

April 10, 2012

The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair
and Members of the Senate Committee on
Judiciary and Labor
State Capitol, Room 016
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Hee and Members:

I support Ms. Margarita L. Hopkins for consideration and confirmation to the Language Access Advisory Council for a term to expire 30 June 2016.

Ms. Hopkins is an active and well-known leader in the Filipino community on the Big Island. She was past president of the Big Island Filipino Community Council, an umbrella of all Filipino organizations on the Big Island, the Filipino Chamber of Commerce–Big Island Chapter and Congress of Visayan Organizations, an umbrella of all Visayan organizations in Hawai'i. She is also one of the organizers of the *Ating Bahay*, a grassroots organization that addresses domestic violence in the immigrant community on the Big Island.

In addition to her interactions with the members of the Filipino community, Ms. Hopkins had served other ethnic groups on the Big Island in her current capacity as Agriculture Specialist for Hawai'i County. She provides advice, referrals and information not only to farmers but also to members of the Big Island community wanting to access economic and social related government programs and services. These people could have not otherwise access such programs and services without her assistance due to their limited English proficiency.

Ms. Hopkins is compassionate and a champion in advocating for all people of color! She will be a great asset in the Council because of her extensive experience and expertise in dealing with people with varied languages and cultures. We urged your Committee to consider and confirm Ms. Margarita L. Hopkins to the Language Access Advisory Council.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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Comments:

I am a retired hospital administrator with the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation and I have known Margarita L. Hopkins for the past 21 years and I support wholeheartedly her nomination and confirmation as a member of the Hawaii State Language Access Advisory Council.

Her work as an economic development specialist with the County of Hawaii, her extensive voluntary work with the Filipino Community (Big Island Filipino Community Council, Congress of Visayan Organizations, Big Island Filipino Chamber of Commerce, and many others) and the community in general, and her expertise in Filipino culture and language will be a great asset to the work of the Council.

Your confirmation of her appointment is appreciated. Please call me directly at 808-775-0768 if you require additional information.

Romel Dela Cruz