

January 31, 2012

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz
Chairman Water, Land and Housing Committee
Senatorial District 22
Hawaii State Capital, Room 202
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Nomination of RYAN H. MUKAI to the Hawaii Community Development Authority

Dear Senator Dela Cruz and Members of the Nominating Committee,

Thank you for this opportunity to support the confirmation of Mr. Ryan Mukai's appointment to the Hawaii Community Development Authority.

I am the Director of Administration and Planning of Kyo-ya Management Corporation, Ltd. I have had the pleasure of serving with Ryan as a fellow board member of the Honolulu Zoo Society, a nonprofit corporation. As the current President of the board of directors of the Society, I have sincerely appreciated Ryan's dedication and support to improve the Society and the City's Honolulu Zoo. Over the past two years, Ryan has been deeply involved in Board matters and has shown a keen ability to balance the interests of the Board and all of our stakeholders.

It is refreshing and satisfying to work with someone like Ryan. In addition to his valuable experience in leasing, land use, zoning, and contract matters, Ryan has excellent communication skills and a balanced, grounded perspective. He handles himself with the utmost integrity. Based upon his commitment to Hawaii and to public service, I am certain that Ryan would be a well-appreciated asset to any organization.

I strongly support Ryan's nomination as a Director to the Hawaii Community Development Authority. Our community will be well-served by his high moral character, sense of fairness, and dedication to all tasks that he undertakes.

Sincerely,

Jason Y. Ito
President
Honolulu Zoological Society