HER CONFIRMATION.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND SERIOUS CONSIDERATION.

MAHALO AND ALOHA,

**WALTER S. KIRIMITSU
PRESIDENT
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PHONE 739-4828**

**FORMER ASSOCIATE JUDGE
STATE INTERMEDIATE COURT OF APPEALS**

**FORMER UNIVERSITY GENERAL COUNSEL/
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FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE STATE OF HAWAII BAR ASSOCIATION

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From: Randy Roth [randy.roth.hawaii@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, April 03, 2011 11:28 AM
To: EDU Testimony
Subject: GM663 Coralie Matayoshi, BOR, 4/13, 1:15pm

Aloha Members of the Senate Education Committee,

I'm a professor at the University of Hawaii William S. Richardson School of Law but am submitting this testimony solely on my own, NOT on behalf of my employer.

I have known Coralie Chun Matayoshi for nearly 25 years. We worked together closely when she was Executive Director of the Hawaii Institute for Continuing Legal Education and I was its board chair, and then again some years later when she was Executive Director of the Hawaii State Bar Association and I was its President. She also contributed a chapter to a book that I edited, "The Price of Paradise."

Coralie is exceptionally intelligent, hard-working, and dependable, and that's just for starters. She also has outstanding people skills; she has an abundance of common sense and exceptionally sound judgment; and her character and integrity are beyond question. I also like that she does nothing halfheartedly. In my opinion, she is an ideal candidate for the Board of Regents.

Thank you for this opportunity to express my wholehearted support for Caralie Chun Matayoshi.

Randall W. Roth

Erin Conner

From: hiwellness@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, April 03, 2011 11:31 AM
To: EDU Testimony
Subject: testimony in support of Coralie Matayoshi, UH Regent nominee

I am a graduate of McKinley High School and the University of Hawaii. I have volunteered at Jarrett Middle School for twenty years, am a teacher by degree and a professional fundraiser by choice, working at Catholic Charities Hawaii. I also served on the DOE Committee on Weights for two years.

I have always had an interest in public school education and believe that the University of Hawaii should be the standard bearer in our State. As such, I am delighted that Coralie has been nominated to be a regent.

I have known her personally for decades and followed her career with the Hawaii State Bar Association where she turned the agency into a respected, fiscally responsible entity. She brought those same skills of dedication, hard work, foresight and fiscal responsibility to the American Red Cross Hawaii Chapter as well.

She puts her full effort, heart and intellectual skills into whatever venture she chooses. She will bring a refreshing, knowledgeable and forward thinking perspective to the board. I hope you will approve her nomination. Aileen Shin, 1094 Mokuhano St. Hon. HI 96825

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April 4, 2011

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State Senator Jill Tokuda
State Senator Michelle Kidani
Education Committee, Hawaii State Senate

Re: GM663 Coralie Matayoshi, BOR, 4/13, 1:15 **

Dear Senators Tokuda and Kidani and members of the Education Committee:

I am a director of a leading Hawaii law firm, and a brother-in-law of Coralie Matayoshi. I have known Coralie professionally and personally for over 30 years.

One exceptional quality of Coralie is her commitment to the mission of organizations that she serves. For the more than seven years that she has been CEO of the American Red Cross, Hawaii State Chapter, Coralie has devoted herself to providing relief to victims of disasters and helping people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies. In her preceding time with the Hawaii State Bar Association, she dedicated herself to inspiring Hawaii lawyers to promote justice, serve the public and improve the legal profession.

Another exceptional quality of Coralie is her being so passionate about the mission of the organizations that she serves that she is eager to use her many connections, resources and professional skills to enrich the organizations. The ensuing transformation of the Red Cross that I oversaw as a board member of that organization from before and after we hired Coralie was extraordinary. The resulting change to the Bar Association that I belonged to both before and after she became executive director of that organization was remarkable as well.

Based on my many years of close experience with Coralie, I am confident that she will use her commitment and passion to help the board determine the University's objectives and provide the means to achieve those objectives. Please feel free to contact me for additional information or with any questions.

Very truly yours,



Jeffrey S. Harris

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From: vivien stackpole [viviens3@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, April 04, 2011 9:15 AM
To: EDU Testimony
Cc: undefined
Subject: Coralie Matayoshi to the Board of UH Board of Regents

To whom it concerns.

I was on the search committee in 2003 for a new president for the American Red Cross Hawaii State Chapter. I have been involved with the ARC since 1967 and am at present on the board here in Hawaii. Ms. Matayoshi's resume was most impressive and the best I have ever come across. After her interview it was the consensus from the committee that she was perfect for the position. It wasn't long before Ms. Matayoshi directed and energized the board toward the smooth running and success of the organization that it is today. Ms. Matayoshi is energetic, hard working and has the ability to solve problems. She has always had a passion for teaching and training students and staff to be their best. She is innovative and well organized in putting new ideas into play. I believe that her experience , character and perseverance are traits that would make her an asset to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii.

I submit this without
reservations,

sincerely,

Vivien Stackpole

Erin Conner

From: alan oshima [alanoshima@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 05, 2011 11:21 AM
To: EDU Testimony
Subject: GH663 Coralie Matayoshi, BOR, 4/13, 1:15 pm

Dear Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Kidani, Senators Chun-Oakland, Taniguchi, Nishihara and Slom:

I am writing in support of the confirmation of Coralie Matayoshi as a Regent for the University of Hawaii. Her education, commitment to public service and Hawaii as well as her personal qualities make her an ideal candidate for the Board. I worked with her when she ran the Hawaii State Bar Association and I served as a Director of the organization. Her tireless pursuit of excellence for the organization made her special. She was creative, hard-working, and strategic. She will bring these qualities to the Board. I am a firm believer that the University of Hawaii is a key to the success of our state. We need people of unquestionable character and a passion for the institution and our state to guide it. Coralie Chun Matayoshi has what it takes to be an outstanding Regent. Please approve her nomination.

Aloha, Alan Oshima

Testimony in support of Coralie Chun Matayoshi, appointee to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents

Furnished by: Ken Lee, LSW, DCSW

Date: April 3, 2011

To: **GM663 Coralie Matayoshi, BOR, 4/13, 1:15pm**

Aloha,

My name is Ken Lee and I am writing to add my support to the confirmation of Coralie Chun Matayoshi as an appointee to the University of Hawaii, Board of Regents.

As a retired social worker with over 43 years of practice experience, I feel I am somewhat qualified to say I am a fairly good judge of human ability, character, and motivation. Ms. Matayoshi clearly excels in all of these areas.

Since 1995 I've been a disaster mental health volunteer for the Hawaii Chapter of the American Red Cross and have worked directly with Coralie at the Red Cross since she assumed the position of CEO in 2003. During the past 8 years I have been impressed with her extraordinary ability as a manager of both resources and people. She has the charisma and flexibility to lead either from the front, the middle, or even the rear, depending on what the situation requires. She has become the "face" of the Hawaii Red Cross, and has always projected a media image that reflects control and competence and inspires both confidence and compassion.

It's been my experience that the true nature of a person, a real test of their character and motivation, is only discovered under the most stressful circumstances. During the recent Japan earthquake and tsunami disaster, and the subsequent tsunami alert in Hawaii, I literally spent more than 30 sleepless hours in the Hawaii Red Cross Disaster Operations Center, working to prepare our state for the worst possible scenario. Coralie was there, even before I got there, and she was still there, even long after I left. It is a true measure of character, to see the CEO of an organization, with this degree of commitment, involvement and both the physical and psychological stamina to back it up with. It inspired all of us, and motivated us to do our very best.

Coralie's presence on the University of Hawaii, Board of Regents, will no doubt, inspire and motivate others to do the same. Her sense of selfless contribution to the betterment of the community she serves is both extraordinary and inspiring. Simply put, you could not ask for a more uniquely qualified person to fill this position.

Respectfully,
Ken Lee, LSW, DCSW

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Erin Conner

From: Judy Murata [assistant@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 06, 2011 7:10 PM
To: EDU Testimony
Subject: TESTIMONY RE: GM663 Coralie Matayoshi, BOR, 4/13, 1:15pm

TO: HONORABLE COMMITTEE MEMBERS
EMAIL: EDUtestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov

RE: **GM663 Coralie Matayoshi, BOR, 4/13, 1:15pm**

FROM: DR. LAWRENCE K. W. TSEU

DATE: APRIL 6, 2011

I am writing to you in support of Governor Abercrombie's nomination of Coralie Matayoshi to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents. I am a member of the Red Cross Board of Directors and have experienced first hand the qualities and capabilities that make Ms. Matayoshi a most suitable candidate for the Board of Regents.

She is a strong leader who does well at forming coalitions and partnerships on all levels. She brings a wealth of experience and knowledge from both her professional and personal lives which would serve her well as a Regent. It is without any hesitation that I unconditionally support Ms. Matayoshi's nomination to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents.

Erin Conner

From: iito@hawaii.rr.com
Sent: Friday, April 08, 2011 7:33 AM
To: EDU Testimony
Subject: GM663 Coralie Matayoshi, BOR, 4/13, 1:15pm

I write in strong support of Coralie Matayoshi as a candidate for the University of Hawaii Board of Regents. I have known Coralie for over 20 years and have worked with her on a daily basis for almost 13 years.

Over the years, I have observed her exhibit care and concern for the legal community. Now, as CEO of the American Red Cross-Hawaii State Chapter, her care and concern extends over a wider audience, the people of the State of Hawaii and beyond. Coralie knows what it takes to manage the operations of an entity. She has successfully effectuated positive change at the organizations she has led. She is conscientious, dedicated, goal-oriented, and she strives for excellence.

For those reasons, I believe Coralie will serve the University of Hawaii well as a Regent on the UH Board of Regents and urge you to confirm her appointment.

Iris M. Ito

Erin Conner

From: Jackie Graessle [jackiegraessle@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, April 08, 2011 11:53 AM
To: EDU Testimony
Subject: GM663 Coralie Matayoshi, BOR, 4/13, 1:15pm (Attn:Hon. Senators Jill Tokuda, Chair & Michelle Kidani, Vice-Chair)

SUPPORT FOR CORALEE MATAYOSHI AS A UH REGENT

Aloha Honorable Senators Tokuda and Kidani,

Mahalo for the opportunity to register my unequivocal support of Coralee Matayoshi as a University of Hawai`i Regent. I have known Ms. Matayoshi for ten years. Our close acquaintanceship comes from my role as a social worker, my work with her mother-in-law, Mary Matayoshi, and my professional association with her husband, Ron Matayoshi, also a social worker.

I have had numerous opportunities to interact with Ms. Matayoshi and have received her generous guidance many times. Most importantly, however, I have had the opportunity to observe her as she lives her life in a pressure cooker having to respond to unimaginable disasters as CEO of the American Red Cross. Her ability to remain stalwart and composed provides the necessary atmosphere for those around her to be able to respond in the most effective manner. If there was ever a test for a position of leadership such as UH Regent, Ms. Matayoshi has surely passed it.

You will not find a more balanced, ethical, compassionate, tireless, or sterling individual. I believe she will be instrumental in helping to bring the University of Hawai`i, my alma mater, to a place of national prominence. She will bring a fresh perspective to the Board but critical to this, she also has the social capital to help move initiatives along.

I imagine you will receive many such letters and so I will stop here. I am available at (808) 690-4708 should you have any questions.

Respectfully,

Jackie Graessle, ACSW
47-149 `Iu`iu Street
Kane`ohe, Hawaii 96744

Date: April 8, 2011
To: Committee – EDU Testimony
From: Susan N. Taira, Retired Teacher
Re: Coralie Matayoshi, UH Board of Regents Nominee, **GM663, BOR, 4/13, 1:15 P.M.**

Yes, we are sorority sisters. However, I am not writing solely as a Beta Beta Gamma sister, but as an ordinary citizen born and raised in Honolulu, as a University of Hawaii graduate, and as a retired teacher who has dedicated 35+ years to Hawaii's public education system. These four stances all support a unanimous confirmation of Coralie's nomination to the Board of Regents. Let me explain.

My years on the University of Hawaii campus (1965-1970) provided me with an excellent background in English literature and a strong foundation in education. That aside, I was also strongly influenced by the experiences and mentoring offered by Beta Beta Gamma Sorority. The organization emphasized scholarship, school spirit, leadership, community service, and enduring relationships. And, although Coralie joined after I was "long gone", I know that she was similarly impacted by the sorority because that's how BBG functioned. Her life, needless to say, has been one of exceptional scholarship, positive spirit, community service, unflinching leadership, and relationships.

I was on campus when school spirit was tremendously strong, when fraternities and sororities were numerous and active, and when students wanted to stay on campus all day and participate in all the activities. Coralie, although a decade younger, could still experience that UH pride and energy. But, when my daughter attended UH (in the 90s), it was much changed. Students did not "hang out" but, instead, rushed to jobs off campus after class. Many school traditions had died, and social organizations were almost extinct. Unless one lived in a dorm, joined the band, or played on a team, one was almost disenfranchised. It was a "commuter campus" that didn't entice or excite students to stay. But, because Coralie has experienced the best that UH had to offer, she will be a wonderful advocate for the students and the organization.

Students need fearless advocates. My early years as a student have taught me that. My years of teaching in the public school system have taught me that. My years as a mother have taught me that. And, I am convinced the same holds true for Coralie. I truly believe that Coralie's intelligence, common sense, and compassion, combined with her academic and professional experiences, make her the fearless advocate that the UH students need and want in a Regent.

Coralie's face, voice, leadership, and integrity as CEO of the Hawaii Red Cross will give the UH faculty and students encouragement as the institution continues to face financial constraints and academic challenges. Her ability to see the big picture while still honoring the individual will benefit the Board. Her business acumen and managerial expertise will also hold her in good stead. Her track record at collaboration and negotiation is well documented. And, her *aloha* for Hawaii and its university will be unwavering. So, as a lifelong Hawaii resident, UH graduate, and retired teacher, I can't think of a better candidate. Please confirm her nomination.

Respectfully yours,
Susan Taira

GM663 Coralie Matayoshi, BOR, 4/13, 1:15pm

Dear Members of the Senate,

It is my honor to strongly support the nomination of Coralie Chun Matayoshi to become a member of the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii. I was raised in Hawaii and my father was a professor of entomology here at the University. In my younger years we lived in faculty housing. I have been a faculty member in the Shidler College of Business for over 40 years, and served as dean of the college for some 17 years. The University is an institution that I love and I fully appreciate the importance of the services we provide to our community. I have learned over the years how important a sound Board of Regents is to our University and our State. I believe that every member of the Board should have high ethical standards, a genuine concern for the students, a commitment to continuous improvement in all aspects of our services, and fully understand the potential benefits the University has to offer. I also believe that it is an asset for a member of the Board to have had managerial responsibilities, and to the extent that a person has had an opportunity to oversee a large complex organization the easier it will be to comprehend the wide array of services the University provides. It is also an asset to have served in or managed an organization that is committed to serving the community. Finally, the decisions to be made by the Board are complex and must take into consideration the various constituencies served by the University. One who serves on the Board must be able to see issues from all vantage points, be able to work with members of the Board who may have varying viewpoints, and then help the Board make sound analytical decisions to help the University best serve our State.

I have also served on the Board of the American Red Cross (Hawaii) for over 20 years. This is a wonderful organization that lives public service, both here in Hawaii as well as around the world. Certainly the current events in Japan and the role our Hawaii Red Cross is playing to help the victims is a fine example. Our Red Cross serves Hawaii in numerous ways, whether providing essential training programs or responding to disasters, both large and small. It is a complex organization and often critical decisions must be made as to how to best serve the public. The position of CEO of the Red Cross is a very visible position which calls for keen managerial skills in managing the organization as well as requiring true leadership skills in working with various profit, not for profit and government organizations. This is a position where the CEO should live public service. There is no finer example of this role than Coralie Matayoshi. Just this past year this was recognized by the PBN by naming her the 2010 Businesswoman of the Year (nonprofit).

I have known Coralie since she became our CEO in 2003. She is, without a doubt, the finest public servant I have witnessed. She lives service, and she is always looking at ways to best serve the public. She has extraordinary management and leadership skills. She is a superb communicator. She is able to work with diverse groups very effectively. She has an outstanding

education and understands the role and potential of a public university. She has worked in a wonderful array of positions and organizations in Hawaii providing her with unique contacts and views. As Red Cross CEO she manages a board that has members from very diverse organizations all of whom are very committed to the organization but who see it from many different vantage points. Our University needs such skills on the Board of Regents and Coralie is the perfect selection to bring these skills to the BOR.

In summary, our University is a critical part of our State resources, and it requires a BOR that can appreciate its potential and provide leadership that recognizes its public service obligations. Coralie Matayoshi brings a unique set of skills, experience and commitment that positions her as a superb potential member of the BOR. Above all, she has demonstrated and true concern for our community and virtually lives public service. I can think of no individual who could better serve our University and our State as a member of the BOR. I provide her with my strongest possible support for an appointment to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents.

Sincerely,

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Dear Committee Members,

I would like to inform you that I am in support of Coralie Matayoshi's nomination to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents. I have personally worked with Coralie at the Hawaii Chapter of the American Red Cross, and have witnessed what happens when Coralie is passionate about a mission.

Coralie started as the CEO of the Red Cross about the same time I joined the Board of the Hawaii Chapter of the American Red Cross, and at that time, the Hawaii Chapter was in desperate need of a leader that could make a difference in the Hawaii community. Coralie did just that – when she believes in the mission of something, she goes full speed in ensuring that the message is heard, and that results are obtained. She is a great leader for the Hawaii Chapter, and I'm sure that as a graduate of the University of Hawaii, she will be personally committed to improving our university.

Please consider her for this nomination.

Sincerely,

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Testimony in Support of GM 663, Coralie Matayoshi, Board of Regents

Committee on Education - Wednesday, April 13, 2011 · 1:15 p.m. · Conf. Rm. 225

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate Education Committee:

Please accept this writing as my testimony in support of Coralie Matayoshi for the University of Hawai`i, Board of Regents. Governor Abercrombie has made a stellar nomination.

I have known Ms. Matayoshi for twenty-five years, ever since we were on the Board of Directors of the Hawai`i State Bar Association (HSBA) Young Lawyers Division in 1986. Three years later, she became President. Coralie was very diligent, hard-working and thoughtful as she carried out her duties in the positions for which she was elected. Her life in service to the members of the bar association had just begun. She spent the next 17 years as Executive Director of the Hawaii Institute for Continuing Legal Education and thereafter, as Executive Director of the HSBA. In each role, she took the entities she lead to new levels of performance.

Coralie Matayoshi knows first hand the challenges that college students face. She attended the University of Hawai`i at Manoa from 1974-76 as an undergraduate. While there, she was active in a sorority, achieved excellent grades and all the while worked full-time as an Aloha Airlines attendant. She and her husband, Ron, have educated three of their children through college. Her insights in this regard would be invaluable as a member of the Board of Regents.

In every aspect of her life, Coralie has demonstrated an unfailing commitment to community service and giving her best efforts to everything she undertakes. Her resume is replete with activities that reflect a lifetime of giving and she has received many, many awards that recognize the quality of her efforts in that regard.

I respectfully request your confirmation of Coralie Matayoshi to the University of Hawai`i Board of Regents. She will be exemplary as she serves our community and especially our university, in that capacity.

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Re: Confirmation Hearing for Coralie Chun Matayoshi
GM663 Coralie Chun Matayoshi, BOR, 4/13, 1:15pm

Dear Chairman Hee and Committee Members,

This testimony is submitted in strong support of the confirmation of Coralie Chun Matayoshi to the Board of Regents, University of Hawaii. I apologize that I am not able to be present in person to submit this testimony but I am out of town at the present.

I have known Ms. Matayoshi professionally for many years. Ms. Matayoshi has had a distinguished career as an attorney, administrator and chief executive officer. She is known for her intelligence, willingness to work very hard, professionalism, courtesy, ability to manage people, talent for raising money, working creatively with a tight budget, commitment to the non-profit world and devotion to work for the betterment of our community.

I have worked with Ms. Matayoshi in many different situations. She was the Executive Director of the Hawaii State Bar Association during the years that I served as its President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Director. Her goals for the organization were aspiring and practical. She always sought to have Hawaii lawyers attain the highest standards of excellence and competence. She was very committed to our community in that role and continued to promote her long standing interest in pro bono and public interest work by members of the legal community. I have always been impressed with Ms. Matayoshi. She was an invaluable and hardworking HSBA Executive Director and I very much appreciated her many invaluable contributions and enjoyed working with her.

I had the opportunity to work with her when she was Executive Director of the Hawaii Continuing Legal Education program. She was very resourceful at working with insufficient

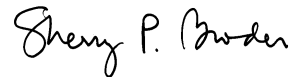
financial resources. She never gave up, even though the program had extreme financial difficulties. Despite declining revenues, she was able to organize exceptionally good education programs and continue with publications of much needed educational materials. Her accomplishments in that role were really admirable.

Ms. Matayoshi has clearly distinguished herself in as CEO of the Red Cross of Hawaii. She has led the organization to grow and to perform more services.

In my experience, Ms. Matayoshi always exhibits excellent intelligence, very good judgment, the highest moral character and compassion for others that will stand her good stead as a UH Regent.

Should Ms. Matayoshi be confirmed for this position, I am confident that she will serve with honor and distinction. I have no doubt that she will be an outstanding Regent. Thank you for considering my very strong recommendation. If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Senate Education Committee

Re: **GM663 Coralie Matayoshi, BOR, 4/13, 1:15pm**

Dear Senators Tokuda and Kidani:

I write in support of Coralie Chun Matayoshi's nomination to serve on the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii.

I have known Coralie for 26 years since she was an associate attorney at Chun, Kerr & Dodd from 1985 to 1987. As a partner in that firm, I directly supervised Coralie in much of the work that she did for the firm. I also worked with Coralie when she ran the Hawaii Institute for Continuing Legal Education, helping with many of the programs that she organized for HICLE, as well as the Hawaii State Bar Association, as a board member of the HSBA.

In all of my dealings with her, she displayed amazing energy and enthusiasm for the work that she was doing. She had an ability to inspire those around her to help with whatever needed to be done. An example of that is her management of the many changes at the HSBA as it went from a voluntary association to a mandatory association, taking on many more duties and responsibilities. The transition that she accomplished at the HSBA was phenomenal.

Her work at both HICLE and HSBA displayed her commitment to education, in both of those cases not only for the lawyers of Hawaii to maintain their professional skills, but also for the citizens of Hawaii to better understand the legal system. Her current position at the American Red Cross also involves keeping the community informed about the role that the Red Cross in disasters.

Coralie has the intellect to tackle difficult problems, has an ability to work collaboratively with people as demonstrated by heading three major non-profit largely volunteer organizations, and has a commitment to the well-being of our State.

As such, Coralie would be a valuable member of the Board of Regents and I recommend her appointment wholeheartedly.

Aloha,



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Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice-Chair

RE: Support Coralie Matayoshi's nomination

I urge your confirmation of Coralie Matayoshi for a seat on the Univ. of Hawaii Board of Regents. I have had the pleasure of knowing and working with Ms. Matayoshi in several different capacities over the years. She is already well-known for her dedication and hard work as a professional and community leader. She will bring a well-balanced, common sense, fiscally responsible perspective to the board.

Thank you for your consideration.

Aloha,

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Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
Education Committee

Re: GM 663 Coralie Matayoshi, BOR, 4/13, 1:15 p.m.

Dear Senator Tokuda:

I am writing in support of the nomination of Coralie Chun Matayoshi to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents. I have known Coralie since she became the executive director of the Hawaii State Bar Association ("HSBA") in 1990.

Coralie has the skills and qualities to be an outstanding member of the Board of Regents. As executive director of the HSBA, she managed the day-to-day operations of the bar association with a staff of approximately fourteen people. She was astute in the fiscal management of the HSBA and left the organization with approximately \$1 million in reserves.

One of the criteria for a regent candidate is "social consciousness." Because of her work as HSBA executive director and as chief executive officer of the American Red Cross, Hawaii Chapter, she has an understanding and sensitivity to the people of the state. She has indefatigable energy and a commitment to do good. She takes action rather than merely giving lip service to what sounds appropriate.

Some people volunteer for various boards or committees to accumulate many for their resume. Coralie is not one of them. She is conscientious and diligent in whatever she undertakes. For example, one of the major endeavors for the HSBA was the budget review for the next fiscal period. She would organize and provide the materials for the board of the directors to review in ample time prior to the meetings, and at the meetings, she would methodically and articulately explain the items in the budget that required explanation.

Coralie would be an excellent asset to the Board of Regents.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

/s/ Carol K. Muranaka

TESTIMONY OF GERALD A. SUMIDA, ESQ.
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THE SENATE
ON GM 663

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION OF
CORALIE CHUN MATAYOSHI AS MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2015
APRIL 13, 2011

Madame Chair and Members of the Committee:

I am Gerald A. Sumida, a partner of the Hawai'i-based law firm of Carlsmith Ball LLP, and am very pleased to present this testimony in very strong support of the confirmation of Coralie Chun Matayoshi to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i.

I have worked very closely with Coralie for many years, most recently from the time when she became the Chief Executive Officer of the American Red Cross-Hawai'i State Chapter. I have served on the Board of Governors of the American Red Cross (ARC) - Hawai'i State Chapter since her joining the ARC. Under her leadership, vision and passion, the organization has greatly expanded its outreach, overall effectiveness, and human, organizational and volunteer capacities to be able to perform its humanitarian mission to the highest standards. During much of that time, I also served on the Board of Governors of the American National Red Cross, and the ARC-Hawai'i State Chapter, under her leadership, became recognized nationally for its accomplishments and capabilities.

I have known Coralie since the time when she became the Executive Director of the Hawai'i Institute of Continuing Legal Education (HICLE), which was originally established to provide continuing legal and professional education and training programs for Hawai'i lawyers and legal professionals. Under her own vision and leadership, and with a remarkable ability to mobilize and motivate people, she transformed that organization into the very successful professional educational organization that it now is. HICLE is an integral part of the Hawai'i legal profession and community and continues to contribute to its high standards of performance.

Her accomplishments at the Hawai'i State Bar Association (HSBA), which she led as Executive Director after her tenure at HICLE, are similarly noteworthy and very well-recognized. She worked with the HSBA Board of Directors, as well as with the Judiciary and other organizations, to strengthen the HSBA's organizational capabilities and resources, provide leadership at various levels throughout the organization, and lead and manage the HSBA through an important transition from a voluntary organization to a Hawai'i Supreme Court-mandated organization. When she finally moved from the HSBA to become Chief Executive Officer of the ARC-Hawai'i State Chapter, she left as her legacy a strong and vibrant professional organization.

From knowing and working with Coralie over many years and in many different capacities, it is very clear to me, and to many others of her friends and colleagues, that she will bring tremendous and unique perspectives, skills, capabilities, vision and passion to her service

on the Board of Regent of the University of Hawai'i (UH). The UH, in its entire broad-based system, is one of Hawai'i's most important institutions, whose influence, capabilities and even responsibilities extend far beyond its campus grounds but throughout our State, the Asia-Pacific Region and beyond. Its importance to Hawai'i is not only beyond question, but is vital and integral to the future of our State and people. The UH has in recent years undergone a major transformations, a necessary and a continuing process, and one that faces very promising but also very difficult times, especially from in its financial dimensions. The UH's leadership group is a very strong and capable one, and with the continuing support of a strong and forward-looking Board of Regents, can help the UH through its entire system to enhance the greatness of which it is capable and successfully weather these difficult times.

Coralie Chun Matayoshi can, without question, contribute very substantially in her own unique way to supporting and helping in this effort in the capacity of a member of the UH Board of Regents.

Finally, I have the present privilege of serving as a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of Hawai'i Foundation, a private non-profit organization that provides financial and other support to the UH. The relationship between the UH and its UH Board of Regents and the UH Foundation is a very close and mutually supportive one, aimed at providing the maximum benefit to both institutions for the ultimate benefit of Hawai'i's people. I strongly feel that Coralie's serving on the UH Board of Regents will help to enhance and strengthen the vital relationship between the UH, the Board of Regents and the UH Foundation.

For all of these reasons, I strong urge that Coralie Chun Matayoshi be confirmed to a position as a member of the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents.

Thank you for your favorable consideration in this matter.

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Re: GM663 Coralie Matayoshi, BOR, 4/13, 1:15pm

Dear Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Kidani and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in support of the nomination of Coralie Matayoshi to serve as a member of the University of Hawaii Board of Regents.

Coralie Matayoshi brings over 25 years of experience in public service and volunteer organizational work.

I have known her from high school and can personally attest to her character, community commitment, leadership and professionalism. Her recognized administrative skills and legal background together with her energy, enthusiasm and dedication will bring added value to the Board in addressing the challenges facing not only the University but the entire State of Hawaii in the years ahead.

Coralie Matayoshi will be an asset to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents. I strongly support her nomination and request that the Senate confirm her nomination.

Very truly yours,



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State Senate Education Committee
Jill Tokuda and Michelle Kidani

Re: GM663 Coralie Chun Matayoshi, BOR, 4/13, 1:15 p.m.

Dear Senators Tokuda and Kidani:

I understand that Coralee Chun Matayoshi has been nominated to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents.

I am in support of her nomination.

I have worked for many years on behalf on the Hawaii Bar Association as an editor of the Hawaii Bar Journal. As such, I have had direct contact with Coralee when she was the Executive Director of the Hawaii Bar Association. As the executive in charge of the Hawaii Bar Association, she communicated well with the editors of the Bar Journal, provided in a timely manner her editorials and had helpful suggestions. The editors had an excellent working relationship with her.

I have also had contact with her in her role as the CEO of the Red Cross Hawaii Chapter. Not only has she been able to resurrect that organization, but she has lifted it to a higher level.

In conclusion, I think she is an excellent choice for the Board of Regents, and I hope you will confirm her nomination.

Very truly yours,



Edward C. Kemper

Cc: Coralee Chun Matayoshi

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Aloha Chair Tokuda,

I would like to testify in SUPPORT of the nomination of Coralie Chun Matayoshi to serve on the University of Hawaii Board of Regents. I have worked with Ms. Matayoshi for years and can speak to her many attributes. Her ability to bridge differing opinions and create a consensus will make a great addition to the Board. Please confirm Ms. Matayoshi. Thank you.

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Dear Senators,

Governor Abercrombie's nomination of Coralie Matayoshi for the University of Hawaii Board of Regents is the right choice and should be fully supported by the Senate.

I've worked with Ms. Matayoshi as a director of the Hawaii chapter of the American Red Cross for approximately 18 months. Her passion, professionalism, drive to get things done as well as her ability to get the best out of others will enhance the UH Board of Regents. As you are probably aware, she has dedicated most of her adult life to public service tirelessly serving as the CEO of the Red Cross for the past 7 years. She has also served in an exemplary fashion as the Executive Director of the Hawaii Bar Association for the 13 years prior to the Red Cross. Prior to these posts, she served as the ED of the Hawaii Institute for Continuing Legal Education. Through these positions, she has built solid and successful partnerships & relationships that is key for success on the UH Board of Regents. Many of these relationships run the course of her 23 years as a key leader in a non-profit capacity.

My wife and I had the pleasure of meeting with Coralie 18 months ago as she got us up to speed on the importance of the American Red Cross. It was her passion and zeal that drove me to want to do more for Kauai and the state as well as get more involved in helping the public in general. It's easy to see now, looking back at 18 months of interactions with Coralie, she is a public servant at heart, has excellent decision-making ability, is a strong and commendable leader and is able to bring out the best in others. She is also both effective and efficient in the fundraising arena and is able to rub elbows with all types from all tax brackets. She is a woman of integrity and it has been an extreme honor to work alongside her.

Coralie Matayoshi's resume, experience and ultimately results speak for themselves. Governor Abercrombie is to be commended on his choice and the UH Board of Regents should be honored to have someone of Ms. Matayoshi's caliber on their board. I have every confidence that, once confirmed, Coralie will shine on the UH Board of Regents as she has shined in every other capacity of service. I strongly encourage you to vote in favor of Ms. Coralie Matayoshi's confirmation.

Respectfully submitted,

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Re: GM663 Coralie Matayoshi, BOR, 4/13, 1:15 pm

Dear Senator Tokuda:

I am writing in support of Coralie Matayoshi who has been recently nominated by Governor Neil Abercrombie to serve on the University of Hawaii Board of Regents.

I am a licensed attorney practicing in the State of Hawaii since 1970. I am the managing partner for the law firm of Ayabe, Chong, Nishimoto, Sia & Nakamura. I have known Ms. Matayoshi for more than twenty years.

I am very pleased with Governor Abercrombie's appointment of Ms. Matayoshi to serve as a Regent. She brings with her legal experience from both the private and governmental sector as well as years of administrative experience serving in the role of Executive Director for the Hawaii Institute for Continuing Legal Aid Education, Executive Director for the Hawaii State Bar Association and current Chief Executive Officer for the American Red Cross (Hawaii Chapter).

I became very well acquainted with her legal and administrative skills when I served as President of the Hawaii State Bar Association. I worked very closely with her and appreciated her value to the Hawaii State Bar Association. She exhibited an uncanny ability to multi-task and was always attentive to the daily Bar Association activities as well as major social activities. She interacted extremely well with representatives from the Judiciary, members from the Office of Disciplinary Council as well as other non-profit organizations which were dependent upon receiving support and contribution from the Bar Association.

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During my tenure as an officer for the Bar Association, one of the major concerns by the attorneys was the annual Bar dues. Ms. Matayoshi was very sensitive to that issue and was able to limit the increase in Bar dues without compromising the Bar sponsored activities. What is so reflective of her budgeting ability is the fact that she was able to create non-dues revenue generation and adhere to prudent spending which resulted in maintaining member dues at the same level for over a decade as well as leaving the Bar Association with a million in reserves when she departed to take the position as CEO of the American Red Cross.

I have observed her activities as CEO of the American Red Cross in Hawaii. Although there have been so many unfortunate crisis to deal with, she has certainly stepped to the plate and has done an outstanding job in responding to the needs of such tragic events which took place in New Orleans as well as in Japan. Recently, the fundraising event at the Hilton Hawaiian Village grossed more than \$1.6 million. Ms. Matayoshi deserves the credit for the success of that fundraising effort for the people in Japan.

Ms. Matayoshi has also received a number of accolades in the past in recognition of her contribution to organizations with whom she has been associated with as well as the public. I am sure the committee has received information on the awards and accolades she has received namely the 2010 PPN Business Woman of the Year as well as the U.S. Department of Justice, Hawaii State Bar Association Award.

In reviewing Ms. Matayoshi's experience and background, there is no doubt about her excellent administrative skills. With her administrative skills as well as her background and experience, she would certainly be an asset to the Board of Regents.

Without any reservations, I recommend that this Committee support the appointment of Ms. Matayoshi to serve on the University of Hawaii Board of Regents. I thank this Committee for giving me the opportunity to express my support for Ms. Matayoshi's nomination.

Very truly yours,



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Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
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Re: GM 663 Coralie Matayoshi, BOR, 4/13, 1:15pm
University of Hawai'i Board of Regents, Gubernatorial Nominee, Coralie C. Matayoshi

Dear Chair Tokuda and Committee Members:

I am testifying in support of Coralie Matayoshi's nomination to serve on the University of Hawaii Board of Regents.

I have known Ms. Matayoshi for over 30 years and have proudly watched her personal and professional growth from our days at Hastings College of the Law to today.

Coralie has been in the "trenches" and gained real life and practical experience as a trial attorney with the US Justice Department and as a business attorney with the Chun, Kerr, Dodd, Beaman & Wong law firm. She has the organizational skills and insight of a proven leader as evidenced by her roles as past Executive Director of the Hawaii Institute for Continuing Legal Education and Hawaii State Bar Association, and in her current position as CEO of the American Red Cross. Her dedication, consensus building skills and ability to motivate others to help the people of Hawaii are reflected in the enthusiasm of the volunteers in the organizations which she has headed and the business and community support her organizations have received under her leadership.

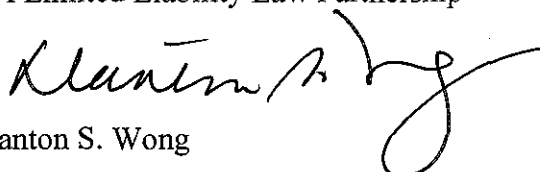
Ms. Matayoshi will bring a thoughtful and well-spoken point of view to the Board of Regents grounded in her days as a student at the University of Hawaii and nurtured through her personal and professional experiences.

I strongly urge you to support the nomination of Coralie Matayoshi.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Very truly yours,

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Re: GM663 Coralie Matayoshi, BOR 4-13-2011, 1:15 p.m.

Dear Senators Tokuda and Kidani:

I write this letter in strong support of the nomination of Coralie Matayoshi to be a member of the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii. I worked very closely with Coralie while she was the Executive Director of the Hawaii State Bar Association (HSBA). During the time that Coralie was the HSBA Executive Director, I was a Director, Treasurer, and the President of the HSBA.

Coralie is a hard worker and a dedicated leader. She had a staff that was very loyal to her and with whom she was a fair and compassionate boss. Coralie understood and explained to the HSBA officers and directors the financial and fiscal situation concerning the organization that had nearly 4000 members.

In addition, Coralie has a reputation for integrity and wisdom. When confronted with difficult problems Coralie would use good common sense and patience as she worked towards a solution. Coralie was diligent and punctual. She and her staff accepted responsibility and each contributed to the success of the organization.

I would describe Coralie's management style as open with mutual respect and a commitment to excellence through dedication and teamwork.

Coralie Matayoshi would be an excellent member of the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii.

Very truly yours,
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**TESTIMONY OF ROBERT TOYOFUKU IN SUPPORT OF THE NOMINATION OF
CORALIE C. MATAYOSHI GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF
HAWAI'I BOARD OF REGENTS**

April 13, 2011

To: Chairperson Jill Tokuda and Members of the Senate Committee on Education:

My name is Bob Toyofuku and I am submitting this testimony in support of the nomination of Coralie Matayoshi as Gubernatorial nominee to the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents.

I have known Coralie Matayoshi for over 30 years and feel that she would be an excellent member of the Board of Regents. She is noted for her hard work, organizational skills, and her positive attitude. Coralie has always conducted herself with integrity and treated others fairly and in a professional manner. She has a reputation for being a decisive and straightforward person, as well as a creative thinker. She is very dedicated to community issues and I am confident that she will be a great asset to the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents and I strongly support her nomination to this Commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

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April 12, 2011

The Honorable Jill Tokuda, Chair, Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair, and members of the Senate Education Committee: Susie Chun-Oakland, Brian Taniguchi, Clarence Nishihara, and Sam Slom

Re: GM663 Coralie Matayoshi, BOR, 4/13, 1:15 p.m.

Dear Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Kidani and members of the committee:

I am writing in support of the nomination of CORALIE MATAYOSHI to serve on the University of Hawaii Board of Regents.

I have known Coralie since 1990 when I began working at the Hawaii State Bar Association. It was a new beginning for the legal community when the Bar Association became a Court-mandated, unified Bar. Under Coralie's leadership, new programs were created for the public and new services developed for attorney members. Coralie also promoted a positive work environment for the staff so that we could function efficiently and effectively.

In 2006, I also had the opportunity to work on Coralie's staff at the American Red Cross where her passion for humanitarian service was obvious.

I have had the honor and privilege to work with one of the best leaders in this community. There is no doubt that Coralie's dedication to the community will be continued.

Respectfully submitted,

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To: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

Fr: Leolinda Parlin

Re: GM663 – SUPPORT: University of Hawai'i Board of Regents (BOR), Gubernatorial Nominee, CORALIE C. MATAYOSHI

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of GM663, the confirmation of Coralie Matayoshi to the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents.

I have come to know Coralie Matayoshi personally over the last decade. Coralie is the consummate professional and has an infinite resource network, which, if tapped, has the potential to expand the BOR's ability to establish new partnerships and better maintain existing ones. She has demonstrated her ability time and time again as a visionary, a leader, a critical thinker and a "big picture" planner. Her track record of performance is astounding. Coralie is willing to ask tough questions, and is undaunted by large tasks, including those of tsunamic proportions.

It is her role though of a mother of 3 amazing, up and coming young adults that I consider her most qualified to serve as a Regent. As a Regent, she will take steps to insure that our University system has the academic rigor to prevent "brain drain" and extracurricular activities grounded in personal development and growth, community service, and leadership. She understands the plight of families today making significant financial commitments to insure their children acquire a world-class education.

Coralie serves as a role model to many, as she "worked her way" through school at UH and had the determination and academic standing to attend one the most prestigious law schools on the West Coast. She has trail-blazed women's rights, equity and justice for all. There is an old quote, that the school is a reflection of the teacher. I can say with conviction, that the University of Hawai'i can take its place as a premiere institution of learning by being a reflection of Coralie Matayoshi.

I humbly ask this committee to confirm Coralie Chun Matayoshi to the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my testimony.