

GM521

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Real Estate Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, SCOTT ARAKAKI, for a term to expire 6-30-2016.

Report Title: Real Estate Commission

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**PRESENTATION OF THE
REAL ESTATE COMMISSION**

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2013

Wednesday, February 27, 2013
10:00 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 521.

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Neil Fujitani and I am the Supervising Executive Officer for the Real Estate Commission, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 521, regarding the appointment of Scott Arakaki to the Real Estate Commission ("Commission"). The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Arakaki's appointment to the Commission.

Mr. Arakaki has served on the Commission as an interim member since August 1, 2012 and is being appointed as a County of Honolulu public member.

Since his interim appointment his attendance at the Commission meetings has been excellent. He comes prepared for each meeting and has demonstrated his knowledge of the laws and rules affecting the Commission's work.

The Department supports the confirmation of Scott Arakaki to the Real Estate Commission and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

February 22, 2013

To: The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
The Honorable Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

Fr: Mario R. Ramil
94-1150 Moololelo Street
Waipahu, Hawaii 96797

SUPPORT

Re: **February 27, 2013, 10:00 A.M., SCOTT ARAKAKI, Real Estate Commission, GM 521, Testimony for Advise and Consent**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of the confirmation of Scott Arakaki as a member of the Real Estate Commission. Because Scott Arakaki served as my Law Clerk at the Hawaii Supreme Court in the mid 1990s, it gives me great pleasure and pride to submit this letter of support.

Generally, the purpose of the Commission is to promote the advancement of education and research in the field of real estate for the benefit and protection of the general public. Given his experience, leadership skills, and his character traits, Scott will make great contributions to the State through the Real Estate Commission.

First, Scott has extensive experience with many types of real property matters, including real property transactions, licensing issues, accommodation issues involving Americans with Disabilities Act, and commercial and residential landlord-tenant disputes. In addition, Scott has published a number of articles pertaining to Real Estate and presently is a Certified Real Estate Instructor for Realtors.

Second, Scott is a "people person" who is very much involve (mostly in leadership roles) with many community organizations. For example, Scott served as the Secretary and on the Board of Directors for

the Hawaii Imin Shiryo Hozon Kai (a Hawaii Japanese Immigrant Preservation Association). In addition, Scott, from 2004 to 2011, served on the Board of Directors for the Filipino Community Center, Inc.

Thirdly, I have known Scott since he served as my Law Clerk at the Hawaii Supreme Court in 1996. I know him to be a hard worker, highly organized in his work, and a dedicated and loyal person. I am fortunate that he continued our relationship and today I am Of Counsel to his law firm – Badger Arakaki.

In view of the above, I highly recommend your favorable consideration of Mr. Scott Arakaki's nomination as a member of the Hawaii Real Estate Commission. He is a person who will provide a vision and energy to the Commission.

Thank you for your consideration, and I respectfully urge your Committee's support to confirm his nomination.

Mario R. Ramil

February 21, 2013

To: The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
The Honorable Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer
Protection

From: Nikki Senter, Chair
State of Hawaii Real Estate Commission

Re: GM521; Testimony in **Support** of the Confirmation of Gubernatorial
Nominee, SCOTT ARAKAKI as a Commissioner for the Real Estate
Commission.
February 27, 2013 at 10:00 a.m., Conference Room: 229

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Galuteria and Members of the Committee:

I am very pleased to submit this letter in support of the confirmation of Scott C. Arakaki, Esq. as a commissioner on the Real Estate Commission. Although Scott has been serving as an interim Commissioner for only a few months, I was immediately and indelibly impressed by his understanding of the issues, sense of fairness and dedication to the goals of the Commission. Mr. Arakaki also has experience in real estate litigation, real estate salesperson and broker laws, and property and condo management issues. He represents both consumers and licensees in these areas.

For the reasons above, I respectfully urge your Committee's support to confirm Mr. Arakaki's seat on the Real Estate Commission. Thank you for your time and consideration.

February 21, 2013

To: The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
The Honorable Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer
Protection

From: Walter Harvey, Education Review Committee Chair
State of Hawaii Real Estate Commission

Re: GM521; Testimony in **Support** of the Confirmation of Gubernatorial
Nominee, SCOTT ARAKAKI as a Commissioner for the Real Estate
Commission.
February 27, 2013 at 10:00 a.m., Conference Room: 229

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Galuteria and Members of the Committee:

I'm submitting this letter in support of the confirmation of Scott C. Arakaki, Esq. as a commissioner on the Real Estate Commission. Scott's service as an interim Commissioner has been brief yet his legal experience in real estate litigation has added greatly to our discussions of the issues that have come before us. Equally important is that Scott does his "homework" and comes to our meetings prepared.

In my humble opinion, Scott is an asset to the Commission and I respectfully urge your Committee's support to confirm Scott's appointment. Thank you for your time and consideration.

February 24th, 2013

To: The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
The Honorable Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer
Protection

From: Scott A Sherley
State of Hawaii Real Estate Commission, Island of Hawaii

Re: GM521; Testimony in **Support** of the Confirmation of Gubernatorial
Nominee, SCOTT ARAKAKI as a Commissioner for the Real Estate
Commission.
February 27, 2013 at 10:00 a.m., Conference Room: 229

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Galuteria and Members of the Committee:

I am very pleased to submit this letter in support of the confirmation of Scott C. Arakaki, Esq. as a commissioner on the Real Estate Commission. It has been my honor and privilege to have worked with Mr. Arakaki over the last few months. His attention to detail and the Real Estate Laws are a welcome addition to the Hawaii Real Estate Commission. Mr. Arakaki also has experience in real estate litigation, real estate salesperson and broker laws, and property and condo management issues. He represents both consumers and licensees in these areas.

For the reasons above, I respectfully urge your Committee's support to confirm Mr. Arakaki's seat on the Real Estate Commission. Thank you for your time and consideration.

February 22, 2013

To: The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
The Honorable Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer
Protection

From: Frances T. Gendrano, Commissioner
Chair of Laws and Rules Committee
State of Hawaii Real Estate Commission

Re: GM521; Testimony in **Support** of the Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee,
SCOTT ARAKAKI as a Commissioner for the Real Estate Commission.
February 27, 2013 at 10:00 a.m., Conference Room: 229

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Galuteria and Members of the Committee:

I am very pleased to submit this letter in support of the confirmation of Scott C. Arakaki, Esq. as a commissioner on the Real Estate Commission. Although Scott has been serving as an interim Commissioner for only a few months, he has already proven himself an asset to our Board. His law practice gives him a good overall background of different issues and he is very knowledgeable in certain areas including property management and license laws. Scott asks a lot of questions that allow the board to look and think about matters from different perspectives which is very valuable. I also believe he has a good sense of balance and fairness that guide his decision making, which will continue to uphold the Commission's role in our industry.

For the reasons above, I respectfully urge your Committee's support to confirm Mr. Arakaki's seat on the Real Estate Commission. Thank you for your time and consideration.

February 25, 2013

Honorable Chair Rosalyn H. Baker
Senate Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 230
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: GM 521 - Testimony in Strong Support of the Nomination of Mr. Scott C. Arakaki to the Real Estate Commission

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Galuteria, and Members of the Senate Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee:

I submit my testimony in strong support of the nomination of Mr. Scott C. Arakaki to the Real Estate Commission. I have known Scott both in a personal and professional capacity for over twenty-one (21) years, and it is from this vantage point that I am able to offer my unequivocal support for his nomination.

Scott is extremely well qualified to serve on the Real Estate Commission. He offers a rare blend of outstanding character, leadership, intelligence, and legal acumen that is firmly grounded in integrity, practicality, and compassion. Scott possesses the expertise, judgment, and temperament that would serve the Commission well.

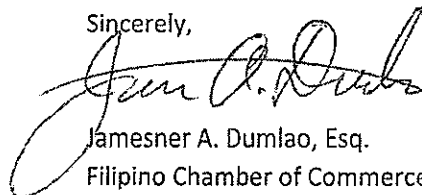
I have known Scott since he was a law student at the University of Notre Dame. Since his graduation, he served as a law clerk to judges on the Hawaii Supreme Court and the Intermediate Court of Appeals. He went on to distinguish himself as a seasoned litigator with a particular focus on resolving real estate and commercial disputes. Now, he is a successful partner in the law firm of Badger Arakaki, a firm that he co-founded.

Equally impressive is how Scott has enriched our community with his leadership outside of the courtroom. In 2003, Scott served as President of the Honolulu Filipino Junior Chamber of Commerce. From 2004 to 2011, he served as a Director of the Filipino Community Center. Since 2011, he has served as the Chair of the Filipino Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii's Scholarship Golf Tournament that has raised thousands of dollars in scholarship funds for deserving college-bound students.

I am proud to be Scott's colleague in the legal profession, but consider myself even more fortunate to know him as a friend and trusted advisor.

For all the reasons discussed above, I strongly urge you to support the nomination of Mr. Scott C. Arakaki to the Real Estate Commission. I would be extremely hard-pressed to name anyone better qualified to serve the State in this important capacity.

Sincerely,



Jamesner A. Dumlaog, Esq.
Filipino Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii
Past President 2010-11

February 25, 2013

The Honorable Rosalyn Baker, Chair
The Honorable Brickwood Galuteria , Vice Chair
and Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Senate Chamber
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Subject: **GM 521 Relating to the State of Hawaii Real Estate Commission**

My name is Randy Cortez, President of JCI Hawaii Filipino Junior Chamber. Our organization's mission is to empower young active citizens with developmental opportunities to create positive change and perpetuate the local Filipino heritage. We strongly support GM 521, in particular Scott Arakaki's nomination to the State of Hawaii Real Estate Commission.

As a prominent partner and attorney with the law firm Badger Arakaki, Scott Arakaki possesses the necessary expertise and skills to serve on the Real Estate Commission. His legal specialties cover commercial, real estate, construction, as well as personal injury litigation. Furthermore, he is equally adept in business law, commercial and real estate transactions, and collection law.

Mr. Arakaki is a caring and passionate individual who prioritizes community service through his membership in various organizations such as his past membership with the JCI Hawaii Filipino Junior Chamber a.k.a the Filipino Jaycees. He served as the organizations' past President and also its Legal Counsel. Recently, Mr. Arakaki was awarded a coveted Ambassadorship via the Filipino Jaycees' annual Night of Honor. As a matter of fact, the Ambassadorship is representative of an individual's outstanding service, involvement, and commitment to the community throughout their years of service as a Jaycee. Individuals of this caliber are held in high distinction and widely recognized for their numerous contributions to the community. Without a doubt, Mr. Arakaki, if confirmed for this appointment, will prioritize the community in every endeavor he encounters through the Real Estate Commission. His guiding philosophy centers on what is best for the entire community.

I humbly ask that you strongly consider Scott Arakaki's nomination to the Real Estate Commission. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Randy Cortez

RANDY CORTEZ
President
JCI-Hawaii Filipino Junior Chamber
www.fjchamber.org

To whom it may concern:

I support the nomination of Scott Arakaki to the Real Estate Commission. He is an active and a member in good standing of the Filipino Chamber of Commerce. He chaired a successful Golf tourney for the last 2 years. He also assisted in reviewing and drafting some of our Commercial Real estate leases. I find him sincere, ethical and amicable. Thank you for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,
Vanessa Kop (B)
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Senator Rosaland Baker
Chairwoman, Senate Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee
Senate District 6
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 230
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Scott C. Arakaki's nomination to the Real Estate Commission

Dear Honorable Baker:

Please vote to confirm Governor Abercrombie's appointment of Scott C. Arakaki as a Real Estate Commissioner.

I have known Mr. Arakaki for over twenty years. During that time, he has demonstrated a high level of personal and professional integrity, has developed an encyclopedic knowledge of Hawaii's real estate laws, and has deepened his heartfelt commitment to serving the people of this state.

The Real Estate Commission and the people of Hawaii will benefit from Mr. Arakaki's high ethical standards and commitment to public service. I endorse him without hesitation or qualification, and urge you to do the same.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Badger

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February 26, 2013

VIA FACSIMILE

Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Hawaii State Senate
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Room 229
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: **Governor's Message No. 531**
SCOTT ARAKAKI, nomination to the **Real Estate Commission**
Hearing Set for Wednesday, February 27, 2013, 10:00AM, Conference
Room 229

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Galuteria, and Members:

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Galuteria, and members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, I submit the following testimony in **strong support** of the nomination of Scott Arakaki to the Real Estate Commission. I have known Scott Arakaki for more than ten years, and I cannot say enough about him or his professionalism, diverse experience and knowledge, commitment to public service, steady temperament, and good-natured ability to work well with others.

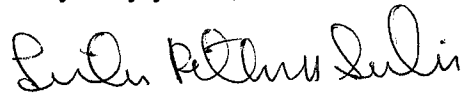
I first met Scott when we were on the board of directors of the Young Lawyers Division of the Hawaii State Bar Association together ten years ago. Scott was always willing to do more than his share of work on public service projects, giving members of the public understandable and commonsense resolutions to, among other things, their real property-related problems and disputes during events where the YLD provided in-person free legal services to the community. He was always good-natured and a pleasure to work with.

Since that time, I have also come to know Scott professionally, when I co-counseled with him in real property-related matters and then later, when I had the

opportunity to perform contract legal work for his law firm, Badger Arakaki, LLLC, where he concentrates his practice in commercial, real estate, construction, and real estate transactions and collection law. Working with him was always a pleasure, and I learned a tremendous amount during that time because of Scott's familiarity with and depth of knowledge in so many property-related legal areas. Although I have since gone to work for another law firm, Scott is still "go to" person for me when I want to talk through complex issues involving my own clients. And he is so generous with his time that he still answers those calls.

Based on my personal and professional experience with Scott, I know that he will be a terrific addition to the Real Estate Commission. His broad-based familiarity with depth of knowledge in many different areas of real estate and real property law, as well as his good-natured manner and ability to work with many different types of people will make him an asset.

Very truly yours,



Leila M. Rothwell Sullivan

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February 25, 2013

Consumer Protection Committee
Hawaii State Real Estate Commission

Aloha Committee Members,

My name is Joycelyn Banas. I am a Realtor with Marcus & Associates, Inc. I am writing to support the nomination of Scott C. Arakaki to the Real Estate Commission.

I met Scott over a dozen years ago when I was active with the Honolulu Filipino Junior Chamber of Commerce. When Scott became President, he succeeded in not just maintaining, but increasing membership during his tenure. He also set a great example of being active in the community and thereby increasing the public's awareness of our organization and its contributions to the larger society.

Scott's continued success and drive is evidenced by his thriving law practice. In recent years, I have come to appreciate not only his obvious expertise but also his willingness to help. You can count on Scott to answer a question or point you in the right direction if he feels he can't answer you adequately. He does this without expectation of compensation.

By having Scott on the Commission, you will have the benefit of his legal acumen. You will also find that his diplomatic and pragmatic approach to resolving questions a great balance to otherwise "heated" discussions.

You can be sure that your support of his nomination is in the best interests of the public.

Sincerely,

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February 21, 2013

Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair
Commerce and Consumer Protection
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SUBJECT: GM521
Real Estate Commission

Dear Senator Baker:

This letter asks for your support and affirmative action in the appointment of Scott Arakaki to the Real Estate Commission for the State of Hawaii.

As a fellow commissioner, I have witnessed the talents Scott brings to the commission during the brief interim period which he has served. His commitment to education and his broad experiences in his field as an attorney has been an asset to the commission. His decisiveness based on his knowledge has been beneficial as well. It is the composition as a whole with individuals such as Scott that reinforces our ability to meet our mission.

Your support and vote of approval will certainly be part of the positive outcomes in addressing the issues of the real estate industry.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rowena B. Cobb", written over a horizontal line.

Rowena B. Cobb
Commissioner-Kauai

BRANDON TRINIDAD DELA CRUZ

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February 25, 2013

Senator Baker (Chair) & Members
Committee on Consumer Protection
Hawaii State Senate

Dear Chairwoman Baker:

In reference to GM521, it is with great honor and pleasure that I provide testimony in support of Mr. Scott Arakaki's nomination to the Hawaii State Real Estate Commission.


I have known Mr. Arakaki for over a decade, working together with him in a variety of capacities for Hawaii's community. I have always admired Mr. Arakaki's dedication, honesty, and integrity in which he conducts himself in everything that he does. Many organizations including the Hawaii State Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Filipino Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii have benefitted tremendously through Mr. Arakaki's leadership and contributions over the years.

In his capacity as an instructor of the Eddie Flores School of Real Estate Continuing Education, Mr. Arakaki has educated thousands of licensed Realtors about the legal intricacies of the profession. As a licensed Realtor-Associate in the State of Hawaii, I have had the privilege of learning from his extensive experience as a real estate attorney where he provided very detailed information in a very approachably understandable way.

The combination of Mr. Arakaki's heart for the community and knowledge of Hawaii's real estate landscape will be a tremendous benefit to our state. I fully and wholeheartedly support Mr. Arakaki and his nomination to the Hawaii State Real Estate Commission.

Feel free to contact me if you have any additional questions at (808) 389-0517 or brandondelacruz@gmail.com.

Mahalo,



Brandon Trinidad Dela Cruz
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February 26, 2013

The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
The Honorable Brian Taniguchi, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

Regarding: GM521, Testimony in Support of the Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee,
Scott C. Arakaki, Esq. for Real Estate Commission
February 27, 2013 at 10:00AM

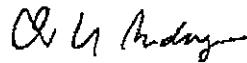
Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Taniguchi, & Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of the appointment of Scott Arakaki, Esq. to the Real Estate Commission. I believe that he is an excellent choice and will serve the public well. He brings to the commission experience as a certified real estate continuing education instructor and experience as an attorney specializing in real estate litigation and transactions. His technical knowledge and expertise in these aspects of real estate activity will serve the commission well.

Although I am not familiar with Mr. Arakaki on a personal level, in all of my academic dealings as a fellow instructor at the Eddic Flores Continuing Education Real Estate School he has been honest, forthright, responsible, and hard working.

I strongly support confirmation of Mr. Arakaki's appointment to the Real Estate Commission.

Sincerely,



Wayne Y. Sadoyama
Vice President

February 21, 2013

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chairperson
Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara
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Subject: Nomination of Scott C. Arakaki to the Real Estate Commission

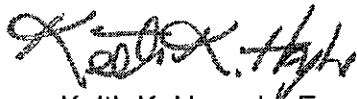
Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection:

I would like to take this opportunity to recommend Scott C. Arakaki for the nomination of Real Estate Commissioner. I have known Mr. Arakaki for over 20 years as coworker, colleague, and friend. I initially met Mr. Arakaki while we worked at the Hawaii Supreme Court as law clerks to Associate Justice Mario Ramil. During our time together, I have gained respect and trust for Mr. Arakaki as an outstanding member of the community. I personally know that he possess the experience, skills and integrity to be a member of the Real Estate Commission.

Accordingly, it is my distinct privilege to endorse Mr. Arakaki and recommend that he be appointed to the Real Estate Commission by your committee.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you should have any questions.

Sincerely,



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February 21, 2013

Senator Rosalyn Baker
Committee Chair
Consumer Protection
Hawai'i State Senate
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: GM521

Dear Senator Rosalyn,

I wholeheartedly support the nomination of Scott C. Arakaki to the State of Hawai'i Real Estate Commission. I have had the pleasure of working with Mr. Arakaki on the Hozon Kai Board of Directors. He serves as our Secretary and at all times has been conscientious, thoughtful, and professional. His addition to the Commission will benefit the people of Hawai'i.

Sincerely,

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February 21, 2013

Senator Rosalyn Baker
Consumer Protection Committee Chair
Hawaii State Capital, Room 230
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In re: GM521
Real Estate Commission nominee Scott Arakaki

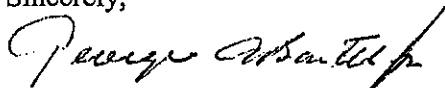
Dear Madam Chair:

I am the current President of the Hawaii United Okinawa Association (HUOA), and a past president of the Oroku Aza Jin Club, which is one of 49 member clubs that comprise of the Board of Directors of the HUOA and its membership. I have known Scott Arakaki as both an active member in the Okinawan organizations and a friend for many years. Scott is a Vice President of the Oroku Aza Jin Club for 2013 and a member of the legal committee of the HUOA.

Scott Arakaki would be tremendous asset to the Real Estate Commission or to any organization that is able to garner his services and support. He has a keen knowledge of the law, has an ability to work in a cohesive manor with all, and most importantly always comes prepared and responds in an utmost timely manor. The combination of these characteristics make Scott Arakaki an excellent nominee as a board member of the Real Estate Commission. These characteristics were also used to describe Scott Arakaki by another member of the legal bar who recommended to the HUOA Executive Committee that Scott Arakaki be asked to join the legal committee of HUOA.

Having worked with Scott on multiple projects and a personal friend for many years, I would also like to add that his humility and balance in his family life, work and community services also make him an excellent nominee. If I can be of further assistance or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



George A. Bartels Jr.

GM521

Submitted on: 2/26/2013

Testimony for CPN on Feb 27, 2013 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ronald Gregorio	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Feb. 26, 2013 Dear Sir or Madam, I am providing this testimony in support of Scott Arakaki's nomination to the Real Estate Commission for the State of Hawaii. I have known Scott for 10 years and have witnessed his outstanding service to the community, in particular to the Filipino-American community. He has served as president of the Honolulu-Filipino Junior Chamber of Commerce and has served in the board of both the FilCom Center and the Filipino Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii. He is also a dedicated and outstanding lawyer committed to his clients and his various causes. I also see him as a caring family man and a good friend. I believe that he would make an excellent member of the Real Estate Commission. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions. Sincerely yours, Ronald R. Gregorio 95-1033 Kuauli St., #84 Mililani, HI 96789 Tel (808) 387-2846

GM521

Submitted on: 2/21/2013

Testimony for CPN on Feb 27, 2013 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bruce R. Faulkner	Individual	Support	No

Comments: February 21, 2013 To: The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair The Honorable Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection From: Bruce R. Faulkner State of Hawaii Real Estate Commission Re: GM521; Testimony in Support of the Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee, SCOTT ARAKAKI as a Commissioner for the Real Estate Commission. February 27, 2013 at 10:00 a.m., Conference Room: 229 Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Galuteria and Members of the Committee: I would like you to know of my support of the confirmation of Scott C. Arakaki, Esq. as a commissioner on the Real Estate Commission. I realize that Scott has been serving as an interim Commissioner for only a few months. However I have come to appreciate the common sense and practical approach style he brings to the table. He has show that his background in the real estate field as well as law is a great foundation for the tasks which the commission is responsible for undertaking. For the reasons above, I would appreciate your Committee's support to confirm Mr. Arakaki's seat on the Real Estate Commission. I look forward to continuing our work with Mr. Arakaki in the future. Mahalo for your time & serious consideration with regard to his confirmation!

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Submitted on: 2/25/2013

Testimony for CPN on Feb 27, 2013 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Matthew Casamina	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support Mr. Scott Arakaki in his nomination to serve the State of Hawaii as a Real Estate Commissioner.

February 25, 2013

TESTIMONY OF SCOTT C. ARAKAKI, ESQ.

TO THE STATE OF HAWAII, SENATE COMMITTEE ON
COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 521

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Galuteria, and Members of the Committee Commerce and Consumer Protection:

My name is Scott C. Arakaki, Esq., and I submit my testimony for consideration and confirmation to the Real Estate Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, SCOTT C. ARAKAKI, for a term to expire June 30, 2016.

To begin, I would like to thank Chair Banker, Vice Chair Galuteria, and Members of the Committee for holding this hearing and giving me this opportunity to testify.

I also want to thank my family, friends, mentors, and colleagues, who are here this morning and those who wish they could have been here but could not. In addition, I would like to thank those who have submitted written testimony in support of my nomination. Without their support, I would not be where I am today.

In addition, I would like to thank Real Estate Commission Chair Nikki Senter, Esq., my fellow commissioners, and the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Real Estate Commission, who have submitted supporting testimony. I have served on the Commission for a few months as an interim member and feel honored to work with my distinguished fellow Commissioners and with the hard working and well-organized staff of the Commission.

Lastly, I want to thank Governor Neil Abercrombie for his confidence in me. I am humbled by this opportunity and possibility to serve the State of Hawaii.

I have been asked why do I wish to be a member of the Real Estate Commission. My response is that I love real estate law, enjoy helping the public and licensees, and believe that it is an honor and a privilege to serve on the Real Estate Commission.

I also have a great respect for Hawaii real estate licensees and their desire to maintain high degree of professionalism in the industry. I know this because I have been a certified continuing education real estate instructor for years and taught hundreds of licensees about the changes in Hawaii's real estate and related laws and about various real-estate related subjects from Hawaii's real estate brokers and salespersons laws, discrimination laws, property management issues, and to tips on how to avoid real estate fraud.

In addition to my instructor background, I hope to bring to the Commission my over seventeen (17) years of legal experience. Presently, I am Hawaii licensed attorney and a Member of Badger Arakaki, LLLC. My practice includes mostly real estate litigation and some real estate transactional matters. In particular, I have represented and do represent consumers in real estate transactions who have sustained damages as a result of breaches of contracts, negligence, and

sometimes intentional and willful misconduct. With my litigation experience, I believe that I can assist the Commission in evaluating evidence and applying Hawaii's laws and in making fair and just practical decisions consistent with the law, the goals of the Commission, and protection of Hawaii's consumer.

In closing, I would like to thank this Committee again for scheduling this hearing and considering my nomination. If confirmed, it would be my honor to serve on the Commission, and I promise to do my best as I believe that the Commission serves an important role for the public, the licensees, and Hawaii's consumers.

I look forward to any questions that the Committee may have.