

GM755

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

April 9, 2011

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz
State Capitol, Room 202
415 S. Beretania St
Honolulu, HI 96813

Wellna mai nei e Senator Dela Cruz,

Nui mahalo for this opportunity to serve on the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA). I am honored to be nominated and wish to be come a member of the Hawaii Community Development Authority because I feel it is important for each of us living in Hawai'i today, especially if we are kama'aina to this land, to become more engaged in how we can contribute to the continuation of what makes Hawai'i a unique and special place in the world. I would like to make a contribution by being a part of HCDA.

As a small business owner in the Kaka'ako area, there are many plans underway to develop and create living, learning, healing, working spaces for our residents and visitors. I would like to be involved in some of these decisions. I am also native Hawaiian, and feel that it is also important to continue to take on the responsibility of long term, planning that benefits communities, in the broadest sense of the word. Our 'aina needs to be cared for so that all of the people of Hawai'i, for many generations to come, can continue to have access to the resources and lifestyles that we enjoy today.

As a member of the HCDA, my hope is to include perspectives in the discussion that may not be represented, knowing that all perspectives need to be heard. Thoughtful, fully engaged discourse is an important way to get to resolutions and outcomes that benefit as many people, across as many communities and perspectives as possible. I would like to contribute to that outcome.

My qualifications to join the HCDA commission are simple. I am born and raised in Hawai'i. I was educated on the mainland, worked there for some time and returned to raise a family. I have run small businesses and social enterprises for over twenty years, most of them in the Kaka'ako area. I have sat on several boards and am interested in making a contribution to my community.

Qualities that describe me include being someone who is a creative, outside of the box, an entrepreneurial thinker. I have lots of strong relationships in community across sectors and industries and am not afraid to ask for assistance and counsel. I have the instincts of a Hawaiian, and as a result, I only know how to think communally and inclusively.

I don't see any possible conflicts of interest. If there was a conflict of interest I would disclose it and remove myself as a voting member, although I would continue to participate in the process of learning about all aspects of the issues discussed, and advocating for what I believe represents the needs of community.

Me ka ha'aha'a,

Maile Meyer



OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

April 14, 2011

The Honorable Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair
And Members of the Committee on Water, Land, and Housing
State Senate
State Capitol, Room 202
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Subject: **GM 755** – Relating to Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to
the Hawai'i Community Development Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee,
MAILE MEYER, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.
Letter of SUPPORT

To the Honorable Chair Donovan Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Mālama Solomon and
Members of the Committee:

This letter represents my support and recommendation to you to appoint Maile
Meyer as a member of the Hawai'i Community Development Authority (HCDA).

During the past 15 years I have had the opportunity to work with Maile on a
number of community projects and served alongside of her on multiple boards and
commissions. She has consistently demonstrated her ability to tackle difficult issues
and work toward solutions. Maile has distinguished herself as a person who is
responsive to the needs of communities, businesses and individuals. As a long-time
business owner in the Kaka'ako area and a person steeped in her Hawaiian culture
she will be able to lend a unique and relevant perspective to the diverse issues
before the HCDA.

Maile has the experience, vision, passion, commitment and leadership qualities
necessary to meet HCDA's goal of revitalization of urban areas in Hawai'i. For these
reasons, I urge the Committee to **PASS GM 755**. Mahalo for the opportunity to
submit testimony in support of Maile Meyer.

'O wau iho nō,

Peter Apo

Trustee, Office of Hawaiian Affairs

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Community Development Services

April 13, 2011

Aloha Chairman ,

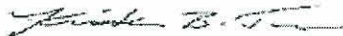
I fully endorse Maile Meyer's appointment to the Hawaii Community Development Authority.

I have known Maile for nearly 23 years as both a friend and colleague in the community development arena. She is highly respected amongst her peers for her work in support of the development of the arts through sound business practices. I also respect her for her integrity and deep sincerity in her efforts to help our community develop sustainable and socially equitable solutions for all the people of Hawaii.

As a current business owner in the Kaka`ako area and a long-time community volunteer you could not find a better servant to the Hawaii Community Development Authority than Maile Meyer.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Kirsten Baumgart Turner

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Subject: Testimony for GM755 on 4/14/2011 1:20:00 PM
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Testimony for WLH 4/14/2011 1:20:00 PM GM755

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Marilyn Cristofori
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Submitted on: 4/12/2011

Comments:

We fully endorse the nomination of Maile Meyer to the Hawai'i Community Development Authority. She will bring deep sensitivity and a very keen intelligence to our issues about responsible development in and for Hawai'i. She has demonstrated her support for the value of Hawai'i, and we will all benefit from her appointment to this position.

With aloha,
Marilyn Cristofori
CEO, Hawai'i Arts Alliance

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Testimony for WLH 4/14/2011 1:20:00 PM GM755

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Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Katherine Killebrew
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Submitted on: 4/12/2011

Comments:

I am writing in support of Maile Meyer's nomination for the position on the HCDA.
I can't think of anyone more qualified than Maile.

From: [Hardy Spoehr](#)
To: [WLH Testimony](#)
Subject: Testimony: GM 755
Date: Tuesday, April 12, 2011 7:06:49 AM

Testimony: GM 755, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Community Development Agency, Gubernatorial Nominee, MAILE MEYER, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.

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

Papa Ola Lokahi, the Native Hawaiian health Board, strongly supports the appointment of MAILE MEYER to the Hawai'i Community Development Agency for a term to expire in 2015. Ms. Meyer has continuously distinguished herself as a leader in our community. She brings to this appointment knowledge of our local community, business acumen, and a vision as to where our state needs to go in terms of "valued-based" development.

Thank you for the opportunity to strongly support this measure.

Hardy Spoehr, Executive Director
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Testifier will be present: No
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Submitted on: 4/12/2011

Comments:

Ms. Meyer will be a valuable asset on the Hawai'i Community Development Authority.

April 12, 2011

Aloha Senate Hearings Committee.

My name is Robert Iopa and I am writing in support of Maile Meyer's nomination to serve on the board of HCDA. I have known of Maile for many years and have known her personally for the past five years as her business partner in a Hawaiian arts and culture venture known as Mea Makamae.

My primary business activity is serving as the President of WCIT Architecture. Like Maile's primary business Native Books/Na Mea Hawaii, our home is in Kaka'ako having purchased the top floor of the Plaza Galleria at Imperial Plaza in 2008. As a resident business owner within one of the major districts under HCDA's rule, I would welcome Maile as a board member helping to shape the future direction of my business community.

While Maile possess many character traits that would benefit the board, if there is one thing that stands out about Maile is her sensibility. Extremely intelligent, Maile has a unique ability to disseminate issues and relate their solutions in a logical manner but always with a strong sense of how it relates to our island's culture, ideals and traditions. Being a native Hawaiian and passionate about preserving and enhancing its cultural presence, Maile often advocates for its proper respect and inclusion in dialog pertaining to our communities and its people. In addition, Maile is a staunch advocate for preserving and perpetuating the multi ethnic cultural balance that we call "local". Her desire to root discussions and decisions in a cultural context of the host Hawaiian culture as well as that of the "local" culture will bring a unique and necessary perspective to the board.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Robert K. Iopa in black ink.

Robert K. Iopa AIA LEED AP
President
WCIT Architecture
&
Member
Mea Makamae

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Testifier will be present: No
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Submitted on: 4/13/2011

Comments:

I'd like to voice my enthusiastic support for the nomination and approval of having Maile Meyer confirmed for Hawaii Community Development authority.

I have known and worked with Maile for the past 25 years and found her to be a committed, strong supporter of all things Hawaii; business wise she is knowledgeable, honest and insightful into the directions and needs of small business here in Hawaii. Her leadership and networking capabilities are particularly strong and the state will be well served by confirming her nomination .

Thank you for taking the time to consider my testimony and I would be there in person to testify but have a previous commitment I am unable o change.

Sincerely,

Benjamin "Buddy" Bess
Publisher
The Bess Press

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Testifier will be present: No
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Submitted on: 4/13/2011

Comments:

I support the appointment of Maile Meyer to the HCDA Board. Ms. Meyer is a smart business-owner, a Native Hawaiian entrepreneur, and a strong, cogent community voice. She is innovative and an asset to the business world and you will benefit from her guidance. Please support her appointment. Mahalo.
Annelle Amaral

**Testimony in Support of the Nomination of Maile Meyer
to the Hawai'i Community Development Authority**

Hearing Scheduled for Thursday April 14, 2011
Senate Committee on Water, Land and Housing
Conference Room 225, Hawai'i State Capitol

Chairs Dela Cruz and Solomon, members of the committee,
my name is Christina Kemmer and I am submitting testimony in support of the nomination of
Maile Meyer to the Hawai'i Community Development Authority.

In this new era of doing business, local communities must be comfortable with both the project
and the process in order for the business or project to succeed. You could not ask for a better
advocate than Maile Meyer to assist with building a community trust bank of support for the
future live, work, play and learn communities of Kaka'ako and Kalaeloa.

Maile possesses a unique set of skills. She understands the value of listening as an important
part of the planning process. It speaks to her having respect for the community, their applied
lenses of context and content, which need to be taken into consideration in the decision-making
and development opportunities laid before her. She approaches and conducts community
planning with a quadruple bottom line – addressing and implementing a bottom line that
includes and balances a respect for place, honoring the people and special histories of the
place, and the required cultural and economic resources needed for the neighborhoods and
communities being planned.

Maile can easily identify key concerns that need to be addressed in order to build the
appropriate community support. She is a master at hosting on-going talk story sessions with key
influencers and leaders in community to educate, build rapport and trust, and to secure future
partnerships. She will ensure that the planning and execution of master plans for Kaka'ako and
Kalaeloa will include important human and community requirements – partnerships,
stewardship, and gathering places for all to live, work, play, learn and celebrate histories
cultures, commerce and education.

She is always logical, honest, passionate and transparent with her point of view. She will arrive
at a recommendation, solution and conclusion that are just, fair and appropriate for all sides.

There is no one more capable in spirit, passion, culturally and in personality to take the history,
culture and values of our islands and ensure, our unique physical and cultural resources are
protected and used wisely in the planning and execution of mixed-use development for current
and future generations.

Members of the committee, I ask that you confirm Maile Meyer as a committee member of the
Hawai'i Community Development Authority. You will not be disappointed and the community will
honor and celebrate her selection. I thank you for your consideration.



Christina Kemmer
April 13, 2011