



GOV. MSG. NO. 638

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GOVERNOR

February 10, 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 Council on Developmental Disabilities**:

<u>STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES</u>	<u>TERM TO EXPIRE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Theresa Octavio	6/30/2016	Reappointment

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Neil Abercrombie".

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i



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February 28, 2012

The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
The Honorable Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Human Services
Twenty-Sixth Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senators Chun Oakland and Ihara and Members of the Committee:

**SUBJECT: GM 638 – State Council on Developmental Disabilities
Gubernatorial Nominee Theresa Octavio**

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS GM 638** to confirm the nomination of Theresa Octavio for a term to expire June 30, 2016.

The Council's Federal mandate (P.L.106-402) is clear in determining the composition of this body to ensure that all the players involved in the development, implementation, and use of DD supports are represented. The law specifically requires that 60 percent of the membership of the Council be comprised of individuals with DD, their parents, or family members. Additionally, the following are required to be on the Council: relevant State entities; State entities that administer funds provided under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act; the Older Americans Act of 1965; Titles V and XIX of the Social Security Act; the Protection and Advocacy Agency; the Centers for Excellence in DD Education, Research, and Service; local and non-governmental agencies, and private non-profit groups concerned with services for individuals with DD.

Ms. Octavio's reappointment to the Council would continue to fulfill the Federal requirement for representatives of individuals with DD. She lives independently with supports in an apartment in Waimea, Kauai. She was first appointed to the Council in July 2008. She is a graduate of the Council-sponsored Partners in Policymaking (PIP) Leadership Academy. She has been an active participant at the Council's annual Day at the Capitol event and has met with numerous legislators to express her concern and support for increased dental and transportation services on Kauai.

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Ms. Octavio has been an active member of the Kauai DD Committee (KDDC) comprised of individuals with DD, family members, and public and private service providers. This Committee serves as an advisor to the Council in conveying issues and concerns and offering recommendations for the Kauai community. As a member of KDDC, she serves as a liaison for the Committee and Council. At the Council meetings, she reports on activities of the Committee and does not hesitate to offer her position or suggestions on matters pertaining to self-advocates. She represents self-advocates well on Kauai. She is also a member of the Council's Employment and Education Committee that is involved in increasing employment, self-employment, and/or post-secondary education options for persons with DD.

The Council is pleased with Ms. Octavio's nomination to serve a second term on the Council and looks forward to her continued contributions on KDDC and the Council's Employment and Education Committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our strong support for **GM 638** to confirm Theresa Octavio to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,


Liz Ann Salvador
Chair


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