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Ms. Jeanette Nahinu



Re: Nomination to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission GM 870

Dear Ms. Nahinu:

Congratulations on being nominated by Governor Neil Abercrombie to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission. To assist the Senate with its confirmation process, I request that the following information be submitted to my office by **Monday, April 9, 2012**:

- (1) A resume with a list of references
- (2) A written statement that addresses the following questions:
  - (a) Why do you wish to be a commissioner of the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission?
  - (b) How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a commissioner of the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission, particularly in terms of your nomination by the Royal Order of Kamehameha I?
  - (c) Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a commissioner of the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise, or knowledge that would aid in your decision-making ability as a commissioner of the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.
  - (d) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?
  - (e) Name three qualities that best describe you and that would make you stand out. How would these qualities benefit the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission?

- (f) Name one previous experience that would make you stand out. How would this benefit the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission?
- (g) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission? How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest?

Your prompt response in providing the above information will ensure that the Senate confirmation process can proceed in a timely manner. The committee is scheduling your confirmation hearing on Wednesday, April 11, 2012 at 1:15pm in Conference Room 016. Please contact Doris Lam or Ashley Advincula, EDT Committee Clerk at 586-6890 if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,



Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chair  
Senate Economic Development Committee

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Senator Carol Fukunaga

Senate Economic Development Committee

Aloha Madam Chair;

This letter is in response to a letter from your office, received by me on  
April 5, 2012.

The following is my written statement regarding your questions;

Resume : Seeking opportunity to utilize my skills and knowledge in the  
Hawaiian community.

Experience; Being an active member of the Royal Society Daughters and Sons  
Hawaiian Warriors for several years .Presently serving as recording secretary.

I have been involved with participation in this past 3years in the KING  
Kamehameha Day Parade, Prince Kuhio Day parade,and observances at Mauna  
Ala Cemetery in Nuuanu.

Observing Ali'I Sundays at Kawaiha'o Church.

Volunteering for lei making and draping ceremonies at the King Kamehameha  
statue

Presently employed at Kapolei Elementary School as a Kupuna , previously at  
Waimanalo Elem. and Jefferson Elem Schools

[2] [A] I would like to ensure that the Commission carries out our traditional and proper protocol.

2[b] being an active member of Mamakakaua, has enabled me to deal with others in a positive manner, working with others and keeping an open mind

Being a Kupuna; teaching students about our culture has been rewarding experience.

[c] Sharing my knowledge of the Pa'u riders history with my peers

[d] To being instrumental in sharing in sharing and receiving knowledge that will have a positive impact amongst the Commissioners.

[e]1- dedication to do whatever it takes to get the job done

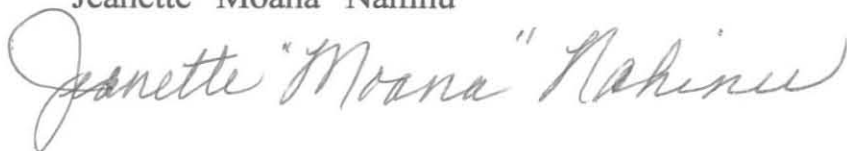
2-ability to work independently as well with others

3-willingness to expand and grow

[f] Although I have no previous experience that stands out, the experience that I have so far is the current mission that I am working on – my book on the history of the Pa'u riders. The reason it stands out ,is there are no prior books written about their history. This will bring interest to the general public as well to Hawaiians and their history.

Respectfully Submitted

Jeanette "Moana" Nahinu

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeanette 'Moana' Nahinu". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

**GM 870**

**Ms. Jeanette Nahinu**

King Kamehameha Celebration  
Commission

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TESTIMONY  
OF  
DEAN H. SEKI, ACTING COMPTROLLER  
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES  
TO THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE  
ON  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY  
ON  
April 11, 2012

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 870

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE KING  
KAMEHAMEHA CELEBRATION COMMISSION, JEANETTE NAHINU

Chair Fukunaga and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on G.M. 870. The Department of Accounting and General Services supports Ms. Jeanette Nahinu's confirmation to the Commission.

Section 8-5, HRS, requires that the Commission have at least one member from the Daughters and Sons of Hawaiian Warriors. Ms. Nahinu is a member of the Daughters and Sons of Hawaiian Warriors. Her appointment fulfills the statutory requirement for representation on the Commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

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**From:** Raynette Suganuma-Carlson [sugi.carlson@nhrcmalama.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 05, 2012 2:47 PM  
**To:** EDTTestimony  
**Subject:** Support Jeanette Nahinu

Senator Carol Fukunaga  
Senate Committee on Economic Development and Technology and Members

I am writing to express my unqualified support for the nomination of Jeanette Nahinu to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.

I have had the privilege of working closely with Jeanette Nahinu a member of Mamakakaua . Ms. Nahinu is resourceful, energetic and committed to accomplishing tasks; she is an absolute model of organization, drive and integrity. Ms. Nahinu commitment to fostering increased awareness and understanding of Hawai'i and the Hawaiian culture is steadfast, and she would be a great asset to the commission.

Please approve her nomination.

Senator Carol Fukunaga  
Senate Committee on Economic Development and Technology  
And Members

Ref: Hearing Wednesday, April 11, 2012 1:15 p.m. Conference Room 016  
GM 870 Jeanette Nahinu, King Kamehameha Celebration Commission

I am writing in unqualified support for the nomination of Jeanette Nahinu to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission for a term to expire 6-30-2015.

As the interim outgoing Commissioner representing the Daughters and Sons of Hawaiian Warriors-Mamakakaua, I looked for a member that had many years in the society and who had participated many years in some way with Kamehameha Day. Jeanette Nahinu eagerly and willingly stepped forward to represent our society.

Jeanette has kept the history and records of Mamakakaua. She has done research on pa'u riding and it's history. Her continuing interest in fostering increased awareness and understanding of the Hawaiian culture makes her an asset to this Commission. Having known and worked with her, I have found her reliable and dependable and that she would be an example representative for Mamakakaua.

Therefore, I would ask that you approve Jeanette Nahinu's nomination to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Lei Smythe  
Outgoing Commissioner