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Mr. Kamakanaoikealoha Aquino

Re: Nomination to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission GM 724

Dear Mr. Aquino:

Congratulations on being nominated by Governor Neil Abercrombie to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission. To assist the Senate with its confirmation process, I request that the following information be submitted to my office by **Wednesday, March 28, 2012**:

- (1) A resume with a list of references
- (2) A written statement that addresses the following questions:
 - (a) Why do you wish to be a commissioner of the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission?
 - (b) How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a commissioner of the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission, particularly in terms of your nomination by the Waimanalo Homestead Association?
 - (c) Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a commissioner of the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission, 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 commissioner of the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.
 - (d) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?
 - (e) Name three qualities that best describe you and that would make you stand out. How would these qualities benefit the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission?

- (f) Name one previous experience that would make you stand out. How would this benefit the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission?
- (g) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission? How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest?

Your prompt response in providing the above information will ensure that the Senate confirmation process can proceed in a timely manner. The committee is scheduling your confirmation hearing on Monday, April 2, 2012 at 1:15pm in Conference Room 016. Please contact Doris Lam or EDT Committee Clerk Ashley Advincula at 586-6890 if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,



Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chair
Senate Economic Development Committee

(a) I wish to become a commissioner because my grandmother was a former commissioner and has greatly influenced my involvement in the community. I started to get involved in my senior year of high school, by attending community meetings with my grandmother. From there, I started to get involved in various organizations while attending college. I held various positions, and therefore, becoming a commissioner is another opportunity to apply what I have learned.

(b) The roles and responsibilities are similar to that of any other organization. However, this is an organization within the government and therefore, includes many other state laws and policies. As I started to attend meetings, I tried to familiarize myself and understand the state laws and policies. I am still unfamiliar with some laws and policies, but will eventually understand as I attend more meetings. As a commissioner, I represent the Waimānalo Hawaiian Homes Association. My association has valuable history with the commission and I hope to ensure their representation on the commission.

(c) I have been involved in various organizations and can bring new ideas of this generation. My degree in Hawaiian Studies will bring valuable knowledge to this commission, as it focuses on King Kamehameha. Moreover, I am currently seeking my masters degree in Educational Administration, which further helps me to critically analyze problems, issues and decisions.

(d) I hope to regain the integrity and appreciation for this historical commission to these islands, as established in 1871. I also would like to educate everyone about the historical significance of this commission. Financial support is a huge issue and I hope to seek various ways where the commission can obtain adequate support.

(e) I am young, educated and committed. As a young leader, I bring new and fresh ideas of my generation. As a graduate student, I bring an educational perspective where we can educate everyone. I am committed to the mission and goals of this commission.

(f) One experience is studying internationally at the University of Waikato, Aotearoa/New Zealand. I have attended a few cultural celebrations and gatherings and seen how culturally grounded the Māori are. This experience will benefit this commission by ensuring that the commission and all who are participating acts in a culturally appropriate manner.

(g) No, I do not foresee any possible conflicts during my service on the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.

Saturday, 31 March 2012

To: Chair Fukunaga and EDT Committee Members

Re: **GM724**

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, **KAMAKANAOKEALOHA AQUINO**, for a term to expire 6-30-2015

Aloha e Chair Fukunaga and members,

Mahalo for the opportunity to appear before you today for my consideration and confirmation to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission. I would also like to thank all those whom have submitted testimony in my support, my family, friends and mentors. I represent the Waimānalo Hawaiian Homes Association and have been a member since my senior year of high school. I am an active young leader in my community and have participated in various organizations. I am also currently a graduate student in the Educational Administration program at the College of Education, University of Hawai'i - Mānoa.

When Aunty Nickie Hines, whom previously vacated this seat, asked if I wanted to serve on the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission, I accepted without hesitation. I knew that my grandmother, Lucy Akau, also previously served on this Commission. Her and my grandfather has been an inspiration to my leadership and involvement in the community. They are also the reason why I am actively involved.

I have served in various leadership positions and, to serve as a Commissioner for the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission would be an honor. It would be very beneficial to further my leadership skills and give back to my community. I hope to effectively contribute to the Commission with my background in Hawaiian and education. Furthermore, I hope to bring about awareness to this historical organization established in 1871. Mahalo again for considering my nomination.

me ka ha'aha'a,

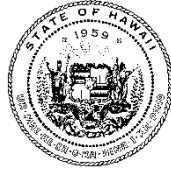
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GM 724

Mr. Kamakanaokealoha Aquino
King Kamehameha Celebration Commission

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DEPUTY COMPTROLLER

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TESTIMONY
OF
DEAN H. SEKI, ACTING COMPTROLLER
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES
TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE
ON
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY
ON
April 2, 2012

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 724

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE KING
KAMEHAMEHA CELEBRATION COMMISSION, KAMAKANAOKEALOHA
AQUINO

Chair Fukunaga and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on G.M. 724. The Department of Accounting and General Services supports Mr. Kamakanaoikealoha Aquino's confirmation to the Commission.

Section 8-5, HRS, requires that the Commission have at least one member from the Waimanalo Homesteaders Association. Mr. Aquino is a member of the Waimanalo Homesteaders Association. His appointment fulfills the statutory requirement for representation on the Commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

fukunaga2 - Ashley-Jane

From: Ben Henderson [bhender@QLCC.org]
Sent: Wednesday, March 28, 2012 3:03 PM
To: EDTTestimony
Cc: ekkj1959@gmail.com; mkhan@hawaiiantel.net
Subject: Testimony In Support of GM 724 and 725

To the Honorable Carol Fukunaga Chair, and Members of the Senate Committee On Economic Development and Technology:

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of the gubernatorial appointments of Elmer Ka`ai Jr. (GM 724) and Marilyn Leimomi Khan (GM 725) to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.

Both candidates have been active in Hawaiian affairs for many years and will provide outstanding service as members of this commission.

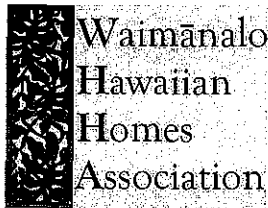
I have had the opportunity to work closely with both nominees on numerous occasions and can personally vouch for their dedication, commitment and ability. I am confident that they will do an excellent job of guiding the work of the Commission in a manner that will bring pride and dignity to esteemed Ali`i Nui.

I urge your committee's favorable support and consent on their nominations.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in this matter.

Aloha Pumehana,

Ben Henderson
President and Executive Director
Queen Lili`uokalani Children's Center
1300 Halona Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817



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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT AND CONFIRMATION OF
KAMAKANA AQUINO, COMMISSIONER
KING KAMEHAMEHA CELEBREAATION COMMISSION

Senate Committee on Economic Development and Technology (EDT)

Honorable Chairwoman, Senator Fukunaga, Vice Chair Senator Wakai and Committee Members Senators Baker, Solomon and Slom,

At the monthly meeting of the Waimanalo Hawaiian Homes Association (WHHA) Executive Board and its Directors held on Tuesday, May 31, 2011; we acknowledged and recognized the outgoing Commissioner E. Nickie Hines who had represented WHHA during the past four years on the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.

We recognized Aunty Nickie's contribution and commitment to the Commission at our June 6, 2011 general membership meeting and at the same accepted the nomination of Mr. Kamakana Aquino as the designee commissioners to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission representing Waimanalo Hawaiian Homes Association beginning July 1, 2011.

The Executive and its Board of Directors of Waimanalo Hawaiian Homes Association at its June 6, 2011 general membership fully supports the nomination as designee to the Commission and is proud to support his choice and commitment to serve while attending the University of Hawai'i at Manoa as a graduate student, Mr. Kamakana Aquino.

Please accept this letter as our endorsement and full support.

Me kealoha pumehana,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul P. Richards", written in a cursive style.

Paul P. Richards
President

From: kkcc@hawaii.gov [mailto:kkcc@hawaii.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2012 1:17 PM

To: EDTTestimony

Subject: Confirmation of King Kamehameha Celebration Commissioners

Aloha mai!

I am writing on behalf of Mr. Elmer Ka`ai, Mr. Kamakana Aquino, Ms. Donna-lei Smythe and Ms. Marilyn Leimomi Khan, who are up for Senate confirmation of their appointments to the King Kamehameha Celebration commission. They were hoping to have an opportunity to meet previous to the confirmation hearing, which as of this writing I don't believe has been set yet, with members of the EDT committee.

They would like to introduce themselves and informally get to spend time and answer any questions committee members may have. If any or all of the Senate Committee members are available, please let us know at your earliest convenience what would be a good day/time to meet. All the commission members have freed up their schedules and are available after March 7, 2012.

Please contact me at this email address kkcc@hawaii.gov or call 586-0333 to let me know what is possible. If you prefer I contact each Senate member individually I would be happy to do so.

Mahalo nui,

Lehua Kalima

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Submitted by: Marbeth Aquino
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Submitted on: 4/1/2012

Comments:

I AM IN SUPPORT OF KAMAKANA AQUINO BEING A COMMISSIONER FOR THE KING KAMEHAMEHA CELEBRATION. HE HAS BEEN TAUGHT ABOUT HAWAIIAN VALUES AND PROTOCOL AS HE WAS GROWING UP. NOW AS A YOUNG ADULT HE PRACTICES IT AS PART OF HIS LIFE. I KNOW HE WILL DO HIS BEST AS A PART OF THIS ORGANIZATION.

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