

# GM603

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the  
Hawai'i Community Development Authority,  
Gubernatorial Nominee, MAILE MEYER, for a term to  
expire 6-30-2015.



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STATEMENT OF

ANTHONY J. H. CHING, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
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BEFORE THE

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, AND HOUSING

Thursday, March 8, 2012

1:20 P.M.

State Capitol, Conference Room 225

**G. M. 603 - SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND  
CONFIRMATION TO THE HAWAI'I  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
AUTHORITY, GUBERNATORIAL  
NOMINEE, MAILE MEYER, FOR  
A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2015.**

Upon her interim nomination on July 1, 2011 as a representative of small business in Kakaako, Ms. Meyer has effectively served on the Hawaii Community Development Authority's ("Authority") board. Ms. Meyer has participated in a number of meetings of the Authority and has always sought to represent the views of small business and support thoughtful development of community within the Kakaako and Kalaeloa Community Development Districts.

With respect to her background, Ms. Meyer has been actively involved in community organizations relating to Hawaiian culture, the arts, and economic development. Ms. Meyer is also a long-time Kakaako small business owner and understands the issues relating to the redevelopment of this community.

Based on her willingness to serve, her professional expertise in business matters and advocacy for the preservation and advancement of Hawaiian culture, I believe that Ms. Meyer is well-qualified to serve as an Authority member.

I note that Ms. Meyer was previously confirmed by the Senate to serve as the cultural specialist for the Kalaeloa Community Development District. However, given her capacity to represent both small business and our host culture, she was nominated to serve as a Kakaako member of the Authority. In this capacity she will be able to advocate for both our Hawaiian culture as well as for small business in Kakaako. Given her obvious qualifications, I offer my support for her confirmation by the State Senate and urge your favorable consideration for her nomination.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments in support of her nomination.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 07, 2012 9:53 AM  
**To:** WLH Testimony  
**Cc:** brilana@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for GM603 on 3/8/2012 1:20:00 PM

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Conference room: 225  
Testifier position: Support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Brilana Silva  
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E-mail: [brilana@gmail.com](mailto:brilana@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/7/2012

Comments:

**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** WLH Testimony  
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Conference room: 225  
Testifier position: Support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Denise Snyder  
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E-mail: [scott101@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:scott101@hawaii.rr.com)  
Submitted on: 3/7/2012

Comments:  
I support the appointment of Maile Meyer.

**From:** Pat Beekman [beekmanp001@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 07, 2012 2:21 AM  
**To:** WLH Testimony  
**Subject:** GM603 Testimony

**GM603 Testimony**  
**StronglySupport Appointment of Maile Meyer to HCDA**

I strongly support the appointment of Maile Meyer to the Hawaii Community Development Authority. She has a long track record of excellent service in community development. Hawaii's future would be well-served by her.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** WLH Testimony  
**Cc:** tohhappy@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for GM603 on 3/8/2012 1:20:00 PM

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Conference room: 225  
Testifier position: Support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Teresa Oh Happy  
Organization: Individual  
E-mail: [tohhappy@gmail.com](mailto:tohhappy@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/6/2012

Comments:

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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Conference room: 225  
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Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Penny Levin  
Organization: Individual  
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Submitted on: 3/6/2012

**Comments:**

I STRONGLY SUPPORT this nomination for the HCDA.

Ms Meyer has been a wonderful asset to the small business community and a cultural arts visionary in the state for many years. As creator and owner of Native Books, Inc., Native Books and Beautiful Things, and later, Na Mea Hawaii, she created an enterprise model that provided a venue to multiply economic opportunities (and small businesses) for numerous Hawaiian artists, musicians, writers and craftsmen. She holds a degree in Business Administration, Marketing and Arts Management from UCLA. She is a member of the State Commission on the Status of Women, Native Hawaiian Hospitality Association, Queen Liliuokalani Children's Center Advisory Association, Hawaii Book Publisher's Association, Malama Hawaii, the Daughter's of Hawaii and Hale Kuai Cooperative, of which she sits on the Board of Directors.

Ms. Meyer's business management and revitalization skills would be an asset to the HCDA.

I urge you to CONFIRM this nomination for the HCDA. mahalo.



~~From: WLH~~  
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Testifier will be present: Yes  
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Submitted on: 3/7/2012

Comments:

Dear Respected Political Officials,  
It is with great sadness that I humbly ask you to recall your support of Maile Meyers. As a community member who has worked with Maile Meyers over the last decade. I ask you to ask these simple questions of her.

1. How much grant money has she received in the last 10 years?
2. With all that money spent what are specific examples that has had lasting community benefit?
2. How do the majority of people who work under her feel about her leadership.
3. How successful are her for profit businesses?
4. What is her cultural practices that connects her to the land, thus the people?

If Maile answers these questions honestly, you will come to your own conclusions. As a father of three Hawaiian daughters, I would hope you would consider only individuals that are outstanding role models, as which Maile Meyers is not in our opinion.

If this is a free country, then you have the right to make any decision, please make one that free's the community from those leaders that always pull us down as they attempt to line their pockets or abuse their status for personal gain.

Mahalo no ka manawa,

Daniel Anthony