

# GM676

**Measure Title:** Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects, Gubernatorial Nominee, JAY T. MANZANO, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.

**Report Title:** Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects

**Description:**

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Regular Session of 2011

Wednesday, April 13, 2011  
9:15 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 676**

**WRITTEN ONLY**

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE  
COMMITTEE:

My name is Keali'i S. Lopez, and I am the Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("DCCA" or the "Department"). The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony on Governor's Message No: 676, regarding the appointment of Jay T. Manzano to the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects ("Board"). The Department supports Mr. Manzano's appointment and respectfully requests the Committee to recommend that the Senate advise and consent to his appointment to the Board.

I have spoken with Mr. Manzano regarding his candidacy for appointment to the Board, and based on my discussion with Mr. Manzano, I believe that he possesses the

qualifications, background, and experiences to serve on the Board, and to contribute in a positive and constructive manner on matters that will come before the Board.

Mr. Manzano is the President of Unlimited Construction Services Inc. ("Unlimited"), a construction services company on Kauai. His primary functions are the management and oversight of project administration and field operations for all of Unlimited's projects. When Mr. Manzano was Vice President of Unlimited his projects included the Kauai Judiciary Complex, the Wailua Bridge Widening, and Westin Princeville Ocean Resorts Timeshares.

Mr. Manzano has been in the construction industry for more than 25 years. Throughout his career as a general contractor he worked side by side many professional engineers, architects, surveyors, and landscape architects. He always admired and respected the many things they did for Hawaii's building construction and land development projects.

Mr. Manzano is truly looking forward to serving as a public member on the Board. He believes that his close working relationships with the various professions makes him a good candidate to serve on the Board. He has all the necessary decision making skills and knowledge of the industry and his good work ethic, leadership, managerial, and multi-tasking skills are also valuable strengths of his.

Considering his extensive experience, I am confident that if given the opportunity, Mr. Manzano will prove to be an asset to the State through his service on the Board. I respectfully request that the Committee recommend that the Senate advise and consent to Mr. Manzano's appointment.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.



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April 12, 2011

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice-Chair  
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

Re: April 13, 2011 CPN Hearing; GM676, Support to nominate Jay T. Manzano to the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects

Dear Chairperson Baker and Vice-Chair Taniguchi:

I have been personally associated with Mr. Jay T. Manzano for over 18 years and as President of Commercial Plumbing, Inc., I am pleased to submit this letter to highly recommend him to the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects.

After seeing Jay rise from Project Manager to Sr. Project Manager then to his presently held position as President of Unlimited Construction, I have found Jay to be of the highest integrity and very professional. I see him as a problem-solver and a "think out of the box" kind of guy. Jay is a very strong team player and has always remained open-minded even through some very difficult contract negotiations. Based upon my personal experiences in working with Jay, I feel that he would be an asset the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this letter of recommendation on behalf of Mr. Manzano. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Randal M. Hiraki', written in a cursive style.

Randal M. Hiraki  
President  
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## Testimony In Support of Jay T. Manzano

GM676

April 13, 2011 CPN Hearing

### Nomination to the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects

To the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair; Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair and Members of the Committee:

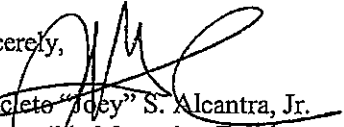
My name is Anacleto "Joey" S. Alcantra, Jr. and I am the Chief Operating Officer /Responsible Managing Employee at Group Builders, Inc. I am sending this testimony in support of Mr. Jay T. Manzano's nomination to the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects.

I personally know Mr. Manzano for over ten years. My relationship with him extends beyond corporate project management and administration, just as his commitment to the industry extends his compassion to encourage the support and success of others.

As part of the Group Builders team, we first worked with Mr. Manzano at the Sheraton Kauai project which was then run by Fletcher Pacific. Since then, we have witnessed his rapid career advancement from Project Manager to ultimately being the President of Unlimited Construction today, working with him on multi-million projects such as the Marriott Waiohai, Westin Princeville Ocean Resort, Waipouli Beach Resort, Kapolei Judiciary and Safeway Beretania. I, along with Group Builders know Mr. Manzano to be very proactive and smart in dealing with situations. His fair negotiations and management skills in dealing with issues and concerns during and after the projects are consistent and commendable. The most unexpected challenges are patiently addressed and resolved with mutual trust and integrity. I personally appreciate Mr. Manzano's effort and dedication in helping us achieve a reputation for excellence in quality, timeliness and cost effective measures without sacrificing the aesthetics of a client service oriented corporation.

I am strongly confident in Mr. Manzano's knowledge, motivation and superb competence in being able to serve the board. I assure you that he will be a significant contributor to help the board uphold its purpose and mission.

Sincerely,

  
Anacleto "Joey" S. Alcantra, Jr.  
Responsible Managing Employee  
Chief Operating Officer  
Group Builders, Inc.

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April 11, 2011

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice-Chair  
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

Subject: April 13, 2011 CPN Hearing: GM676, Support to Nominate Jay T. Manzano to the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects

Dear Chairperson Baker and Vice-Chair Taniguchi,

My name is Mike Muromoto and I am a principal at the architecture firm Design Partners, Incorporated. I am submitting this letter in support of Mr. Jay T. Manzano's nomination to the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects.

I have personally worked closely with Mr. Manzano and his company over a period of several years on a complex, \$135 million luxury resort project at Princeville on Kauai, the Westin Princeville Ocean Resort. During our work on the project I found Mr. Manzano to be very knowledgeable, conscientious and fair in his dealings both with our firm and the client. Discussions with his subcontractors over the course of the project likewise indicated his fair dealings with them as well. Throughout the course of this very difficult project he proved to be a creative problem solver, a very proactive project manager and a team player. His calm demeanor and clear thinking during very difficult periods and his ability to keep the project moving ahead to remain on schedule was greatly appreciated by everyone involved with the project. To his and his company's credit, the project was awarded the 2009 General Contractors Association of Hawaii, Award of Excellence for Large Projects, winning out over other excellent projects such as the Marriott Ko Olina resort and the Hilton Grand Waikikian Tower. I would gladly welcome the opportunity to work with Mr. Manzano again on future projects.

Based on my personal experiences working with Mr. Manzano, I believe he would serve the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects very well, and I request your Committee's consideration of his nomination.



Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice-Chair  
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection  
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Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to submit this letter of reference on Mr. Manzano's behalf.

Sincerely,

Mike Muromoto, AIA  
Design Partners, Inc.  
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April 6, 2011

**Subject: Jay Manzano  
Testimony & Written Statement for the Hawaii State Board of Professional  
Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects**

Dear Senate CPN Committee:

First and foremost, thank you for your consideration and I am honored to be a nominee for a position on the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects. I would like to become a board member to volunteer my experience and services in assisting those individuals who would like to practice or is currently practicing as a Professional Engineer, Architect, Surveyor, or Landscape Architect in the State of Hawaii. I have been in the construction industry for over 25 years and have worked with some of the current board members. Throughout my career as a general contractor, I have worked side by side with many of these professionals and have respected and admired the things they do for Hawaii's building construction and land development. I feel strongly about getting involved in our community and I am currently a Board Member of Island School on Kauai and a member of the Kauai Planning & Action Alliance Team which promotes sustainability practices throughout Kauai.

State Board Members have a big responsibility in issuing licenses, suspending licenses, revoking licenses, renewing licenses, issuing fines and enforcement of the rules. They also ensure that its members receive continuing education which is vital to the public's protection. It is in the public's best interest that a board exist to protect us from fraudulent, deceitful, grossly negligent, or incompetent individuals claiming to be professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, or Landscape Architects. The duties of board members help protect the public and help the building construction and land development maintain high standards. If chosen, I would be honored to provide these services for our State.

I started my college education at the US Naval Academy and finished my education at the University of Maryland where I obtained my Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering. Immediately after college, I returned back to Hawaii where I worked for a general contractor and eventually worked my way up to President of Unlimited Construction Services. My success was mainly due to being mentored by the best people in the construction industry and for that I am so very thankful for extending their expertise to my development. Many of my mentors are Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects. Since I have worked with them on a daily basis for the past 25 years, I believe my close working relationship with them makes me a very good candidate to serve as a board member. I have all the necessary decision-making skills and knowledge in this industry to perform the duties and responsibilities given to me with the highest standards. I am also representing the County of Kauai which I hope will help fulfill the charter requirements.



My work ethics, leadership, managerial and multi-tasking skills I use constantly in my position with Unlimited are valuable strengths that I could bring with me as a board member, if given the opportunity, I would be a valuable addition to the board as I would ensure that the individuals who are considered for the licensing have the necessary skills, credentials and integrity for this privilege. I would diligently monitor and regulate those that have already received their license. If selected as a board member, I will ensure to the best of my abilities, that the board standards are continuously met or exceeded.

Thank you again and I am grateful for this opportunity to become a board member.

Sincerely,



Jay Manzano  
President  
Unlimited Construction Services, Inc.