

GM525

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, MELISSIA MAE SUGAI, for a term to expire 6-30-2014.

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February 15, 2013

Aloha, my name is Melissia Mae Sugai and I am seeking nomination for the seat on King Kamehameha Celebration Commission for the Island of Kaua'i. Born and raised on Kaua'i gives me great honor to express my sincere interest in representing the island in the roles and duties as the Commissioner to guide and coordinate the Island's Celebration. As a Commissioner we represent not only the Island but the State of Hawai'i and therefore it is important for me to ensure a professional image and integrity as a Commissioner.

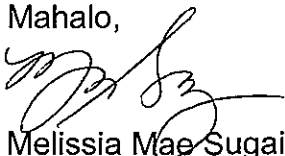
My lineage in hula, music, paniolo, lawai'a, and farmers has been my lifeline to my beliefs and traditions along with my years of experience, knowledge, community relationships, and cultural background. I strongly believe that with the support of my family, friends, and many individuals in my community it will allow me to provide the expertise that is needed to fulfill the position.

I continue to participate in many community & cultural events on our island both as a board member and a participant. In past years, The King Kamehameha Celebration Commission has given me the opportunity to participate in various roles; participating as a Pa'u rider representing the different islands as Pa'u Princess; selected several years as Pa'u Chairperson to coordinate the Pa'u Units for the parade; assisted past Commissioners in the secretarial capacity as well as a Board member; coordinate and conduct parade participant meetings; coordinated Pa'u wrapping & lei making workshops; planned & coordinate all aspects of parade and Ho'olaule'a.

With the many years of my involvement with the KKCC, I feel have the knowledge and experience to hold the position as the Commissioner and continue to preserve this prestige and historic Celebration on our island of Kaua'i.

I ask for your support and consideration to represent Kaua'i as the King Kamehameha Celebration Commissioner, so I may continue to assist my community in celebrating this treasured and historical event.

Mahalo,



Melissia Mae Sugai

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
GOVERNOR



DEAN H. SEKI
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TESTIMONY
OF
DEAN H. SEKI, COMPTROLLER
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES
TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE
ON
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND HOUSING
ON
March 13, 2013

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 525

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE KING
KAMEHAMEHA CELEBRATION COMMISSION, MELISSIA MAE SUGAI

Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on G.M. 525. The Department of Accounting and General Services supports the confirmation of Ms. Melissia Mae Sugai to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission (Commission).

Section 8-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires that the Commission have one member from the island of Kauai. Ms. Sugai is a resident of the island of Kauai. Her appointment fulfills the statutory requirement for representation on the Commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
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February 25, 2013

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair and Committee Members
Senate Committee on Economic Development
Government Operations and Housing
State Senate, State Capitol
415 S. Beretania Street Room 202
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Aloha Senator Dela Cruz:

This letter is being submitted to support Melissa Mae Aki Sugai as a candidate for the Kaua'i representative on the King Kamehameha Day Commission.

I have known Melissa professionally for many years as we both worked for agencies servicing the Native Hawaiian Community. We often attended meetings and programs servicing our clients. Through these functions I became aware of her leadership capabilities and her passion to serve others.

Melissa has participated in several parades as a support staff as well as a pau rider. I believe she possesses the leadership capabilities and commitment to pull together a team that can put forward an incredible celebration honoring King Kamehameha.

Please consider Melissa for appointment as the Kaua'i Representative to the King Kamehameha Day Commission.

Me ke Aloha,

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Erna A. Kamibayashi
Acting Kauai District Supervisor



The Senate

STATE CAPITOL
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

March 11, 2013

The Honorable Donovan Dela Cruz
Chair, Senate Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing
Hawaii State Capitol
451 South Beretania Street, Rm. 202
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Gubernatorial Nominee: Melissia Mae Sugai
King Kamehameha Celebration Commission

Dear Senator Dela Cruz:

I am informed that Melissia Mae Sugai has been nominated by Governor Neil Abercrombie for a position on the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission. I am in strong support of Ms. Sugai's nomination and I am sure that she will do an exemplary job as a member of the council if approved by your committee.

With her past experience as a former board member, it is my firm belief that if confirmed, Ms. Sugai will become a valuable asset to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.

Thank you for your time and consideration and if there are any questions with regard to the foregoing, please do not hesitate to communicate with me.

Sincerely,

RONALD D. KOUCHI
Senator – 8th Senatorial District

cc: Melissia Mae Sugai

Bernard P. Carvalho, Jr.
Mayor



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February 21, 2013

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair and Committee Members
Senate Committee on Economic Development
Government Operations and Housing
State Senate, State Capitol
415 S. Beretania Street, Rm. 202
Honolulu, HI 96813

Aloha,

I would like to offer this letter of support for Melissa Mae Aki Sugai as candidate for the Kaua'i representative on the King Kamehameha Day Commission.

I have known Mrs. Sugai for many, many years and am aware of her and her 'ohana's long time good standing with the Hawaiian Community and also with our paniolo community. She also works on many other successfully run large scale events throughout our community and can bring these incredible talents to service our Kamehameha Day Celebration here on island. We here at the County commit to work with her to build this event into everything that we can make it.

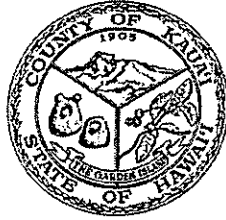
Please give her your strongest consideration.

Mahalo Nui Loa,

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Bernard P. Carvalho Jr.
Mayor, County of Kauai

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February 20, 2013

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair and Committee Members
Senate Committee on Economic Development
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I would like to offer this letter of strong support for Melissa Mae Aki Sugai as candidate for the Kaua'i representative on the King Kamehameha Day Commission. I have worked with Melissa on many projects and can attest to her incredible organizational skills and outstanding ability to pull many factions together. She is a workhorse and extremely dependable and creative. She has long and strong ties in our Hawaiian Community and in our paniolo community. She has participated in parades as support staff as well as has been a rider. She has all the right makings and talents for a great commissioner for Kaua'i. I believe she will pull together a team that can really make this celebration not just an incredible one but one the whole community will feel a part of.

Please give Melissa strong consideration.

Mahalo Nui Loa,

Nalani Kaauwai Brun
Economic Development Specialist IV-Tourism

Dane Wicker

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GM525

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Elmer Kaai	Royal Order of Kamehameha I	Support	No

Comments: My name is Elmer Ka'ai, Māmo Hawai'i, the designated representative to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission (Commission) for the Royal Order of Kamehameha 'Ekahi and the Commission's Chairperson. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support for Governor's Message 525, nominating Melissia Mae Sugai to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission. Ms. Sugai has strong background in the business, government and community arenas and will be a great asset to the commission.

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**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF
GM525, MELISSIA MAE AKI SUGAI**
Confirmation to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission

Hearing: March 13, 3:00 p.m., Conf Rm 16

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Sam Slom, Vice Chair
Members, Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing

Aloha mai, kākou

I am writing to express my support for the confirmation of Ms. Mellissia Mae Sugai as a commissioner to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.

Ms. Sugai recently joined the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission as an interim commissioner from the Island of Kaua'i. Since joining, she has exhibited enthusiasm for building and strengthening the King Kamehameha Celebration on Kaua'i. Her professional background reflects that she brings excellent administrative skills, a multi-tasker who knows how to prioritize work and to coordinate various projects.

Her personal background reflects that she is a committed community volunteer and has experience in cultural events including the Kamehameha Day Celebration, Aloha Week Festival, Mokihana Hula Festival, King Kaumuali'i Parade, and many other community events and activities on Kaua'i.

I believe she is an excellent addition to the commission and I would look forward to engaging her ideas in enhancing the commission's support of neighbor island activities in honor of King Kamehameha.

Strongly encourage your support to advise and consent on her confirmation as a commissioner to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.

Me kealoha pumehana

/s/ Leimomi Khan (on line testimony)

LEIMOMI KHAN