

GM 855



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IN REPLY REFER TO:

April 4, 2012

**GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 855
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONSIDERATION TO THE STATE
HIGHWAY COUNCIL, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE JAN YOKOYAMA, FOR A TERM
TO EXPIRE 6-30-2016**

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

The Department of Transportation supports Governor's Message Number 854, relating to the consideration and confirmation to the State Highway Safety Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, **Jan Yokoyama**, for a term to expire 06-30-2016.

Ms. Yokoyama served as a Public Health Nurse in Hilo for 30 years. In addition to her health background, she has volunteered on various traffic safety commissions and task force groups including the Hawaii County Impaired Driving Task Force, Motor Vehicle Crash Reduction Task Force and the Hawaii County Liquor Commission. Additionally, she was nationally certified as a Child Passenger Safety Technician.

Her health background, injury prevention efforts and community involvement will make her a valuable addition to the council.

The Department of Transportation respectfully requests that this Committee confirm Jan Yokoyama to the State Highway Safety Council.



Sharon Lum Ho

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March 27, 2012

The Honorable Kalani English, Chair
Transportation and International Affairs Hawaii State Capitol, Room 2005 Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: GM 855 - Gubernatorial Nominee Jan Yokoyama, Highway Safety Council

Dear Chair English and Members:

I am writing to express my support for the nomination of Ms. Jan Yokoyama to the Highway Safety Council.

I have known Ms. Yokoyama since 2001. She is a hard-working, dedicated professional who is community-minded, supportive and a credit to our island community. Ms. Yokoyama previously served as the chair of the Hawaii County Liquor Commission and vice-chair of the Liquor Adjudication Board. She has been a member of the North Hawai'i Outcomes Project Motor Vehicle Crash Reduction Group since its inception. She has assisted various County departments in writing grant proposals to address highway safety issues. She is currently assisting the Department of Liquor Control in the management of the SPF-SIG (Strategic Prevention Framework-State Incentive Grant) grant targeting underage drinking. All of the above activities have been on a volunteer basis.

Ms. Yokoyama's demonstrated leadership and relationships within our community, as well as her knowledge and experience will enable her to bring tremendous insight and value to the State's Highway Safety Council.

Thank you for this opportunity to personally express my support of Ms. Jan Yokoyama.

Aloha,

Billy Kenoi
MAYOR



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March 27, 2012

Senator Kalani English
Chairman Transportation and International Affairs
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 2005
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Ms. **Jan Yokoyama's** Nomination to the Highway Safety Council

Honorable Kalani English:

I am writing to you as a colleague and friend of Ms. Jan Yokoyama who is subject to confirmation of her appointment by Governor Abercrombie to the Highway Safety Council.

I have known Ms. Yokoyama for over 10 years and I strongly support her nomination for the council. She has served on the North Hawai'i Outcomes Project Motor Vehicle Crash Reduction Group since its inception in 2000. She also assisted in starting the Hawaii County Impaired Driving Task Force by writing the initial a grant for the Hawaii County Police Department to obtain funds from the Department of Transportation to create a traffic safety coordinator which is now a permanent position with the Police Department.

Over the years she has clearly demonstrated her deep commitment to the health of the people of Hawaii though improving traffic safety. Ms. Yokoyama is dependable, honest and hard working. I am entirely confident that the State will substantially benefit from the appointment of Ms. Yokoyama to the Highway Safety Council.

Sincerely,

Sharon Vitousek M.D.

Director, North Hawaii Outcomes Project

TESTIMONY
OF
JAN K. YOKOYAMA
TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE
ON
TRANSPORTATION AND INTERNATIONAL
AFFAIRS
ON
April 4, 2012
G.M. 855

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Highway Safety Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, JAN K. YOKOYAMA, for a term to expire December 30, 2016.

Chair English and the members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to send in my testimony as I reside on Hawai'i Island.

I want to thank Governor Neil Abercrombie for nominating me. I truly consider this an honor and a privilege to be considered as a member of the Highway Safety Council.

I want to also extend a warm mahalo to everyone that submitted letters of support on my behalf.

I was born and raised in Hilo, Hawaii and have lived there my entire life. What got me interested in highway safety was the amount of traffic crashes occurring in front of my house. In one month alone, there were 15 crashes. My neighbors and I formed a Neighborhood Watch to work on this problem. Along with the Hawaii County Police Department, we analyzed the possible causes and found that the road design was at fault. Our Neighborhood Watch worked tirelessly with our legislators to pressure the County to fix the curve, which it did. Since the re-design, there has been no crashes.

As an active Public Health Nurse, I also worked in the preventive aspects of highway safety, like becoming a child passenger seat technician. I am also a founding member of the North Hawaii Outcome Project Motor Vehicle Crash Reduction Team. I have assisted in writing grants for the Hawaii Police Department to obtain a traffic safety coordinator and for the Department of Public Works to obtain GPS systems for more accurate crash locations. I have participated in the Department of Transportation State Highway Safety Plan Emphasis Area #2 (Impaired Driving).

I am now retired but still active in Hawaii Island highway safety issues. My current focus is underage drinking. I voluntarily manage the Hawai'i County Department of Liquor Control SPF-SIG (Strategic Preventive Framework-State Incentive Grant) grant. I sit as vice-chair of the Department's Liquor Adjudication Board.

The main reason I want to sit on the Highway Safety Council is to give Hawai'i County a voice in determining the needs and solutions to highway safety issues.

In closing, I would like to thank this Committee for the hard work you do for the State of Hawai'i and for giving me the opportunity to submit my testimony. Thank you for considering my nomination.