

GM 597

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Wireless
Enhanced 911 Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, VICTOR
RAMOS, for a term to expire 6-30-2015

Chair Will Espero and Members of the Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs

Mr. Chair, thank you for the opportunity to provide a written statement to your questions.

It was approximately 5 years ago that I first appeared before your committee for my initial confirmation hearing for the Wireless Enhanced 911 State Board as a potential representative of the Molokai Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP). At the time of my initial confirmation, I was privileged to serve the people of Moloka'i as the District Commander of Moloka'i Patrol District-Maui Police. Today, I have the privilege of serving the people of Maui County as the Commander of the Uniformed Services Bureau. Moloka'i Patrol District is just one of seven patrol district and section commands that make up said bureau.

(1) Why do you wish to be a member of the Enhanced 911 Board?

Being apart of said Board for the past five years have allowed me to work closely with other PSAP representatives and representative of various mobile companies. Although I don't have the technical knowledge that some members bring to the table, I do understand, as do all Board Members, that it is absolutely crucial that everyone dialing 9-1-1 can be identified and located so that their emergency needs can be addressed. In addition, it is very important that the monies collected from the surcharge is spent wisely to benefit the residents and visitors of Hawaii Nei.

(2) Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a member of the Wireless Enhanced 911 Board, why do I believe that you are qualified for the position?

I believe that my fives years of service with the Enhanced 911 Board will bring continuity of relationships already formed and reaching the goal of having interoperability between all Public Safety Answering Points.

(3) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

To continue to represent Moloka'i Residents ensuring that their 9-1-1 calls continue to provide accurate identification and location information identification for emergency services.

(4) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the Wireless Enhanced 911 Board?

I cannot foresee any possible conflicts nor have I encountered any conflicts during my previous term.

Sincerely,

Victor Kawika Ramos
Assistant Chief of the Uniformed Services Bureau
Maui Police Department

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GOVERNOR



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TESTIMONY
OF
DEAN H. SEKI, ACTING COMPTROLLER
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES
TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE
ON
PUBLIC SAFETY, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS
ON
February 23, 2012

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 597

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE WIRELESS
ENHANCED 911 BOARD, VICTOR RAMOS

Chair Espero and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on G.M. 597. The Department of Accounting and General Services supports Mr. Victor Ramos' confirmation to the Board.

Section 138-2, HRS, requires that the Board have one member from each public safety answering point from Oahu, Kauai, Maui, Molokai, and Hawaii. Mr. Ramos is currently a Captain and the Commander of the Internal Affairs Division, Maui Police Department. He has served as the Commander of the Molokai district. Mr. Ramos is also a current member of the Board who has aided in the success the Board has achieved. His appointment fulfills the statutory requirement for representation on the Board as the Molokai public safety answering point member.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
GOVERNOR



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February 1, 2012

Senator Will Espero, Chair
And Members on Public Safety, Government Operations & Military Affairs Committee
Senatorial District 20
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 231
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: Assistant Chief of Police Victor Ramos nomination to The Enhanced 9-1-1 Board, GM597

Honorable Espero,

I strongly support Assistant Chief of Police Victor Ramos nomination to the Enhanced 9-1-1 Board. Assistant Chief Ramos currently serves as the Enhanced 9-1-1 Technical Committee Chairman and has been a valued contributing board member for four years.

Assistant Chief Ramos's public safety experience and executive leadership along with his willingness to serve the public has been and will be a tremendous benefit towards advancing next generation 9-1-1 technology in the State of Hawaii. Assistant Chief Ramos has built strong relationships within the public safety community and the telecommunications industry to earn colleagues admiration and respect. His background in law enforcement, along with his executive experience and demonstrated leadership brings great value to the State of Hawaii's Enhanced 9-1-1 Board.

The Enhanced 9-1-1 Board and the State of Hawaii truly benefits from appointing Assistant Chief of Police Victor Ramos to serve a second term on the Enhanced 9-1-1 Board.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Thera G. Bradshaw
Executive Director State of Hawaii Enhanced 9-1-1 Board

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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

February 23, 2012

The Honorable Will Espero, Chair
And Members
Senate Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs
Hawaii State Senate
415 South Beretania Street, Room 224
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**RE: GM 597. Nomination of Mr. Victor Ramos to the Wireless
Enhanced 911 Board**

Dear Chair Espero and Members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs:

Please accept this testimony in support of the nomination of Mr. Victor Ramos to the Wireless Enhanced 911 Board. I had the opportunity to work with Mr. Victor Ramos during his service as an officer of the Maui Police Department. Mr. Ramos had a broad range of responsibilities that included his work on a number of specific projects of importance to the police department. He has a very engaging demeanor that supports dialogue and he has demonstrated experience in resolving challenging issues whether they are personnel-related, project management, or community relations. Mr. Ramos's skills and ability to contribute in these regards are surely to be an asset for the Board.

One of the critical requirements and responsibilities of the Wireless Enhanced 911 Board is to manage funding needs for establishment of 911 technologies on wireless systems. Mr. Ramos has proven valuable to his department's leadership in being accountable and responsible for a number of crucial projects. I am sure that his work ethic will prove to be (and, has already been) equally valuable to the Board and his constituents of Maui County.

I encourage the Committee and your colleagues in the full Senate to support Mr. Victor Ramos's confirmation. Thank you for the opportunity to provide you with comment on Mr. Ramos's nomination.

Aloha,

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KALBERT K. YOUNG
Director
Department of Budget & Finance

TESTIMONY
OF
PAUL K. FERREIRA, CHAIR
STATE OF HAWAII, ENHANCED 911 BOARD
TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE
ON
PUBLIC SAFETY, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS
SENATOR WILL ESPERO, CHAIR
SENATOR MICHELLE KIDANI, VICE CHAIR
ON
FEBRUARY 23, 2012
2:00 P.M.
STATE CAPITOL, CONFERENCE ROOM 224

IN SUPPORT OF
GM 597
ENHANCED 911 BOARD
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE VICTOR RAMOS

Dear Senator Espero and Members:

I am Paul Ferreira, the Deputy Police Chief for the Hawai'i Police Department; however, I am providing testimony as the Chair of the Enhanced 911 (E911) Board that is comprised of representatives from each of the Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs), representatives of the communications service providers, and representatives from State agencies.


The Enhanced 911 Board (Board) **strongly supports** the appointment of Gubernatorial Nominee Assistant Police Chief Victor Ramos, of the Maui Police Department, representing the Molokai PSAP on the Enhanced 911 Board.

Assistant Police Chief Ramos of the Maui Police Department possesses the knowledge and skills that is necessary to become a valuable asset to the Enhanced 911 Board.

For the reasons above, we strongly urge this committee to approve the passage of GM 597, the confirmation of Victor Ramos.

Thank you for allowing me to testify on this matter.

Sincerely,

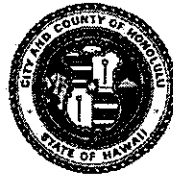


PAUL K. FERREIRA
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GORDON J. BRUCE, DIRECTOR and CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

Department of Information Technology
City and County of Honolulu

before the

**COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS,
AND MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

on

Thursday, February 23, 2012

2:00 p.m.

State Capitol, Conference Room 224

In consideration of

**GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 597, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION
AND CONFIRMATION TO THE WIRELESS ENHANCED 911 BOARD,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, VICTOR RAMOS, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE
JUNE 30, 2015.**

Chair Espero, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Gordon Bruce, and I am the Director for the Department of Information Technology and the Chief Information Officer for the City and County of Honolulu. Also, as a member of the Wireless Enhanced 911 Board member, I ask for your support for the confirmation of VICTOR RAMOS to the Wireless Enhanced 911 Board.

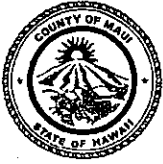
I have worked with Mr. Ramos in the past and found his support and vision to be valuable.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

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Gordon J. Bruce
Director and Chief Information Officer



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DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE

February 22, 2012

The Honorable Will Espero, Chair
And Members of the Committee on Public Safety,
Government Operations, and Military Affairs
The Senate
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: GM No. 597

Dear Chair Espero and Members of the Committee:

It is my honor and privilege to support the reappointment of Assistant Chief Victor Ramos to the **Wireless Enhanced 911 Board**. Assistant Chief Ramos has been a board member since his posting as the Commander of the Molokai Patrol District in 2006. During his time with the board, our department has benefited greatly from his representation and his ability to cooperate with team members.

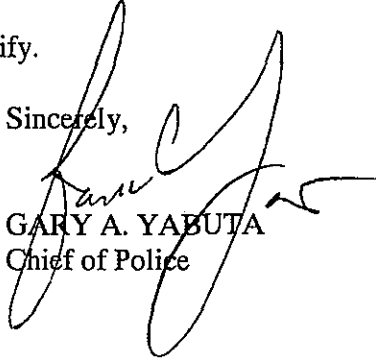
Throughout his police career of nearly twenty five years, Assistant Chief Ramos has always been a true professional and his intellect and knowledge have been instrumental in supporting the Maui Police Department's commitment to public safety.

Assistant Chief Ramos is currently in charge of the Uniform Services Bureau, our largest bureau in the department. He is entrusted to lead the frontline of our police officers that serve our community and, because of this I feel he will make informed and well thought out decisions on the Wireless Enhanced 911 Board that will take into account the safety of our personnel along with the interests of the citizens of the State of Hawaii.

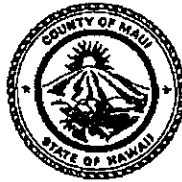
Should you have any questions regarding my recommendation of Assistant Chief Victor Ramos to the Wireless Enhanced 911 Board, please do not hesitate to call me at (808) 244-6300.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,


GARY A. YABUTA
Chief of Police

ALAN M. ARAKAWA
Mayor



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TESTIMONY

ON

GM 597 - CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION OF GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,
VICTOR RAMOS, TO THE WIRELESS ENHANCED 911 BOARD

February 23, 2012

The Honorable Will Espero
Chair
The Honorable Michelle N. Kidani
Vice Chair
and Members
Senate Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs:

The Department of the Prosecuting Attorney for the County of Maui recommends confirmation of Victor Ramos' nomination to serve on the Wireless Enhanced 911 Board ("Board").

Our Department has worked with Victor Ramos in his capacity as a police officer, and presently, Assistant Chief of the Maui Police Department for many years. Indeed, Assistant Chief Ramos has dedicated over two decades of his life protecting and serving the people of the County of Maui. He has always been very helpful and accommodating in resolving any issues between our Department and the Maui Police Department.

In the past, he was assigned to the District of Molokai as a police officer, sergeant, and captain, and is aware of the unique challenges and issues facing the Molokai community, especially those relating to the current 911 system.

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In addition, Assistant Chief Ramos has been a member of the Board for the past five years and is currently the Chairperson of the Technical Committee. His experience in this regard is invaluable.

Accordingly, based upon the above, we strongly recommend the Committee's confirmation of Victor Ramos to serve on the Wireless Enhanced 911 Board. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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February 21, 2012

Honorable Will Espero
Chair, Senate Public Safety, Government
Operations and Military Affairs Committee
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Honorable Michelle Kidani
Vice Chair, Senate Public Safety, Government
Operations and Military Affairs Committee
Hawaii State Capitol Room 228
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: Support for GM 597 – Confirmation of nomination to the Wireless Enhanced 911 Board

Dear Chair Espero, Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Committee:

It is my pleasure to strongly support Assistant Chief Victor Ramos nomination to the (Wireless) Enhanced 9-1-1 Board. Chief Ramos has assisted the Enhanced 9-1-1 Board in the past with valuable information and leadership skills from his MPD experiences. I believe his leadership and participation as the Board's Technical Committee Chair will help advance Hawaii to the next generation E-9-1-1 system for the state. I fully support Chief Ramos's nomination.

Sincerely,

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Kimman K.L. Wong
General Manager – Wireless
General Manager – Digital Phone
Oceanic Time Warner Cable

The Honorable Will Espero, Chair
and Members of the Committee on
Public Safety, Government Operations
And Military Affairs

Senate
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Lieutenant Jeraul S. Pladera
Quality Assurance Section
Maui Police Department

Thursday, February 23, 2012

RE: GM No. 597

Dear Chair Espero and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to your committee as a citizen of the County of Maui and as an advocate of Assistant Chief Victor Ramos who is subject to confirmation of his reappointment by Governor Abercrombie to the Wireless Enhanced (E-911) Board. I have known Assistant Chief Victor Ramos for almost 20 years while employed as an officer with the Maui Police Department.

During those almost 20 years, I have had a few opportunities to work alongside Assistant Chief Ramos while as an officer on patrol. He has shown me to be a very knowledgeable and consciences person willing to help you whenever you needed his assistance. His ability to take the time to have a well thought out plan to address complex issues is an asset that the current E-911 Board has benefited from during his tenure on the board.

Overall, I feel Assistant Chief Victor Ramos's reappointment to the Wireless Enhanced (E-911) Board would continue the already positive relationships and productive outcomes that the board has enjoyed during his many years serving on the board.

Should you have questions regarding my recommendation of Assistant Chief Victor Ramos to the E-911 Board, please do not hesitate to call me at (808) 244-6446.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Jeraul S. Pladera
Lieutenant, Quality Assurance

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Comments:

I believe that Victor Ramos will be a valuable asset to the enhanced 9-1-1 board and am in full support of his appointment.

Thank you,
Diana P. Chun
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Comments:
Senator Will Espero
Chairman
Public Safety, Government Operations & Military Affairs Committee

i have been honored to have been employed by the Maui Police Department over the last 25 plus years of my life. I have worked side by side with Assistant Chief Victor Ramos when he was an officer in our days while assigned to the Traffic Section. I have seen him quickly move up the ranks as a Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain and now Assistant Chief.

Victor Ramos is a very intelligent, bright and conscientious person who is very diligent when it comes to responsibilities that are tasked to him. With his no none sense get the work done mentality, attitude and work ethic, he will do whatever it takes within his capacity to get his responsibilities done and done right the first time. He is mature and spiritual in all decisions that he makes and always thinks about and puts others first before himself in everything that he does.

i know he will do his best for the position at hand not only for himself but for this department, our county and most of all our state of Hawaii for which he is so proud to be living in.

Mahalo for your time.

Leighton K. Kanaele
Lieutenant
MPD - Training Section