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The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
Chairperson, Senate Tourism Committee
Room 210
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hi. 96813

RE: Appointees to the Tourism Authority

This letter is in support of Jack Corteway, Lorrie Stone, Aaron Sala, Victor Kimura, and Michael Kobayashi to the Hawaii Tourism Authority. I have had the privilege of working with these individuals over the years and am confident that they will do a credible job in protecting and promoting our tourism industry.

Hawaii tourism is very important to our state's economic success. My sincere best wishes to the Hawaii Tourism Authority, under the leadership of Mike McCartney. They have a challenging job ahead of them.

Aloha Ke Akua,



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April 14, 2012

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Senator Donna Mercado Kim
Chairperson, Senate Committee on Tourism
The Senate
State Capital
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: Nomination of Victor Kimura to the Board of Directors Hawaii Tourism
Authority, Governors Nominee

Honorable Senator Kim,

I am submitting this testimony in favor of the nominee, Victor Kimura, to the Board of Directors Hawaii Tourism Authority. In my humble opinion, he is an excellent nominee and will do a great job if confirmed.

I know that Victor has the intelligence, knowledge, and experience to do the job but more important to me is that he has the heart to do the right job for all the citizens of Hawaii.

I have known Victor for at least 8 years, working with him on construction projects for Kyoya and also on projects with many non-profit entities that benefit the community. He has been tremendously giving. I worked with him on just a couple of his many community projects; for the Kalihi YMCA where I serve as a Board Director, he has been instrumental for our fundraising and for the Honolulu Firefighters Foundation where I serve as the Secretary, he is the founder and driving force behind the effort to support our firefighters.

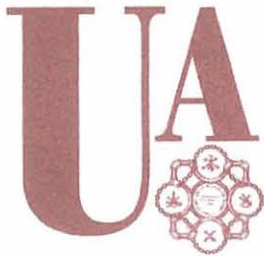
I have found that whatever Victor does, whether for work, community work, family or friends, he does it 1000%.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this nominee.

Yours truly,



Dennis Enomoto



PLUMBERS AND FITTERS LOCAL 675 UNITED ASSOCIATION



April 13, 2012
Committee on Tourism
Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair
Senator Ronald Kouchi, Vice-Chair
Monday, April 16, 2012
2 PM, Conference room 224

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Re: GM 912, Submitting for the consideration and conformation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, Victor Kimura, for a term to expire 6-30-14.

Aloha Chair Mercado Kim and Vice-Chair Kouchi and Members of the Committee,

My name is **Reginald Castanares Jr.**, Business Manager of the Plumbers and Fitters, Local 675. I represent a membership of 1300 active members and about 600 retirees throughout the State of Hawai'i and abroad.

I **support** the nomination of Mr. **Victor Kimura** to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority, GM912.

Mr. Kimura has hands on experience in many aspects of the tourist and hospitality industry. He has been involved in Operations, Management, Sales and Marketing of the Sheraton Hotel. As the former Divisional Director of Sales for the Asia Pacific Division, he helped to develop the basic infrastructure for tourism models for markets in many Pacific Rim Countries.

Mr. Kimura is Vice-President for Asia Pacific of ITT Sheraton Hotels. He is actively involved with the outreach to Far East business, Governments and other entities to help increase our market share as a tourist destination.

I believe that Mr. Kimura with his experience and understanding of a global perspective with the relationships he has developed would be an important voice on the Hawai'i Tourism Authority.

I therefore ask for your favorable consideration and confirmation of Mr. Victor Kimura, to the Board of Directors to the Hawai'i Tourism Authority, GM912.

Thank you this opportunity to testify.

Reginald Castanares Jr., Business Manager