



SHAN S. TSUTSUI
PRESIDENT

DONNA MERCADO KIM
VICE PRESIDENT

SAM SLOM
MINORITY LEADER

The Senate

STATE CAPITOL
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

March 27, 2012

FIRST DISTRICT
MALAMA SOLOMON

SECOND DISTRICT
GILBERT KAHELE

THIRD DISTRICT
JOSH GREEN, M.D.

FOURTH DISTRICT
SHAN S. TSUTSUI

FIFTH DISTRICT
ROSALYN H. BAKER

SIXTH DISTRICT
J. KALANI ENGLISH

SEVENTH DISTRICT
RONALD D. KOUCHI

EIGHTH DISTRICT
SAM SLOM

NINTH DISTRICT
LES IHARA, JR.

TENTH DISTRICT
BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI

ELEVENTH DISTRICT
CAROL FUKUNAGA

TWELFTH DISTRICT
BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT
SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND

FOURTEENTH DISTRICT
DONNA MERCADO KIM

FIFTEENTH DISTRICT
GLENN WAKAI

SIXTEENTH DISTRICT
DAVID Y. IGE

SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT
MICHELLE N. KIDANI

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT
CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA

NINETEENTH DISTRICT
MIKE GABBARD

TWENTIETH DISTRICT
WILL ESPERO

TWENTY-FIRST DISTRICT
MAILE S.L. SHIMABUKURO

TWENTY-SECOND DISTRICT
DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ

TWENTY-THIRD DISTRICT
CLAYTON HEE

TWENTY-FOURTH DISTRICT
JILL N. TOKUDA

TWENTY-FIFTH DISTRICT
POHAI RYAN

CHIEF CLERK
CAROL TANIGUCHI

Mr. Thomas Lim

Dear Mr. Lim:

Re: Nomination to the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board GM 795

Congratulations on being nominated by Governor Neil Abercrombie to the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board. To assist the Senate with its confirmation process, I would like to request that the following information be submitted to my office by **Thursday, April 5, 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 member of Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board?
 - (b) How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board, particularly with respect to your architectural background?
 - (c) Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a member of the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board, 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 Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board.
 - (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 Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board?

- (f) Name one previous experience that would make you stand out.
How would this benefit the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board?
- (g) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board?
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 Wednesday, April 11, 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

April 5, 2012

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

Re: Nomination to the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board GM 795

Dear Senator Fukunaga,

Please let me introduce myself. My name is Thomas Lim, and I have been nominated to serve on the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board. Attached are my resume and three references (* Item 1).

First, let me thank you for the opportunity to provide this written statement. To start with a brief account of my background, I was fortunate from 2004 to 2005 to have worked in the field of historic preservation in Hawai'i, enriching my understanding of architecture to help others realize the beauty and potential inherent in our historic built environment. I believe historic preservation is important not only for an understanding of our past but as an invaluable context to our present development of Hawai'i, and more, as an essential guide to future generations, connecting them to their cultural heritage. I would appreciate an opportunity to contribute and serve again. (Item 2a)

As the former architecture branch chief in the Department of Land and Natural Resources, State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD), I have a clear understanding of the administrative responsibilities, duties and roles of the members of the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board and of the nomination process to the Hawaii Register of Historic Places. (Item 2b)

At SHPD I was involved with the pre- and post-design consultations with DAGS's Planning and Construction Management Branches to safeguard our state historic properties, such as the renovation at Washington Place and improvement and repairs at the State Capitol Building, in addition to non-state projects like the Kawaiaha'o Church renovations and the Kakaako Fire Station Museum. I gained invaluable experience working with the National Trust for Historic Preservation in negotiations with the military branch services/federal agencies for prominent public projects such as the new Visitor's Center at the *USS Arizona* Memorial and NOAA's new Pacific Region Center at Ford Island. (Item 2f)

In addition to working at SHPD, I have over a dozen years of progressively responsible professional experience and practice in architecture. Hence I bring insights and appreciation stemming from both an academic and a practical perspective, as well as a complete set of skills including preparation of construction documents, project design, project management, master planning, project administration, and project budgeting. I believe all my experiences help qualify me to serve on the board. (Item 2c)

This forthcoming four-year term will provide important opportunities to comment on and to protect possible candidates for the registry, significant historic buildings/structures that will be becoming eligible for the Hawai'i Register of Historic Places. These include a cohort of buildings built during the era of early statehood from the late 1950's to 1960's, some institutional and some private residences. Moving forward, as Hawai'i continues to evolve and transform itself, it will be important to chronicle its emergence into the next Pacific century that is rooted in its past while envisioning a sustainable cultural built environment. (Item 2d)

In my current position as Director of Planning Management Systems Office (PMSO) with the University of Hawai'i-Manoa's College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR), my primary responsibility is to assist the Dean to manage, direct and plan for the tripartite land-grant mission of instruction, research and extension services, executed at CTAHR's Manoa campus facilities and 22 off-campus research/extension stations covering 1,600 acres on five islands. Miller Hall, a CTAHR building on the Manoa campus, is on the Hawai'i Register of Historic Places. With that in mind, I will recuse myself regarding any of the university's historic buildings or those potentially eligible for the Hawai'i Register of Historic Places. (Item 2g)

In sum, I bring a diverse background and eclectic, forward-looking interests from many fields spanning my former career in biochemistry and medicine to my personal passions: interest in the Hawaii International Film Festival (a former independent film entry reviewer and synopsis writer for HIFF); astronomy/physics; human genomics, proteomics and cell circuitry; and cognitive neuroscience/Human Connectome Project. The three qualities I bring to the review board are strong historical respect of the past, practical professional and administrative experiences, and a diverse and broad perspective to give context to our unique Island culture and society that reflects its historical context. I ask for your support in my nomination to serve the Hawai'i Historic Place Review Board. Thank you for time and consideration for the opportunity to participate in the civic responsibility of protecting our historic treasures. (Item 2e)

Sincerely,



Thomas Lim (GM 795)

* Requested information:

- 1) A resume and a list references. See Attachment.
- 2a) Why do you wish to be a member of Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board?
- 2b) How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the Hawai'i Historic Review Board, particularly with respect to your architectural background?
- 2c) Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a member of the Hawai'i Historic Review Board, 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 Hawai'i Historic Review Board.
- 2d) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?
- 2e) Name three qualities that best describes you and that would make you stand out. How would these qualities benefit the Hawai'i Historic Review Board.?
- 2f) Name one previous experience that would make you stand out. How would this benefit the Hawai'i Historic Review Board?
- 2g) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the Hawai'i Historic Review Board? How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest?

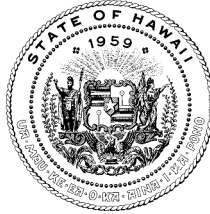
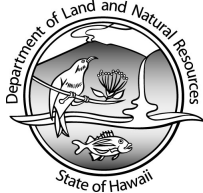
GM 795

Mr. Thomas Lim

Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board

EDT

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



**STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

POST OFFICE BOX 621
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96809

WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.
CHAIRPERSON
BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

GUY H. KAULUKUKUI
FIRST DEPUTY

WILLIAM M. TAM
DEPUTY DIRECTOR - WATER

AQUATIC RESOURCES
BOATING AND OCEAN RECREATION
BUREAU OF CONVEYANCES
COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
CONSERVATION AND COASTAL LANDS
CONSERVATION AND RESOURCES ENFORCEMENT
ENGINEERING
FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION
KAHOOLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION
LAND
STATE PARKS

**Testimony of
WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY**

**Wednesday, April 11, 2012
1:15 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 016**

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 795
SUBMITTING FOR THE CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE
HAWAII HISTORIC PLACES REVIEW BOARD, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,
THOMAS LIM, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2016**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) strongly supports the gubernatorial appointment of Thomas Lim to the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board for a term to expire 6-30-2016.

The Hawaii Historic Places Review Board was established under Section 6E-5.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to: (1) Order and enter historic properties into the Hawaii Register of Historic Places on the basis of their value to Hawaii's heritage; (2) Evaluate and, when appropriate, recommend the nomination of historic properties to the National Register of Historic Places; (3) Review the State Survey of Historic Properties; (4) Review the content of the State Historic Preservation Plan; and (5) Maintain the Hawaii Register of Historic Places (including all those listed on the National Register of Historic Places). State law requires that the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board include at least one professionally qualified member of each of the following disciplines: archaeology, architecture, history, and sociology. In addition, there shall be one person knowledgeable in traditional Hawaiian society and culture.

Mr. Lim is the Director of the Planning and Management System of the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources. He holds a Master of Architecture Degree from the University of Hawaii. He has worked on numerous island preservation projects such as Washington Place, Fort Kamehameha housing, Tripler Hospital, Kuhio Highway, and Windward Community College. He is also a past Architecture Branch Chief with the Hawaii Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) of the Department. Mr. Lim's experience would facilitate interaction between the Historic Places Review Board and SHPD.



ARCHITECTURE
RESTORATION
RENOVATION
RESEARCH

Mason Architects

30 March 2012

Senator Carol Fukunaga and Members
Economic Development and Technology Committee
State Senate
State of Hawaii

Subject: Nomination of Thomas Lim to the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board
GM 795

Senator Fukunaga:

I wish to offer my support for the nomination of Thomas Lim to Hawaii's Historic Places Review Board. As an architect in private practice specializing in historic preservation I had many occasions to work with Mr. Lim during his tenure in the State Historic Preservation Division. I found him thoughtful, eager to learn and supportive of preservation in general. He has the experience and discrimination to make considered decisions, an important characteristic for a Review Board member.

I personally served on the Review Board myself, from 1980 through 1988, six years as its Chairman, so I know the type of person it takes to be good in this role. I believe Mr. Lim to be that type of person.

Sincerely,

Glenn Mason, AIA
President
Mason Architects, Inc.

Dr. Holly McEldowney
60 N. Beretania Street, Apt. 3506
Honolulu, HI 96817

Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chair
Senator Wakai, Vice Chair
Committee on Economic Development and Technology

Hearing Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2012
Time: 1:15 pm
Con. Rm. 016, State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

Dear Senators Fukunaga and Wakai:

Subject: Testimony in SUPPORT of Thomas Lim Nomination to the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board (GM 795)

My name is Holly McEldowney and I am, as an individual, submitting testimony in support of Thomas Lim's nomination to the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board (Review Board). I believe the deliberations of the Review Board would definitely benefit from Mr. Lim's participation. This includes evaluating the eligibility of historic properties for listing in the Hawai'i and/or Nation Register of Historic Places and fulfilling the Review Board's responsibility to participate in development of the state historic preservation plan and to review the state survey of historic properties maintained by the State Historic Preservation Division (§6E-5.5(B), Hawaii Revised Statutes).

I first worked with Mr. Lim at the State Historic Preservation Division when he was the Division's Architecture Branch Chief and I was his immediate supervisor as the Division's Acting Administrator. After we both left the Division, we have periodically discussed various projects encountered in our respective work. I am currently an archaeologist with the Division of State Parks, Department of Land and Natural Resources.

There are two things in particular that I appreciate about working with Mr. Lim. First, his perspectives on historic properties and historic preservation always illustrated his enthusiasm for architecture and its history as well as his many years of practical experience in the design of buildings and other structures. This combination was especially useful when trying to convince owners or agencies that historic properties could be used in many ways while still maintaining their historic character as much as possible. Second, he has the capacity to be genuinely interested in a wide range of subjects, particularly those related to the sciences and the history of ideas. This is likely to broaden the Review Board's consideration of what makes historic properties potentially significant. It also enables him to understand the scientific value of archaeology sites and what these sites can contribute, individually and collectively, to our understanding of the past.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at mceldowng001@hawaii.rr.com. Thank you for considering my testimony.

Senate Committee on Economic Development and Technology
GM 795
Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Historic Places
Review Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, THOMAS LIM

April 11, 2012

My name is Don Hibbard, and I am submitting this testimony as an individual **in support** of the confirmation of Thomas Lim to serve on the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board.

I first met Thomas Lim when he was an architecture student at the University of Hawaii taking a class on Hawaii's built environment which I taught. He was an avid learner and through numerous conversations he impressed me with his expansive thinking and abstract thought. His facile ability to bring the theoretical into the realm of the practical is commendable. His passion for architecture and its preservation was readily apparent in all he did, and remains so to this day.

In 2004-2005 he served as the Architectural Branch Chief in the State Historic Preservation Division, where his commitment to the preservation of Hawaii's ever fragile heritage was exercised on a daily basis. Thanks to this experience he is very familiar with the Historic Places Review Board and its operations and the state and national criteria used by the board in making their decisions.

I appreciate Mr. Lim's willingness to serve on the Historic Places Review Board, and am confident he will make a positive contribution to the Board's deliberations. As such I strongly urge this committee to recommend to the full Senate the confirmation of his appointment to the Board.

fukunaga2 - Ashley-Jane

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2012 3:29 PM
To: EDTTestimony
Cc: cinn808@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for GM795 on 4/11/2012 1:15:00 PM

Testimony for EDT 4/11/2012 1:15:00 PM GM795

Conference room: 016
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Clifford Inn
Organization: Individual
E-mail: cinn808@gmail.com
Submitted on: 4/10/2012

Comments:

I am writing in support of Mr. Thomas Lim's nomination to the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board. ¶ As a former Historic Sites Specialist for the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Historic Preservation Division, I was able to work closely with Mr. Lim and saw, first hand, his dedication to the preservation of significant, historic architecture in the islands. ¶ At that point in time Mr. Lim served as the Architecture Branch Chief of the division and demonstrated not only his knowledge and understanding of the built environment but also a deep appreciation for the design of these works of art. ¶ If he is selected to serve on this board, I am sure he will prove to be an invaluable asset.

Sincerely,

Clifford G. P. Inn