

# GM754

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

## **J. Kadowaki, Inc.**

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### Via email

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz  
State of Hawaii

Dear Donovan,

I wish to be a member of the Hawaii Community Development Authority because Kaka'ako is changing. There is great opportunity to create jobs now and for future generations (especially in Life Sciences) as well as keep Hawaii the special place it is.

My role and responsibilities of a member is to help facilitate positive development in the areas served by HCDA by utilizing my experiences.

My skills, expertise and knowledge:

- 1) In 1969 I joined the Carpenter Apprentice Program. In 1972 I got my contractors license and started J. Kadowaki Inc. in 1974. Now we're a general contractor generating gross revenue averaging \$45m for the last 5 years. We have over 50 employees and contribute over \$35,000 a month in GE Taxes! I still pay my union dues.
- 2) Our shop is in Kaka'ako. We have a ground lease on 20,000 sf originally with Ward Estate, General Growth Properties and now Howard Hughes Corporation for the last 16 years. We have another 4 years left on our lease and are working to extend it
- 3) Our company has built a lot of the new Kaka'ako. We just finished Surgicare of Hawaii and US Citizenship & Immigration offices at Waterfront Plaza. We've completed the last expansion for the Children's Discovery Center. We also did the Ward Center Expansion and many of the tenants including Kaka'ako Kitchen, Pier One, Crazy Shirts to name a few. We're also on our second major renovation of the Bishop Estate Offices in Kawaihao Plaza. We even built the HCDA's new offices in 2010
- 4) Currently, I'm on the Board of the Kaka'ako Improvement Association of which I've been a member since 1999. I'm also a director of the Kaka'ako Community Revitalization Association, Children's Discovery Center, and Vice President of the Building Industry Labor Association.
- 5) Everyday I stand up paddle the dawn patrol @ Kewalo Basin and am a Director with Friends of Kewalo. I've surfed there over 40 years.

I hope to make a difference in getting improvements and projects by private developers built in the areas served by HCDA.

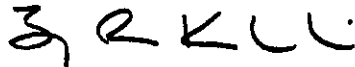
I know people. I work with people. I'm involved with our community. If I don't know something, I can approach a lot of different people as we've built the most offices in Honolulu. Building anything requires teamwork – we do this everyday. Surfing everyday puts me in touch with everyday park users. I deal with the full range of people on a daily basis – from homeless at the park to construction workers to Bishop St. executives.

I was involved with the Save Our Kakaako movement through Friends of Kewalo. At that time HCDA was out of touch with the community. CPAC was created, I participated in it and feel that it's done its job. I truly understand the dynamics of the area.

There maybe some conflicts of interests arising on occasion as we are in the construction business and do a lot of work in Kakaako for various owners. I would recuse myself from voting on any projects needing approval that we are exclusively negotiating.

I look forward to being confirmed to the HCDA Board.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J R K L L'.

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STATEMENT OF

ANTHONY J. H. CHING, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
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BEFORE THE

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, AND HOUSING

THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2011

1:20 P.M.

State Capitol, Conference Room 225

**GM 754 - SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND  
CONFIRMATION TO THE HAWAII COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD,  
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JAY R. KADOWAKI  
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2015.**

I met Mr. Jay Kadowaki shortly after I began work at the HCDA. I believe that I asked him for a favor. I asked him to help me to estimate what it would take to transform an abandoned warehouse into a film studio or even a sports academy.

It is a measure of who he is that he actually tried to understand my request and help me to realize the vision. Unfortunately, while I have not yet been able to realize that vision, I am gratified that "Jay" has volunteered and been nominated to help direct and realize the greater vision for Kakaako as a member of the Kakaako Authority.

Mr. Kadowaki's construction company and much of his business is located in Kakaako. He begins each day by patrolling the waters of the "Kewalos" break on a standup paddle board. Besides working and playing in Kakaako, Jay also volunteers and serves on a multitude of community organizations (such as the Children's Discovery Center, Kakaako Improvement Association and the Friends of Kewalo) in the ahupuaa.

I have no hesitation and much reason for offering my support for his nomination. While his commitment to the entirety of Kakaako must be abundantly clear to all who know him, I would add my voice to those in support of his nomination. Subject to the confirmation and confidence of this committee and of the State Senate, I look forward to working with Jay to realize the vision and goals of the HCDA.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Mr. Kadowaki's nomination.



Testimony of C. Mike Kido  
External Affairs  
The Pacific Resource Partnership

State of Hawaii  
Senate Committee on Water, Land, and Housing  
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair  
Senator Malama Solomon, Vice Chair

GM 754 Consideration and Confirmation to the Hawaii Community Development Authority,  
Gubernatorial Nominee, Jay Kadowaki  
Thursday, April 14, 2011  
1:20 p.m.  
Conference Room 225

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Solomon and Members of the Committee:

My name is C. Mike Kido, External Affairs for the Pacific Resource Partnership (PRP), a labor-management consortium representing over 240 signatory contractors and the Hawaii Carpenters Union.

PRP supports the nomination of Mr. Jay Kadowaki to the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA). Mr. Kadowaki has held and still has many roles and responsibilities which would help to facilitate positive development in the areas served by HCDA.

Mr. Kadowaki owns a general contracting business, J. Kadowaki Inc., at Kaka'ako with a ground lease on 20,000-sf originally with Ward Estate, General Growth Properties and now Howard Hughes Corporation for the last 16 years.

His company has built many of the new Kaka'ako recently finishing Surgicare of Hawaii and US Citizenship & Immigration offices at Waterfront Plaza. They also completed the last expansion for the Children's Discovery Center, Ward Center Expansion and many of the tenants including Kaka'ako Kitchen, Pier One, and Crazy Shirts to name a few. J. Kadowaki Inc. is on their second major renovation of the Bishop Estate Offices in Kawaihao Plaza and built HCDA's new offices in 2010.

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He enjoys surfing and stand up paddling the dawn patrol at Kewalo Basin; he's surfed in the area for over 40 years.

Mr. Kadowaki works and plays in the areas served by HCDA and is involved with the community on a personal and professional level. He deals with a full range of people on a daily basis – from homeless at the park to construction workers to Bishop Street executives. He understands the dynamics of the area.

PRP believes his true interest combined with his experiences and knowledge makes him particularly qualified for this position and would like to kindly ask for your favorable consideration. Thank you for the opportunity to express our support for Mr. Jay Kadowaki to the Hawaii Community Development Authority.