

GM 864

Testimony

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Governor



JAMES J. NAKATANI
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STATE OF HAWAII
AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
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TESTIMONY OF JAMES NAKATANI
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
AGRICULTURE

Thursday, April 12, 2012
2:45 pm
Conference Room 229

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 864
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD
OF DIRECTORS OF THE AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, DEREK KURISU,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2015

Chairperson Nishihara and Members of the Committee:

The Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC) is in strong support for the nomination of Derek Kurisu to the ADC board of directors. Derek has a solid background in business and community relations. Derek is Executive Vice President for KTA Super Stores on the Big Island and has been a loyal employee for 44 years since 1968.

Derek's passion is providing high quality foods to the community and helped create the Mountain Apple Brand Products, a private label brand, currently has over 270 items with 60 business partnerships. Derek's lifetime goal

is have products from Hawaii available throughout the world as well as to make the Big Island and the State of Hawaii the greatest place on earth.

In addition, Derek is producing two television cable programs, "Living in Paradise", a family program and "Seniors Living in Paradise", a program highlighting seniors.

Derek has been also recognized as the State Small Business Advocate Champion Award, State of Hawaii Friend of Agriculture Award, and College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR) Outstanding Alumnus.

Derek will bring to the ADC board valuable leadership, and business experience. He is an accomplished professional who will be a great asset to the board.

Thank you.



State of Hawaii
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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TESTIMONY OF RUSSELL S. KOKUBUN
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2012
2:45 P.M.

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 864

Chairperson Nishihara and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on Governor's Message No. 864, submitting for consideration and confirmation of Mr. Derek Kurisu as a member of the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC). It is a pleasure to express my strong support for Mr. Kurisu's nomination.

Mr. Kurisu has dedicated his life to supporting Hawai'i agriculture and providing island residents with healthy, wholesome food. He is a living example of the Department of Agriculture's slogan, "Buy Local, It Matters." As an executive with KTA, he developed the Mountain Apple Brand to help diversify Hawai'i's agricultural industries and provide local farmers with a brand that was truly local. The Mountain Apple Brand consists of food products grown, processed or manufactured in Hawai'i, offering a high-quality local product at competitive prices. There are more than 270 products currently marketed under the Mountain Apple Branch, fostering more than 60 partnerships.

Mr. Kurisu began his illustrious 44-year career at KTA Superstores as a part-time courtesy clerk and stock person. As he worked his way up the corporate leadership ladder, he gained experience in almost every aspect of the retail food business from the Head Buyer for Perishable Departments, Vice President of Purchasing, and currently



Executive Vice President of Perishable Operations. While balancing cost efficiency within the operation, he has remained a champion for Hawai'i farmers and has demonstrated that buying local is more than a slogan.

Through the years, Mr. Kurisu has garnered the respect and admiration of many in the agriculture and business industries. His advice and counsel are frequently called on as evidenced by the many advisory boards that he is associated with, not to mention the impressive accolades that have been bestowed on him.

I am confident that Mr. Kurisu will bring his knowledge, innovation and passion for local agriculture to the Board of Directors of the ADC, and I look forward to working with him.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer my support.



**STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS**

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April 12, 2012

The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
The Honorable Gilbert Kahele, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture

Nominee, Derek Kurisu (GM 864)

As a Member of the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Thursday, April 12, 2012
2:45 p.m., Rm 229, State Capitol

Testimony of Dwight Takamine, Director,
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR)

The department strongly supports the confirmation of Derek Kurisu to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC). Since its establishment in 1994, the ADC's charge has been to facilitate and provide direction for the transition of our agriculture industry from sugar and pineapple to diversified agriculture.

Mr. Kurisu received a B.S. in agriculture from the University of Hawaii and has been a dedicated employee of KTA Super Stores for over four decades in a variety of positions. One of his greatest accomplishments is the creation of Mountain Apple Brand products in the wake of the closing of the last sugar plantations in Hamakua and Kau. The Mountain Apple Brand label consists of food products grown, processed or manufactured in Hawaii. Today, local vendors supply nearly three hundred different Mountain Apple Brand food products to KTA Super Stores on Hawaii Island. Mr. Kurisu has been on the front lines supporting the new economics to succeed sugar and diversify agriculture on the Big Island.

In addition to his agricultural efforts, Mr. Kurisu has been a strong champion for public education and senior citizens. Mr. Kurisu has set up television programs to highlight the positive achievements of the public school system, as well as advocated on behalf of teachers starting out in the educational field by working

closely with the University of Hawaii Hilo. He has been the driving force behind two television cable programs he is currently producing on the Big Island: "Living in Paradise" and "Senior Living in Paradise," which airs on Hawaii Island local cable TV. Seniors look forward to and take pride in being a part of these programs.

Mr. Kurisu is also a strong community leader and gives unselfishly of his time. Active in community organizations, he is a member of the East Hawaii Kiwanis; Hawaii Farm Bureau; University of Hawaii Hilo's BS Nursing Program Advisory Board, Education Department Advisory Board, and Business and Economics Advisory Board; University of Hawaii Hilo Community College Business Advisory Board; State Department of Education Business Career Technical Education Advisory Board; University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources Board of Advisors; Young Brothers and Hawaiian Tug and Barge Hawaii County Community Advisory Board; and the Hawaii Food Industry Executive Board. Among his numerous awards, he has been recognized professionally as State Small Business Advocate Champion, Friend of Agriculture, Outstanding Alumnus, Humanitarian of the Year, Retail Employee of the Year, Small Business Advocate, along with many other partnership and distinguished service awards.

Mr. Kurisu's extensive knowledge of the food industry coupled with his efforts to help the Big Island agricultural economy transition from sugar to diversified agriculture and his many years of personal involvement in the community to champion the efforts of Hawaii's businesses will make him an asset on the Agribusiness Development Corporation Board.

I urge you to confirm Derek Kurisu as a member to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation, where he will be a valuable asset to the Board and hence to the entire state.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Mr. Kurisu.



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April 12, 2012

HEARING BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

TESTIMONY ON GM 864

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee, DEREK KURISU

Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Kahele and Committee Members:

I am Dean Okimoto, President for the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation (HFBF). Organized since 1948, the HFBF is comprised of 1,800 farm family members statewide, and serves as Hawaii's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate and advance the social, economic and educational interest of our diverse agricultural community.

HFBF is strong support of the confirmation of Derek Kurisu to the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC) Board of Directors.

Mr. Kurisu's extensive background and his years of experience would be invaluable to ADC as they continue to fulfill their mission to acquire, and manage in partnership with farmers, ranchers, and aquaculture groups, selected high-value lands, water systems, and infrastructure for commercial agricultural use and to direct research into areas that will lead to the development of new crops, markets, and lower production costs

Mr. Kurisu is respected for his impressive credentials as an agriculture leader, having served as a member of the Board of Advisors to the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, a member of the Hawaii Food Industry Association Executive Board, and as a member of the University of Hawaii at Hilo's Business and Economics Advisory Board, just to name a few.

As the Executive Vice President at KTA Super Stores, Mr. Kurisu's was instrumental in the creation of the Mountain Apple Brand product line, in which over 70 enterprises market more than 250 locally grown and produced products through KTA Super Stores. He actively promotes the brand through advertising campaigns and other means, enhancing opportunities for Hawaii farmers to bring their products to market. Mr. Kurisu is a visionary and he sees the bigger picture for Hawaii's agricultural industry.

The Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation is pleased to support the nomination of Derek Kurisu to the Agribusiness Development Corporation Board of Directors.



April 10, 2012

The Honorable Clarence Nishihara, Chairman
The Honorable Gilbert Kahele, Vice Chairman
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2012
ROOM 229
2:45 PM

Chairman Nishihara & Committee Members:

Re: GM 864 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee, DEREK KURISU, for a term to expire June 30, 2015.

Thank you for the opportunity of submitting written testimony in strong support of DEREK KURISU's nomination to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

I feel both privileged and honored to have known Derek both personally and professionally for over three (3) decades. As an active leader in the food industry, I cannot think of anyone better suited to serve as a member of such an important board!

In Derek, you will find someone that is knowledgeable, hardworking and unwavering in his efforts to promote agriculture, as well as someone of the utmost integrity.

Once again, I strongly support DEREK's candidacy for your consideration and confirmation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Toby Taniguchi', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Toby Taniguchi
Executive Vice President of Store Operations



Meadow Gold Dairies



GM 864, Derek Kurisu
Gubernatorial Nominee
Board of Directors
Agribusiness Development Corporation

Senate AGL Hearing
Thursday, April 12, 2012
2:45 pm, Room 229

Written Testimony By: Glenn Muranaka
Position: Support

Chair Nishihara and Members of the Senate AGL Committee:

My name is Glenn Muranaka, President and General Manager of Meadow Gold Dairies. Our company has been in Hawaii since 1897—115 years, providing Hawaii consumers with a variety of milk products and juices. Meadow Gold's long history has not come without effort. We continually adapt to our customers' and consumers' ever-changing needs, and we constantly evolve along with our industry, our community and our market. Over the years, this has required that we struggle, tighten our belts, innovate and work extremely hard, making us a better company in the process. The foundation of this work rests with the 350 employees that are committed to providing superior quality products.

Derek Kurisu is someone that almost everyone in Hawaii agriculture knows. In his distinct style, he is a one of the strongest advocates for Hawaii and Hawaii agriculture. In his professional business quest "To have products from Hawaii available throughout the world", he has created the Mountain Apple Brand, a private label with over 270 items and 60 business partnerships. With tireless energy and enthusiasm, he produces two television cable programs.

Derek Kurisu has vision and a can-do attitude that is infectious as well as motivates people to work together for the greater good of Hawaii agriculture.

Your support of his confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation is appreciated. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony. If you have any questions, please contact me at 944-5911.



HAWAII FOOD INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION (HFIA)

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DATE: Thursday, April 12, 2012

TIME: 2:45 pm

PLACE: Conference Room 229

Committee on Agriculture

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair

Senator Gilbert Kahele, Vice Chair

FROM: Hawaii Food Industry Association: Lauren Zirbel, Executive Director

RE: GM 864 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee, DEREK KURISU, for a term to expire 6-30-2015

Chair & Committee Members:

The Hawaii Food Industry Association strongly supports the nomination of Derek Kurisu to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Derek has been an outstanding member and Chairman of the Hawaii Food Industry Association. His dedication and commitment to Agribusiness and the food industry in Hawaii can't be overstated.

Derek is currently the Chair of HFIA's Industry and Community Relations Committee where he is spearheading our HOKU group which brings together members of the Department of Agriculture, UH CTAR, HFIA, HMA, and HFMA. The group is working on many important issues that will help food security and sustainability in Hawaii.

We could not recommend a better candidate for this position!

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide this testimony.



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DATE: Thursday, April, 2012

TIME: 2:45 pm

PLACE: Conference Room 229

Committee on Agriculture

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair

Senator Gilbert Kahele, Vice Chair

FROM: KYD, Inc.: Dexter Yamada, President and CEO

RE: GM 864 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee, DEREK KURISU, for a term to expire 6-30-2015

Chair & Committee Members:

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Personal Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Agriculture
April 12, 2012 at 2:45 p.m.
by
Dr. Sylvia Yuen

Chair Nishihara and Members of the Committee:

I am Sylvia Yuen, Interim Dean and Director of the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR) at the University of Hawai'i. This is personal testimony offered in strong support for GM 864, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee, Derek Kurisu, for a term to expire June 30, 2015. This testimony does not represent the position of the University of Hawai'i or CTAHR.

CTAHR is very grateful for the many contributions Derek has made to our college and university. We have had the honor of recognizing him as our 2002 Outstanding Alumnus, having received his degree in Agriculture from CTAHR. Derek has unselfishly served on the college's Board of Advisors for many years and continues to graciously entertain students, faculty and guests as the Master of Ceremonies at CTAHR's Annual Awards Banquet.

Derek is an excellent nominee for ADC's Board of Directors. His mantra of "making Hawai'i a better place for everyone" will serve as a useful compass for the discussions that come before the board. His innovations and extensive background in Hawai'i agriculture, food, manufacturing, education and communities will be invaluable to the board's deliberations.

Derek will lend his friendly leadership style and insightful business experience to the ADC board and offer thoughtful well-rounded perspectives.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

TESTIMONY OF JERI KAHANA

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

April 12, 2011

2:45 P.M.

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 864
RELATING TO CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE DEREK KURISU

Chairperson Nishihara and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message 864 relating to the consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee, Derek Kurisu.

I strongly support the confirmation of Derek Kurisu to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation. Mr. Kurisu has been a long-time advocate of Hawaii agriculture and had the opportunity to work with Mr. Kurisu on a number of projects to promote "Island Fresh" products, such as Island Fresh milk. He created the Mountain Apple brand for KTA Stores, used for only local agricultural and value added products. He has also featured farmers who produce these agricultural products in "Buy Local It Matters" events at the KTA store. He is very innovative, and creative and will be a great asset to the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Thank you for your consideration and the opportunity to testify.

Brian Miyamoto

APRIL 12, 2012

HEARING BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

TESTIMONY ON GM 864

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee, DEREK KURISU

Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Kahele, and Committee Members:

My name is Brian Miyamoto and I am writing in **strong support** for the confirmation of Derek Kurisu to the Agribusiness Development Corporation Board of Directors.

Mr. Kurisu is a strong leader and advocate for Hawaii's agriculture industry. As the Executive Vice President of KTA Super Stores he has opened new markets for Hawaii farmers and products, such as Pava juice, made with papayas and guavas that would have otherwise been wasted. A truly great achievement of Mr. Kurisu's was the creation of the Mountain Apple Brand product line which is carried throughout KTA Super Stores and markets more than 250 locally grown and produced products. Through the creation and marketing of this brand, market opportunities for small farmers and ranchers have been significantly expanded.

Mr. Kurisu is an active member of the community and continuously promotes agriculture programs in the schools to help educate our youth about the importance of agriculture and health. He has served on the University of Hawaii at Manoa College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources Board of Advisors, Hawaii Food Industry Association, East Hawaii Kiwanis, Hawai'i County Office of Aging and Community Voices Council, Public Health Nursing Hawaii Sector Advisory Board, University of Hawai'i at Hilo BS Nursing Program Advisory Board, UH Hilo Education Department Advisory Board, UH Hilo Business and Economics Advisory Board, and State of Hawai'i Department of Education Business Management Technology Advisory Board. He has been a key player in "Ag Day at the Capitol," an annual event held at the Hawai'i Legislature to promote the importance of agriculture to our state.

Mr. Kurisu's passion for and experience in the agriculture industry make him an ideal candidate to serve on the Agribusiness Development Corporation's Board of Directors. I am pleased to support the confirmation of Derek Kurisu. I hope that you will give Mr. Kurisu's confirmation to this position serious consideration.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony.

Written Statement of
YUKA NAGASHIMA
Executive Director & CEO
High Technology Development Corporation
and also as
Director
High Technology Development Corporation-Manufacturing Extension Partnership
before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
Thursday, April 12, 2012
2:45 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 229
In consideration of
GM 864 IN CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS OF THE AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, DEREK KURISU, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-
2015.

Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Kahele, and Members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture:

I am pleased to have the opportunity to **support the appointment** of Derek Kurisu to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Mr. Kurisu's understanding and support of Hawaii's farmers and food manufacturers is evident to all of his colleagues. In 2010, he was a keynote speaker at the Made in Kauai festival that the High Technology Development Corporation-Manufacturing Extension Partnership (HTDC-MEP) organized and sponsored. Here, our agency and our clients witnessed first hand how he leverages his extensive industry knowledge and experience to help Hawaii companies.

Raised in a sugar plantation town on the Hamakua coast, Mr. Kurisu has been intimately involved in Hawaii's agricultural scene throughout his life. After completing his Bachelor of Science in Agriculture degree at UH Manoa, Mr. Kurisu served on the retail side for nearly 40 years at KTA Super Stores, during which he became very aware of how Hawaii products enter and succeed in the marketplace. With this background, Mr. Kurisu founded the Mountain Apple Brand, a label involving nearly 300 food products and numerous business partnerships throughout the State.

As one of the primary goals of the Agribusiness Development Corporation is to leverage agricultural partnerships for the betterment of the Hawaii food crop industry, I could not think of a more fitting person to serve on your Board. I know that Mr. Kurisu has the knowledge, work ethic, and Aloha to enrich Hawaii's agricultural landscape.

The HTDC-MEP staff and I very much encourage his appointment and strongly support a favorable vote on his behalf.

Alan Takemoto
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April 12, 2012

Senate Committee on
Agriculture

Testimony in support of
GM 864
Derek Kurisu

Chair Nishihara and committee members:

My name is Alan Takemoto and I am in support of GM 864 – Derek Kurisu for your consideration and confirmation to the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC).

I believe Mr. Derek Kurisu will be an excellent nominee and member of the ADC. Derek has been one of the strongest advocates in the retail industry in supporting locally grown products at KTA Supermarkets. He was one of the first to promote locally grown products at KTA under a special label of Mountain Apple Brand, when others in the retail industry preferred going with the cheaper mainland products. Mr. Kurisu's foresight has other retailers now promoting locally grown products. He is a leader in the retail industry in promoting and marketing local products.

As a current ADC board member, I am excited to have Derek's insight and expertise as a marketer of locally grown products. ADC will benefit from his leadership as a local retailer purchasing local products as well as assist farmers and ranchers in their marketing efforts. He will definitely add to our goal of expanding Hawaii's agribusinesses.

I have worked with Derek Kurisu on agricultural issues and found him to be practical, fair and balanced. I am confident that he will be a great addition to the ADC.

I support and urge the passage of GM 864 for your confirmation of Mr. Derek Kurisu to the ADC. Thank you.

nishihara1 - Danille

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2012 11:32 AM
To: AGL Testimony
Cc: mnakahata@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for GM864 on 4/12/2012 2:45:00 PM

Testimony for AGL 4/12/2012 2:45:00 PM GM864

Conference room: 229
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Mae Nakahata
Organization: Individual
E-mail: mnakahata@gmail.com
Submitted on: 4/11/2012

Comments:

Derek's entrepreneurial attitude resulting in the expansion of the Mountain Apple Brand demonstrates his willingness to not only talk about increasing agricultural viability but to implement measures to make it happen. He will be a valuable addition to the Board of Agriculture.

nishihara1 - Danille

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Conference room: 229
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Warren Watanabe
Organization: Individual
E-mail: warrenmcfb@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 4/11/2012

Comments:

Mr. Kurisu will bring a passion to increase agricultural viability to discussions at the Board of Agriculture. Proactive directions vs. reactive stances is needed and Mr. Kurisu can provide the much needed energy. Please support the nomination of Mr. Kurisu to the Board of Agriculture.

nishihara1 - Danille

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Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2012 2:44 PM
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Conference room: 229
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Paul Kosasa
Organization: ABC Stores
E-mail: pkosasa@abcstores.com
Submitted on: 4/10/2012

Comments:

Both ABC Stores and I, individually, highly support the nomination of Derek Kurisu to the Board of Director of the Agribusiness Development Corporation. Our recommendation for this nomination comes with the highest regard for Mr. Kurisu and feel he is an excellent person for this position. Thank you for the opportunity to submit our recommendations.

nishihara1 - Danille

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Conference room: 229
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Wendy Fujio
Organization: Individual
E-mail: wfujio@abcstores.com
Submitted on: 4/10/2012

Comments:

I have personally known Mr. Derek Kurisu for a number of years, and I highly support the nomination of Derek Kurisu to the Board of Director of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

He is an excellent person for this position. Thank you for the opportunity to submit my recommendation.

nishihara1 - Danille

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Conference room: 229
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Wayne Katayama
Organization: Individual
E-mail: wlkata@hawaiiantel.net
Submitted on: 4/2/2012

Comments:
Strong Support - Derek has the needed experience and expertise to contribute to make ADC a better and more rounded agency.

nishihara1 - Danille

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Conference room: 229
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Yukio Kitagawa
Organization: Individual
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Submitted on: 4/9/2012

Comments:

TESTIMONY FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF DEREK KURISU AND LETITIA UYEHARA TO
THE ADC BOARD OF DIRECTORS - GM 864 and 865

Chairman Nishihara and Members of the Committee:

My name is Yukio Kitagawa and I am submitting this testimony to support the nominations of Derek Kurisu and Letitia Uyehara to the Board Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

I have known and worked with both individuals for many years and have come to respect their desires to develop the agricultural industry of Hawaii. Having served on the board myself, I have an understanding of the role the board in helping the industry and I believe both of them will contribute a lot towards fulfilling the mission of the board.

Both

come with different expertise which is good for the make-up of the board

but both have the passion to help the development of agriculture become more viable part in our economy.

The development of agriculture in the future, I believe, can be enhanced

with the partnership from the private sector, with the public sector and I am confident that these two individuals can help do this. Both have the vision of seeing the broader picture and this perspective which

is a vital element if ADC is to play a major role in the development of agriculture.

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, your favorable consideration will be greatly appreciated.