

# GM772

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to  
the Statewide Council on Independent Living,  
Gubernatorial Nominee, MITCHELL J. KEAWE.

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THE SENATE  
THE TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2011

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES  
Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair

HEARING DATE: THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2011  
TIME: 2:00 pm  
PLACE: Conference Room 016  
State Capitol 415 South Beretania Street

Re: GM 772 – MITCHELL J. KEAWE

RE: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the  
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GM 772 – Mitchell J. Keawe (aka Kimo Keawe)

I am Louise Horio, President of the Board of the Statewide  
Independent Living Council (SILC). I strongly support the  
nomination of Kimo to this Board. As the Executive Director  
of the Hawaii Centers for Independent Living, he is a  
mandatory member of our Board. He has brought with him,  
a spirit of calmness, cooperation, and a positive energy to  
the meetings. His ideas and actions seem to be well thought  
through, organized and far-reaching.

I repeat my strong support of Kimo's nomination to the Board of the Statewide Independent Living Council.

I appreciate this opportunity to share my thoughts and ask that you consider his confirmation to our Board.

Respectfully,

Louise Horio  
President, SILC Board

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I am Melvin Nacapoy, President of Hui Kupuna VIP (Senior  
Group of Visually Impaired Persons). I stand in strong  
support of the nomination of Mr. Keawe to the SILC Board.

Our group of about 20 members meets regularly at the  
Hawaii Centers for Independent Living at 414 Kuwili Street.  
He has graciously extended his Aloha by providing this safe  
location where we plan our own activities: community  
projects, speakers on different subjects, parties, field trips,  
etc. He has supported us in our advocacy for other disabled  
persons and, of course, our fun activities. He is most

approachable and has shown us kindness and genuine concern for our welfare.

Thank you for your consideration for the confirmation of Mr. Keawe's appointment to the SILC Board.

Sincerely,

Melvin Nacapoy  
President, Hui Kupuna VIP

**Donald Sakamoto  
45-560 Kionaole Rd.  
Kaneohe, HI 96744**

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**Aloha Senator Chun-Oakland, Chair and members of this  
committee,**

**I am Donald Sakamoto, a person with a disability and  
Chairman of Citizens for a Fair ADA Ride (CFADAR™).  
This group advocates for consumers with disabilities who are  
having problems with TheBus and TheHandi-van services**

**I am in strong support of the nomination of Kimo Keawe to  
the Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) Board.**

I have had the opportunity to meet and “talk story” with Kimo about a friend who became very ill after an accident. I truly appreciated his compassion and his offer to visit him in the hospital. He did just that. My friends and I were most impressed that he kept his word.

Please consider his confirmation to the SILC Board.

Mahalo,

**Donald Sakamoto**  
**Chairman, Citizens for a Fair ADA Ride**

Beverly C. Wong  
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96818

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My name is Beverly Wong. I strongly support the confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee, Mitchell J. Keawe (aka Kimo Keawe), to the Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC).

As a Council member, I observed him handle a disruptive person with diplomacy and firmness at one of our SILC meetings.

Another incident was a long delayed situation which affected the staff of the SILC and he immediately followed up with effective communication to the proper persons and agencies to get efficient and speedy results.

The Statewide Independent Living Council is fortunate to have Kimo Keawe as a valuable member of the Council.

Thank you,  
Beverly C. Wong



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Submitted on: 4/4/2011

**Comments:**

I am writing in support of my nomination to serve on the Statewide Independent Living Council as expressed in GM772.

I apologize that I will not there in person to testify, as I will be attending the Hawaii Centers for Independent Living Statewide Conference, April 6-8.

Mahalo -