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Ms. Marilyn Khan

Re: Nomination to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission GM 726

Dear Ms. Khan:

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 Hale O Na Ali'i O Hawai'i Ahahui Po'o?
 - (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

1288 Kapiolani Blvd, Apt 1905
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March 28, 2012

Senator Carol Fukunaga
Chair, Senate Economic Development Committee
The Senate, State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Aloha mai, e Senator Fukunaga

Mahalo for your consideration of my nomination by Governor Neil Abercrombie to serve as a commissioner of the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission. The following information is provided as requested:

- a. A resume with a list of references – attached.
- b. A written statement that addresses the following questions:

(1) Why do you wish to be a commissioner of the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission? To contribute to the commission's mission to realize an outstanding celebration in honor of King Kamehameha, and to honor and respect those before me who founded the celebration and the groundwork that they have established, most especially the organization that nominated me, Hale O Nā Ali'i O Hawai'i Ahahui Po'o. (The kaona of my nomination, because Aunty Harriet Smith, Iku Ha'i of this organization asked me to serve and I do so out of friendship in respect to her.)

(2) How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a commissioner of the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission, particularly in terms of your nomination by Hale O Nā Ali'i O Hawai'i Ahahui Po'o? I perceive the role and responsibilities of a commissioner to be to plan appropriate celebratory events in memory of King Kamehameha I and to assure that resources are available to execute such activities. Additionally, to set policy where needed that is not in conflict with Hawai'i Revised Statutes 8-5, King Kamehameha Celebration Commission or to make recommendations for change, where needed. In terms of my nomination by Hale O Nā Ali'i O Hawai'i Ahahui Po'o, my role is to serve as a conduit of information about the planned activities and to seek the support of volunteers from this organization. Additionally, in decision making to represent the mana'o of members of Hale O Nā Ali'i O Hawai'i Ahahui Po'o and to respect and learn from the experiences of past members of the Commission who have set the framework for our mission.

(3) 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. I believe that I am qualified for the position because I have over 50 years of managerial and leadership experience both in the federal government and in the Hawaiian community. However, the most important attribute I bring is the ability to communicate with the Native Hawaiian community and to be objective in decision making, having considered all facts. Also, because of my experience as chair of the Prince Kūhiō Festival, a month-long celebration in honor of Prince Kūhiō, and as the former president of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, I am sensitive to Native Hawaiian values and cultural protocol.

(4) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service? My sense is that the commission has done a good job, especially on O‘ahu. During my term of service, I hope to contribute to updating the Hawaii Revised Statute and Administrative Rules concerning the Commission, to assure written processes are in place to assure continuity of policies and procedures established, to assure proper funding of the activities, and to build neighbor island celebration activities.

(5) Name three qualities that best describe you and that would make you stand out. How would these qualities benefit the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission? 1) Aloha, a caring for all; 2) Lau Lima, pitching in to do the work; 3) Pono, being objective and informed in decision making. I believe these qualities are necessary to contribute to the whole team in execution of our responsibilities.

(6) Name one previous experience that would make you stand out. How would this benefit the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission? Observing my mother and father’s love for our Native Hawaiian culture and being taught through hula by my teachers the importance of understanding the history and stories of days passed and how they shaped our lives, and understanding through my Japanese mother and Portuguese father that Hawai‘i is comprised of a diverse community and the King Kamehameha Celebration embraces all, but reminds us of our roots as Native Hawaiians.

(7) 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? I do not foresee any conflicts of interests that would arise during my service on the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Leimomi Khan by e-mail

LEIMOMI KHAN

GM 726

Ms. Marilyn Khan
King Kamehameha Celebration Commission

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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 726

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE KING
KAMEHAMEHA CELEBRATION COMMISSION, MARILYN KHAN

Chair Fukunaga and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on G.M. 726. The Department of Accounting and General Services supports Ms. Marilyn Khan's confirmation to the Commission.

Section 8-5, HRS, requires that the Commission have at least one member from Hale O Na Ali'i O Hawaii'i Ahahui Po'o. Ms. Khan is a member of Hale O Na Ali'i O Hawaii'i Ahahui Po'o. Her appointment fulfills the statutory requirement for representation on the Commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.



Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs

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TESTIMONY OF PRESIDENT SOULEE STROUD

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 726

SUBMITTING FOR CONFIRMATION TO THE KING KAMEHAMEHA
DAY CELEBRATION COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE
MARILYN KHAN FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2015.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY

Monday, April 2, 2012; 1:15 pm; Room 016

Aloha Madam Chair Fukunaga and members of the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Technology. I am Soulee Stroud, president of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, pleased to testify in support of the appointment of Marilyn Khan to the King Kamehameha Day Celebration Commission.

Those of us in the Hawaiian Civic Clubs know Ms. Khan very well. She has been in positions of leadership in our organization for several years and is currently the Immediate Past President of the Association and a member of our Board of Directors. She has been a president of the Oahu Council of Hawaiian Civic Clubs and now serves as president of the Kalihi-Palama Hawaiian Civic Club. This year she chaired the Prince Kuhio Festivities that included a parade through Waikiki followed by a Hoolaulea at Kapiolani Park.

Ms. Khan is well qualified to be a member of the commission and, without a doubt, her experience will be a valuable asset to the activities of the commission.

We urge the passage of GM726. Mahalo nui.

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HAWAII DISTRICT COUNCIL
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April 1, 2012

The Honorable Carol Fukunaga, Chair
Committee on Information and Technology
Hawaii State Senate
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: GM726 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, MARILYN KHAN, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.

Dear Senator Fukunaga:

I am pleased to support the nomination of Marilyn Leimomi Khan to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission. My association with Leimomi spans several decades when we were both employed by the Federal Government and were members and served as officers of the Federal Women's Council, Hawaii. Ms. Khan has a long history of community involvement and is a strong advocate of native Hawaiian culture, history, and the arts, particularly hula. She will bring to the Commission her broad experience as a manager and officer in various organizations, including past President of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs.

Leimomi is an outstanding leader, possesses strong verbal and written communication skills and is a creative problem-solver. Her greatest assets are the ability to communicate her ideas to others, energize individuals, and focus on opportunities rather than constraints.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide additional information. I can be reached via email, djgm1@hawaii.rr.com, or cell phone at 808-960-4053.

Sincerely,

Geraldine Kenui Bell

Geraldine Kenui Bell
Vice President

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HALE O NĀ ALI`I O HAWAI`I
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February 27, 2012

The Honorable Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chair
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY
Hawai`i State Capitol, Room 216
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Support for Nominee Marilyn Leimomi Khan to the Kamehameha Celebration Committee

Dear Senator Fukunaga;

It has been called to my attention that your committee is in the process of selecting commissioners for the King Kamehameham Celebration Commission.

I would like to introduce Marilyn Leimomi Khan, a member of Hale O Nā Ali`i O Hawai`i, Hālau O Wahiika'ahu'ula, Inc. and the Chairperson of the Kamehameha Day Event for Hale O Nā Ali`i O Hawai`i, ‘Aha Kahuna Nui, Inc, which is the State Board of Governors for the State of Hawai`i.

During her brief tenure with the KIng Kamehameha Celebration Commission, she has been efficient in keeping us apprise of this celebration at our State Board of Governors Meeting, which consist of Lead Officers from every island. There are seven chapters throughout the State of Hawai`i that participate in this annual event on their respective island. The information she shares is very much appreciated by our society. I believe her presence on the Commission will be an assets to both KKCC and Hale O Nā Ali`i O Hawai`i.

Hale O Na Ali` i O Hawai`I is non-profit benevolent society for men and women of Hawaiian ancestry with the objectives of the preservation of the culture and language of Hawaiian heritage.

On behalf of Hale O Na Ali` i O Hawai`i/‘Aha Kahuna, Inc., I humbly petition and thanking you for your consideration of Marilyn Leimomi Khan for the position of commissioner to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

HALE O NA ALI`I O HAWAI`I ‘AHA KAHUNA NUI, INC.

Helen K. Robello

Helen K. Robello
Iku Ha`i Nui(President)



Hale 'O Nā Ali'i 'O Hawai'i, 'Ahahui Po'o

Halau O Wahīka'ahu'ula, Helu 'Ekahi

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March 31, 2012

The Honorable Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chair
Economic Development & Technology Committee
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 216
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: GM-726, Relating to Nomination of Marilyn Leimomi Khan to the King Kamehameha
Celebration Commission

Aloha!

Hale 'O Nā Ali'i O Hawai'i, 'Ahahui Po'o, urge you to confirm Mrs. Marilyn Leimomi Khan to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.

I met Mrs. Khan when she joined Hale 'O Nā Ali'i 'O Hawai'i, 'Ahahui Po'o, Halau 'O Wahīka'ahu'ula, Helu 'Ekahi in 2001. Leimomi has served as a director and organizer of our first strategic planning meeting and Pelekikena of our 'Ahu'ula Social Club responsible for the cultural needs of our 'Ahahui. Leimomi comes with excellent credentials having served as President of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs (2007-2010) and in that capacity, organized and planned the statewide celebration of the Prince Kūhiō Festival and Ho'olaule'a, a month-long celebration held during the month of March.

Leimomi has organized and planned many Native Hawaiian cultural events including the first World Invitational Hula Festival, Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs conventions, 'Onipa'a Celebration at 'Iolani Palace and Get the Native Hawaiian Vote Out Campaign. Leimomi has enhanced and galvanized partnerships with many organizations e.g. Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Hawaii Maoli, the University of Hawaii's Center for Hawaiian Studies; Kamehameha Schools (education); Papa Ola Lokahi (health); Alu Like (employment and social services); Department of Hawaiian Homesteads (housing); 'Aha Hipu'u consisting of the four royal societies-the Royal Order of Kamehameha I, 'Ahahui Ka'ahumanu, Hale O Nā Ali'i O Hawai'i and the Daughters and Sons of Hawaiian Warriors-Māmakakaua.

Leimomi retired in September 2005 as the Chief of the Equal Opportunity and Civilian Personnel Programs for the Pacific Air Forces, encompassing policy direction and oversight of nine Air Force bases in the Pacific, touching the lives of over 100,000 Air Force members and employees, encompassing citizens from allied countries of the United States such as Korea, Japan, and the Philippines.

Leimomi brings the skills necessary to do the work of the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission. We urge you and your committee to confirm her appointment to commission.

Me kealoha pumehana,

Harriet K. Smith

HARRIET K. SMITH

Ikū Ha'i

March 11, 2012

Senator Carol Fukunaga
Chair, Senate Committee on Economic
Development and Technology
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawai`i 96813

Re: GM Message 726 - Nomination of Marilyn Leimomi Khan
to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission

Aloha Honorable Senator Fukunaga,

It is my great honor to write this letter in support of Marilyn Leimomi Khan as a nominee to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.

I served as Executive Director of the Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation and have known Momi during most of those 32 years, much of that time in connection with the many leadership positions she held with the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, including as its elected President for two successive terms. The Association is a confederation of fifty-eight Clubs and thousands of well-organized members located throughout the State of Hawai`i and in the States of Alaska, California, Colorado, Illinois, Nevada, Utah, Virginia, Washington State, Tennessee and Texas.

I have served side-by-side with Momi on numerous committees and also, at her behest, as chair of numerous committees and organizations. I have proudly and willingly served whenever she has asked because of my deep respect for her leadership and integrity. Every task and project Momi has undertaken has been for the singular purpose of promoting the well being of others and of our Hawai`i community -- not only Hawaiians, but the community of *all* who love and cherish Hawai`i Nei. I have never known Momi to be self-promoting in the least. She is one of the most humble, selfless, generous leaders I have ever had the privilege of knowing and working with.

I have witnessed her exemplary service as an intrepid, resilient, resourceful, "can do!" individual who seems miraculously able to draw upon a wellspring and deep reservoir of dedication, commitment and energy when most would abandon a project or give up. She can pick up the pieces of a failing enterprise and turn it into a resounding success. She can drum up interest and participation when others have been disinterested and apathetic. She can see the merit and worth in people and projects when others are passive and indifferent or even hostile. She is a "can do" person not only as inspirational leader, but also as someone who rolls up her sleeves and does the hardest tasks herself -- she will do whatever it takes to get the job done. Momi accords everyone she meets with the deepest and utmost respect. She is cool-headed and even-tempered, utterly collaborative in her decision-making. She is highly principled, firm and resolute. And once she has determined the pono path, she will not be deterred from following it, from seeing it through to conclusion.

In addition to all of the foregoing, Momi is steeped in and knowledgeable about Hawaiian culture, a kumu hula herself, and would bring this knowledge plus the considerable organizing and logistical skills to the task of King Kamehameha Celebration Commissioner. She has my strong, enthusiastic and unqualified support for the position, and I urge her confirmation. The Commission would be lucky to have her aboard.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require further information or clarification.

Sincerely,

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March 31, 2012

The Honorable Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chair
Economic Development and Technology Committee
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 216
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: GM-726, Testimony in support of Marilyn Leimomi Khan's nomination to the King
Kamehameha Celebration Commission

My testimony in support of Marilyn Leimomi Khan is submitted as a supporting member in her planning and organizing of her many projects in the form of team-player, community service volunteer, Federal service volunteer but most of all family friend with a long history of genuine friendship.

I first met Momi on Guam in 1958 where she was attending a local high school. I've witnessed her growth from teenager to a highly respected senior civilian manager in Federal government service. Momi has broken barriers by being the first woman of Hawaiian-Chinese ancestry to hold the position of a general manager at the grade of GS-14 with the U.S. Air Force in Hawaii. Momi became the Chief of Equal Opportunity and Civilian Personnel Programs for the Pacific Air Forces, both military and civilian, encompassing policy direction and oversight of nine (9) Air Force bases in the Pacific. She is the recipient of the Meritorious Civilian Service Award (the second highest award for civilians); Equal Opportunity Award and Hawaii Outstanding Supervisor of the Year Award from the U.S. Air Force. Momi retired in 2005 as Chief of Civilian Personnel Operations, Pacific Air Forces, Hickam AFB, Hawaii after 44-years of civilian service.

Momi has had a wide range of volunteer service one of which was president of the Federally Employed Women (FEW) Aloha Chapter and recipient as Outstanding Chapter nationwide under her leadership. We were both longtime volunteers serving as Backstage Managers of the Queen Liliuokalani Keiki Hula Competition for 15 plus years. She has served on numerous leadership positions. Her most recent successes is that of Chair of the Prince Kūhiō Day Commemorative Parade. Momi's passion is to uplift the Hawaiian people. You could not find a more energetic, resourceful, industrious, innovative, compassionate, kind, generous, diligent, honest person. Momi is truly the

“Women of All Seasons”. Her rapport and public relations with whomever she comes in contact is always extended with great respect and hospitality.

As past-President of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs serving two terms, she nurtured and chartered approximately eight (8) additional Hawaiian civic clubs during her tenure bring the count to 63 Hawaiian civic clubs nationwide under her leadership. I have worked with her and served under her leadership planning and organizing her varied role as Pelekikena, Association of the Hawaiian Civic Clubs; Pelekikena, Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu; Director, Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs-Oahu Council; Chair, Communications Committee, Association of the Hawaiian Civic Clubs; Pelekikena, Oahu Council; Chair, Employment & Housing Committee, Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs; First Vice-President, Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs; Chair, Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu Scholarship Holoku Ball; Chair, Prince Kūhiō Commemorative Parade and Ho‘olaule‘a; the Prince Kūhiō Arts and Crafts Festival at the Royal Hawaiian Center; Prince Kūhiō Choral Concert at Kawaiaha‘o Church; the Native Hawaiian Health Festival; Mauna‘ala and Ali‘i Sunday services at Kawaiaha‘o Church; Backstage Manager, Queen Lili‘uokalani Keiki Hula Competition; President, Federally Employed Women-Aloha Chapter; Pelekikena, Kalihi-Palama Hawaiian Civic Club; and many Native Hawaiian cultural events including Onipa‘a at ‘Iolani Palace.

Momi has always served her leadership role seriously with integrity, dignity, diligence and pride to make a difference for the betterment of the organization and its members. To have Momi on your team is an honor and privilege because her attention to detail and passion to achieve the highest standard of quality and decorum is immeasurable. Momi is skillful in facilitating and resolving issues tactfully on whatever it may be with fairness and equality for all concerned.

As a longtime friend who knows her well, she has much aloha for all with whom she comes in contact regardless of race, color, creed or personal orientation. Momi is highly respected by her peers throughout the Hawaiian community as well as the working community. In my opinion, she is your “Woman with the Midas Touch and Aloha Spirit” wrapped up in one.

In conclusion, you will definitely not be disappointed with Momi in her role as a member of the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission. I support and urge you to unhesitatingly confirm her nomination to this Commission.

Sincerely,

Marlene K. Ebeo
Marlene K. Ebeo

March 27, 2012

Senator Carol Fukunaga
Chair, Senate Committee on Economics
Development and Technology
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: GM Message 726-Nomination of Marilyn Leimomi Khan
To the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission

Aloha Honorable Senator Fukunaga,

With great respect and honor, I support Marilyn Leimomi Khan for the position of King Kamehameha Celebration Commissioner, a position she already holds in interim since last July.

I have been a Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu sister of hers since I joined the Club 20 years ago. She has been my very respected mentor as she led our Club as President, then President of Oahu Council and then President of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs. I am ending my fourth year as a King Kamehameha Celebration Commissioner after being nominated by Leimomi four years ago to represent AHCC.

Over the years I have worked under Leimomi as secretary when she was our Club's President and as Decorations, Favors and Silence Auction Chairs when she chaired a few of our Holoku Balls. I have also helped in numerous ways at Kuhio Parades, Onipa'a and Pualeilani Festivals that she has chaired. Presently, as chair of the King Kamehameha Celebrations Day Ho'olaule'a for the fourth year, I constantly pick her brains for her mana'o in planning this activity.

Leimomi's planning skills are excellent. She does everything with a kind, generous heart so that I am always happy to volunteer with her and I know that she is always there if I need her help.

I have always felt as I do now that the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission is lucky to have Leimomi as a Commissioner. Her experience with the non-profit Hawaii Maoli, working with Grants, making budgets and with the Legislature makes her a big asset to KKCC.

Sincerely,

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February 24, 2012

Re: The appointment of Marilyn Leimomi Khan to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.

Aloha Senator Fukunaga,

I am writing to express my unqualified support for the appointment of Marilyn Leimomi Khan to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.

I have had the privilege of working closely with Leimomi as a member the Hawai'i Pono'i Coalition, a consortium of organizations and individuals dedicated to educating all who live and visit here about the true history of Hawai'i. She is an absolute model of organization, drive and integrity. Leimomi's commitment to fostering increased awareness and understanding of Hawai'i and the Hawaiian culture is steadfast, and she would be a great asset to the commission.

Please approve her nomination.

Ann Botticelli

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HAWAII STATE SENATE – REGULAR SESSION 2012
COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY

April 2, 2012
1:15 PM, Conference Room 016

GM No.726 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, MARILYN KAHN, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.

Chair Sen. Carol Fukunaga, V.C. Sen. Glenn Wakai and Committee Members:

Good afternoon. My name is Dante Carpenter, a concerned citizen of Hawaii whose residence is in the Salt Lake Area of Honolulu. I am in strong support of the nomination in GM 726 for Marilyn Khan for confirmation by the State Senate as a member of the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.

Ms. Khan has, as its President, led the organization of State Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs statewide, including in the continental U. S., among other Hawaiian community activities. Her capabilities and education shows she is eminently qualified by training and myriad experience in the Hawaiian Culture. Her willingness to share her time, expertise and energy for the important work of the activities in conjunction with the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission is sincerely appreciated.

I strongly recommend approval of GM No. 726 and confirmation of Ms. Marilyn Khan by the Senate to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

fukunaga2 - Ashley-Jane

From: Pono1717@aol.com
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March 28, 2012

Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chair
Wakai, Vice Chair
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Senator Glenn
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Honolulu, Hawai'i

Reference: Supporting the nomination of Marilyn Khan as a commissioner to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission, whose term to expire 6-30-2015.
Reference to GM 726.

Dear Honorable Carol Fukunaga and Glenn Wakai of the Committee on Economic Development and Technology with reference to GM 726.

I humbly request your approval of Marilyn Khan as a commissioner to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.

Have worked with Marilyn (Leimomi) Khan for a number of years, and have found her organizational skills outstanding. She has handled the Prince Kuhio Kalaniana'ole Celebration with great ability, especially the annual parade which requires love as we know as Aloha.

Marilyn also has the ability to look at the overall picture and to be pono to the best of her ability.

She has been involved with the Hawaiian Civic Club movement for many years, having been past President for the Mother Club (Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu), past President of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, and currently President

of the Kalihi - Palama Hawaiian Civic Club. Her knowledge of "Roberts Rules" is impeccable.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

O Ka Maluhia No Me Kakou,
Peace Be With All Of Us,

Earl S. Tenn

Liaison for Nadine A. Kahanamoku (dec.)

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From: Gailynn Williamson <gailynn@hawaii.edu>

Date: Tue, 6 Mar 2012 15:04:15 -1000

To: Carol Fukunaga <senfukunaga@capitol.hawaii.gov>

Subject: GM Message #726, Nomination of Marilyn Leimomi Khan to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission

To: Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chair
Senate Committee on Economic Development and Technology

RE: GM Message #726, Nomination of Marilyn Leimomi Khan to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission

Dear Senator Fukunaga:

I am writing in support of the appointment of Marilyn Leimomi Khan to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.

I have known Momi all my life. We are 'ohana. She has always been there to support anyone in the family who needed help. She has taken care of those who were not otherwise being cared for. She is conscientious, generous and trustworthy.

By all accounts Momi has carried these same character traits to her work place and to the many volunteer organizations with which she has been involved. She has held many leadership positions and earned many honors during her career. She was the first woman of Hawaiian-Chinese ancestry to hold the position of a general manager at the grade of GS-14 with the United States Air Force in Hawai'i. She was Chief of Equal Opportunity and Civilian Personnel Operations for the Pacific Air Forces. She and her staff won numerous Air Force-wide awards including the Meritorious Civilian Service Award, the Equal Opportunity Award and the Hawai'i Outstanding Supervisor of the Year Award.

Momi has a long-standing commitment to the Hawaiian community. She is the immediate past president of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, and past president of the Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu and the O'ahu Council. She served as a Director on the Board of Hawaii-Maoli, was a member of the Native Hawaiian Legal Corp's Search Committee for an Executive Director and is a grants reviewer for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. She is a member of the Democratic Party Hawaiian Issues Caucus, the National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development, the Asian Pacific Islander American Health Forum, and The Racial Equity Advisory Committee. She is also the producer of the 'lelo TV program, "E K?k? K?k?".

Momi served as Chair of the State Council on Hawaiian Heritage Kamehameha Day Hula Festival, the First World Invitational Hula Festival, and the Queen Lili'uokalani Keiki Hula Festival. She currently serves as chair of the Prince Kuhio Festival and the

Membership and Administrative Committee of 'Aha O 'Iolani, and is project manager for the 'Onipa'a Celebration at 'Iolani Palace.

Momi has an enduring commitment to the welfare of Native Hawaiians, she is a strong advocate for laws that strengthen their self-determination and welfare, and she has both depth and breadth of experience with the Hawaiian community.

Momi, would bring to the commission her considerable organizational and planning skills, sensitivity to and respect for the Native Hawaiian people, and their culture, and experience gained through her previous service as an interim, commissioner. I urge your support for her appointment to the commission.

Mahalo,
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From: Hailama Farden [hafarden@ksbe.edu]
Sent: Saturday, March 31, 2012 9:21 AM
To: EDTTestimony
Cc: Quentin Kawananakoa
Subject: Re: Marilyn Lemomi Khan's Nomination to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission. GM726 (To be heard April 2, 2012 at 1:15PM)

Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chair
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair
& the Members of the Committee on Economic Development and Technology

Letter of Support for the Nomination of Marilyn Leimomi Khan as a Commissioner of the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission

Aloha a nui loa!

The Hale O Nā Ali'i O Hawai'i is one of four Hawaiian Royal Benevolent Societies; and is comprised of seven Chapters throughout Hawai'i. The Society was reestablished on April 7, 1918, however, its roots are in the Hale Nauā II, established by His Majesty King Kalākaua in the 1880s. Our Society's Ikū Lani Ho'āno (Regent), Prince Quentin Kūhiō Kawānanakoa has asked me to submit this testimony in support of the nomination of Marilyn Leimomi Khan to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission; and I do so in my capacity as the Ikū Nahalani or Premier of the said 'Ahahui (Society). Mamo Ali'i Leimomi Khan has served the Hale O Nā Ali'i O Hawai'i Society diligently as a member and past officer of her Chapter, Hālau 'O Wahīika'ahu'ula, Helu 'Ekahi since her initiation in 2001. For a brief term, Mamo Ali'i Khan also served the Society in the capacity as a Lālā Papa Kahuna (Director). Mamo Ali'i Khan further supported her home chapter in 2007 by writing a grant seeking financial support for a first-ever Leadership Development/Strategic Planning Retreat (held May 19 and 20, 2007 at the Pacific Beach Hotel); the results of which remain as supporting guidelines for the Chapter.

Leimomi's extensive experience and expertise at all levels of Government will definitely support the works of the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission. The same would be said of the experience she has gained through her many years of service to the Kalihi-Pālama Hawaiian Civic Club, The Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu (for which she twice served as President) and the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs (for which she held the positions as First vice President, President and now Immediate Past President). Marilyn Leimomi Khan has also assisted Prince Quentin Kawānanakoa as chair of the Membership and Administrative Committee of the 'Aha O 'Iolani since 2009. In her capacity as chair of the said Committee of the 'Aha O 'Iolani, Leimomi processed hours of discussion and a myriad of ideas, condensing them to a palatable recommendation which was later submitted to amend existing Law with regards to the use regarding 'Iolani Palace.

Personally I have known Leimomi for more than 15 years and testify to her tenacity and passion for her work as her tenacity, passion and love for her people, her work and our culture!

Hailama V.K.K. Farden
Ikū Nahalani (Premier)
Hale O Nā Ali'i O Hawai'i

On behalf of

Quentin Kūhiō Kawānanakoa,
Ikū Lani Ho'āno (Regent)
Hale O Nā Ali'i O Hawai'i
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**Senate Committee on Economic Development and Technology
Chair Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair Senator Glenn Wakai**

**Monday, April 2, 2012 at 1:15 PM in Room 016
GM 726 – RELATING TO NOMINATION OF MARILYN LEIMOMI KHAN TO
THE KING KAMEHAMEHA CELEBRATION COMMISSION**

TESTIMONY
JoAnn Maruoka

Chair Fukunaga, Vice Chair Wakai, and Committee Members:

I am testifying as a private citizen, to **wholeheartedly and unreservedly endorse the nomination of Marilyn Leimomi Khan to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission**. Intelligent, eloquent and warm, Marilyn has a sterling character. She has consistently demonstrated effectiveness in her many successful endeavors, personally, professionally and in community service. Marilyn Khan is fair-minded, and able to effectively bring together people with various and even varying views. She would definitely be a great asset on the Commission.

Marilyn has been a personal friend and colleague dating to the 1970s. Since we both retired, we also worked together on a 2008 public forum related to the question of a 2010 Constitutional Convention (ConCon). I was the League of Women Voters of Hawaii coordinator for a series of four televised forums on ConCon risks, challenges and opportunities; Marilyn was the moderator of the panel on Native Hawaiian Affairs that included former Governor Waihee among the panelists. She did an outstanding job.

From 1975-1976, Marilyn served as the first elected full-term President of the Federal Women's Council, Hawaii; I was the second. She and I were both senior civilian managers (GS-14) working for Defense agencies in Hawaii: Marilyn in human resources/personnel management for Headquarters U.S. Pacific Air Forces (PACAF), and I in information technology for Headquarters, U.S. Army Pacific (USARPAC). She is also active and a leader in various other organizations, including president of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs from 2007-2010. Across these areas, she demonstrated superb leadership and excellent, balanced thinking. She has always shown grace, humility and humor in working with others; and is a generous resource person for women, for the Hawaiian people and culture, and for our larger community.

Marilyn Leimomi Khan embodies Pono and Aloha. I highly recommend her as a member of the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission, and respectfully urge you to support her confirmation.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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From: Keawe Vredenburg [keaweehu@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 29, 2012 9:20 AM
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Subject: Re: GM726 - Kamehameha Celebration Commission

DATE: Monday, April 2, 2012
TIME: 1:15pm
PLACE: Conference Room 016, State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street

[COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY](#)

Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chair
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

Aloha. I am Dexter Keawe`ehu Vredenburg, former President of the Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu, chairperson of the Hawaiian Political Action Committee (HPAC) and current President of Hui Kako`o, a grassroots technical support group.

I have known Leimomi Khan since 1988 when we were both new members of the Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu. She followed me as President and continued as a forward-looking, strong, impartial officer of our club; then continued her Hawaiian civic career as President of the (nationwide) Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs. Leimomi has always been reliable, unafraid of new challenges, and objective in her dealings with the public as well as with various civic associations.

I strongly recommend her as a new Commissioner for the Kamehameha Celebration Commission.

Me ka ha`aha`a,

Keawe Vredenburg

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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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