

## The Senate

STATE CAPITOL HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

February 24, 2012

Dear Gubernatorial Nominee,

Congratulations on being nominated by Governor Neil Abercrombie to the *Health Planning Council, Windward Oahu Subarea*.

Because of the large number for Governor's Messages received by the Health Committee we will be holding a series of confirmation hearings beginning on March 7, 2012. We will be sending everyone hearing notice that includes, hearing date, time, and room location. All hearings will be at the State Capitol.

For most individuals that may need to travel to Honolulu from a neighbor island, we anticipate reserving March 14, 2012, for confirmation hearing for individuals living on neighbor islands.

We are also aware that individuals may not be able to appear in person at their confirmation hearing due to various factions including work commitments, health issues, or other reasons. Your decision of attendance will not affect the committee's review process. All nominees will receive equal consideration.

To assist the Senate with its confirmation process, we are requesting that the following information be submitted to our office via email or fax:

A statement that addresses the following questions:

- (1) Why do you wish to be a member of the *Health Planning Council, Windward Oahu Subarea*?
- I have 21 year Experience in Healthcare and I live in Windward (Punaluu)
  - (2) How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the *Health Planning Council, Windward Oahu Subarea*?
  - To Help facilitate the access to healthcare at Windward
    - (3) Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a member of the *Health Planning Council, Windward Oahu Subarea*, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise, or knowledge that would aid in your decision-making ability as a member of the *Health Planning Council, Windward Oahu Subarea*.
  - I have been a Finance Director going on 8 years in Healthcare
    - (4) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

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- (5) Name three qualities that best describe you and that would make you stand out. How would these qualities benefit the *Health Planning Council, Windward Oahu Subarea*?
- I am Professional, a go getter and a Team player for the Community
  - (6) Name one previous experience that would make you stand out. How would this benefit the *Health Planning Council, Windward Oahu Subarea*?
- I was a committe member in Fin., Govt. Prog & Rural Health of CPCA California
  - (7) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the *Health Planning Council, Windward Oahu Subarea*? How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest?
  - I don't foresee any conflict since my work is in Downtown Honolulu

I also want to take this opportunity to remind you that any testimony submitted to Senate committees on your behalf will be posted on the Legislature's website as submitted. It might be helpful to remind individuals who intend to submit testimony on your nomination of the public nature of the testimony.

Your prompt response in providing the above information will ensure that the Senate confirmation process can proceed in a timely manner.

If you have any questions regarding the hearing process or if required specific accommodation, please contact our office at (808) 586-6833.

Sincerely,

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To: Subject: Green4 - Mailene; shirley.kidani@doh.hawaii.gov Octavius Gonzaga confirmation hearing

Aloha Senator Mailene Okland-Tialavea and Ms. Shirley Kidani,

I would like to recommend Octavius Gonzaga to be confirmed as a member of the Health Planning Council Windward Oahu Subarea. He is currently the Financial Director and member of our Operations Team of Ku Aloha Ola Mau. Mr. Gonzaga is very vested in "community" and sincere in his interest on being on the Health Planning Council for Windward Oahu. He brings expertise in working with Federally Qualified Health Centers in California and Hawaii and is dedicated to improving the quality of life for Hawaii communities.

Thank you for your consideration of him and I look forward to his confirmation. Mahalo Nui,

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