



TO:

Senator Josh Green, Chair, Senate Committee on Health

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

FROM:

David Goya, Vice-President of Operations

Parents And Children Together

DATE:

March 12, 2012

RE:

In Support of Haaheo Mansfield for Selection to the State Council on Mental

Health -- GM 556

To the honorable Chairman, Vice Chairman and members of the Senate Committee on Health:

I am writing in support of the confirmation of Haaheo Mansfield as a member of the State Council on Mental Health.

My profession and background is as a CPA with over 35 years of experience primarily as CFO and in other finance related capacities with some of the largest privately owned companies in Hawaii. I joined PACT six months ago, the first time that I have worked for a nonprofit organization. It has been striking and refreshing as I have been able to compare the bottom-line oriented focus and culture of for-profit companies with that of PACT which is totally focused on meeting the needs of its clients.

One of the highlights for me has been the privilege of working alongside Haaheo as part of our four-person Executive Management Team. I'm sure that others have written about her many years of experience and her responsibilities as our Senior VP of Programs overseeing a plethora of individual programs and Program Directors. What I have seen in Haaheo is the embodiment of a true love and compassion for the less-privileged members of our society. That passion is translated into action as she guides and directs each of our program directors to attain measureable outcomes in providing our services, benefits and training to our clients.

Haaheo is a very effective leader who is able to speak directly to people and issues, yet always with a heart of compassion and understanding. Haaheo's heart, experience, advocacy and professionalism will make her an invaluable and irreplaceable member of the Council.

Respectfully submitted,

David Goya

Vice Presidentof Operations





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My name is Ruthann Quitiquit and I am the President and CEO of Parents And Children Together. I have worked with Haaheo Mansfield for over 24 years. In my various positions at PACT, I initially hired Haaheo as the director of PACT's Healthy Start Program, Hana Like. After seeing her abilities in managing and growing this huge program, I promoted her to PACT Deputy Director, then Vice President of Programs to her present position as PACT's Sr. Vice President of Programs. On January 7<sup>th</sup>, Haaheo celebrated 24 years with PACT and PACT has greatly benefited by her abilities, her wisdom, and her commitment to those less-privileged in our Hawaii society.

As a licensed social worker, a native Hawaiian and a mother of a special needs child, Haaheo has proven her on-going commitment to those people that she cares about. That caring translates into action and a passion in the work that she does, both in her work at PACT, and in her commitments outside of the agency. As the Sr. Vice President of Programs, Haaheo is responsible for the majority of programs within PACT. She has taken on this responsibility with a dedication to her program directors to assure they have the skills and knowledge to provide quality services to our clients. Through her mentoring, I have seen program directors grow into some of the best and the brightest health and human services providers in the State.

Haaheo's passion, compassion and dedication will make her an invaluable and exceptional member of the State Council on Mental Health. I urge you to confirm Haaheo Mansfield in this new role. You will not be disappointed in your decision.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruthann Quitiquit, MSW, MPH

President & CEO