



GOV. MSG. NO. **532**

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
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January 5, 2012

The Honorable Shan Tsutsui, President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Tsutsui and Members of the Senate,

In accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section 6, of the Hawai'i State Constitution, I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration and confirmation, the following nomination to the **Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs**:

POLICY ADVISORY BOARD  
FOR ELDER AFFAIRS

TERM TO EXPIRE

REMARKS

Joy Miyasaki

6/30/2013

O'ahu

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Neil Abercrombie".

NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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### Committee on Human Services

**GM532 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, Gubernatorial Nominee, Joy Miyasaki, for a term to expire June 30, 2013.**

**Testimony of Wes Lum  
Director, Executive Office on Aging  
Attached Agency to Department of Health**

**Tuesday, February 21, 2012; Conference Room 016**

**1:15 p.m.**

- 1 **EOA's Position:** The Executive Office on Aging (EOA) supports the nomination of Ms. Joy
- 2 Miyasaki to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA).
- 3 **Purpose and Justification:** Ms. Joy Miyasaki, an attorney since 1981, practices in all aspects of
- 4 estate planning and trust administration. Her practice includes planning for closely-held
- 5 businesses and their owners. She assists clients in the formation of tax-exempt organizations and
- 6 provides ongoing representation to tax exempt organizations. She also represents clients in
- 7 income, estate, gift, and generation-skipping transfer tax controversies and in tax collection
- 8 matters. Ms. Miyasaki teaches estate planning as an adjunct faculty member at the UH Law
- 9 School, and was selected as an Adjunct Professor of the Year in 2008. Ms. Miyasaki is listed in
- 10 *The Best Lawyers in America* and *Hawaii Super Lawyers*. Her community activities include
- 11 Hawaii Women Lawyers, Hawaii Women's Legal Foundation, and Project Dana. For these
- 12 reasons, EOA supports the nomination of Ms. Miyasaki. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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**From:** Eudice Schick [schicke002@hawaii.rr.com]  
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**Subject:** GM532

Senator Suzanne Chun-Oakland, Chair  
Senator Les Ihara, Vice Chair  
Date: Tuesday, February 21, 2012  
Time: 1:15 p.m.  
Place: Room 016

In Favor of Joy Miyasaki (GM532)

Dear Senators:

It is my great pleasure to recommend the appointment of Attorney Joy Miyasaki to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, "PABEA". Ms. Miyasaki has a great deal of knowledge regarding senior issues, especially in the area of protecting their finances and estates. So many of our seniors are abused when it comes to their finances. It has been my pleasure working with Attorney Miyasaki on the PABEA board. I would appreciate it for you would support Attorney Miyasaki's (GM 532) appointment to PABEA.

Sincerely,

Eudie Schick, Chair PABEA



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January 25, 2012

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland  
Chair, Human Services Committee  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 226  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: GM 532  
Nomination of Joy Miyasaki to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs

Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland:

I am writing to you in support of the appointment of Ms. Joy Miyasaki to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs.

I have been a CPA in Honolulu for nearly 20 years, and I have known Ms. Miyasaki for over 10 years. We have worked on several client matters together, and have also been active on professional boards and committees together over the years. During that time we have also become personal friends.

Over the years I have been impressed with Ms. Miyasaki's integrity and devotion to the volunteer boards and community organizations on which she has served. She is widely respected for her dedication and her leadership skills.

I strongly support her appointment to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs based upon her knowledge and experience, and her willingness to serve our community.

Sincerely,

Melanie King

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Submitted on: 1/25/2012

Comments:  
January 25, 2012

Dear Senator Chun-Oakland:

I am writing in support of the Senate confirming Joy M. Miyasaki to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA). I have known Ms. Miyasaki for decades, and since 2008 we have worked closed together as members of the Disciplinary Board of the Hawaii Supreme Court. Ms. Miyasaki has held the position of Treasurer since 2008, and has performed admirably in handling the most thankless position on the board.

Ms. Miyasaki is one of the best trust and estates and tax attorney I know. Her role as an estate planning attorney is a vital one for Hawaii's senior citizens. Not only is Ms. Miyasaki a very talented and skilled attorney, but she has shown a continual commitment to public service throughout her legal career.

Ms. Miyasaki's community activities include being an adjunct professor with the William S. Richardson School of Law teaching estate planning. She generously gives her time to numerous professional, community, and non-profit organizations by serving on boards, volunteering, and providing professional presentations.

PABEA would be well-served by having a preeminent trust and estates attorney, such as Ms. Miyasaki, on its board. Estate planning is critical to many of Hawaii's seniors and Ms. Miyasaki can contribute a wealth of experience and knowledge. She is well-versed on many of the issues facing Hawaii's seniors. She is also skilled on legislative and advocacy actions. It goes without saying that she is extremely competent on program development and operations.

My recommendation in support of Ms. Miyasaki is absolute and without reservation. Should you need any additional clarification or information please contact me via my registered e-mail or call me direct at 538-5006.

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Dean E. Ochiai

January 24, 2012

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland  
Chair, Human Services Committee  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 226  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: Nomination of Joy M. Miyasaki to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs

Dear Senator Chun:

It is an honor to present testimony supporting the appointment of Joy M. Miyasaki Esq. to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA).

I have known Ms. Miyasaki since her appointment to the Disciplinary Board (DB) of the Supreme Court in 2008. Since 2008 she has served as Treasurer and member of the executive committee. As chair, I have noticed and appreciated her significant contribution. Her comments are always thoughtful, respectful, knowledgeable and relevant. She works well with the DB and staff and is generous with her expertise and time.

Considering Ms. Miyasaki's impressive resume, which reflects an extensive professional background and history of community service, her service as an interim member of PABEA, and my personal experience with her on the DB, I strongly recommend the approval of her nomination to PABEA.

If I can be of any further assistance to you and your committee, please do not hesitate to contact me at (808) 8224500. Mahalo for the opportunity to address you and your committee.

Aloha,

Clifford L. Nakea

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Comments:

I write in strong support of the nomination of Joy Miyasaki. She is very smart, a hard worker, and diligent. Joy also has excellent organizational skills and will be a wonderful asset to this Board. Having worked closely with her on several community projects, I strongly urge her confirmation and am grateful she is willing to serve.

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February 17, 2012

[HMStestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:HMStestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov)

To: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland  
Chair, Human Services Committee  
Senate Committee on Human Services  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 226

Date and Time of Hearing: Tuesday, February 21, 2012, 1:15 pm  
Measure Number: GM 532  
RE: [Joy Miyasaki/Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs](#)

Dear Chair Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland and Members of the Senate Committee on Human Services:

It is a pleasure to provide testimony in strong support of Joy Miyasaki, nominated by Governor Abercrombie to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs.

Approximately 10 years ago, I first met Joy Miyasaki when she was serving as a Director on the board of Hawaii Women Lawyers. In large part, Joy introduced me to Hawaii Women Lawyers and inspired me to join as a Director. It was a pleasure and privilege to be on the Hawaii Women Lawyers board while she served as our President. I remained on the board, and last year, I also served as President of Hawaii Women Lawyers.

I have practiced immigration law in private firms for approximately 20 years, and I have appreciated knowing Joy as a trusted colleague who I consider a person of highest character and integrity.


Over the decade, I have respected and admired Joy as a highly regarded, dedicated attorney specializing in trusts and estate planning. Deserving of many accolades and honors, Joy stands out as an attorney who is extremely accomplished as a private practitioner, law school adjunct faculty member, speaker, mentor and active member of many diverse community organizations and professional committees. Her professional activities include but are not limited to: serving as Treasurer for the Disciplinary Board of the Hawaii Supreme Court; being selected as Adjunct Professor of the Year; serving as President of Hawaii Estate Planning Council; and serving as Chair of the Tax Section of the Hawaii State Bar Association.

Joy is very generous with her time and experiences, having volunteered countless hours sharing her knowledge and expertise through her active involvement in the community throughout her career.

Due to the nature of her legal practice, Joy is familiar with personal and financial issues that arise for elderly individuals and their families and with issues that arise in providing services for them. She is very hardworking, approachable and personable.

She would contribute significantly to the work of the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, and I strongly support the nomination of Joy Miyasaki to the policy board, based on her expertise in areas of law affecting elder affairs and her impressive commitment to serve with excellence in all activities she generously performs for the betterment of our community in the State of Hawai'i.

Sincerely yours,



Ruth Oh

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I wholeheartedly support Joy M. Miyasaki, Esq., for appointment to the policy advisory board for elder affairs. I have known Joy for over ten years as an estate planning attorney and colleague. Joy and I have taught a clinical estate planning class to second and third year law students at the University of Hawaii Richardson School of Law since 2003. In 2007, Joy was selected as Adjunct Professor of the Year.

Joy graduated from Georgetown University and Law School, and has worked as a trial attorney in the Office of Chief Counsel, Internal Revenue Service, and as a partner in Bergman, Horowitz & Reynolds, a boutique Connecticut tax law firm. Since returning to Hawaii, she has worked as an attorney in the firm started by her father, Shuichi Miyasaki. Joy Miyasaki practices in the areas of tax, estate, and business planning; trust and estate administration; non-profit organizations and charitable planning; and tax controversy matters.

Joy has won the recognition from her peers as an attorney of the highest ethics and ability. She is an "AV" rated attorney by Martindale-Hubble, a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, an editorial board member of The Practical Lawyer, published by American Law Institute-American Bar Association (ALI-ABA), a member of the Disciplinary Board of the Hawaii Supreme Court, past Chair of the Hawaii State Bar Association (HSBA) Tax Section, and past Chair of HSBA's Probate and Estate Planning Section, past President of Hawaii Women's Legal Foundation, and past President of Hawaii Women Lawyers, and has been selected by Super Lawyers Magazine as one of the finest practitioners in Hawaii.

I can personally attest to Joy's dedication to giving back to the community. I am awed by the time that she devotes to assisting non-profit organizations, and in particular, that she contributed as an adjunct professor at the Law School. Given her background of volunteerism, Joy M. Miyasaki would be a tremendous asset to the policy advisory board for elder affairs.

Very truly yours, Eric S. T. Young

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Comments:

To the Honorable Shan Tsutsui, President, and Members of the Senate Senate Committee on Human Services Tuesday, 2/21/2012 1:15 p.m.

Re: GM 532

I would like to support the nomination of Joy Miyasaki, Esq. to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, term to expire June 30, 2013.

I have known Ms. Miyasaki since 1999, both professionally and personally. Ms. Miyasaki has a high degree of integrity and knowledge in the area of trusts and estates. She graduated from Georgetown University with a degree in law and later practiced in Washington D.C. and New York City. We are very fortunate that she decided to return to Hawaii. She has a thriving practice and yet has been extremely involved with non profit work.

It is an honor for me to recommend her to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs.

Sincerely,

Jodi Lam

CFP&#174;, CIMA&#174;  
Vice President, Morgan Stanley Smith Barney