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GOVERNOR

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 **State Rehabilitation Council**:

STATE REHABILITATION
COUNCIL

TERM TO EXPIRE

Vivian Landrum

6/30/2014

Sincerely,

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

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Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland
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Senatorial District 13
Hawaii State Capital, Room 226
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Vivian Landrum's Nomination to Hawaii State Rehabilitation Council

Honorable Chun Oakland:

As the manager of the Kona Workforce Development Division and a board member of the Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce, I have witnessed first-hand the dedication and initiative that Vivian Landrum has demonstrated to improve the employment outcomes for the disabled population. Vivian has participated in numerous meetings and forums aimed at encouraging and improving the business linkages to help support this target population

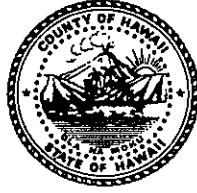
Vivian's educational background, her extensive work experience and her participation in various community service activities will ensure that the SRC will be responsive to the needs of the business customer as well as ensuring an effective and integrated system for jobseekers with disabilities.

I strongly support the nomination of Vivian Landrum to the Hawaii State Rehabilitation Council. She has the experience, leadership, and willingness to serve our community. The SRC would truly benefit from her appointment.

Sincerely,

Lori Sasaki

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January 30, 2012

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland
Chair, Human Services Committee
Senatorial District 13
Hawaii State Capital, Room 226
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Hearing Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at 1:15 pm
In Support of Vivian Landrum's Nomination to the State Rehabilitation Council

Honorable Chun Oakland:

As the Tourism Specialist for Hawai'i Island, it is my sincere pleasure to offer my support to Vivian Landrum's nomination to the State Rehabilitation Council. I have had the honor of working with Vivian on a number of important projects during the last five years including: the Hawai'i Island Tourism Strategic Plan (2006-2015), the Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce Tourism Task Force's Blueprint for Recovery, and most recently, the Hawai'i Island Economic Development Summit. Vivian is an outstanding leader, who thoroughly examines every facet of a problem before she gathers together the appropriate team to move solutions forward. She has an incredible network of contacts, all of whom respect and admire her, due in large part to her ability to make the best use of their time and talents. She truly understands community connections and her enthusiasm allows others to see those important connections too.

But not only is Vivian an outstanding colleague, she's also a dear friend. I know that the work of the State Rehabilitation Council resonates deeply with her because she has seen the impact on her family, and because she completed her degree program in speech and hearing sciences with a minor in special education.

I strongly support the nomination of Vivian Landrum to the Hawaii State Rehabilitation Council. She has the experience, the leadership, and the heart - she's an outstanding community servant. The Council would be well served by having a woman of Vivian's talents on its team.

Mahalo and Aloha,

Tourism Specialist

Kohala Coast

RESORT ASSOCIATION

February 1, 2012

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland
Chair, Human Services Committee
Senatorial District 13
Hawaii State Capital, Room 226
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Vivian Landrum's Nomination to Hawaii State Rehabilitation Council

Senator Chun Oakland:

My name is Sharon Sakai; I am the Administrative Director for the Kohala Coast Resort Association, a destination association representing the resorts and hotels located on the Kohala Coast of the Island of Hawaii.

I currently sit on the Board of Directors for the Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce, which is ably led by President/CEO Vivian Landrum, a nominee to the Hawaii State Rehabilitation Council (SRC).

The Hawaii Island business community is very fortunate to have Vivian's energy and vision in this key position. Over the past six years Vivian's leadership has helped the Chamber to grow in membership, grow in its ability to represent its members and its community, and focus on its primary goal of making West Hawaii a better place to live and to do business.

I whole-heartedly support the nomination of Vivian Landrum to the Hawaii State Rehabilitation Council. Vivian's broad business background, her experiences within her own 'ohana concerning persons with disabilities, and her compassion for all people makes her a valuable voice for the people of Hawaii, especially the neighbor islands. Vivian has the experience, leadership, and willingness to serve our community. I believe she is a worthy nominee and would be a good addition to the SRC.

With Aloha,



Sharon Sakai
Administrative Director



AMERICAN
Savings Bank

January 20, 2012

RE: Ms. Vivian Landrum
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Nick L. Sutton

Assistant Vice President
Branch Manager
Kailua Kona Branch

To: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland
Chair, Human Services Committee
Senatorial District 13
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 226
Honolulu, HI 96813

Aloha Honorable Chun Oakland;

As the Assistant Vice President of American Savings Bank in Kailua Kona, Hawaii, I am writing with great pleasure to recommend Ms. Vivian Landrum to the Hawaii State Rehabilitation Council.

Ms. Landrum and I have worked together closely via the Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce for many years. We have worked on special committees, developing goals, setting priorities for our local communities and in coordinating successful events. I have always been impressed by her affluences, skills to demonstrate answers in a strong logical and precise manner. Ms. Landrum is innovative, brings tremendous understanding to complicated matters, strong leadership skills and a positive vision for the future.

I believe her professionalism, skills in numerous tasks, problem solving abilities and decision making will be a tremendous asset to you. She has a meticulous manner and is efficient, all with the "Aloha Spirit" which brings a comfortable open and inviting working relationship with all. Ms. Landrum is confident, intelligent and has the ability to work independent and with groups of any size.

Therefore, I strongly recommend her to the Hawaii State Rehabilitation Council and greatly appreciate your most favorable consideration to her nomination.

Sincerely,

Nick L. Sutton
Assistant Vice President and Branch Manager

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The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
State of Hawaii Human Services Committee
Senatorial District 13
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 226
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: The Matter of the Nomination of Vivian Landrum to Hawaii State Rehabilitation Council

Honorable Chun Oakland and Committee Members:

Aloha, my name is Debbie Baker and I submit this testimony in **support of the nomination** to appoint Vivian Landrum to the Hawaii State Rehabilitation Council.

I currently serve as the volunteer Chair of the Kona Kohala Chamber of Commerce where it has been my privilege to work closely with Chamber President Vivian Landrum.

Vivian has successfully directed the activities and resources of the Chamber, recruited and motivated members and volunteers, and has implemented strategic initiatives and policy.

As a longtime community member, Vivian's service to the West Hawaii community is exemplary. She has served as an Advisory Group member of the Hawaii Island Community Healthcare Alliance since 2007, a Kailua Village Business Improvement District Inc Board Member and a VASH (Visitor Aloha Society Hawaii) West Hawaii Board Member since 2006, and has volunteered her time unconditionally to ensure the success of many community events including the Ironman Triathlon World Championship.

I encourage strong support for Vivian Landrum's nomination based on her experience, dedication and leadership ability.

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Testimony of Vivian L. Landrum
To the Senate Human Services Committee
On Tuesday, February 21, 2012

GM 533

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Rehabilitation Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, VIVIAN LANDRUM, for a term to expire 6-30-2014.

Aloha Chair Chun Oakland and members of this committee,

Mahalo for the opportunity to appear before you today regarding my nomination to the State Rehabilitation Council. I am very grateful to Governor Abercrombie for his belief that I would be a qualified and worthy candidate and thank him for my nomination.

I also appreciate the letters of support that were submitted on my behalf as well as those who are in attendance today offering their backing and support.

I came to Hawaii Island in 1989 for an employment opportunity that was meant to last only two years. Like many others, the Island, the culture, the community – the aloha spirit - embraced me and I knew this was where I was meant to stay.

My resume reflects my integration into the community via my positions with the Big Island Group, the Ironman Triathlon Corporation and the Big Island Visitors Bureau. For the past seven years I have had the honor to serve as President/CEO of the Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce.

In this position, I have the opportunity to work with a business membership of over 520 businesses. Not what I had envisioned as a career when I earned my degree in speech and hearing sciences and prepared to offer my skills to Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C. 35 years ago. However that aspiration was not where my life's pathway took me.

When the opportunity arose for me to represent business, industry and labor on the State Rehabilitation Council, I felt this was a perfect fit for me. I feel my connection with the business community and their needs, opportunities and challenges as employers tied with my unfulfilled desire to make a positive impact on the disabled community should make me a strong candidate for this seat.

I also bring additional personal experience to the table as I have a stepson on Oahu with a learning disability who is the recipient of services offered by Goodwill and has previously participated in the Winners at Work program. He is 36 now and gainfully employed. I have watched his challenges and success within the system as well as the community for the past 18 years.

SRC Goals for 2012 include working with VR and the community to improve employment opportunities and outcomes for persons with disabilities as well as actively participating in legislative matters that affect funding for programs and services. I feel I am a well qualified candidate to represent the business industry via my position with the Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce. In that capacity I have direct communication and connections with the business community and can bring that relationship and understanding to the Council. I also have a working knowledge

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of the legislative process and understand how funding for state programs are continually changing. Additionally, I can provide a direct link to the business community for programs, resources and opportunities available for employers to encourage a greater number of employment outcomes.

As a member of the SRC, I hope to positively impact the goals established and as a result, improve the ability of VR to achieve higher employment outcomes. By bringing my strengths of organization, responsibility, commitment and professionalism, I feel I can accomplish that.

I hope you will agree I have the ability to bring to the Council a professional business connection as well as a personal connection that will enable me to offer a unique perspective to the Council, and therefore you consider me a worthy and qualified candidate.

Again, mahalo for the opportunity to be considered for the State Rehabilitation Council. I am happy to answer any questions you may have for me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Vivian Landrum".

Vivian Landrum