

April 9, 2013

TO: The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair, Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Wednesday, April 10, 2013, 10:00 am
Conference Room 016, State Capitol

FROM: Amy Agbayani, Ph.D.
Director, Student Excellence, Equity & Diversity (SEED)

Re: GM 565 Nomination of Alan B. Burdick to Board of Registration for Oahu

Dear Chair Hee and Committee Members:

This letter is to support the Governor's nomination of Alan B. Burdick to a position on the Board of Registration for Oahu.

I have known Mr. Burdick 3 years, working together on political campaigns and organizing in the community.

His careful, analytical style is well suited for adjudicating voter registration issues and I have experienced him to be level-headed, kind and respectful of people from diverse cultural and political backgrounds.

Mr. Burdick served as an Interim Appointee to the Oahu Board of Registration in 2013, assisting with both the State Primary and General elections and brings this experience with him to the formal nomination process.

Together with his legal background and personal traits, I hope you will agree that Mr. Burdick possesses the skills and temperament conducive to fair, impartial review of matters brought before the Board of Registration.

Thank you for your consideration of these remarks. I ask for your support of Mr. Burdick's nomination and appreciate your support.

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From: Mila Kaahanui, MSW
President, Filipino Coalition for Soladarity

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Dear Chair Hee and Members of the Committee:

This letter is to support the Governor's nomination of Alan B. Burdick to a position on the Board of Registration for Oahu.

I have known Mr. Burdick well since 2010 when we were both already active in political activities for the Democratic Party in Aiea. He had become the District Chairperson for the Party at that time, and we had much organizing work to do. I was most favorably impressed by the way he led our organizational meetings – being knowledgeable, aware of the organization's needs, but most especially how he handled matters even-handedly with respect to Party members who were "on the other side."

In December 2010, Governor Abercrombie appointed me as Executive Director of the Office of Community Services. Afterward, when I found out that Mr. Burdick was available to work for the State, I asked him to work on my staff, and he has been with OCS for a year and a half at this point. My other staff and I rely on him to carefully evaluate and consider difficult problems that arise in our work on Federal and State programs for low-income persons. In tackling these issues, he will always ask perceptive questions and make valuable suggestions.

I am confident that he will perform very well on the Board of Registration. He will ask the right questions, and dig deep to be sure that he has all the relevant information for making a decision. I am sure that he will decide disputes fairly.

I appreciate the opportunity to submit these remarks and ask for your support of Mr. Burdick's nomination. Thank you very much.