

**TESTIMONY**

**GM704**

**HTH**  
**Confirmation Hearing**  
**03-12-2012**

CRAIG K. NAKAMOTO  
5258 Alahee Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96821

March 10, 2012

The Honorable Josh Green, M.D.  
Chair, Senate Committee on Health  
Hawaii State Senate  
Hawaii State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Subject: Governor's Message No. 704—Nomination of Craig K. Nakamoto to the  
Honolulu Subarea Council, SHPDA

Dear Senator Green:

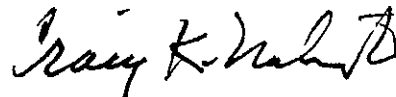
Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony and to appear before you.

It is an honor to be nominated to the Honolulu Subarea Council, SHPDA, and I respectfully request that the committee confirm me for that position.

Participation on that panel is an opportunity for me to use my background and skills to provide input on one of the most important aspects of our community—access to healthcare. My years of experience in healthcare (legal, compliance, real estate, and facilities) make me qualified for the position. If confirmed, I intend to bring my experience, dedication, analytical skills, and my ability to identify both large and smaller issues to the panel, and implement the State's health plan in a way that meets the needs of the Honolulu subarea.

Thank you for considering my nomination and testimony.

Very truly yours,



Craig K. Nakamoto

NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



LORETTA J. FUDDY, A.C.S.W., M.P.H.  
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**Senate Committee on Health**

**GM 704, Gubernatorial Nominee to the Health Planning Council,  
Honolulu Subarea**

**Testimony of Loretta J. Fuddy, A.C.S.W., M.P.H.  
Director of Health**

**Monday, March 12, 2012  
1:30 p.m.**

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health supports the nomination and confirmation  
2 of Mr. Craig Nakamoto to the Honolulu Subarea Health Planning Council (HONSAC).

3 **Fiscal Implications:** None

4 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose is for the consideration and confirmation of  
5 HONSAC Gubernatorial Nominee, Mr. Craig Nakamoto.

6 Mr. Nakamoto is the Health and Regulatory Counsel for Kaiser Foundation Health Plan,  
7 Inc., Hawaii Region. He was formerly the Director of Communications of the Hawaii  
8 Community Development Authority, an Associate for Hisaka, Yoshida & Cosgrove, and has  
9 held various legal counsel or compliance positions within the Queen's Health Systems or the  
10 Queen's Medical Center for over 10 years.

11 He has a Master of Laws in Taxation from Boston University School of Law, a Juris  
12 Doctor from the University of Oregon, School of Law, and a Bachelor of Arts in English  
13 Literature and Speech Communications from the University of Hawaii.

14 We ask for your support on the confirmation of Mr. Craig Nakamoto to the Honolulu  
15 Subarea Health Planning Council.

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March 9, 2012

Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair and Committee Members  
Committee on Health  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street, Room 222  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Re: Submission for Consideration and Confirmation to the State Health Planning and  
Development Agency, Honolulu Subarea Council, Gubernatorial Nominee  
CRAIG NAKAMOTO, (GM 704)

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Dear Senator Green and Committee Members:

I am writing in support of the nomination and confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee  
Craig K. Nakamoto to the Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea.

As a practicing attorney for the last 32 years, I have had during that time the opportunity  
to work with Craig professionally and have known him as a friend, employer and employee. On  
the professional side, I have worked with Craig in his capacity as general counsel for the Queen's  
Healthcare System and Kaiser Healthcare System. I've found him to be an intelligent,  
competent, conscientious and hard working advocate for his clients' interests.

As an employee, he has represented Hawaii Pacific Health System and other firm clients  
in business and real estate matters. With his exclusive background in representing the three (3)  
largest healthcare systems in Hawaii, Craig is familiar with the Certificate of Need process  
overseen by the Hawai'i State Health Planning and Development Agency. Craig was an  
outstanding associate employee and an invaluable asset to our firm's healthcare and business  
practice.

I first met Craig when he was working as a clerk at the Hawaii law firm of Cades Schutte.  
Craig went on to obtain his law degree from the University of Oregon and masters in taxation  
law at Boston University. We continue to meet on a regular social and professional basis.

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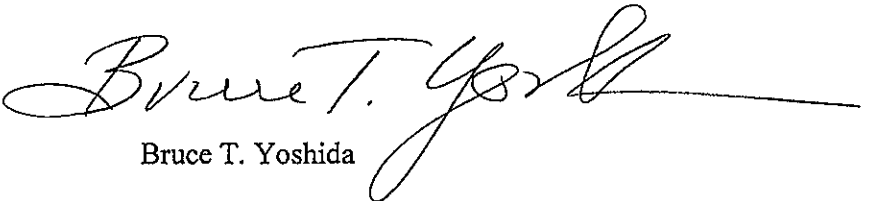
I was always and continue to be impressed with Craig's dedication to his profession and his positive attitude. He is a professional of the highest character and a highly motivated, reliable person who is also a team player.

On the personal side, I consider Craig to be a very good friend and a caring and compassionate parent who makes it a point to spend time with his family.

Craig is an individual of the highest character and has consistently demonstrated leadership throughout his career and is well qualified for this appointment to the Health Planning Council. I ask that you look favorably upon his nomination and appointment to the Honolulu Subarea Council.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,



Bruce T. Yoshida



Hearing March 12, 2012 1:30 PM Room 229

The Honorable Josh Green M.D.  
Chair, Senate Committee on Health  
Hawaii State Senate  
Hawaii State Capitol  
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: In support of GM 704-Craig Nakamoto Honolulu Subarea Council, SHPDA

Dear Senator Green,

It is with great pleasure that I recommend Craig Nakamoto for confirmation for appointment to the Honolulu Subarea Council for the State Health Planning and Development Agency. Craig is the Health and Regulatory Counsel for Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc. in Hawaii and has been in this position since June 2009.

Craig provides advice and counsel for Kaiser in areas including: compliance, regulations, privacy, scope of practice, and real estate and facility issues. From 2001 to 2003 he served as general counsel for The Queen's Health Systems in a similar role. This capped a decade long stint at Queen's that began in 1992. Throughout his career either health care or real estate or both have been elements in his work. With this useful knowledge and experience he is uniquely qualified for his role on the Honolulu Subarea Council.

Craig has consistently shown a commitment to understanding the full picture of any issue in which he is involved. He can focus on both the detail and the larger picture with ease. He is well liked by his co-workers and frequently sought out by Kaiser's leadership and staff for his expertise. I believe the council will find him both knowledgeable and congenial.

On behalf of Kaiser Permanente Hawaii and myself I urge the committee and the senate to confirm Craig Nakamoto for appointment to the Honolulu Subarea Council. Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

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Vice President and Regional Counsel  
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Clyde E. Sumida

Senator Josh Green, M.D.  
Chairman, Committee on Health  
Senatorial District 3  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 222  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara  
Vice-Chairman, Committee on Health  
Senatorial District 18  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 204  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: Nomination of Craig Nakamoto to the Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea

Dear Senators:

I am writing to you as a personal friend and business acquaintance of Craig Nakamoto who has been nominated by Governor Abercrombie to the Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea.

I have known Mr. Nakamoto for over 20 years and fully support his nomination. He has a wealth of knowledge and experience in the area of healthcare, having worked for the Queen's Health Systems and the Kaiser Foundation Health Plan for many years.

Mr. Nakamoto is a person of the highest integrity and moral character. He is very intelligent and hardworking. He would be a valuable and productive member of the Council if his appointment is confirmed.

Very truly yours,



Clyde E. Sumida

March 8, 2012

Senator Josh Green M.D., Chair  
Senate Committee on Health  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Governor's Message 704 – Mr. Craig Nakamoto

Dear Senator Green:

This letter is in support of the nomination of Mr. Craig Nakamoto to the Health Planning Council, Subarea Honolulu.

I have known Mr. Nakamoto for a number of years and have full confidence that he will be a valuable member of the Health Planning Council. An attorney, he also has a strong background in the health field.

Mr. Nakamoto possesses the knowledge and experience that will make for a strong and viable Health Planning Council. He works well with others and has all the attributes needed for a team player, yet has the independence to voice his concerns when required.

It is my hope that you and your committee will favorably support Mr. Nakamoto's nomination.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Sincerely,

Bert Y. Matsuoka



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March 9, 2012

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**EMAIL**

Senator Josh Green, M.D.  
The Twenty-Sixth Legislature  
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415 South Beretania Street  
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RE: Written Testimony supporting Craig Nakamoto for confirmation to the Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea; GM 704

Dear Chair Senator Green, Vice Chair Senator Nishihara, and Committee Senators:

I am writing to you to express my strong support for your confirmation of Governor Abercrombie's nomination of Craig Nakamoto to the Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea.

Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair  
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair  
Committee Senators  
March 9, 2012

Mr. Nakamoto would be a tremendous asset to the Health Planning Council. His qualifications and career history are uniquely applicable for this position and be of substantial benefit to the Health Planning Council.

I have known Craig Nakamoto both professionally and personally for the past six years. During that time I have had the opportunity to interact with Mr. Nakamoto who had shown himself to be a person of the highest degree of personal and professional integrity, unquestioned professional competence, and total commitment to his duties. He has demonstrated that he approaches his professional and personal responsibilities and duties with honesty, fairness, and common sense with an end goal that the process be legally sound and that the outcome be one based on merit. His professional background as an attorney in the health care industry, knowledge of health care law, and background and knowledge as a former business lawyer will bring to the Health Planning Council valuable attributes that will substantially contribute and support its work, responsibilities, and duties.

I am an attorney on inactive status in the State of Hawai'i. I was an active member of the Hawaii State Bar in good standing since 1978 until 2011 after which I retired from the practice of law. During much of my professional life, I had been an active member in the governance of the Hawaii State Bar Association and was its president in 2003.

Please accept my strongest recommendation for your consideration and confirmation of Craig Nakamoto to the Health Planning Council.

Very truly yours,



DOUGLAS A. CROSIER

RUSSELL R. YAMADA, ATTORNEY AT LAW

March 9, 2012

Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair  
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair  
Committee on Health

Re: Mr. Craig Nakamoto's Nomination to the Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea  
GM 704  
Hearing Date & Time: Monday, March 12, 2012, 1:30 p.m.

I am writing to you as a personal friend and business associate of Mr. Craig Nakamoto. I was very happy to learn of Mr. Nakamoto's nomination by Governor Abercrombie to the Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea. I have known Mr. Nakamoto for many years and have had the pleasure of working with him on joint projects as part of my legal practice.

Mr. Nakamoto's technical skills are outstanding and were a valuable asset on our joint projects. In addition, Mr. Nakamoto has always impressed me as an individual with outstanding attitude and dedication. He has a deep passion to serve the community and continually and consistently strives to improve himself and others around him. His integrity and moral character are without question.

I firmly believe that the Health Planning Council would greatly benefit by the addition of Mr. Nakamoto. His selection would be very well deserved.

Without any reservation, I strongly support the nomination of Mr. Craig Nakamoto to the Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea. Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Very truly yours,



Russell R. Yamada, Esq.

## Green4 - Mailene

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### Comments:

Senator Shan Tsutsui  
President of the Senate  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Nomination of Craig Nakamoto to Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea

Senator Tsutsui:

I am an attorney in civil practice who has known Craig Nakamoto for over ten years. I first met and worked with Mr. Nakamoto when he was corporate counsel for The Queen's Medical Center. We worked together on various health-care matters involving The Queen's Medical Center. And before his present position as corporate counsel for Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc., we also worked together as members of the same law firm.

Mr. Nakamoto is very knowledgeable in the various aspects of law involving health care providers. He has the necessary analytical skills honed by his years as a practicing attorney in the area of health care law to understand the various concerns and policy issues involving the Health Planning Council's work in health care. Moreover, he has integrity.

The Health Planning Council, the health care providers and the public at large will benefit from his knowledge, skills and personal integrity. Accordingly, I unequivocally support his nomination to the Health Planning Council.

Regards,

Kunio Kuwabe, Esq.

STATEMENT OF

ANTHONY J. H. CHING, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

BEFORE THE

Senate Committee on Health

March 12, 2012

1:30 P.M.

State Capitol, Conference Room 229

**G. M. 704 - SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND  
CONFIRMATION TO THE HEALTH PLANNING COUNCIL,  
HONOLULU SUBAREA, GUBERNATORIAL  
NOMINEE, CRAIG NAKAMOTO, FOR A TERM  
TO EXPIRE 6-30-2016.**

It is with great pleasure that I offer my support for the confirmation of Craig Nakamoto to the Health Planning Council. Mr. Nakamoto was employed by the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) as our Agency's Legislative and Community Relations Coordinator during 2008 and 2009. The range of his responsibilities included: legislative coordination; grant writing, new program development, updating the agency procurement manual; website supervision; and all matter relating to agency community relations. He was a dedicated employee and instrumental in developing effective community outreach and relations with landowners and businesses as we were developing updated administrative rules for the Kakaako Mauka Area.

Given Mr. Nakamoto's work ethic, his willingness to serve and his past and present work experience in health care administration, I believe that he will bring an informed and real life perspective to the deliberations of the Honolulu Subarea council. It is my belief Mr. Nakamoto is well qualified to serve as a member of the Honolulu Subarea council and offer my support for his confirmation by the State Senate.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments in support of Mr. Nakamoto's nomination.

## Green4 - Mailene

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Submitted by: Luis P. Salaveria  
Organization: Individual  
E-mail: [lsalaveria@gmail.com](mailto:lsalaveria@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/12/2012

### Comments:

I have know Mr. Nakamoto to be a person of high integrity and personal conviction. I believe he will be a wonderful asset to the Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea, and to the State of Hawaii.