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Ms. Lorraine Palumbo



Dear Ms. Palumbo *Lorraine,*

Re: Nomination to the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board GM 796

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?
 - (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

Written Statement

Lorraine Minatoishi Palumbo

Nomination to the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board

April 2, 2012

1. Why do you wish to be a member of Hawaii Historic Places Review Board?

I believe that preserving cultural markers and the built environment of Hawaii is one of the critical components of keeping Hawaii's identity as a special place in the world. I would be honored to take part in helping to fulfill this goal.

2. How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board?

I believe my role is to help ensure that important historic and the culturally valuable sites of Hawaii are placed on the State and National Registers. I have attended many of the meetings as a visitor or as a nominator of a property, and I have noticed how important it is for the board members to have good discernment about what properties are important to list on the Register and which may not be. Moreover, the board should ensure that the nominations that are properly filled out in a way that accurately describes the said site or building.

3. 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.

I am a historic architect and have been practicing in this field for over ten years. I have listed many properties on both the State and Federal Registers over these years and am familiar about the nomination and listing process.

4. What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

I would like to be present at all meetings and to ask important questions to understand the significance of each of the properties that come under review. I would hope that my input as a board member is meaningful and positive.

5. 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?

First, my specialty is on the Japanese Temples and Shinto Shrines of Hawaii. I have inventoried these structures and have completed a documentary titled

Aloha Buddha on the subject. I appreciate research that is thorough, accurate, and well written. Secondly, during my inventory of the temples and shrines, I traveled throughout the islands, and spoke with many locals and old-timers about the importance of their towns. I know how important preserving the feeling of “place” is to our local people. Third, I am Japanese-American, and understand the importance of cultural identity. Our cultural identity is what makes Hawaii a wonderful melting pot of the world- it is through understanding and appreciation of other cultures that makes Hawaii special.

6. Name one previous experience that would make you stand out. How would this benefit the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board?

I lived in Japan for five years as a student at Waseda University. This experience has helped me learn a language, understand a new culture, and experience living abroad as a guest in another country. Presently, few historic places built or conceived by people of minority ethnicities in Hawaii are listed on the Register. My experience will help the Board have a different perspective on this issue of highlighting various ethnicities of Hawaii through our selection process.

7. 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?

The only conflict of interest that may arise would be the occasional nomination that my company would have written and would present. I assume that if there would be a nomination that my company would be presenting, I would excuse myself from the voting.

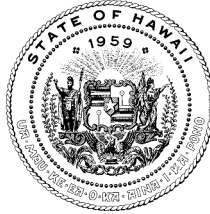
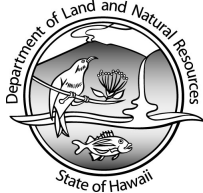
GM 796

Ms. Lorraine Palumbo

Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board

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**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 796
SUBMITTING FOR THE CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE
HAWAII HISTORIC PLACES REVIEW BOARD, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,
LORRAINE PALUMBO, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2016**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources strongly supports the gubernatorial appointment of Lorraine Minatoishi-Palumbo, PhD., 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.

Dr. Minatoishi-Palumbo is the President of Minatoishi Architects, Inc., a firm specializing in historic preservation. Her dissertation focused on Japanese temple architecture in Hawaii. She has served the community as a guest lecturer at the University of Hawaii Historic Preservation Program Summer Field School, President of the Friends of Honolulu Memorial Park, Curator for exhibitions on Japanese temples in Hawaii, and on the Board of the Historic Hawaii Foundation. She is also a member of both the American Institute of Architects and National Trust for Historic Preservation. Dr. Minatoishi-Palumbo would bring professional legal insight and understanding to the Historic Places Review Board's activities.



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5 April 2012

Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chair
 Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair
 Committee on Economic Development and Technology
 Twenty Sixth State Legislature
 State Capitol
 Honolulu, HI 96813

Subject: GM796 Hearing Date: April 11, 2012 Time: 1:15 pm
 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the
 Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board, Gubernatorial Nominee
Lorraine Palumbo

Dear Senators:

It is an honor to endorse the nomination by Governor Abercrombie of **Lorraine Palumbo** to the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board.

I have known Lorraine since she was a Bachelor of Architecture student at the University of Hawai'i School of Architecture where I have been the Associate Dean and have taught since 1982. Lorraine was one of my outstanding students. She went on to receive a Master of Architecture degree from the University of Oregon School of Architecture and Allied Arts and a PhD degree from Waseda University School of Sciences and Engineering in Architectural History. She is a licensed architect in the State of Hawai'i noted for her historic preservation expertise.

Through her firm, Minatoishi Architects, Inc. she has completed numerous valued projects which support historic preservation of our island heritage and culture as well as sustain neighborhood communities in addition to enhancing our built environment.

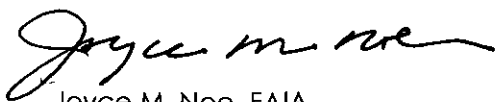
Lorraine's passion for safeguarding our heritage extends beyond her practice into the university, the professional and general communities. She serves on the Historic Hawaii Foundation, and is a valued member of the American Institute of Architects. Her commitment to young professionals is evident in the academic positions she has sought and continues to pursue. She has been an Adjunct Lecturer at Chaminade and a Visiting Lecturer for the Summer Preservation Field School, American Studies Department at the University of Hawai'i.

In the past two academic years Lorraine has generously participated as guest lecturer for two of my professional practice elective courses which exposed students to Historic Preservation documentation and analysis techniques of Honouliuli Internment Camp as well as a design studio to explore revitalization of the Kunia Plantation Village. The Kunia Project, our most recent collaborative work was made possible by a National Council of Architecture Registration Board (NCARB) Grant Award to involve non-faculty architects in innovative teaching partnerships. The result of this work is a publication "Design as a Vehicle for Sustaining Historic + Cultural Identity." This work benefitted from Lorraine's prior research of *Japanese Temple Architecture in Hawaii* and the resultant film *Aloha Buddha* which was showcased at last year's Hawaii International Film Festival.

Lorraine will bring energy and out of the box thinking to make possible preserving the best of the past to support the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board's charge to approve "properties that include association with events that have made a significant contribution to broad patterns of our history . . . possession of high artistic value; designs and techniques typical of a time period; or potential to yield information important in prehistory or history."

The Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board is an essential guardian group for preservation of our heritage and living environment. Thank you for this opportunity to recommend, without reservation, that Lorraine Palumbo be appointed to serve.

Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joyce M. Noe". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Joyce M. Noe, FAIA
Associate Professor

April 09, 2012

Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chair
Senate Economic Development Committee
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**RE: Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board Nomination Questions & Hearing, Date
and Time: April 11, 2012 at 1:15 p.m.**

Dear Senator Fukunaga:

I am writing in support of the nomination of Lorraine Minatoishi-Palumbo, PhD, AIA to the Hawai'i Historic Place Review Board (HHPRB). Dr. Minatoishi-Palumbo is extremely well qualified to sit on the HHPRB, has prepared nominations to the Hawai'i and National Registers of Historic Places, and has prepared Historic American Building Survey (HABS) documents for endangered historic properties which were produced by and for Japanese immigrant populations on the islands of Maui, Lana'i, and Moloka'i.

Her dissertation, *Japanese Temple Architecture in Hawai'i*, was exceptional and was produced from over a decade of research on the subject. Dr. Palumbo's work has also involved and continues to require a thorough knowledge of *Kanji* which she has. Consequently, the HABS work products produced by her firm, Minatoishi Architects, Inc., employ both *Kanji* and English and constitute unique and important submissions to the U.S. Library of Congress in Washington, D.C.

It is imperative that the HHPRB be comprised of exemplary persons who represent both the indigenous and immigrant populations which have created the unique cultural heritage of the islands and Dr. Minatoishi-Palumbo is such an individual.

Sincerely,



Stanley Solamillo
Maui County Cultural Resource Planner
P.O. Box 21
Wailuku, Hawai'i 96793

HISTORIC HAWAII FOUNDATION

To: Sen. Carol Fukunaga, Chair
Sen. Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair
Committee on Economic Development and Technology

From: Kiersten Faulkner
Executive Director, Historic Hawai'i Foundation

Committee Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2012
1:15 p.m.
Conference Room 016

Subject: **Support for Confirmation of Lorraine Minatoishi Palumbo
to the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board (GM 796)**

On behalf of Historic Hawai'i Foundation (HHF), I am writing in **support of confirmation of Lorraine Minatoishi Palumbo** as a member of the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board.

Since 1974, Historic Hawai'i Foundation has been a statewide leader for historic preservation. HHF's 850 members and numerous additional supporters work to preserve Hawaii's unique architectural and cultural heritage and believe that historic preservation is an important element in the present and future quality of life, economic viability and environmental sustainability of the state.

Dr. Minoishi Palumbo is the President of Minatoishi Architects, Inc. and is a registered architect in the State of Hawaii. She holds a Ph.D. in the field of architectural history from the prestigious Waseda University in Tokyo. Her undergraduate studies were completed at the University of Hawaii School of Architecture and her graduate studies were completed at the University of Oregon. Her doctoral thesis was "Japanese Temple Architecture of Hawaii." Dr. Minatoishi Palumbo's professional career has included numerous historic preservation projects and studies. She served six years as a member of Historic Hawai'i Foundation's board of trustees.

The Historic Places Review Board is responsible for maintaining and adding historic properties to the Hawai'i State Register of Historic Places, nominating historic properties to the National Register of Historic Places, and also reviewing the state's inventory of historic properties and the content of the statewide preservation plan.

The composition of the Review Board is required to include professionally qualified members in the fields of archaeology, architecture, history and sociology, as well as knowledge of traditional Hawaiian society and culture. The state board is also required to meet the qualifications in federal law (see HRS §6E-5.5) and to conduct its meetings and hearings in compliance with open government and fundamental fairness procedures.

Dr. Minoishi Palumbo's professional qualifications, experiences and personal characteristics will enhance and support the Review Board and the State Historic Preservation Division.

Therefore, Historic Hawai'i Foundation recommends approval of the appointment of Lorraine Minatoishi Palumbo as a member of the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board.

Historic Hawai'i Foundation

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Historic Hawai'i Foundation was established in 1974 to encourage the preservation of historic buildings, sites and communities on all the islands of Hawai'i. As the statewide leader for historic preservation, HHF works to preserve Hawai'i's unique architectural and cultural heritage and believes that historic preservation is an important element in the present and future quality of life, environmental sustainability and economic viability of the state.

Senate Committee on Economic Development and Technology
GM 796
Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Historic Places
Review Board, gubernatorial nominee, LORRAINE PALUMBO

April 11, 2012

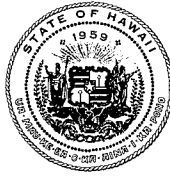
My name is Don Hibbard, and I am submitting this testimony as an individual **in support** of the confirmation of Lorraine Minatoishi Palumbo to serve on the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board.

Lorraine and I first met when she was working on her Ph.D. at Waseda University in Japan. At that time she came into the State Historic Preservation Division to discuss Japanese Buddhist Temples in Hawaii, the subject of her dissertation. I was impressed that this was more than simply an academic exercise for her, but rather was deeply entwined within her essence as her grandfather worked in Hawaii as a carpenter skilled in Japanese construction methods.

Dr. Palumbo operates her own architectural firm, which specializes in historic preservation projects, as well as new construction. Over the passing years, I have had the pleasure to have an on-going professional relationship with her, assisting her with projects that have come into her office. Through these interactions, I have found her to be a person of high integrity with a vibrant desire to protect Hawaii's precious architectural and multi-ethnic heritage and carry it into the future. She is by far the strongest advocate and mover for the preservation of Japanese temples in Hawaii, and is an acknowledged expert in the field.

In addition to architectural projects, Dr. Palumbo has also researched and written numerous Hawaii and National Register of Historic Places nominations, which she has successfully presented to the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board. As such she is extremely familiar with the operations and criteria of the board, attending more meetings than some of the members themselves.

I appreciate Dr. Palumbo's willingness to serve on the Historic Places Review Board, and am confident she 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 her appointment to the Board.



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF HAWAII
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April 10, 2012

Senator Carol Fukunaga
Chairman Economic Development and Technology Committee
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 216
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: Nomination to Hawaii Historic Places Review Board – Ms. Lorraine Minatoishi-Palumbo

Dear Senator Carol Fukunaga:

I am Representative Corinne W.L. Ching of Liliha, Nuuanu, Puunui and Alewa Heights. It is with pleasure that I recommend Ms. Lorraine Minatoishi-Palumbo for the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board.

Ms. Minatoishi-Palumbo is currently President of Minatoishi Palumbo Architects and she holds a PhD in the field of architectural history from the prestigious Waseda University in Tokyo. Her undergraduate studies were completed at the University Of Hawaii School Of Architecture and her graduate studies were completed at the University of Oregon culminating in a thesis focused on the historic "Japanese Temple Architecture of Hawaii."

She is a longstanding advocate of historic preservation and her extensive experience has led her to curate a number of historic-focused exhibits, including "The Japanese Temple Architecture in Hawaii" in 2005, sponsored by the University of Hawaii East-West Center, which were exemplary and called attention to the endangered sites. She also created the film, "Aloha Buddha" that was showcased at the Hawaii International Film Festival that features Japanese temples, garnering many awards.

Ms. Minatoishi-Palumbo has long been known for her expertise in historic preservation, from commercial buildings to spiritual historic sites. In fact, she was able to help place the Sanju Pagoda on the National Historic Register in 2003, solidifying the continued presence of the Pagoda on the Honolulu skyline. Her 10 plus years of researching the temples of Hawaii has brought to attention the importance of heritage as many historical maps and documents of temples and congregates have become first time available to the public for viewing through her efforts. It is therefore without reservations that I wholeheartedly recommend Lorraine for Hawaii Historic Places Review Board. Should you select Ms. Minatoishi-Palumbo, your Board will be well-served. Please feel free to contact me with any questions at 808-586-9415.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Corinne W.L. Ching". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'C'.

Corinne W.L. Ching
Founder, Heritage Caucus