

GM816

TOM SHIGEMOTO

Nomination to the University of
Hawaii Board of Regents

RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS FROM SENATOR JILL TOKUDA
CHAIRPERSON, SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
NOMINATION TO THE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS

By Tom H. Shigemoto

1. ***Why did you decide to apply to serve on the Board of Regents?***

Both of my parents never went beyond the eighth grade, but what they lacked in academia they made up in wisdom well beyond the classroom. They instilled in me and my siblings invaluable lessons for becoming good people. Values, such as being honest, working hard, respecting authority, AND to help those that need it are principals which I have tried to maintain throughout my life. Attached is a bio of myself which outlines the various government, business and community organizations I have volunteered my services which commenced upon my return to Kauai from the University in 1971. For every board, commission or organization I've served on there has been someone I know that has asked for my help. My parents would have said, "They wouldn't ask if they didn't need help." And not to be so brazen, but I would hope that those that did ask felt I had something to offer. Such is the case with this appointment. Someone I truly respect and trust, asked me to apply for the position as Kauai's regent, Ramon Dela Pena, decided not to extend his term. The Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii, I believe, is one of the three most influential and impactful boards in the State because of the effects its decisions have on our economy and the lives of all professional and classified staff, educators, and students. I don't think I fully understand the complexities and dynamics of the Board, the Legislature and the Administration, but having served on many other boards, and the trust and faith expressed by this regent on my ability to serve, I decided to see where the process would take me.

You will also see in my bio that I have worked almost equally in the public and private sectors in jobs that involved regulatory and land use enforcement on the one hand and land development issues on the other. These two very distinct and sometimes diametrically opposed disciplines have made me very aware of the needs of our island community. I have witnessed also the devastation from two hurricanes, the struggles physically, emotionally and economically and how important a role Kauai Community College has in supporting the rebuilding of people's futures. It also played a huge part in assisting McBryde Sugar Company when this plantation ceased its operations in 1996 by accommodating the displaced employees assisting them with the enrollment, tailoring a curriculum based on their interests and working with the Workforce Investment Office for placement. If confirmed, as the Kauai representative on the Board of Regents, I will continue to focus on the needs of this institute of higher learning, but never losing sight of what our U.H. system encompasses.

2. ***What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of individual members and the overall role of the Board of Regents in regards to University decision making?***

In my capacity as the Kauai representative on this illustrious board, my focus will be to do whatever I can to assist and support the efforts of this Community College as part of the overall University of Hawaii System. It is why I applied for the position and is with full knowledge and with the understanding that in the final analysis, decisions that are made by the board will be in the best interest of the entire educational system.

Communication, transparency in our decision-making and collaboration are the key components for successful outcomes and I am committed to exercising these principals.

3. ***Please identify one short and one long-term goal you would have as a Board of Regents member and how you would accomplish these during your term of service.***

As a short-term goal, I would like the distance learning capabilities and capacities enhanced for the Neighbor Islands. This type of electronic outreach is so beneficial to our residents here on Kauai for very obvious financial reasons. To accomplish this goal I understand, involves major technology delivery systems, which, of course, involves more funding resources. I would actively try to actively solicit support for the construction of its new ITS building on campus from my board colleagues and the administration.

As a long-term goal, again for the Kauai Community College, I'd like to expand its student base by creating some much needed dormitory units on campus. Having been involved with the development of affordable housing as a board member of the Kauai Housing Development Corporation and as an employee of Alexander and Baldwin Properties, Inc. it is certainly within the realm of possibility. I am familiar with the complexities of developing such housing and what it takes to fund these types of units but feel it would be to the best interest of the College by providing housing while creating a more diverse student demographic. Such an undertaking would involve partnering perhaps with a non-profit housing developer together with assistance from the Board and the legislature.

4. ***In looking at the University's strategic plan and the goals laid out by President Greenwood for the University system, what particular areas are of interest to you and how will your particular skill set and experience contribute to the progress of the University system?***

With my experience in the County Planning Department where I was involved in preparing the County's annual CIP and where I was directly involved with adopting and updating its General Plan I would be most suited to participate in the University's Physical Facility Long-Range Planning responsibilities. I am familiar with formulating both short and long-term development plans for larger urban communities and would feel very comfortable in assisting the Office of Capital Improvements (OCI) not only for implementation of its new construction and renovation projects but to also to assist in the preparation of the University's CIP budget.

5. ***What will your approach be in helping to manage and balance the various sources of funding coming to the University?***

This, to me, is probably the most challenging aspect of the Board's responsibilities. We all know the University has a variety of needs, each no more important than the next. I believe President Greenwood, together with the Finance Committee of the Board have identified the priorities and have developed a plan on how best to divest the income and revenue sources. I believe my responsibility in this vein is to study the budget, understand the revenue source(s), then collaborate with my board colleagues to gain consensus on where, what, when and how the monies are spent.

6. ***How do you view the role of the system as it relates to the 10 campuses? Do you feel that the relationship as it exists now should be changed? How will you ensure equity of resources across all campuses?***

The University System consists of educational programs and studies, including land, sea and space grant institutions including distinctions for its multicultural centers for global and indigenous studies. However, more than any one such component, the 10 campuses are what the community identifies the University system to be. Understandably so, the Manoa campus is its flagship and is the focus of the entire state. I believe that the relationship between the other campuses and the other parts of the system are complementary with no need to change. This opinion may change, perhaps, as I gain more insight to the dynamics of serving on the board. I know every campus can use more resources but with the limited amounts of revenue and budget cuts, each campus and program needs to develop plans to be creative and innovative to help themselves. I will certainly endeavor to ensure fairness and equitable treatment for all campuses and will try to be a strong advocate for the Kauai campus and its programs. I expect this will entail working very closely with the administration and the board to make prudent decisions.

7. ***While the University enjoys a fair amount of autonomy, the Legislature still plays a significant role in regards to funding, policies, and procedures. How do you view the relationship between the University and the Legislature and what factors are critical to ensure an effective and collaborative relationship?***

Dialogue and open lines of communications are absolute imperatives to ensuring and maintaining an effective relationship with each other. As regents we have a more focused fiduciary responsibility relative to education than the Legislature, but I believe that as one of the more prominent and high profiled economic stimulators in the State, the University does command a lot of attention from our legislators. How responsible as a system we are in spending is certainly within the purview of the funding source and I have to believe that every regent understands this. I also do understand the complexities involved in the decision making process, especially as it pertains to the Legislature, the State Administration and the University. I would only hope that we can all respect one another and focus on resolving issues for the betterment of those we serve.

8. ***Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the Board of Regents? How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest?***

I understand that each confirmed appointee has to file a disclosure statement within a certain period of time. I would expect that if a conflict situation is present, it would have to be disclosed and appropriate action taken by the individual. At this time there is nothing that I am aware of that places me in a position of having to declare a conflict. IF, however, a situation arises that could present a conflict, I believe there is a process to seek a ruling from the State Board of Ethics then taking whatever steps are necessary to clear myself of the conflict.

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TESTIMONY

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Comments:
TESTIMONY
OF
TOM H. SHIGEMOTO
TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE
ON EDUCATION
ON
March 30, 2012

G.M. 816

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Regents, University of Hawaii, Gubernatorial Nominee, TOM H. SHIGEMOTO, for a term to expire June 30, 2017

Chair Tokuda and members of the Senate Education Committee, thank you for the opportunity to present my testimony as a candidate for this most prestigious and important post with the University of Hawaii. You have all received my biography, which includes my involvement in the many business, government and community organizations that I have and continue to serve on Kauai, so I won't belabor this aspect of my qualification. As to how effective and purposeful I have been is more credible coming from friends and volunteer associates within these various organizations. It is my firm belief, however, that whoever is selected must have the ability to be humble, to share and accept new ideas, to be diligent in analyzing issues, be willing to compromise and to make decisions despite the controversial or unpopular nature of an issue. I believe we appointed and elected officials alike all want to try and make a difference - to our friends, relatives, community and the State. Whatever drives us to serve, once in the position of authority, we strive to do what it takes to make our State the best place to live and work.

I have lived a charmed life, so far. My health is generally fine. I've had wonderful parenting, have an extraordinary wife, four sons who have kept us grounded, and have had a storied professional career thanks to the mentors who are responsible for what I am today. With these many blessings, my outlook on life has been very positive and I try to extend this outlook to whomever and wherever I go. As such, I have made many, many friends over the past 64 years and is why I have a difficult time refusing anyone who asks for help. Treating others as you want to be treated is a great philosophy to embrace and I have to believe that some of my social successes are because of me practicing this principal.

The level and type of volunteerism changed at different stages of my life and as my sons turned into teens then into adulthood, coaching and heading booster organizations

transitioned to other community, business and civic involvement. Yet, there remains a soft spot for youth activities, as I continue to umpire youth baseball games. The art of umpiring I find, has taught me many invaluable lessons. You need to know the rules of the game, interpret the intent of them in unspecified situations, dealing with adversity in the decision making and accepting the outcome from irate audiences and participants. Serving on non-profit boards has also provided me insights to dealing with diverse opinions and personalities. Through it all, I have learned that every board member is committed to doing what he or she feels is right for the organization and learning to respect each other is key to the success of that board or commission.

I volunteered to serve on the Board of Regents knowing these basic principals of listening, communicating, collaborating and even agreeing to disagree with the common goal of improving the University's system. I don't have an ego nor do I have a personal agenda. The board of regents is there to support the President and the Chancellor to manage the internal affairs and fiscal policies to ensure equitable treatment throughout the system. I cannot promise or predict outcomes but I can promise to study the issues, deliberate diligently and compromise if necessary to accomplish the mission. Often, board members lose sight of their purpose for serving. The constituency gets lost in the shuffle, especially when several powerful forces intervene. We can and have to learn to refocus and put our differences aside. This is easier said than done, I know, but we will have to try if we want to succeed.

My vision for the University of Hawaii System is for all facets to enjoy a level of success without dependency of funding from the Legislature. It is incumbent on the Board to promote and support innovative ways for the campuses to enhance its revenue bases, encourage more research grant applications, invest in the physical plant to attract and/or accommodate a larger student population, support our multicultural and host culture programs and endeavor to create a nationally prominent football program to support all other athletic programs.

In closing, I want to thank the Governor for having the confidence in supporting my selection, the many, many friends and supporters who provided testimony for my appointment, the folks that are here today, my wife, my sons, my parents and to this committee for the tremendous work you do, not only for the University, but for our entire educational system. Thank you.



The Senate

STATE CAPITOL
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

March 20, 2012

The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda
Chair, Senate Committee on Education
Hawaii State Capitol
451 South Beretania Street, Rm. 218
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Gubernatorial Nominee: Tom Shigemoto
Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii

Dear Senator Tokuda:

I am informed that Tom Shigemoto has been nominated by Governor Neil Abercrombie for a position on the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii. I am in strong support of Mr. Shigemoto's nomination and am sure he will do an exemplary job as a member of the board if approved by your committee.

I have known Mr. Shigemoto for many years both socially and professionally and have found him to be a person with the rare combination of integrity, honesty, and loyalty.

It is my firm belief that if confirmed, Mr. Shigemoto will become a valuable asset to the University of Hawaii.

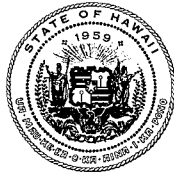
Thank you for your time and consideration and if there are any questions with regard to the foregoing, please do not hesitate to communicate with

Sincerely,

RONALD D. KOUCHI
Senator – 7th Senatorial District

cc: Tom Shigemoto

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF HAWAII
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March 19, 2012

The Honorable Jill Tokuda
Chair of the Senate Committee on Education
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 444
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: GM 816, RELATING TO GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE TOM H. SHIGEMOTO
TO THE HONORABLE JILL TOKUDA, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

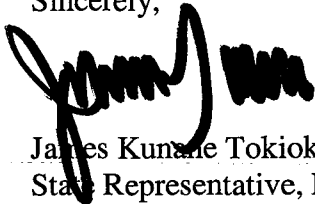
The purpose of this letter is to offer my strong support of Gubernatorial Nominee TOM SHIGEMOTO to the University of Hawaii's Board of Regents for a five year term.

As you are well aware, those we ask to serve on our community and state boards have a thankless responsibility. They must hold high standards of integrity, be impartial and remain open-minded. Tom embodies these attributes and over the twenty years that I have known him, he has always been very active in youth sports, community projects as well as a supporter and Board member of many non-profits and charitable organizations.

His experience working with the Kauai Planning Department, under former Mayor Tony Kunimura and his responsibilities as Planning Director and Vice President of Planning for Alexander and Baldwin will bring not only his experience in the field but also add essential skills to the Board. Additionally, his involvement in securing land use and permitting entitlements would also be extremely helpful in future planning and development meetings.

Tom is a man of honor and credibility and I highly recommend him for the University of Hawaii's Board of Regents. Thank you for your consideration of his nomination.

Sincerely,



James Kunane Tokioka
State Representative, District 15

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March 20, 2012

Chair Jill N. Tokuda
Vice Chair Michelle N. Kidani
Senate Committee on Education

Subject: Written Testimony in Support of GM 816
Mr. Tom Shigemoto to the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents
Hearing Date: 03/30/2012; Time: 1:15pm; Room 225

Aloha Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Senate Committee on Education. I am submitting this written testimony in support of Mr. Tom Shigemoto, nominee to the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents.

Mr. Tom Shigemoto is a well respected individual on Kaua'i. I first met him when he was a Planner for the County of Kaua'i in 1975. Over the years, I have learned that he is a hard worker and very dedicated to the tasks and duties he was responsible for, and has been successful in many of them during his tenure at the County of Kaua'i, and later the Princeville Corporation and A&B Properties, Inc.

Mr. Shigemoto has been and is currently active in other government boards and commissions, community, and business organizations. He is a selfless man and contributes his time and knowledge for the benefit of many.

Mr. Shigemoto will be a great asset to any organization because of his determination, knowledge and experience. Therefore, I strongly support his nomination to serve on the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit this written testimony in favor of the nominee.

Sincerely,

Daynette "Dee" Morikawa
House of Representatives
16th District – Ni'ihau, Lehua, Koloa, Waimea



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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March 20, 2012

The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda
Chair, Senate Committee on Education
Hawaii State Capitol
451 South Beretania Street, Room 218
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Gubernatorial Nominee: Tom H. Shigemoto
University of Hawaii Board of Regents

Dear Senator Tokuda:

It is with great pride and honor that I submit my support for the confirmation of Tom Shigemoto to serve as a member of the University of Hawaii Board of Regents.

As a youth growing up on Kauai, I often spent many days at the Shigemoto household as part of their very active sports family. We all knew him as "Uncle Tommy" because his four sons were star athletes in one or more sports at the high school or community league. I have only great memories of his coaching style: "soft" lectures on sportsmanship, and his true desire to ensure that we have a chance to succeed in the course of our lives. I believe he wrote the book on "Pay Forward" before it ever became a popular phrase.

Now as member of the House of Representatives, I proudly recommend his confirmation to the UH Board of Regents as he will serve with integrity and professionalism and a well rounded perspective as his various leadership roles have allowed him to form strong relationships with many decision makers in the Kauai community. He brings to the table incredible years of experience as a public servant, a successful executive in private enterprise and remarkable community volunteer unmatched by only a few in the State of Hawaii. Mr. Shigemoto's contributions to the University of Hawaii going forward will be long lasting and far reaching for the generations to come, again he will "Pay Forward".

Thank you for your time and consideration and please feel free to contact my office if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Derek S.K. Kawakami".

Derek S.K. Kawakami
House of Representatives - 14th District

Bernard P. Carvalho, Jr.
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TESTIMONY OF KAUA`I MAYOR BERNARD P. CARVALHO, JR.

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2012

March 19, 2012

TESTIMONY RELATING TO GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE TOM SHIGEMOTO

TO THE HONORABLE JILL TOKUDA, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE
COMMITTEE:

My name is Bernard P. Carvalho, Jr., Mayor, providing testimony in support of
Gubernatorial Nominee Tom Shigemoto to the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents.

With Mr. Shigemoto's business background, community involvement, previous
experience working in County government, and as an alumnus of the University of
Hawai'i, I can think of no one more qualified for this appointment.

Through his decades of experience in real-estate management, planning and
construction development, Mr. Shigemoto has acquired a unique understanding of the
intricacies of private real-estate development and the importance of government and
community relationships. He has also served on numerous government boards,
including the Important Agriculture Lands Stakeholders-Technical Advisory Committee
(Kaua'i), the Department of Water Small Business Advisory Council, and as a Kaua'i
Regional Board member for the Hawaii Health System Corporation.

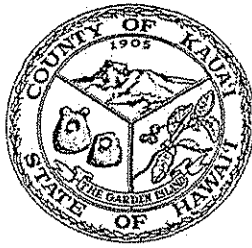
He has also been a staunch supporter and active member of many non-profit and
community service organizations, including the Kaua'i United Way, Boy Scouts, the
Kaua'i Chamber of Commerce, the American Red Cross, AJA Baseball and many more.

Mahalo for your favorable consideration of Mr. Shigemoto's nomination to the
University of Hawai'i Board of Regents.

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March 27, 2012

The Honorable Jill Tokuda
Senate Committee on Education
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 218
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

RE: Mr. Tom Shigemoto's Nomination to University of Hawai'i Board of Regents, Reference Code GM816

Dear Senator Tokuda:

I am writing in support of Mr. Tom Shigemoto's nomination to serve on the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents. Mr. Shigemoto has been a personal friend and business associate of mine for approximately 30 years. He is the consummate professional and always takes a fair and reasonable approach in all situations.

Mr. Shigemoto's experience in his professional and volunteer capacities speaks volumes to his character. He has held the position of the Planning Director for the County of Kaua'i, Director of Planning for Princeville Corporation and currently serves as the Vice President of Planning for A&B Properties for over 20 years. Mr. Shigemoto is currently involved with 16 government boards/committees, business organizations and community organizations and is a very well respected member of our community. Mr. Shigemoto's services in these various leadership roles have allowed him to form strong relationships with many of the decision-makers in our community.

I strongly support Mr. Shigemoto's nomination to serve on the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents based upon his demonstrated experience and leadership, unflinching integrity, and willingness to serve our community.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,



JAY FURFARO
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TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 816 RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF
TOM SHIGEMOTO
TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII BOARD OF REGENTS

Before the Senate Committee on Education
Friday, March 30, 2012
1:15pm Conference Room 225

By Michael A. Dahilig
Director of Planning, County of Kaua'i

Honorable Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Kidani and Honorable Members:

Without any hesitation or qualification, I am honored to testify in **STRONG SUPPORT** of Mr. Tom Shigemoto's confirmation to the Kaua'i seat on the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents. I am excited at the prospect of having Mr. Shigemoto as a colleague on the board. His *mana'o* and lifetime experience would bring depth and strength to the body's discourse and policy making.

Mr. Shigemoto is a lifelong Kaua'ian, and has deep roots with the island. His ties also run long with the University of Hawai'i as both he and his wife are proud alumni, and two of his sons also attended the venerable institution. He understands the importance and value of higher education on both a personal and community level. His lifelong work in the area of land development would certainly aid the board as it tackles large scale projects to expand and further the institution's educational and research missions. It is through this work I have grown a professional and personal relationship with Mr. Shigemoto, and I have found him to be the penultimate gentleman regardless of stress or circumstance.

Mr. Shigemoto's reputation as such an individual precedes him, and many across the island instantly recognize him for his integrity. His willingness to serve not only the island but the whole state through board service speaks volumes about his character and his philosophy to serve others before self. I ask this Honorable Committee to advise and consent to his nomination and forward to the full Senate for consideration. Mahalo for the opportunity to present this testimony.

Bernard P. Carvalho, Jr.
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21 March 2012

Senate Education Committee
Hawai'i State Capitol Room 218
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Attn: Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair

**Re: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF THE APPOINTMENT OF
TOM SHIGEMOTO
TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII BOARD OF REGENTS**

Honorable Chair Tokuda and Members:

I have known Tom Shigemoto since he was in college, too many years ago to mention. I have had many opportunities to work with him over the years since we both held the same position, at different times, of Planning Director for the County of Kaua'i. I have found him to be a man of impeccable honor and integrity and a pleasure to work with.

Tom is also very active in the community, serving in many capacities for many organizations. He is a very hard working, intelligent and articulate man, who is able to work within the board structure to achieve the vision of the group. For as many activities he gets involved in, he always comes to meetings fully prepared and ready to tackle the issues of the day.

As an alumnus that "bleeds" Kaua'i High School Red and UH Green, he is an outstanding and loyal product of the Hawai'i public school system. I am sure that Tom Shigemoto, if confirmed, will be a great representative of Kaua'i on the Board of Regents, as well as being a great representative for the University of Hawai'i on Kaua'i.

I therefore support the appointment of Tom Shigemoto to the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents.

Mahalo, for your consideration.

Dee M. Crowell
Deputy Planning Director

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March 27, 2012

Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
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Re: Tom Shigemoto/U.H. Board of Regents

Dear Senator Tokuda and Committee Members:

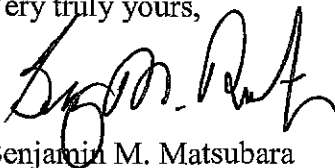
I would like to express my strong support for Gubernatorial Nominee Tom Shigemoto to the Board of Regents, University of Hawai'i.

Tom is a tireless worker, a man of unquestionable integrity, tempered by compassion and a healthy dose of common sense.

Tom will be a tremendous addition to the Board of Regents in terms of his temperament and his ability to work with others to achieve the consensus required.

Thank you for providing me the opportunity to support Tom Shigemoto.

Very truly yours,



Benjamin M. Matsubara



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March 21, 2012

Chairperson Senator Jill Tokuda
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415 South Beretainia Street
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Re: GM 816
UH Board of Regent Appointee Mr. Tom Shigemoto

Honorable Tokuda,

It is with great pleasure that I am submitting my recommendation of Mr. Tom Shigemoto to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents.

I have had the fortunate opportunity to interact with Mr. Shigemoto in both professional and volunteer organization settings, which presents me with an appropriate perspective about this remarkable individual.

Having recently served with Mr. Shigemoto on the Kauai Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, he and I co-chaired the organization's Government Affairs Committee. The input he provided to our membership was invaluable, especially in the area of the proper usage of our island's natural resources. Having observed that both government and elected officials often sought out his opinion and thoughts on various issues, it is apparent that Mr. Shigemoto is deeply respected by those in leadership.

While having served as a Planning Commissioner for the County of Kauai, I had the opportunity to adjudicate and witness applications that Mr. Shigemoto presented in behalf of his employer, A & B Properties. While usually benign, there were times when these sessions were seemingly contentious. Without fail, Mr. Shigemoto was able to confidently articulate his position while maintaining a professional decorum.

Mr. Shigemoto maintains an exceptional reputation. Beyond his amazing professional and public service accomplishments, his personal integrity and professional ethics sets him apart. With his extensive experience, exhaustive community service and excellent business acumen, and as a University of Hawaii alumnus, I strongly urge your favorable consideration of the appointment of Mr. Tom Shigemoto to the Board of Regents.

Respectfully,

Kurt S. Akamine



K A W A I K I N I

A New Century Public Charter School

March 23, 2012

To: The Honorable Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
The Honorable Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice-Chair

Re: GM 816 (Tom Shigemoto)
Date of Hearing: March 20, 2012
Time: 1:15 P.M.
Place: State Capitol, Room 225

Aloha Kakou,

On behalf of the Local School Board of Kawaikini New Century Public Charter School, I am writing to support the nomination of Mr. Tom Shigemoto to the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents. As a Hawaiian-immersion charter school residing on the campus of Kaua'i Community College, Kawaikini NCPCS is blessed to have a close partnership with the college and the UH system. As such we were especially excited to see that Mr. Shigemoto has been nominated by the governor to serve as a Regent for the term expiring 2017. We feel that Mr. Shigemoto's exemplary leadership and his standing in the community will be a great service to the UH system in this new role.

As a respected member of the Kaua'i community, Mr. Shigemoto has been a valuable supporter of our school, serving as a member of Kawaikini's advisory board and providing other assistance to our school. As a small school with grass-roots origins, Kawaikini relied on the support of many community members for their expertise and guidance. Mr. Shigemoto was instrumental in several projects involving our school and we were very fortunate to have his support along the way.

For both his previous efforts on behalf of our school, and for the contributions that he will no doubt make to the BOR, we wholeheartedly support his nomination, and ask that his confirmation be approved.

Mahalo,

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Kimo Perry
Local School Board President
Kawaikini NCPCS



March 21, 2012

The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda
Chair, Senate Committee on Education
Senator - District 24
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 218
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Mr. Tom Shigemoto's Nomination to Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii

Dear Senator Tokuda:

I am pleased to offer testimony **in strong support** of the nomination of Tom Shigemoto to serve on the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii (UH).

I have known Mr. Shigemoto for several decades, in both his professional capacity as Vice President of Alexander & Baldwin, Inc., as well as through his tireless community involvement efforts on Kauai. During that period of time, I have been able to observe first-hand his deep commitment to the State and his willingness to immerse himself in public service. He has demonstrated strong intellect, great leadership, and analytical abilities. He has demonstrated the ability to listen, be open-minded, and work well with others – attributes that will serve him well as a Regent.

Mr. Shigemoto is widely respected on Kauai and volunteers for numerous non-profit organizations, such as the Boy Scouts of America – Aloha Council and Kauai United Way.

Having served myself on government boards, I am confident that Mr. Shigemoto will be an involved and strong contributor to the Board of Regents. He will bring an inclusive approach of reaching out to the community, engaging in open discussion, and looking out for the interests of Hawaii's residents in fulfilling his role as an UH Regent.

I respectfully request that you confirm Mr. Shigemoto as a Regent of the University of Hawaii.

Sincerely,

Warren H. Haruki
President & CEO



American Red Cross
Hawaii State Chapter

March 21, 2012

Jill Tokuda, Chair
Michelle Kidani, Vice-Chair
Senate Education Committee
Capitol Building
Honolulu, Hawaii

Re: **Confirmation Hearing for Tom Shigemoto (GM816) BOR, 3/30/12, 1:15pm**

Dear Chair Tokuda, Vice-Chair Kidani, and Committee Members:

I am writing express my strong support for the nomination of Tom Shigemoto to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents.

In my capacity as CEO of the American Red Cross, Hawaii State Chapter, I have had firsthand experience in working with Tom since 2006. For the past 6 years, Tom has worked diligently as a member of the Kauai Red Cross Advisory Council to help us further our mission of saving lives and giving hope to those in need.

I remember one year, when we were in a pinch to organize our Hats Off fundraiser on Kauai, Tom pitched in to help get the job done.

Tom is a highly respected and admired member of the community and I have no doubt that he will make significant contributions as a member of the Board of Regents.

I urge you to approve Tom's nomination and recommend that he be confirmed by the full Senate.

Sincerely,

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Coralie Chun Matayoshi
Chief Executive Officer
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Senate Committee on Education
Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

RE: BM 816, Tom Shigemoto, Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii

Senator Jill Tokuda
Member of the Senate Committee on Education

It is with great honor to submit testimony for Tom Shigemoto to be selected for the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii.

Tom has been an avid supporter of the education system to provide the best education possible for everyone. He works tirelessly for the community serving on the Kauai Chamber of Commerce board and government affairs committee, including his love for the AJA baseball teams on Kauai. His dedication to the Boy Scouts of American is inspiring to all of us. These are just a few of his service to the community.

He will be an invaluable asset to the Board of Regents and I know he will be dedicated to do his ultimate best.

I ask that you please confirm him to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Sandi Kato-Klutke
General Manager



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March 20, 2012

Senator Jill N. Tokuda
Senate District 24
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 218
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Subject: Tom Shigemoto's Nomination to the UH Board of Regents

Honorable Jill Tokuda,

As a kama'āina of Kaua'i and a UH graduate (along with my wife and two children), and as the Director and CEO of the National Tropical Botanical Garden (NTBG), and the Chair of the Kaua'i Watershed Alliance (KWA), I am writing to express my **STRONG** support for Mr. Tom Shigemoto's nomination to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents.

I have had the pleasure of knowing and working with Mr. Shigemoto since the 1980s when he was the Director of the County of Kaua'i Planning Department. From 2003-2006, I worked closely with Mr. Shigemoto during the entitlement process for Kukui'ula Development which is located adjacent to the National Tropical Botanical Garden's flagship property in the Lāwa'i Valley on the south shore of Kaua'i. During this process he conducted himself with deliberation and displayed the wisdom that comes with decades of hands-on experience as a planner. Most recently, he has served as the Vice Chair of the Kaua'i Watershed Alliance - while I sever as the Chairman of the KWA. Through all of these relationships I have gotten to know him well and can, with confidence, testify to his wisdom and sound judgment.

Mr. Shigemoto also has a long history of community involvement having served on numerous business and non-profit boards. Being firmly rooted in the community, he understands and values the role that the University of Hawai'i plays to both educate our children but also to provide the research that will drive our State's economy.

In closing, I strongly support Mr. Shigemoto's nomination for the UH Board of Regents based on his years of business experience, close ties to the community, and proven willingness to serve.

Aloha,

Chipper Wichman,
Director and CEO - National Tropical Botanical Garden
Chair of the Kauai Watershed Alliance

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TESTIMONY FOR ADVISE AND CONSENT

**STATE CAPITOL
FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 2012
1:15 P.M**

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

**APPOINTMENT OF MR. TOM SHIGEMOTO
U.H. BOARD OF REGENTS
GM 816**

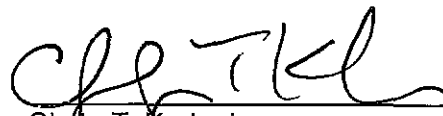
Chair Jill Tokuda and Vice Chair Michelle Kidani and members of the Committee on Education - Aloha. My name is Clyde Kodani and I humbly ask that you and your committee consider the appointment of Mr. Tom Shigemoto to the University of Hawaii, Board of Regents. I have known Tom for over 30 years, and can vouch for his integrity and competence for the position and role that he has been nominated for. Tom is sincere in his commitment to the University of Hawaii, its students, and to the overall well being of the State of Hawaii.

I believe that Tom, his wife April, and their sons are all graduates of the University of Hawaii – that speaks volumes to his commitment and belief in the University of Hawaii. Tom is very community minded, and would do the University of Hawaii proud, especially the Kauai Community College, where he has played an active role for the past two decades.

The above are just a few reasons why I humbly ask that you **SUPPORT** Mr. Shigemoto's nomination to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,



Clyde T. Kodani
President

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March 28, 2012

Senator Jill N. Tokuda
Chair
Committee On Education
Senate District 24
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 218
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: **Mr. Tom H. Shigemoto's Nomination To The Board Of
Regents Of The University Of Hawaii**
Date of Hearing: Friday, March 30, 2012
Time of Hearing: 1:15 p.m.
Place of Hearing: Conference Room 225

Dear Senator Tokuda and Committee Members:

Please permit me to take this opportunity to offer my unconditional and wholehearted testimony in support of the Governor's nomination of Mr. Tom H. Shigemoto to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii for a term expiring on June 30, 2017.

I have known Mr. Shigemoto for almost 37 years beginning with my appointment as a Deputy County Attorney with the Office of the Kauai County Attorney in September, 1975. In that capacity, my principal assignment as a Deputy County Attorney was to advise and provide legal counsel to the Planning Department where Mr. Shigemoto was a member of the Planning Department Staff since 1971.

Mr. Shigemoto was subsequently promoted to Deputy Planning Director in 1984 and Planning Director in 1988. Thus, for almost 15 years, I worked closely with Mr. Shigemoto and I was always impressed by his strong and passionate commitment to public service, coupled together with a tireless work ethic and the highest measure of integrity.

Senator Jill N. Tokuda
Chair
Committee On Education
Senate District 24
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I have rarely worked with anyone in my 15 years of public service who met or exceeded the standards of excellence, intellect, wisdom, fairness and reasonableness that Mr. Shigemoto always exemplified. No matter how controversial or sensitive the issue, I have never worked with anyone who maintained the dignity, respect and ethical behavior that was constantly displayed by Mr. Shigemoto. I don't often use this analogy, but in the case of Mr. Shigemoto I do not hesitate to consider him to be a "*renaissance man*" who exemplifies all the very best qualities and characteristics of a truly good and enlightened man who always seeks to do the right thing.

My opinion about Mr. Shigemoto is not based solely on a dated relationship with Mr. Shigemoto that existed only during our joint tenure with the County of Kauai, because I had the rare opportunity and good fortune to continue working closely with Mr. Shigemoto in all of his years in private enterprise as well. I also left public service at about the same time as Mr. Shigemoto and I began a career as a lawyer in private practice in 1990.

In my opinion, few people would be more qualified than Mr. Shigemoto to serve in this position at the University of Hawaii as it is now approaching another of its most significant crossroads and challenges in its history. I can think of no better man than Mr. Shigemoto to have his hand firmly on the rudder and, together with the other members of the Board of Regents, to steer the University of Hawaii in troubled waters in this relatively new millennium and world order.

It is not my intention to overstate or exaggerate my opinion as to the qualifications and expertise of Mr. Shigemoto but, rather to simply state what other people of our Garden Island community already know...Mr. Shigemoto represents the brightest and the best of his generation and, indeed all generations, and he should prove to be a very real and invaluable asset to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii if confirmed by the Senate.

Respectfully Submitted,

BELLES GRAHAM PROUDFOOT
WILSON & CHUN, LLP



Michael J. Belles

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March 26, 2012

Honorable Senator Jill N. Tokuda
Hawaii State Capitol
415 S. Beretania Street, Suite No. 218
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Reference: *Testimony in Support of Tom Shigemoto
for appointment to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents*

Aloha, Senator Tokuda,

There comes a time when outstanding candidates are considered for positions on Boards to serve our island, and most importantly, our educational system. Tom Shigemoto will come before your committee on Friday March 30th for consideration of a position on the University of Hawaii Board of Regents. At that time, may I humbly ask your support of Tom's confirmation to the Board.

Tom has all the characteristics necessary, the knowledge, and keen business acumen to work successfully with the other Board members to provide the University with the support necessary to achieve it's goals for students and faculty from Hawaii and the world.

He is a true visionary, a proven leader, and in his position with Alexander and Baldwin, is always working hard to grow our community the right way, for the right reason, with the ultimate goal of success. His heart is always focused on how his actions will benefit the people he serves, and the community he is apart of. He is truly a committed individual.

The one gift Tom brings to this organization is his sincere "Aloha" for Hawaii. If there is one man who will wear the color green...proudly display the H on his shirt...and cheer with conviction for the accomplishments of the faculty and students of the University...that is Tom.

Should you have any questions concerning my letter, or my "resounding" Aloha for Tom and his appointment, I can be reached at 808-478-5045.

Mahalo nui loa,

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March 26, 2012

Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
Senate Committee on Education
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Dear Senator Tokuda:

SUBJECT: G.M. 816, Tom Shigemoto, UH Board of Regents

I am Gerald Ako, a resident of Kaua`i and the Hawaii Government Employees Association's Division Chief for the Kaua`i Division. I write, with no reservations, in support of the approval of Mr. Tom Shigemoto to the University Of Hawaii Board Of Regents. I have known and worked with Mr. Shigemoto since 1992 on numerous boards and community events and he has always served as a leader who has exceeded the expectations of those he served.

Perhaps of his planning background, Mr. Shigemoto has always been one to be looking forward and ahead of the curve. His thoughts are focused not only upon the impact of those affected today but notably of how his decisions will affect those that will follow.

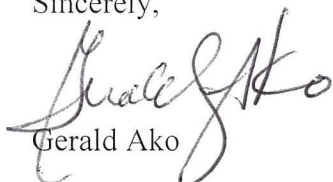
Ingrained deep in the core of Mr. Shigemoto is the value of making society a better place to live by seeking continual improvement through education. Mr. Shigemoto understands and recognizes the importance of education, that this is the threshold of our next generation to keep Hawaii relevant in our ever evolving world.

Mr. Shigemoto is a lifetime resident of Hawaii and a graduate of the University of Hawaii with a deep concern for the future of Hawaii, its people and our country. He is one that will bring to the table integrity at the highest level, a vision for our future and a passion to make the University of Hawaii the best University it can be.

For years, Kauai has proudly recognized the footprints of Mr. Shigemoto throughout our island, be it in the comprehensive development planning of our islands future, the welfare for all people and especially for his love of our next generation. But most importantly, we recognize Mr. Shigemoto as a leader who brings to us integrity and character, values that our society is yearning to embrace.

I ask for your highest consideration for the approval of Mr. Shigemoto to the University Of Hawaii Board Of Regents. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Gerald Ako



TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Regular Session of 2012

Friday, March 30, 2012

1:15 p.m.

TO THE HONORABLE JILL N. TOKUDA, CHAIR,
HONORABLE MICHELLE N. KIDANI, VICE CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

GM No. 816 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII, Gubernatorial Nominee, **TOM SHIGEMOTO**, for a term to expire 6/30/2017.

On behalf of the Kauai Economic Development Board, Inc. (KEDB), a Kauai community based nonprofit organization, representing over 65 local businesses, I am pleased to offer testimony **in strong support** for the nomination of **TOM SHIGEMOTO** to serve on the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii (BOR).

Mr. Shigemto is very familiar with Hawaii's educational system, being a proud UH alumnus himself, and a product of the k-12 public school system. His strongest assets are his sound business background and his keen sense of understanding the role of education in our daily lives. He will bring to the BOR, a unique perspective on issues facing the BOR, especially as it relates to impacts affecting neighbor island communities.

I have personally known Tom for over 20 years, first as A&B Properties representative in the development of affordable housing for our community and most recently, an member of the KEDB ohana, working together for a strong, growing Kauai economy; and focusing on the development of education and training opportunities in building an effective workforce critical to supporting that growth. He is known for his strong leadership and analytical abilities.

I am very confident that he will be an outstanding member of the Board of Regents. Thank you for this opportunity to submit written testimony.

Sincerely yours,

Mattie Yoshioka
President & CEO



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March 30, 2012

The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Education
State Capitol, Room 225
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Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: GM 816: Confirmation of Tom Shigemoto to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii

Chair Tokuda and Members of the Senate Committee on Education:

I am writing to express my fullest support of the confirmation of Mr. Tom Shigemoto to the University of Hawaii's Board of Regents.

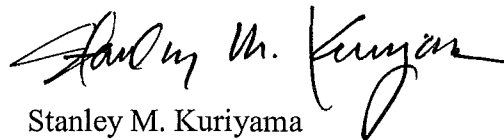
I have had the good fortune to work with Tom for over 20 years, first in his role as the County of Kauai Planning Director, and then as a co-employee of A&B Properties.

I have witnessed first hand the thoroughness and dedication with which Tom takes on any assignment he is given; the strong sense of ethics that guides his conduct; and the respect he engenders from everyone around him. He is an invaluable asset to A&B, and I am fully confident he will be a tremendous asset to the Board of Regents as well. Importantly, he is a product of the University of Hawaii -- as are his wife and two of his children -- and will have a full, well-rounded perspective on the roles the University can and should play in the broader community, both in Hawaii and world wide.

Tom strives to make a difference in whatever task he undertakes. That quality, along with his diverse experience, commitment to community and desire to nurture Hawaii's younger generation, will make him an extremely strong contributor to the Board of Regents.

Thank you for your consideration of this very special individual.

Sincerely,


Stanley M. Kuriyama

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March 30, 2012

The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda
Chair, Senate Committee on Education
The Honorable Michelle N. Kidani
Vice-Chair, Senate Committee on Education
State Capitol, Room 225
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: GM 816: Confirmation of Tom Shigemoto to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii

Chair Tokuda, Vice-Chair Kidani and Members of the Senate Committee on Education:

Thank you for this opportunity to express my strong support for the confirmation of Mr. Tom Shigemoto to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii.

I have known Tom for over two decades now, initially in his role as Planning Director for the County of Kauai, and then as a fellow A&B employee. Over these many years, Tom has consistently been an absolute pleasure to work with—knowledgeable, dedicated, solution-driven, personable, and at all times operating with the highest of integrity and ethics. He is able to work effectively with all types of people, in all kinds of settings, always respectful of everyone's opinions and positions, yet able to forge solutions.

Tom Shigemoto will be a tremendous asset to the UH Board of Regents. With his breadth of past experience, he will offer the Board of Regents access to many sectors of the community, as well as valuable perspectives. He knows the UH, having gone there himself, and is extremely attuned to the needs of his community, having long volunteered his time to a broad spectrum of non-profits, community groups and governmental boards and commissions on Kauai—all in the interest of making his community a better one for all. He has a particular interest in the fostering of youth, as evidenced by his involvement with the Boy Scouts and various youth sports groups. He is further well-recognized and well-respected throughout the business community.

Tom's intelligence, commitment, ethics and dedication coupled with his work experience in the private and public sector, and his personal passion for nurturing the youth of Hawaii make him an excellent choice for the UH Board of Regents. All of us, as citizens of this state and supporters of our state university, would be extremely fortunate to have some of Tom Shigemoto's caliber on the UH Board of Regents.

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Please support the confirmation of Tom Shigemoto to the UH Board of Regents.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

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Meredith J. Ching

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March 30, 2012

TO: HONORABLE SENATORS JILL TOKUDA, CHAIR, MICHELLE KIDANI, VICE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

RE: **SUPPORT OF GM 816: TOM SHIGEMOTO, Consideration and Confirmation to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii, Expiration 6/30/2017.**

HEARING

DATE: Friday, March 30, 2012

TIME: 1:15 p.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 225

Dear Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Committee,

My name is John Romanowski and I am the President of the General Contractors Association of Hawaii (GCA), an organization comprised of over six hundred (600) general contractors, subcontractors, and construction related firms. The GCA was established in 1932 and is celebrating its 80th anniversary this year; GCA remains the largest construction association in the State of Hawaii whose mission is to represent its members in all matters related to the construction industry, while improving the quality of construction and protecting the public interest. GCA is in support of GM 816 regarding the confirmation of Tom Shigemoto to serve on the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii.

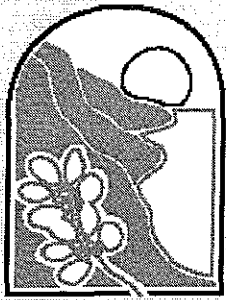
Mr. Shigemoto's experience in planning and real estate development in both the private and public sectors reflects his commitment to building a better community. Mr. Shigemoto started his career as a staff planner and moved his way up the ranks, while managing to raise a family and staying active on various boards, business and community organizations. Mr. Shigemoto's ties to the island of Kauai and its people will bring a broader perspective to the Board of Regents and the entire University of Hawaii system.

Mr. Shigemoto will play an important role as a Regent at the University of Hawaii, where the Board is tasked with great responsibility in formulating policy and exercising control over the university through the President. The Board's role is important to, not only the governance of the University, but in the implementation of such to the entire student body, faculty and staff. Mr. Shigemoto is well-qualified to understand the intricacies of such responsibility.

For these reasons, GCA supports the confirmation of Tom Shigemoto to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii and respectfully requests your affirmative vote.

Very truly yours,

John Romanowski
President



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**TESTIMONY
Hawaii State Senate
Committee on Education
Friday March 30, 2012
1:15 p.m.
Hawaii State Capitol - Conference Room 225**

**RE: GM816: Board of Regents, University of Hawai'i Gubernatorial Nominee,
TOM SHIGEMOTO**

Honorable Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Kidani, and members of the committee:

Aloha! My name is Randall Francisco and I am writing this letter in SUPPORT of Mr. Tom Shigemoto.

I have known Tom for 7 years and have worked closely with him as a member of the Kauai Chamber of Commerce. When I first became President of the Chamber, Tom was a member of the Board of Directors, continues to be involved in a Chamber committee, and participates in many of the Chambers' activities.

Tom is an outstanding example of what it means to be an alumnus of the University of Hawai'i. And, both achieving and exceeding its goals of providing higher education opportunities for residents and non-residents. As a Kaua'i resident who was born and raised on Kaua'i, Tom will bring much needed insight and understanding as a neighbor island student who received his college education on O'ahu. While his professional experience is widely known, I would like to speak about his commitment to public service which is a true core value of Tom's and many residents throughout Hawaii. Tom is genuinely interested in the present and future of Kaua'i in his many community activities which range from non-profits such as the American Red Cross to industry organizations including the building and trades industry to community groups that are ethnic-heritage in nature. Tom represents the best of Kaua'i in the numerous activities that he and his family are involved in and in which he serves as a role model. Like many in the business and government sectors, we frequently meet each other at community fundraising events whether it is for Kauai Community College's Annual Spring Gourmet Gala for the culinary arts program, to a Foodbank event, or American Cancer Society Hoe Down. Tom's involvement in the sports arena, especially, in baseball are other aspects of this business leader who will provide excellent insight into governance and policy making decisions that affect higher education for both traditional and non-traditional students seeking degree, non-degree, and or job training opportunities on Kauai and beyond.

As a product of the University of Hawaii system myself and a former faculty member, program director and dean, I can truly attest to not only the quality of experience and advocacy Tom will bring with him on behalf of the many constituents whom he will serve in this volunteer capacity but, also, Tom will bring the highest values for which he stands for.

For these reasons I highly support Tom Shigemoto's nomination without any reservation whatsoever. Thank you very much for the opportunity to provide testimony. Please do not hesitate contact me at 635-1386.

Mahalo Nui Loa and Aloha.

Randall Francisco
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Erin Conner

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Subject: Testimony for GM816 on 3/30/2012 1:15:00 PM

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Mark B. L. Marshall
Organization: Kauai Civil Defense Agency
E-mail: mmarshall@kauai.gov
Submitted on: 3/21/2012

Comments:

Tom and i sit on the Kauai United Way board and have worked with each other on Civil Defense matters and I have found him to be intelligent,honest, hardworking and reliable. Tom is active in his community and will make an excellent regent. We are lucky to have in serve Kauai. I strongly support him!

Erin Conner

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, March 27, 2012 1:02 PM
To: EDU Testimony
Cc: gfurugen@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for GM816 on 3/30/2012 1:15:00 PM

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position:
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: gary furugen
Organization: 1-16 golf club
E-mail: gfurugen@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 3/27/2012

Comments:

please consider Tom Shigemoto for the position of university of Hawaii board of regent. Tom is fair, considerate and always has a positive outlook. He has always been responsible and helpful to others. Another trait that he has is that he always follows through with any thing he does. I would recommend Tom Shigemoto with out reservation . Sincerely Gary Furugen.

Erin Conner

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2012 2:10 PM
To: EDU Testimony
Cc: sakoda@hawaiiink.net
Subject: Testimony for GM816 on 3/30/2012 1:15:00 PM

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Bernadette H. Sakoda
Organization: Individual
E-mail: sakoda@hawaiiink.net
Submitted on: 3/20/2012

Comments:

March 20, 2012

Senator Jill N. Tokuda
Chairwoman, Education Committee
Hawai'i State Capital, Room 218
Honolulu, Hi 96813

RE: Tom Shigemoto UH Board of Regent nomination

Dear Senator Tokuda,

It is with great pleasure that I write in support of Mr. Tom Shigemoto's nomination to serve on the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i. I have known Tom for some 30 plus years as a personal family friend whose four sons grew up with my sons as part of our Ohana.

As a former proud graduate of the University of Hawaii, Businessman and Community Leader, his credentials speak for itself. He is highly respected throughout the island.

Mr. Shigemoto is industrious, competent, cheerful and courteous to all. His intuitive mind, proven leadership skills, and consensus building characteristics would be a great asset to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i.

I wholeheartedly support Mr. Shigemoto's nomination...he is truly a special GENTLEMAN.

Sincerely,

Bernadette H. Sakoda
Executive V.P.
Kaua'i Island Finance Inc.

Erin Conner

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2012 2:19 PM
To: EDU Testimony
Cc: sng@kauaiunitedway.org
Subject: Testimony for GM816 on 3/30/2012 1:15:00 PM

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Scott N. Giarman
Organization: Individual
E-mail: sng@kauaiunitedway.org
Submitted on: 3/20/2012

Comments:
Aloha--

As Executive Director of Kauai United Way, I have gotten to know Tom Shigemoto as an engaged, active, enthusiastic and determined member of our Board of Directors for more than 15 years. Tom and his wife, April (a widely beloved retired school teacher), are good, kind, generous and caring people who go out of their way every day to contribute to our community. I can think of no one who exemplifies the spirit of "community service" more than Tom Shigemoto. He will not claim to have all the answers, but *I guarantee* that he will consider all issues with dispassionate thoroughness and will contribute wisely and thoughtfully to all issues that come before the Board of Regents.

If you wish to contact me, I would be happy to speak with you. I can be reached at (808)245-2043.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott N. Giarman
Executive Director
Kauai United Way

Reference: **GM16**

Nomination of Mr. Tom Shigemoto to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents

From: Michael C. Goto, 2659 Alaekea Street, Lihue, Kauai, Hawaii 96766 (808-246-0233)

I have known Mr. Shigemoto for over 20-years in my dealings with private business and community groups on Kauai. I highly approve of Mr. Shigemoto's nomination to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents and ask that he be confirmed. He is a highly qualified person of outstanding abilities and a thorough knowledge of business and community concerns. His addition to the Board of Regents will further promote support for the University of Hawaii and help to accomplish its mission for the people of Kauai and the State of Hawaii.

Yours truly,

Michael C. Goto

March 20, 2012

Senator Jill Tokuda
Chair, Committee on Education
The Senate, State of Hawaii
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 218
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: Mr. Tom Shigemoto's Nomination, University of Hawaii Board of Regents, Governor's Message 816

Honorable Senator Tokuda:

I'm pleased that Mr. Tom Shigemoto has been nominated to serve as the Kauai Member on the Board of the Regents for the University of Hawaii.

I've known Mr. Shigemoto for over forty years. He returned to Kauai in 1971 after receiving his degree in Urban and Regional Design from the University of Hawaii and started a lifelong journey of serving our island community. He demonstrated his professional expertise and abilities as a planner with our Kauai County Planning Department—a career of 19 years which culminated in his appointment as our Planning Director.

His long tenure as Vice President of Planning for Alexander & Baldwin Properties, Inc. speaks well of his deep commitment to his island's "roots." During the 16 years that I served as Provost of Kauai Community College, I valued Mr. Shigemoto's and A & B's support of the excellent programs at the college. As a major employer on our island, A & B's continuing interest is welcomed as the college seeks to meet the needs of our employers and its employees. Mr. Shigemoto values the role of the University of Hawaii as it seeks to bring educational opportunities to our neighbor islands.

Mr. Shigemoto's contributions to our community organizations are diverse and long term. He devotes countless hours serving as President of the Kauai AJA Baseball Association. His outstanding advocacy and service to the Boy Scouts of America was recently recognized when he received the Silver Beaver Award.

Lihue Christian Church is blessed to have Mr. Shigemoto as a member. With his knowledge of real estate and property, he is a valuable asset as he serves on our Board of Trustees.

In summary, as a life-long resident of Kauai, Mr. Shigemoto understands our needs. His long career in planning will serve him well as a Regent. His executive experiences are valuable as he fulfils his policy and fiduciary responsibilities on the Board of Regents.

The University of Hawaii, our island community, and our State will be well served with the appointment of Mr. Shigemoto as a member of the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii.

Sincerely,

David Iha

Executive Administrator and Secretary of the Board, Emeritus
University of Hawaii

Provost Emeritus,
Kauai Community College

Chair, Board of Trustees
Lihue Christian Church

March 21, 2012

The Honorable Jill Tokuda, Chair
The Honorable Michelle Kidani, Vice-Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Education
415 South Beretania Street
Conference Room 225
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Chair Tokuda, Vice-Chair Kidani and Members of the Senate Committee on Education:

Re: GM 816—Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii, Gubernatorial Nominee, Tom Shigemoto

It is my privilege to support the confirmation of Tom Shigemoto to the Board of Regents. As the Chairman and CEO of Alexander & Baldwin (retired in 2010), one of my most satisfying accomplishments was bringing Tom into the A&B family in 1991. We worked closely together for nearly twenty years. He has outstanding managerial skills but, at the same time, his long term commitment to serve in the community is just as impressive. Tom is a bridge builder, uniting varying points of view and coming to consensus. He is an individual of unquestioned integrity.

I strongly support Tom Shigemoto's confirmation as a Regent and am confident he will serve with distinction.

Sincerely,


W. Allen Doane

Erin Conner

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, March 21, 2012 9:37 AM
To: EDU Testimony
Cc: ms133kano@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for GM816 on 3/30/2012 1:15:00 PM

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Mike Kano
Organization: Individual
E-mail: ms133kano@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 3/21/2012

Comments:

I am familiar with Tom Shigemoto through his involvement in the Kauai United Way as a board member and with the Kauai District Boy Scouts as its district chair. I, too, am a long-time member of the Kauai UW having served as its president for 7 years & am currently a lifetime honorary board member; and am the senior scoutmaster on Kauai. Tom continues to represent both organizations well. He sits on several committees in the Kauai UW and brings a wealth of information, contacts, expertise and leadership to the table. As the Kauai District Chair, the "highest" volunteer scouter on-island, these aforementioned skills guides the unit leaders to successful offerings in the scouting program to the various youth in the program. Tom is a genuine, caring individual and demonstrates trustworthiness and integrity in his every dealing.

I wholeheartedly support his nomination to the UH Board of Regents.

Mike Kano
SM, Troop 133
Kauai District

Erin Conner

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2012 8:36 AM
To: EDU Testimony
Cc: lestes14@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for GM816 on 3/30/2012 1:15:00 PM

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Linda Estes
Organization: Individual
E-mail: lestes14@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/22/2012

Comments:

I served as Associate Athletic Director at the University of New Mexico for over thirty years. In 2000, I retired and moved to Kauai. Shortly thereafter, I met Tom Shigemoto when we were both working on a political campaign. Since that time, I have come to know Tom well on both a personal and professional level.

Many people will attest to Tom's professional qualifications and his impressive resume speaks for itself. However, I will speak to his personal qualifications. I worked with regents for many years in my previous position and I do not believe that you could find a person better suited to be a regent than Tom Shigemoto. He is well educated, intelligent, hard working and conscientious. He gets along well with and is truly interested in all kinds of people. He is the kind of person who is comfortable with the person on the street as well as those at the highest levels of education, government, and business. In addition, he is an excellent listener who never chooses to blow his own horn.

Tom is a good family man and his wife, April, had an outstanding career in the field of education. She will, no doubt, be a valuable asset to him in his role as a regent.

Tom Shigemoto has both the personal and professional qualifications which will allow him to be an outstanding regent. Needless to say, I strongly support his confirmation to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents.

Linda Estes
P.O. 610
Koloa, HI 96756

Erin Conner

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2012 5:02 PM
To: EDU Testimony
Cc: gtakenou@hawaiiigas.com
Subject: Testimony for GM816 on 3/30/2012 1:15:00 PM

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Glen Takenouchi
Organization: Individual
E-mail: gtakenou@hawaiiigas.com
Submitted on: 3/22/2012

Comments:

I have personally and professionally have known Tom Shigemoto for approximately 25 years and can sincerely attest to his care and dedication to the Kauai Community. He is very active in the Chamber of Commerce, Kauai Developer's Council, Boy Scouts of America and Kauai AJA Baseball League, just to name a few.

Tom knows that higher education is pertinent to a young person's success, as he provided for the educational opportunities for his four sons.

Please seriously consider Tom to fill this position.

Thank you very much for your precious time.

Erin Conner

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Friday, March 23, 2012 11:16 AM
To: EDU Testimony
Cc: lesther@kforeigncars.com
Subject: Testimony for GM816 on 3/30/2012 1:15:00 PM

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Lesther Calipjo
Organization: Individual
E-mail: lesther@kforeigncars.com
Submitted on: 3/23/2012

Comments:

Aloha Chair Jill Tokuda,

As a mentor, community leader, astute businessman and friend of mine, I look up to Tom Shigemoto. Having done real estate transactions and other business deals I can assure you Tom is a very honest, hardworking and pleasant man to work with. He is a man of his word and not only delivers his promises but exceeds them. He is a well-respected member in the community and his involvement is immeasurable and continues to be a leader with strong integrity. I can assure you Tom will be an asset on the board as his business acumen has proven his successfulness."

Thank you for allowing me to express my appreciation for all that Tom does and for your consideration of his appointment to the U.H. Board of Regents.

Lesther Calipjo
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Erin Conner

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Friday, March 23, 2012 12:21 PM
To: EDU Testimony
Cc: liz@lauhala.com
Subject: Testimony for GM816 on 3/30/2012 1:15:00 PM

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Elizabeth Hahn
Organization: Individual
E-mail: liz@lauhala.com
Submitted on: 3/23/2012

Comments:

I am writing in support of Tom Shigemoto's appointment to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents.

I have known Tom for over 30 years both professionally and through events and organizations that benefit the community. He has demonstrated personal integrity and high standards of conduct in his dealings on every level and is a very pleasant person to work with.

In my opinion, Tom would be a valuable member of the Board of Regents- especially though these challenging times. He balances experience and business acumen with a creative and unifying personality.

Mahalo for considering Tom Shigemoto for this appointment.

Elizabeth Hahn
PO Box 711
Waimea, HI 96796

Roland D. Sagum, III
P.O. Box 958, Lawai, Kauai, Hawaii 96765

March 23, 2012

Honorable Jill N. Tokuda,
Senator
Hawaii State Capitol
415 S. Beretania Street, Ste. No. 218
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Subject Matter: Testimony In Support Of Tom Shigemoto
University of Hawaii Board of Regents

My Name is Roland D. Sagum, III. I am writing in strong support of the confirmation of Mr. Tom Shigemoto, in his appointment to the University of Hawaii, Board of Regents by Governor Abercrombie. Mr. Shigemoto serves as a proud model to the youth and young families on Kauai and in the State having successfully raised and educated four boys on our rural island of Kauai. He will be an excellent addition to the Board, bringing business acumen and local-style wisdom to the University system. In the years that I have known/worked with him, he has always demonstrated an eager willingness to help those less fortunate, and a passion to help build communities, especially in difficult economies.

Mr. Shigemoto is off the highest moral value and will be an excellent addition to the University of Hawaii, Board of Regents. I can be reached at 808-652-9811 should you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Roland D. Sagum, III

Randall Nishimura
3520 A Kahumoku Road
Lihue, HI 96766

Honorable Senator Jill Tokuda
Chair, Senate Education Committee
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Honorable Chairman and members of the Senate Education Committee:

I am writing to support the nomination of Tom Shigemoto as the Kauai Representative to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents

I have known Mr. Shigemoto on a social and professional basis for over 25 years. He has been active in Community baseball from Little League to the Adult AJA Baseball level and has served in many leadership posts. He has also been an active participant with the Boy Scouts and his Church. He is an extremely devoted family man. He actively participates in the Chamber of Commerce, the Hawaii Hotel and Lodging Association and I am sure many others that I am not aware of. These activities are in addition to his daytime job as a V P for A & B Properties.

These things are all on his resume, I'm sure. What the application does not tell you is how well he does all of this. Talented individuals like Tom are hard to find. Talented and balanced individuals more so. Talented, balanced and committed people like Tom, rarer still. The State is fortunate to have someone of Tom's caliber consent to serving as a member of the University of Hawaii Board of Regents.

As an alumnus of the University and having had children attend the University, Tom has a general perspective of the system. His knowledge of the island for the past 40+ years makes him an excellent candidate to represent Kauai. His contacts in the community will aid him in making good decisions for Kauai and the rest of the University system.

Tom is not one to take something on half-heartedly or just be a pretty face. He will get in there and do what needs doing. He will make the time to study and prep for meetings. He will ask the hard questions, always in a nice way. Most importantly, he can and will make decisions, even the hard political ones.

I urge you to confirm Mr. Tom Shigemoto as the Kauai Island member of the Board of Regents.

Yours very truly,



Randall Nishimura

March 24, 2012

Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Committee on Education
Hawaii State Capitol
Room 218
Honolulu, Hawaii

Honorable Tokuda and members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: **GM 816**
 University of Hawaii Board of Regents
 March 20, 2012

This letter is in full support of Tom Shigemoto to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents.

Although I knew the Shigemoto family for a long time, it was upon my return to Kauai in the late '70's and the commencement of the construction of my home that I met Tom in his position at the Building Department of the County of Kauai. Tom provided me the highest and best professional service in assisting me to complete my task despite my inexperience. It is this same individual I speak of today.

Since then, I continue to witness Tom's unwavering consideration and thoughtfulness for each person he meets and a consistent readiness to listen, no matter what the issue may be. Tom's exceptional business and personal qualities exemplify a well-rounded individual who can be part of the solution for any task he is given. His caring and personable demeanor coupled with the people knowledge he possesses puts him at the top of for your consideration as a Board of Regents candidate.

Additionally, Tom brings a wealth of tried and tested knowledge of the many non-profit organizations with whom he is affiliated. His solution based ideology is an advantage to have in any organization including the Board of Regents. Your consideration of his appointment will be to the advantage of the University.

Sincerely,

Rowena B Cobb

Rowena B Cobb, CRB, CRS, GRI
Principal Broker

Erin Conner

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Saturday, March 24, 2012 12:18 PM
To: EDU Testimony
Cc: mmurakoshi@fhb.com
Subject: Testimony for GM816 on 3/30/2012 1:15:00 PM

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Michael J. Murakoshi
Organization: Individual
E-mail: mmurakoshi@fhb.com
Submitted on: 3/24/2012

Comments:

Members of the Committee on Education, Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair.

I am writing in support of the Gubernatorial Nomination of Tom Shigemoto to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii. I have had the honor of knowing and working with Tom on Kauai in business and community projects for over 10 years and found him to be a very dedicated, focused and committed individual. He always does his homework, is prepared for the discussions at hand, keeps an open mind, is a good listener, patient, follows through on his assignments and reviews both sides of an issue before rendering a decision. Tom is very active with our youth and in youth sports programs and unselfishly gives of his free time to help mentor our leaders of tomorrow. Tom is well respected on island and in Hawaii and has never closed the door on anyone who seeks his knowledge or advice. Born and raised on Kauai, Tom is aware of our educational successes and challenges here. He is very dedicated to his family who I know will support him should you allow him to serve as a member of the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii. It is my pleasure to speak in support of Tom Shigemoto's Nomination and I thank you for allowing me to do so. Mahalo, Michael J. Murakoshi

Erin Conner

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 26, 2012 1:04 PM
To: EDU Testimony
Cc: dcua@kauai.gov
Subject: Testimony for GM816 on 3/30/2012 1:15:00 PM

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Dale Cua
Organization: Individual
E-mail: dcua@kauai.gov
Submitted on: 3/26/2012

Comments:

Aloha Chair Jill Tokuda,

As a mentor, community leader, astute businessman and friend of mine, I look up to Tom Shigemoto. Having done business directly with Mr. Shigemoto, I can honestly assure you Tom is a very honest, hardworking and pleasant man to work with. He is a man of his word and not only delivers his promises but exceeds them. He is a well-respected member in the community and his involvement is immeasurable and continues to be a leader with strong integrity. As a graduate of UH-Manoa, I can assure you Tom will be an asset on the board as his business acumen has proven his successfulness.

Thank you for allowing me to express my appreciation for all that Tom does and for your consideration of his appointment to the U.H. Board of Regents.

Have a nice day,

Dale A. Cua, Planner
County of Kauai
Planning Department

Senator Jill Tokuda
Chairperson Senate Education Committee
Hawaii State Capitol, Rm. 218
Honolulu, Hawaii

RE: Mr. Tom H. Shigemoto's nomination to Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii

Honorable Jill Tokuda,

My name is Neal Fujiwara, District Conservationist (retired) from the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service and a present Commissioner on the Commission on Water Resource Management. I have known Mr. Shigemoto for over 35 years through governmental and personal relationships.

As a Planner, Deputy Planning Director and Planning Director of the County of Kauai, I witnessed Mr. Shigemoto spending countless hours on the job. His dedication and conscientious attitude toward his job and the County during his approximately 20 years there was admirable. This attitude is prevalent throughout his career and all his undertakings.

During my 16 years I spent on Kauai, Shigemoto and I had a personal relationship with coaching our sons on baseball through the various age groups. We encountered that same relationship with our sons through scouting. Though I assisted with scouting as a parent, Shigemoto did the same, as well as served the Boy Scouts of America at the troop, county and state levels. His commitment to his children as well as the youth of Kauai during the years has been greatly appreciated by the many parents and others in the county. His wife, April, a former teacher with the Department of Education, had a direct effect on Shigemoto's ability to work with the youth and assist with any kind of events that had a positive reflection on education. Education in the Shigemoto household has always been first and foremost.

I remember very well hearing Shigemoto always talking about the University of Hawaii and, the enjoyable time he spent at that campus. Because of his love for sports, he was a stringent supporter of all University of Hawaii sports.

Shigemoto's love for his Alma Mater, having afforded four children through college, having relationships with government and business's throughout the state, and having information through his wife, April's years at the Department of Education, makes him a natural to serve on this very prestigious board. His diligence in listening to all sides and having a very friendly personal trait are values he possesses. I strongly support Mr. Tom H. Shigemoto to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii.

Neal S. Fujiwara

Thomas Oi
DLNR-Land Division, Kauai District Land Agent (retired)
3944 Kapena Street
Lihue, HI 96766

I support the confirmation of Tom Shigemoto to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii. Tom is a graduate of UH and a strong supporter of the University.

I have known Tom for over 40 years as a friend, father, businessman and a community volunteer. As a friend our sons participated in sports together and he is committed father to his 4 sons. In the community he is well respected as a leader. Working with him as a businessman at A & B Properties, he is innovative and works well with the State and County of Kauai agencies to resolve issue that arises. He is a person that takes into consideration all aspect t of the situation before making a decision that will benefit the majority of the people.

Allan S. Rietow

March 29, 2012

Senator Shan Tsutsui, President
& Members of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: Committee on Education Hearing, Friday, March 30, 2012, 1:15 PM, Conference Room 225, State Capitol; Tom H. Shigemoto -- Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii confirmation

Dear President Tsutsui & Senate Members,

I moved to Kauai in 1977 and developed and operated two agribusiness ventures; and in 2001 I started up the Kauai Program of The Nature Conservancy, where I currently work. I am writing in support of Tom H. Shigemoto's nomination and confirmation by you all, for the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii, as both a business associate and friend.

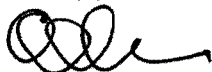
In the 80's I got to know Tom Shigemoto when he served first as the Deputy Planning Director and then as the Planning Director for the County of Kauai. From 2003 until the present time I have worked with him concerning the A&B lands within the conservation District as he is the representative for A&B here on Kauai. The Kauai Watershed Alliance was formed then, with A&B being a member; and as A&B's representative, he has contributed so much to the membership, supporting legislation and grant applications for operational funds as well as assisting with permitting conservation projects on A&B's Kauai lands in Wainiha, the Alakai and Kalaheo – protecting some of Kauai's most important mauka watersheds and endemic Hawaiian forests. His vision, commitment, and willingness to attend to these projects have helped make them a success and in the long haul help to protect Kauai's mauka watersheds.

Being a University of Hawaii alumni; I am very pleased with his nomination and unconditionally believe he is very qualified and well suited for the appointment. He is a man of integrity beyond reproach and will make anyone associated with our University proud to have him on our Board of Regents.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 808-639-7544

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,



Allan Rietow

Erin Conner

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, March 29, 2012 9:22 AM
To: EDU Testimony
Cc: gpkea@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for GM816 on 3/30/2012 1:15:00 PM

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Gilbert Kea
Organization: Chapter 3 Kaumualii Royal Order of Kamehameha I
E-mail: gpkea@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/29/2012

Comments:

We of Chapter 3 Kaumualii Royal Order of Kamehameha I, have known Tom Shigemoto both personally and professionally for many years. We wholeheartedly endorse and support his appointment to this important post with the full confidence that he will fulfill his responsibilities fully and honorably.

Erin Conner

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, March 29, 2012 9:50 AM
To: EDU Testimony
Cc: Luznoli@hawaiiantel.net
Subject: Testimony for GM816 on 3/30/2012 1:15:00 PM

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Arnulfo B. Diaz,MD
Organization: Kauai Filipino Community Council
E-mail: Luznoli@hawaiiantel.net
Submitted on: 3/29/2012

Comments:

He is a community oriented person, multicultural in thinking and practice, dedicated to the improvement of our community , cultural, economic, social or educational.We strongly support him.

Erin Conner

From: Ramon de la Pena [lad@hawaii.edu]
Sent: Thursday, March 29, 2012 8:45 PM
To: EDU Testimony
Subject: Measure GM816, Tom Shigemoto for BOR.

Senator Jill Tokuda
Chairperson
Committee on Higher Education
State of Hawaii

Dear Senator Tokuda:

I am using this means to express my support for the nomination of Mr. Tom Shigemoto to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents. I have known Mr. Shigemoto for many years and I am confident that he will be an excellent member of the Board of Regents. He is family and community oriented and is a great supporter of education. He is also a man of high moral character and integrity. His educational and employment background will enable him to give positive contributions to deliberations and discussions of University of Hawaii projects and programs.

Your support of his nomination will be greatly appreciated. Thank you very much.

Respectfully yours,

Ramon S. de la Pena, Ph.D.
Member
UH Board of Regents

Sent from my iPad

1. Testimony for EDU 3/30/2012 1:15:00 PM GM816

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Anne Dimock
Organization: Kauai Habitat for Humanity
E-mail: anne@kauaihabitat.org
Submitted on: 3/21/2012

2. Testimony for EDU 3/30/2012 1:15:00 PM GM816

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Curtis Shiramizu
Organization: Shiramizu Loo & Nakamura
E-mail: curtisshiramizu@hawaiiantel.net
Submitted on: 3/21/2012

3. Testimony for EDU 3/30/2012 1:15:00 PM GM816

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Michelle Emura
Organization: Individual
E-mail: michelle@aquaeengineers.com
Submitted on: 3/21/2012

Comments:

I can't think of anyone who is more qualified to fill this position better than Tom Shigemoto. I have known Tom as a client, as a volunteer, as a friend and he is an exemplatory human being. As a UH alumni myself at KCC the institution would be lucky to have him.

4. Testimony for EDU 3/30/2012 1:15:00 PM GM816

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Wayne Katayama
Organization: Individual
E-mail: wkatayama@kauaicoffee.com
Submitted on: 3/27/2012

Comments:

Mr Shigemoto has background and skill needed in this critical position. I have the greatest confidence that he will be an outstanding member of the BOR.

5. Testimony for EDU 3/30/2012 1:15:00 PM GM816

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Charles Kawakami
Organization: Individual
E-mail: kawakami@aloha.net
Submitted on: 3/24/2012

Comments:

Tom has excelled in the private and public sector. He will do well for the University of Hawaii system as a Regent.

6. Testimony for EDU 3/30/2012 1:15:00 PM GM816

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Nadine Nakamura
Organization: Individual
E-mail: nknplan@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 3/22/2012

Comments:

I fully support the appointment of Tom Shigemoto to the Board of Regents. Tom is a good thinker, a good listener, and cares deeply about the education of our children.

7. Testimony for EDU 3/30/2012 1:15:00 PM GM816

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Mel Rapozo
Organization: Individual
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Submitted on: 3/20/2012

8. Testimony for EDU 3/30/2012 1:15:00 PM GM816

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Patsy Rapozo
Organization: Individual
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Submitted on: 3/20/2012

9. Testimony for EDU 3/30/2012 1:15:00 PM GM816

Conference room: 225

Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Clyde Takekuma
Organization: Individual
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Submitted on: 3/21/2012

10. Testimony for EDU 3/30/2012 1:15:00 PM GM816

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Thomas Contrades
Organization: Individual
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Submitted on: 3/21/2012

11. Testimony for EDU 3/30/2012 1:15:00 PM GM816

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Harold Mitsuyoshi
Organization: Individual
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Submitted on: 3/21/2012

12. Testimony for EDU 3/30/2012 1:15:00 PM GM816

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Audrey Mitsuyoshi
Organization: Individual
E-mail: harmit@hawaiiantel.net
Submitted on: 3/21/2012

13. Testimony for EDU 3/30/2012 1:15:00 PM GM816

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Lynne Taogoshi
Organization: Individual
E-mail: rtaogoshi@hawaiiantel.net
Submitted on: 3/27/2012