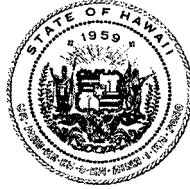


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Mr. John F. Morton



Dear Mr. Morton:

Re: Nomination to the Board of Directors of the High Technology Development Corporation GM 691

Congratulations on being nominated by Governor Neil Abercrombie to the Board of Directors of the High Technology Development Corporation. To assist the Senate with its confirmation process, I would like to request that the following information be submitted to my office by **Monday, April 11, 2011**:

- (1) A resume with a list of references
- (2) A written statement that addresses the following questions:
 - (a) Why do you wish to be a member of the Board of Directors of the High Technology Development Corporation?
 - (b) How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the Board of Directors of the High Technology Development Corporation?
 - (c) Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a member of the Board of Directors of the High Technology Development Corporation, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise, or knowledge that would aid in your decision-making ability as a member of the Board of Directors of the High Technology Development Corporation.
 - (d) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?
 - (e) Name three qualities that best describe you and that would make you stand out. How would these qualities benefit the Board of Directors of the High Technology Development Corporation?
 - (f) Name one previous experience that would make you stand out. How would this benefit the Board of Directors of the High Technology Development Corporation?

- (g) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the Board of Directors of the High Technology Development Corporation? How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest?

Your prompt response in providing the above information will ensure that the Senate confirmation process can proceed in a timely manner.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carol Fukunaga". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Carol" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Fukunaga".

Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chair
Senate Economic Development Committee



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John Morton
Vice President for Community Colleges

April 5, 2011

Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chair
Economic Development Committee
The Senate
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Fukunaga:

I am pleased to have been nominated by Governor Abercrombie to the Board of Directors of the High Technology Development Corporation. To assist you and the committee in your deliberations on my appointment, I provide the following responses to your questions.

Why do you wish to be a member of the Board of Directors of the High Technology Development Corporation?

As specified in the enabling legislation for HTDC, it is important for the University of Hawai'i to have a seat at the Board table to ensure coordination between both the activities of HTDC and the University and also to address issues related to the tenancy of HTDC at the Manoa Innovation Center.

By virtue of my position and my experience within the University, I believe that I can make a positive contribution to ensuring good communication and help to address issues regarding the future of HTDC and the Manoa Innovation Center.

I also have a professional interest in workforce issues related to high technology and the community college role in ensuring that Hawai'i has the technical workforce to meet the employment needs in the emerging technology field. The community colleges will benefit from the information and leadership HTDC provides in understanding and creating this new economy.

How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the Board of Directors of the High Technology Development Corporation?

Although HTDC is a public corporation, I perceive my role on the Board to be identical to the board role I have on other not for profit boards. The board should be focused on policy, strategic direction for HTDC, and setting the direction and conducting the performance review of the executive director. I would also see my responsibility as ensuring good communication between HTDC and the various policy makers within the University.

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Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a member of the Board of Directors of the High Technology Development Corporation, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise, or knowledge that would aid in your decision-making ability as a member of the Board of Directors of the High Technology Development Corporation.

I have served in an executive position at the University of Hawai'i for over 25 years, most recently as Vice President for Community Colleges. In this position, I am in regular interaction with the Board of Regents, the President, Vice-Presidents Jim Gaines and David Lassner, and others who have a potential relationship with HTDC or its efforts.

I have served on several governing boards for not-for-profit organizations and currently am the chair of the Hawai'i Health Information Corporation and the board for ASSETS school. Because of these experiences, I have a good working knowledge of how boards should perform.

Professionally, my Ph.D. from the University of Hawai'i is in Communication and Information Sciences and I was able to use this knowledge and my University administrative experience to lead a successful implementation of a new student information system across the ten campus University system.

What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

The highest priority for HTDC is to define its future and its future relationship with the University. The University is moving to improve significantly its contributions to the development of a research industry in the State of Hawai'i and to improve the transfer of intellectual capital to private businesses. Accomplishing these tasks will take a commitment of resources and a commitment to an entrepreneurial spirit, along with the administrative and policy mechanisms to support such an endeavor.

These ambitions closely align or overlap with the mission of HTDC and defining the relationship between the two organizations is critical in building a sustained high technology industry in Hawai'i.

I believe that I can add value as the two organizations work through this relationship.

Name three qualities that best describe you and that would make you stand out. How would these qualities benefit the Board of Directors of the High Technology Development Corporation?

It is always difficult and risky to describe oneself and so I leave to others the judgment of whether I do indeed possess these qualities. That said, I do believe that I am a good listener and problem solver, that I have a history of successful University administrative leadership, and that I have a genuine curiosity about new ideas and new directions.

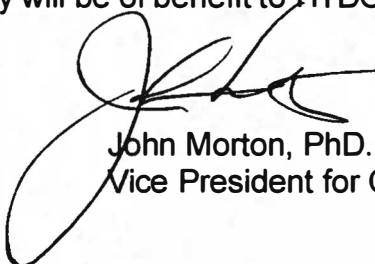
I believe that I can contribute that experience and problem-solving ability to HTDC while gaining new knowledge and information from HTDC that will further enhance the work of the community colleges and the University.

Name one previous experience that would make you stand out. How would this benefit the Board of Directors of the High Technology Development Corporation?

As previously mentioned, I served as the project director for the University's student information system project. This project was designed to replace ten separate student information systems and ten separate sets of related academic and fiscal policies to create a single system within the ten campus University system. We were able to complete the project on-time and under budget, including meeting an initial implementation deadline of only five months (created by the pending loss of the software license for the existing software for seven of the ten campuses). Students at the University can now freely register across campuses in an on-line environment, financial aid is disbursed directly to student bank accounts in a timely manner, the students have a single fiscal relationship with the University, and improvements continue to be made to enhance student success through use of the information system.

This project required management of relationships with all ten campuses, negotiating policy changes at several levels of the organization, and changing the organizational culture of how the University should interact with students, all under the pressure of deadlines with serious consequences if the deadlines were not met.

While I don't see HTDC as a project, I do believe that my experience in managing the diverse elements of the University will be of benefit to HTDC as we face its future.



John Morton, PhD.
Vice President for Community Colleges

Written Statement of
YUKA NAGASHIMA
Executive Director & CEO
High Technology Development Corporation
before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY
Wednesday, April 18, 2011
State Capitol, Conference Room 016
1:15 P.M.
In consideration of

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 691
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE HIGH TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION,
BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JOHN F. MORTON
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2015.

Chair Fukunaga, Vice Chair Wakai, and Members of the Committee on Economic Development and Technology.

It is my pleasure to support the appointment of John F. Morton to the Board of Directors of the High Technology Development Corporation (HTDC).

While I have not had the pleasure to work with Dr. Morton extensively, he has attended several HTDC board meetings as an interim board member. He not only has the support of President Greenwood in representing UH at the HTDC board, Dr. Morton comes highly recommended by a long time ex-board member, Dr. David Lassner.

As Vice President for the Community Colleges of the University of Hawaii, Dr. Morton reports to President Greenwood directly and sees UH issues at the system level. He is knowledgeable in workforce development issues and his expertise will greatly aid HTDC to coordinate with the resources of the UH system.

In the recent past, since Dr. Lassner's departure from the HTDC board in 2008, UH had not been consistently represented. The UH seat on the HTDC board was vacant during most of this period. With UH being a land-grant university with economic development being part of its mission, and HTDC's Manoa Innovation Center being on UH land, the State could better maximize the partnership potential by having a committed, well-qualified UH representative such as Dr. Morton to address the gap that exists between academia and industry needs.

The Board and the staff very much welcome his appointment and encourage your favorable vote on his behalf.



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Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Economic Development and Technology
April 18, 2011 at 1:15 p.m.
by
MRC Greenwood
President, University of Hawai'i

GM 691 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the High Technology Development Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee, JOHN F. MORTON, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.

Chair Fukunaga, Vice Chair Wakai, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of the Governor's nomination of John Morton to serve on the Board of Directors of the High Technology Development Corporation.

Dr. Morton has served ably in an interim capacity on the HTDC Board and is eminently suited for the permanent appointment. I work closely with him in his capacity as Vice President for Community Colleges of the University of Hawai'i System and have the very highest respect for his abilities, intellect, and integrity. It is important for the University and HTDC to have a strong, cooperative working relationship to further our mutual interest in advancing Hawai'i's innovation economy, and Dr. Morton's role on the HTDC Board will help to advance that relationship and ensure the success of our innovation initiatives.

I am confident that Dr. Morton's service will fully justify the trust and confidence the Governor has placed in him by appointing him to this important position.

Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Economic Development and Technology
April 18, 2011 at 1:15 pm

By
David Lassner
Vice President for Information Technology/CIO, University of Hawai'i

GM 691 - Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Board of Directors of the High Technology Development Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee, John F. Morton, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.

Chair Fukunaga, Vice-Chair Wakai and Members of the Committee:

Thank for you this opportunity to provide testimony in strong SUPPORT of the nomination of Dr. John F. Morton to serve on the Board of Directors of the High Technology Development Corporation. I have known and worked with Dr. Morton for some 30 years and I believe he will make a superb HTDC Board Member.

As an individual, John is extraordinarily creative and a true problem-solver who does not limit his vision to conventional or easy paths forward. He has extensive experience working with Boards in both the public and non-profit sectors, and he understands State processes (for better and worse) as well as anyone I know. These characteristics will enable John to make an immense contribution to the HTDC Board and support the CEO starting from Day 1.

In his role as Vice President for Community Colleges, John leads seven campuses that place a tremendous focus on meeting the State's workforce needs. He has dedicated himself to this mission in Hawai'i for over three decades and will provide HTDC with unparalleled knowledge and capacity to address these critical issues.

More broadly, in his role as a Vice President of the University of Hawai'i System, John is one of our most senior executives. To the extent that UH and HTDC have many intertwined missions and interests, HTDC could have no better liaison. John will be an able and articulate representative for HTDC with UH and vice versa.

I urge you to approve Dr. John Morton's nomination to serve on the HTDC Board of Directors.

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April 14, 2011

The Honorable Senator Carol Fukunaga
Chair, Economic Development and Technology
Hawaii State Legislature

Re: Testimony in Support of Jon Wallenstrom nomination to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation

Dear Senator Fukunaga,

I would like to add a strong vote of support to the nomination of Jon Wallenstrom, president of Forrest City Hawaii, to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation.

I have known Jon for several years and have been impressed by his enthusiasm and intellect. He is a smart guy, a graduate of Princeton, and could be doing very well for himself in any part of the United States, or even internationally, yet he chose to settle in Hawaii, married a local girl and is raising a family here.

Jon is energetic, open-minded and an experienced businessman who brings a youthful sense of optimism to envisioning a better future for Hawaii and seeing our state assert its role as America's centerpiece in the Asia-Pacific.

In my conversations with him, he's always been keen on improving Hawaii's position, very focused on finding ways to encourage new investment to reinvigorate our economic base. He's made a point to get to know many of the leaders of our community and share with them his ideas for a well thought out economic program that can produce tangible results in the form of a strong economic base.

By virtue of his leadership of Forest City Hawaii, he is already engaged in breakthrough sustainable energy projects and green residential developments. He also has at his disposal the formidable resources of his parent organization, the \$11 billion Forest City Company of Cleveland Ohio.

Jon has high ideals and takes seriously the responsibility of being a resident of Hawaii. He has shared with me his belief that as much as we must strive to grow the economy, we cannot do so at the expense of the land and Hawaii's people; that we must balance the challenge of integrating our economic goals with concern for the environment and the wellbeing of every member of our society. I know he believes this in his heart for the good of his children and their generation.

I highly recommend his nomination to the Board.

Sincerely,

David McNeil
Chairman
Anthology Marketing Group
(808.539.3413)



Monday, April 18, 2011, 1:15 PM
State Capitol Room 016

Testimony by Irma Kaneshiro, Executive Secretary to the VPCC and
Deborah Nakagawa, Executive Assistant to the VPCC / UH Community Colleges
International Director

Economic Development and Technology Committee
Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chair
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

GM691 Consideration and Confirmation of **John F. Morton** to the
Board of Directors of the High Technology Development Corporation,
Term to Expire 6-30-15

Chair Fukunaga, Vice Chair Wakai, and members of the Committee:

We are pleased to offer our letter of support for John F. Morton, PhD, Governor Neil Abercrombie's nominee to the Board of Directors of the High Technology Development Corporation (HTDC). John's extensive experience, knowledge, and expertise will benefit the HTDC and the State of Hawai'i.

Since 2005, John has been Vice President for Community Colleges and has served as Chancellor of Kapi'olani Community College for 21 years; he has over 40 years of diverse and pertinent experience within the University of Hawai'i system. Since 2002 he has overseen the development, implementation, and ongoing evolution of the comprehensive UH Student Information System that requires immediate analysis and decision. John's extensive background in higher education and technology will enable the HTDC to be progressive and make sound recommendations and decisions.

In addition to John's extensive knowledge of complex issues and processes, more importantly, he is approachable. John has the ability to explain complex and convoluted matters in simple, layman terms that give us a better understanding and he never makes us feel uncomfortable asking a "dumb question." He has a calming presence during crises that alleviates our high anxieties as he offers a solution or guides us on the right track.

We have worked closely with John for many years and can vouch first hand that he will be an asset to the HTDC as the Board deals with the development and growth of Hawai'i's high technology industry and shares information. His professional and personal experiences, demeanor, and positive attitude will ensure that the Board and people of Hawai'i be served well.

Thank you for your consideration. We respectfully request that you confirm John F. Morton to the Board of Directors of the High Technology Development Corporation.