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Hawaii State Capitol
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Subject: Disability and Communication Access Board

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in regards to your letter dated February 24, 2012 requesting the following information to help the Senate confirmation process:

1. Why do you wish to be a member of the Disability and Communication Access Board?

I am currently a Board member on the Disability & Communication Access Board. I first became interested in the Board because at one time I was a caregiver to my mom who had mobility issues. Since becoming a member she has passed away. I want to continue volunteering for this Board because it impacts all of society and I feel that because of my architectural background I am able to contribute to this Board.

2. How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the Disability and Communication Access Board?

Having been a Board member for the last three and a half years, I found this Board to be a whole lot broader than just the facility access unit. My perception of the role prior to becoming active with this Board was superseded because this Board encompasses the whole spectrum of issues dealing with disabilities. The responsibilities I feel, are very important as decisions being made affects HRS 105.9.

3. Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a member of the Disability and Communication Access Board, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position?

I feel that I am qualified as I have sat on the Board for one term and that my architectural background deals with the accessibility aspect in public areas. Also, having exposure and understanding of the ADA contributes to the qualification.

4. What do you hope to accomplish during this term of service?

I hope to be able to contribute my thoughts and interpretation on decision making, whether it may be to the facility access unit, and or to the other

committees of this Board.

5. Name three qualities that best describe you and that would make you stand out. How would these qualities benefit the Disability and Communication Access Board?

Three qualifications to best describe myself would be: exposure and familiarity with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA), conscientious on attending all meetings, the ability to voice an opinion on concerns as necessary.

6. Name one previous experience that would make you stand out. How would this benefit the Disability and Communication Access Board?

I am currently serving on the Facility Access Unit and having the exposure and familiarity of the ADA will help make sensible decisions on issues dealing with interpretations as they arise from the community.

7. Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the Disability and Communication Access Board?

I do not foresee any possible conflicts of interesting during my term.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mahalo,



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