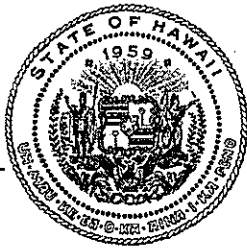


GM522

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee, LEILANI PULMANO, for a term to expire 6-30-2016.



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Statement of
Richard C. Lim
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before the

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND HOUSING**

Wednesday, March 13, 2013
at 3:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Room 016

In consideration of
G.M. 522

**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS OF THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, LEILANI PULMANO, FOR A TERM
TO EXPIRE 6-30-2016.**

Chair Dela Cruz, and Members of the Senate Committee on Economic
Development, Government Operations and Housing.

DBEDT supports the nomination of Leilani Pulmano as the Maui representative
to the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC) Board.

Ms. Pulmano is very qualified to serve on the HHFDC Board due to her expertise
in land use planning, community design, and permitting experience, and the
development and construction processes. Her current position in large-scale project
management with Munekiyo & Hiraga, Inc., and prior experience with residential and
mixed-use development with Kapalua Land Company, Ltd., will provide needed
guidance to HHFDC staff in reviewing project applications and in setting Board policies.

DBEDT respectfully requests that the Committee support Ms. Pulmano's
nomination. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Statement of
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The Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation Board of Directors **strongly supports** the nomination of Leilani Pulmano as the Maui representative to the HHFDC Board.

Ms. Pulmano has extensive land use planning, community design, and permitting experience, and understands the development and construction processes. Both her current work in large-scale project management with Munekiyo & Hiraga, Inc., and prior experience with residential and mixed-use development with Kapalua Land Company, Ltd. will be invaluable to the Board in establishing policies and providing guidance to staff in these areas. She is well qualified to serve on the HHFDC Board.

The HHFDC Board of Directors respectfully requests that the Committee support Ms. Pulmano's nomination.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



February 28, 2013

The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim, Senate President
And Members of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senate President Kim and Members of the Senate,

I am writing to you as a personal friend and business associate of Ms. Leilani Pulmano who is subject to confirmation of her appointment by Governor Abercrombie to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation.

I have known Ms. Pulmano for eight years and fully support her nomination. In the past eight years, I have witnessed firsthand Leilani's commitment to the people of Hawaii. Leilani has worked tirelessly on several affordable housing projects in West Maui. She understands the industry and challenges involved with providing affordable housing in our state. Leilani is a person of high integrity and moral character.

Leilani has developed strong relationships with many decision makers in our community. She is well respected in our community not only for her business experience but also for her commitment to the betterment of our community as evidenced by her many volunteer involvements such as Lahaina Bypass Now, Lahaina Restoration Foundation and Ka Ipu Kukui.

I strongly support Ms. Pulmano's nomination to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation, and feel the State would benefit greatly by this appointment.

Sincerely,

Kalani Ho-Nikaido
Vice President

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Chairman Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing
And Committee Members
Senatorial District 22
State Capitol, Room 202
Honolulu, HI 96813

March 11, 2013

RE: Ms. Leilani Pulmano's Nomination to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Housing
Finance and Development Corporation

Dear Senators:

I was pleased to learn that Leilani Pulmano has been nominated by Governor Abercrombie to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation. I am writing to you as a personal friend and business associate of Ms. Pulmano, who over the years has shown herself to be a person of high integrity and moral character.

I had the pleasure of working with Ms. Pulmano for many years in the Community Development Division of Maui Land & Pineapple Company, Inc. Ms. Pulmano was widely recognized within our division for her expertise and knowledge regarding finance, planning, and development of affordable housing projects. Additionally, I had the opportunity to work with Ms. Pulmano in the capacity of a consultant when her firm, Munekiyo & Hiraga, was hired to manage several planning and permitting projects for Maui Land & Pineapple Company. Ms. Pulmano is very professional and accomplished, with an innate ability to implement improvements and long term efficiencies in any process.

Ms. Pulmano was selected through a competitive application process to participate in the Ka Ipu Kukui Fellowship, and graduated from the year long leadership program in 2009. The Ka Ipu Kukui program is designed to train community-identified future leaders, and fosters leadership that thrives in a culture of diversity. Ms. Pulmano set an example for others in her class; she is well respected in our community and understands the challenges and opportunities we face as an island state.

I feel that the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation would truly benefit from an appointment of Ms. Pulmano to the Board of Directors, and I strongly support her nomination.

Sincerely,

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March 12, 2013

The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
and Committee Members
Senate Committee on Economic Development,
Government Operations and Housing
Conference Room 16
Hawai'i State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Senator Dela Cruz and Committee Members of the Senate:

Subject: Confirmation of Ms. Leilani Pulmano to the Board of Directors of the
Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation

This letter is to express my strong support for Ms. Leilani Pulmano's confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC).

Ms. Pulmano and I first met in early 2006 when I moved to Maui and began work at Maui Land & Pineapple Co., Inc. (ML&P). As part of the community development team, we worked on ML&P's Pulelehua and Halimaile projects. It is on the Pulelehua project that Leilani first exhibited to me her endless energy, organizational skills, ability to share her ideas and inquisitive nature that have and will continue to serve her well in any capacity she takes on.

From my observation, Ms. Pulmano is very driven toward improving our communities. Her commitment is evident in what she brings to the table with her diverse background and ability to comprehend various situations. Having worked at the then Housing Finance and Development Corporation in the early 1990's and now HHFDC, I know that Ms. Pulmano will bring her experiences and understanding from various planning and development projects that she has been involved in and apply them toward the challenges and opportunities facing HHFDC and its various programs.

Thus, it is without reservation that I support Ms. Pulmano's confirmation. She will bring the right spirit to the decision making process and will be a tremendous asset to the HHFDC board and the State of Hawai'i.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



Michele Otake, AIA, CCIM

C. Miki Yokouchi
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Kula, Maui 96790

March 11, 2013

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz
Chairman Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing Committee
Senatorial District 22
Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 16
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Dela Cruz,

I am writing to you as a personal friend of Leilani Pulmano who is subject to confirmation of her appointment by Governor Abercrombie to the position of Board of Director of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation. I have known Ms. Pulmano for a number of years and support the nomination for the position. Over the years, she has shown me to be a person of high integrity and moral character. She has many years of experience in planning and project management and has contributed much to the community through her time and involvement with non-profit organizations.

I believe that the Department and State would truly benefit from an appointment of Ms. Pulmano to the position.

Very truly yours,



C. Miki Yokouchi

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ATTENTION: COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND HOUSING

RE: GM522 – SUPPORT TESTIMONY - Confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee, LEILANI PULMANO

Dear Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair:

Please accept my letter of support for Ms. Leilani Pulmano's confirmation to the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation. As demonstrated to me by having worked with her as a peer Development Coordinator at Maui Land & Pineapple on residential development projects and now in my current capacity as the Director of Enterprise Planning & Sustainability at Kamehameha Schools, I know her personally and professionally and believe her to be knowledgeable in community building, land use entitlements, residential development, and the affordable housing arena.

Ms. Pulmano will bring diverse experiences and insight to the discussion as well as a balanced perspective on the complexity of issues that are deliberated by and under the purview of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation.

As a fellow planner, I strongly endorse Ms. Pulmano's confirmation and commend the Governor's Office for seeking out qualified diverse candidates and mahalo Ms. Pulmano for her willingness to serve our community.

Sincerely,



Ka'iulani K. Sodaro

Dane Wicker

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Submitted on: 3/9/2013

Testimony for EGH on Mar 13, 2013 15:00PM in Conference Room 016

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael Munekiyo	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony supporting Leilani Pulmano's nomination to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC). I have known Leilani for over five (5) years, and currently work with her at the consulting firm of Munekiyo & Hiraga, Inc. She possesses outstanding leadership qualities which are supported by her strong critical thinking skills and communications skills. Importantly, in the context of a board organization such as that of the HHFDC Board of Directors, she will be thoughtful, sensitive and strategic in contributing to the Board's deliberations. Noteworthy is her experience in the planning and development fields which offers a highly relevant background to the subject matters brought before the Board. I believe Leilani will bring strength to the Board, and in this regard, help to advance the State's goals and objectives with respect to the provision of affordable housing for Hawaii's residents.

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Colleen Suyama	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I have had the privilege of working with Leilani Pulmano for several years first during my tenure with the Maui Planning Department and more recently as a private consultant. I find Leilani to be very knowledgeable in land use and development issues. She has a wealth of knowledge on the various housing developments in Maui especially in the West Maui area where the HHFDC's Villages of Leialii is situated. Her knowledge and experience will be an asset to the HHFDC.

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Ashley Otomo	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Erin Mukai	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support the nomination of Ms. Leilani Pulmano to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation.

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