



"TOO GOOD TO MISS"

April 10, 2012

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing as a character reference and endorsement for Mr. Michael Kobayashi, who is applying for a position on the Board of the Hawaii Tourism Authority.

I became acquainted with Mike upon my entry into the travel industry approximately 25 years ago. Throughout the years, as I've had the opportunity to work with him, I've come to know and admire his understanding of the travel industry as well as his character and principles.

He is currently the Treasurer of the Hawaii Travel Executives Golf Club, a position in leadership that has enabled me to get to know him as a co-worker as well. He had demonstrated a high level of integrity, common sense, and his work ethics are admirable.

He's proven to be reliable and can be counted on to do whatever is necessary to ensure every project runs smoothly and efficiently. I have never had any cause to question his honesty or the nature of his decisions. I believe his biggest asset is his ability to look at the "big" picture and determine what's necessary to ensure the successful outcome of that project, no matter how difficult the decision may be.

As such, I believe that Mike is highly qualified, able to attend to the responsibilities and make the decisions required of this position. As such, I place my full confidence and support behind his application.

If you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (808) 947-1244 extension 102. Unless I am away on locations, I can be reached at this number Monday through Fridays from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm

Mahalo,

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**From:** Ron Takeuchi [rontakeuchi@aol.com]  
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To: The Senate, The Twenty-Sixth Legislature  
Committee on Tourism; Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair; Senator Ronald D. Kouchi, Vice-Chair

We humbly ask for your consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Tourism Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, Michael Kobayashi, for a term to expire 6-30-2014.

Mahalo for your kind support.

*# Support*

Sincerely,

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