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Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chair

Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

State Capitol, Conference Room 016

Monday, April 2, 2012; 1:15 p.m.

STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON G.M. 808

ODETTA FUJIMORI

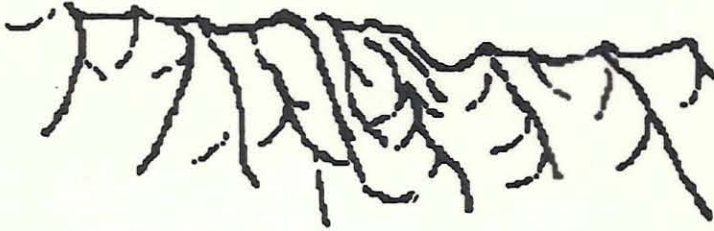
FOR STADIUM AUTHORITY

The ILWU Local 142 supports the confirmation of Odetta Fujimori to serve on the Stadium Authority.

Ms. Fujimori is a teacher by training but is now retired after a long career in the profession. She helped to form the Hawaii State Teachers Association and served as the union's first president. Ms. Fujimori has remained an active member of the HSTA-Retired organization. She also serves on the board of the Hawaii Labor Heritage Council, an organization established to promote the contributions of labor unions in Hawaii.

Ms. Fujimori has impeccable credentials and integrity. The Stadium Authority will need individuals with knowledge, organizational skills, and an open mind to help take the aging stadium into the future for the next generation to enjoy.

The ILWU urges confirmation of Odetta Fujimori for the Stadium Authority. Thank you for considering our testimony.



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GM 808 - ODETTA FUJIMORI

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Gubernatorial Nominees - *Stadium Authority*

My name is Shannon Wood, the president & cofounder of the *Windward Ahupua'a Alliance*, a 501c3 Hawai'i non-profit corporation, which was established in July, 2002. *WAA* now works to educate & inform residents, visitors, businesses, policymakers at all levels of government, and the media about using SMART GROWTH principles all across the state which promote economic and environmental sustainability.

To that end, we strongly support the concepts being promoted by the *Legislature* - especially here in the *Senate* - to focus on urban (re)development to protect and preserve agricultural and conservation lands. This not only includes infrastructure improvements but also economic and educational development components.

I have been attending *Stadium Authority* meetings on a regular basis - about ten times a year - for some time now. Although I began to work on (re)development issues as part of transit oriented development several years ago, it was not until early May, 2010, when it became apparent that the University of Hawai'i's continuing membership in the *Western Athletic Conference* was going to be up for discussion, that the *Stadium* (re)development issues became a top priority.

Four of us began to look at economic (re)development options & alternatives at *Aloha Stadium* as one important way of supporting *UH* inter-collegiate sports. Our group now consists of about 20 people who have a wide range of interests and training ranging from international sports to alternative energy to multi-family workforce rental housing to food services to banking & finance. However, what we all having in common is a passion for *UH* football - and other sports.

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However, today's hearing focuses on three nominees for the *Stadium Authority* which oversees the entire *Aloha Stadium* site including over 100 acres of parking lots.

The purpose of my testimony is not to take a position for or against any of the candidates but rather to present a series of questions which I believe are incredibly important to make sure that the incoming members on the *Stadium Authority* will be actively involved in the site's future.

Here are my questions:

1. Please briefly describe your knowledge & understand of the 40+ year history of the *Stadium* site including the relationships between the *Navy* & the *Department of Interior* with various state departments & agencies currently or likely to be involved as well as the *City & County of Honolulu* - in particular *HART's* designation of the *Stadium* for private sector transit-oriented development.
2. Over the past five years, how many different types of events have you attended at the *Stadium* - football games & other athletic events, the *Swap Meet*, one-time-only special events? What do you like about the facility and the overall site? What did you find needing improvement?
3. Why did you apply to serve on the *Authority*? What professional skills or training would you bring to it? Do you have any personal or professional relationships with any of the vendors/service providers, employees, long-term tenants, developers or unions which are currently or could be involved with the *Stadium Authority* in the future?
4. What is your vision for the entire *Stadium* site - both during your term and over the next 25 - 30 years? What capital improvements projects would you like to see occur over the next five years? Are you okay with public/private partnerships in its (re)development?

Mahalo for allowing me to present these questions.

Written Personal Testimony
presented before the
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by
Sharon Mahoe

GM 808 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Stadium Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, Odetta Fujimori, for a term to expire 6-30-2016.

Chair Fukunaga, Vice-Chair Wakai, and Members of the Committee:

I have known Odetta Fujimori for more than twenty years. She was a leader and role model for many teachers and certainly for me. She is passionate about her work and once she makes a commitment, you can count on her to keep it. She is truly a woman of conviction.

I have worked with Odetta on various committees and projects and have observed her to always do her homework and to be prepared to engage in constructive dialogue and problem-solving. She is skilled at working with diverse groups of people and is capable of keeping communication open and calm.

If confirmed to serve on the Stadium Authority, you can expect Ms. Fujimori to be fully engaged in the work of the Authority. She is not afraid of challenges and actually thrives on them. She asks critical questions and is not satisfied until they are answered. She is not one to seek the spotlight. Rather, she is motivated by her desire to serve and be a change agent for improvement. She can be a good follower as well as a strong leader as circumstances may dictate.

Ms. Fujimori “reads” others well and this will be an asset as she becomes immersed in the workings of the Stadium Authority, listening to fellow members’ viewpoints as well as those of policymakers and the general public in order to effectively carry out the duties and responsibilities of the Stadium Authority.

I strongly recommend that you confirm Odetta Fujimori’s nomination to the Stadium Authority. Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

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Hawaii State Senate Committee on Economic Development and Technology

Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chair

Monday, April 6, 2012

Capitol Conference Room 016

Testimony

GM808

Chair Fukunaga and Members of the Committee on Economic Development and Technology,

My name is June Motokawa and I am testifying as an individual in strong support for your consideration and confirmation of Odetta Fujimori for the Stadium Authority Board.

I have known Odetta Fujimori since the early days and birth of the Hawaii State Teachers Association in 1970 -1971. She was our first elected president and had fearlessly and successfully organized and led the teachers to become an association and a union in our state. She further became a National Education Association Director voted upon by the delegates of 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the Overseas representatives at the 1977 national convention. Again she was an extremely credible representative and Director – one of the few Asian national leaders. Upon the completion of her terms on the national scene, she became a Trustee of the Hawaii Employees Retirement System. Once more, her energy and leadership abilities served the constituents well. There is no doubt in my mind that Odetta Fujimori will serve on the Stadium Authority Board with the same capacities, for that is part of who she is.

On the other side of Odetta Fujimori is a caring human being, always having time to hear others' concerns with words of wisdom to console and change a frown to a smile. That made her the kind of teacher, special education teacher, that she was. Eventually, though, she moved 'up' the ladder to be a teacher of teachers. Her leadership abilities always came through loud and clear to others around her.

The Stadium Authority Board will find a good thinker and problem solver, a leader, and a person who will listen.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify. I urge you confirmation of Odetta Fujimori as a member of the Stadium Authority Board.

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