



# WINDWARD AHUPUA'A ALLIANCE

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## COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY

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1:15 pm

Monday, April 2, 2012

Conference Room 016

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*Carson* ~~GM 808~~ - EDWARD HASEGAWA

*Swood* GM 810 - SCOT WONG

### 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.

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**Committee on Economic Development and Technology**

**Governor's Message 809**

**Consideration and Confirmation of Edward Hasegawa to the  
Stadium Authority**

I am here to testify in support of Edward Hasegawa consideration and confirmation to the Stadium Authority.

I have known Ed Hasegawa for over 20 years and have found him to be a hard working and very resourceful person. I believe that Ed will bring fresh ideas to the Stadium Authority that will help direct its future.

I ask for your confirmation of Edward Hasegawa to the Stadium Authority.

George Waialeale