

GM 583

Report Title:

Hawai'i Paroling Authority

Measure Title:

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Paroling Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, ANNELLE AMARAL, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.

February 26, 2013

To: Chairman Will Espero and Vice Chairman Rosalyn H. Baker and Members
of the Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

From: Annelle C. Amaral, Nominee for Hawai'i Paroling Authority (term to expire: 6-30-2015)

Aloha Chairman Espero, Vice Chair Baker, and Members:

I would like to thank you all for your consideration of my nomination to the Hawai'i Paroling Authority. Further, I would like to thank Governor Neil Abercrombie for his confidence in me as demonstrated by his nomination. Finally, I would like to thank all of my friends and colleagues who have made the time from their busy schedules, to provide testimony in support of my nomination. Your support is truly heartwarming and humbling, and hopefully, someday, earned.

You all have a copy of my resume and so I will not bore you by reading it to you. I hope that you will consider the experience I bring to this nomination. I was part of the first group of women who were able to serve as Police Officers, rather than Police women, in the Honolulu Police Department. I served in HPD's Parole Division from 1975 until 1980 as a beat cop in Kalihi, Kaka'ako and Kahala. As a beat cop, I handled every type of case imaginable....from burglary to homicide, to sex assault to DUI....I have been punched, kicked, beaten, almost killed twice. I was later transferred to the Community Relations Division of HPD and developed the Rape Prevention Program and spoke to over 30,000 people about rape prevention and self-defense.

I left HPD in 1982 to serve as Governor Ariyoshi's State Coordinator of the Office of Affirmative Action, where I implemented Civil Rights laws and the program of Affirmative Action for the State's Executive Departments and the University of Hawai'i and the Department of Education.

I later went on to become the Deputy Administration for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs under Mr. Kamaki Kanahale, where I coordinated the five programs for OHA.

In 1988 I was elected to the House of Representatives for the Makakilo, Ewa, Village Park district and served as Vice Chair of Housing and the Judiciary Committees and later as the Majority Floor Leader.

I later went on to start my own business as a Facilitator and conducted public hearings on some of the most controversial public discussions such as the landfill in Nanakuli, the telescopes on Mauna Kea and Haleakala, and the arrival of the Stryker force in Hawai'i, just to name a few.

I have volunteered countless hours of advocacy for women's rights, victim's rights, and the rights of minorities and Native peoples.

It is, in the context of all of these experiences, that I offer myself for your consideration to serve on the Paroling Board.

It is my hope that you believe that I am qualified for this position and I stand ready to answer any questions that you may have of me. Mahalo for your consideration.

February 23, 2013

The Hawaii State Senate
Senator Will Espero
Chairman, Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hi 96813

Re: Nomination to the Hawai'i Paroling Authority

Aloha Senator,

Mahalo for convening your committee for consideration and confirmation of various nominations and my nomination by the Governor to the Hawai'i Paroling Authority. I am submitting this letter in response to your request for additional information.

Ques. 1. Why do you wish to be a member of HPA? I applied for the nomination to the Parole Board because I believe that I can provide a different perspective to the deliberations of the Parole Board. Not only do I bring a background of victim advocacy and legislative experience, but also an understanding of the plight of Native Hawaiians, the majority of whom make up the prison population. I understand that the immediate work before the board is the consideration of parole, the establishment of minimum sentences, deliberations over parole violations and various other requests relating to parole. However, I would like to assist in creating a "big picture" perspective to the work and skills of the board members. We need to assure public safety in our deliberations of parole and part of that public safety concern should also look beyond the time of parole or probation and to the time when convicts re-enter society as full, contributing members. I have worked in the past to establish unique public/private partnerships to resolve shortfalls...and would like to use some of those experiences to enhance the support of our convicts to ensure their future success in our community.

Ques. 2. Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of HPA, why are you qualified for position? With respect to question two regarding my skills, expertise, and/or knowledge...it is evident that I have had a varied career in relation to criminal justice...from enforcement and development of laws to the selection of judiciary. Diverse background and skills aside, I believe that my innate understanding of the Hawaiian culture and Hawaiian family systems provides an additional element that will be valuable to the Paroling Authority. The disproportionate numbers of Native Hawaiians that come before us trust that I understand and will be fair-minded in my deliberations. It is a small but positive angle that sometimes can make a difference in the attitude and acceptance of decisions by the prisoners that come before us.

Ques. 3. What do you hope to accomplish? What I hope to accomplish in my term of service on the Paroling Authority is the same kind of energy and focus that I always bring to bear on my work. I hope to provide thoughtful, well-informed advice and counsel to the deliberations and

decisions of the Authority. I will try at all times to assist in identify problems that can be addressed by the Department of Public Safety in a meaningful manner. Finally, I will do my best, as I assist in these deliberations, to do no harm to the safety of the people of Hawaii, but work toward the enrichment of our fragile community.

Ques. 4 Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest? I am not aware of any obvious conflicts of interest in the work I do as a Board member. However, if I find myself in a position of a conflict of interest...either because of knowledge of a victim or relationship or knowledge of a prisoner or a connection to anyone in the specific cases before us, I will remove myself from deliberations sufficiently in advance to neither impede, nor inhibit full and timely deliberations by the board.

I appreciate the time you have taken to read through this response to your questions and remain available to you, the members of your committee, and all Senators voting on this nomination, to answer any additional questions that you may have of me.

O wau me ka ha'a ha'a,

Annelle Napua'onalani Amaral

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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE No. 583
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE
ANNELLE AMARAL

By
Ted Sakai, Director
Department of Public Safety

Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
Senator Will Espero, Chair
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair

Tuesday, February 26, 2013; 2:45 p.m.
State Capitol, Room 224

Chair Espero, Vice Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety **supports** Governor's Message 583 nominating Ms. Annelle Amaral as a part-time member of the Hawaii Paroling Authority. Section 353-61, Hawaii Revised Statutes, describes the desired attributes of members of the parole board as follows:

Nominees to the authority shall be selected on the basis of their qualifications to make decisions that will be compatible with the welfare of the community and of individual offenders, including their background and ability for appraisal of offenders and the circumstances under which offenses were committed.

Ms. Amaral's professional experience and active participation in community affairs clearly qualify her for this important position.

Ms. Amaral began her career as a Honolulu police officer and within six years was honored nationally as Officer of the Year by the International Association of Women Police Officers. This award was bestowed upon her for

the exceptional Rape Prevention Program she developed during a time when victims of sexual assault were often perceived by law enforcement as less than credible. She continued to advocate for crime victims in her roles as Coordinator of the Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Coordinator for the Legal Aid Society of Hawai'i. Governor George Ariyoshi appointed Ms. Amaral to establish the Affirmative Action Office on a state-wide basis, placing her in a position to again advocate for women, this time in employment.

During her lifetime, Ms. Amaral has risen to become a respected leader in the Native Hawaiian community, demonstrating her strong commitment to and advocacy for the first citizens of Hawai'i. Caring deeply about the future of Hawai'i and its people, Ms. Amaral has contributed to advancing Native Hawaiian issues as both a professional and a community volunteer. She serves as the US Army's Native Hawaiian Liaison and is the First Vice President of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs (Oahu Council). A review of her facilitation experience includes many instances where Ms. Amaral is leading the community discussion on controversial subject matters that are of great importance to the Native Hawaiian community, such as the siting of telescopes on Mauna Kea or Haleakala, the introduction of the Superferry and the potential location of wind farms in West Oahu. This type of work is not for the timid.

As many on this Committee will remember, for eight years Ms. Amaral represented the 47th District (Central Oahu, now District 42) in the Hawaii State Legislature. During her time in the House of Representatives, she served as Vice Chair of both the Housing and Judiciary Committees, eventually being appointed as Majority Floor Leader.

We urge your favorable consideration of this nominee. The breadth of experience and commitment to the community exhibited by Ms. Amaral make her a qualified candidate for appointment to the Hawaii Paroling Authority.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Governor Neil Abercrombie's nominee.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
GOVERNOR



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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 583
CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION OF ANNELLE AMARAL
AS A MEMBER OF THE HAWAII PAROLING AUTHORITY

BY

HAWAII PAROLING AUTHORITY
Bert Y. Matsuoka, Chairman

Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

Senator Will Espero, Chair
Senator Roselyn H. Baker, Vice Chair

Tuesday, February 26, 2013; 2:45 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 224

Chair Espero, Vice Chair Baker, and Members of the Committee:

This testimony is being submitted in support of the confirmation of Ms. Annelle Amaral as a member of the Hawaii Paroling Authority (HPA). As Chairman of the HPA, I have had the opportunity of working with Ms. Amaral over the past several months.

I have known Ms. Amaral from when we were police officers with the Honolulu Police Department. Her career has allowed her to gain a great deal of valuable experience working in a variety of positions, including a member of the State Legislature.

During the time Ms. Amaral has been temporarily appointed as a board member, she has demonstrated the required skills to render fair, firm, and consistent decisions that are in the best interest of the safety of the community and the offender. Ms. Amaral will be an outstanding addition to the HPA.

I ask that you confirm Ms. Annelle Amaral as a member of the Hawaii Paroling Authority.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



GM583

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Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs**

February 26, 2013

2:45 p.m.

Room 224

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs expresses **SUPPORT** for the confirmation of Annelle Amaral as a member of the Hawai'i Paroling Authority (HPA).

Ms. Amaral's career and experience makes her an ideal candidate for this position. The HPA is challenged with combining the different needs of the community, victims, law enforcement, the judiciary, public safety, and the pa'ahao (prisoners) seeking parole. As a former police officer she has a good understanding of the law enforcement process. Her work in victim advocacy ensures that she will keep the community and victim safety in mind. Finally, it is likely that her greatest contribution to the HPA will be her skills as a facilitator and her ability to balance the needs of all the involved parties.

Ms. Amaral has shown years of dedication to the community and the justice system, and OHA urges the committee to **PASS** GM583. Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify.

21 February 2013

The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim, Senate President,
and Member s of the State Senate
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senate President Kim and Members of the Senate:

My name is Charles Ota and I am the Vice President for Military Affairs for the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii. I would like to provide personal testimony in support of confirming Gubernatorial Nominee Ms Annelle Amaral to the Hawaii Paroling Authority for a term expiring 6-30-15.

I have known Ms Amaral in her work as the Facilitator in contested public hearings involving the settlement of federal suits filed against the US Army in the continued use of Makua Valley lands to train US Army Soldiers of the 25th Infantry Division on Schofield Barracks in preparing for deployments to combat zones in Iraq and Afghanistan. I found her work to be very professional and provided for fair and open deliberations by members of the public and federal government.

Ms Amaral also served as the Native Hawaiian Cultural Program Director for US Army Garrison Hawaii to educate and immerse the military community in Hawaii's Native Hawaiian culture. Her outstanding achievements were applauded by her superiors and program participants, and contributed greatly to enhancing the military community's appreciation and understanding of Hawaii and its people.

I believe that Ms Amaral has the experience and ability to serve as a fair and productive member of the Hawaii Paroling Authority.

Sincerely,



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Committee: Senate Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
GM 583 Confirmation of ANNELLE AMARAL to Hawaii Paroling Authority

Date: Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2013
Time: 2:45pm Room 224.
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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT

Aloha Chair Espero & Committee Members,

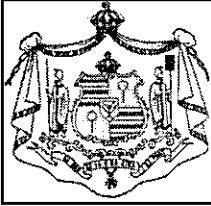
I am forwarding this testimony in support of the Governors nomination of ANNELLE AMARAL to the Hawaii Paroling Authority. I have known Annelle Amaral for over 20 years. She is capable, trustworthy and dedicated. Her background as a police officer gives her an excellent foundation for serving on the Paroling Authority because she has real & personal experience with the criminal justice system, the courts and those who are victims and perpetrators.

As can be seen from her resume, Annelle has a long history of dealing with, mediating and resolving controversial issues involving the Hawaiian community & others in our State. Her company, AAAI, has a client list that includes the State of Hawaii, HECO and the US Military. Ms. Amaral is widely known in the local business community and has been an active member of & officer of the Hawaiian Civic Club Associations here in Hawaii & on the continent. This diverse background demonstrates that she is a person who has always been vitally involved with social issues, and who has always taken her civic responsibility seriously. In the Hawaiian community everyone knows Annelle Amaral as a person who can be relied upon to get the job done in an expedient & equitable way. The Hawaii Paroling Authority will be well served by a person with these qualifications.

I support Ms. Amaral's nomination without reservation & urge this Committee to confirm her.

Regards,

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Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs

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Testimony of President Soulee Stroud

SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL & MILITARY AFFAIRS

Governor's Message 583 Gubernatorial Nominee to the Hawaii Paroling Authority, **Annelle Amaral**

Tuesday, February 26, 2013; 2:45pm; Room 224

Aloha Chairman Espero and members of the Senate Committee. I am Soulee Stroud president of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs here to testify in support of Governor Abercrombie's nomination of Annelle Amaral to serve on the Hawaii Paroling Authority.

The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs (AHCC) is currently comprised of sixty nine component member clubs in Hawaii and fifteen states on the continent. The first civic club was organized in 1918 by Prince Kuhio and a group of prominent Hawaiian men when Kuhio was a Delegate to the US Congress. Kuhio recognized the need for Native Hawaiians to become more involved in the passage of the Hawaiian Homes Act then before the Congress, and to further become engaged in the intricacies of federal and local government. A Hawaiian civic club was his answer.

We stand firmly behind Annelle Amaral who has been a leader in the civic club movement for a number of years and currently serves as First Vice President of the Association leading several strategic committees.

Always an advocate for social justice, Annelle is well known here in the State Capitol where she served in the House of Representatives as Majority Floor Leader and was named as an Outstanding Legislator. Before that she served on the fourth floor as the Hawaii State Affirmative Action Officer under the administration of Governor George Ariyoshi.

Prior to State service, Annelle was one among the first five women to become fully vested Honolulu Police Officers after a lawsuit for equal opportunity was filed in Federal Court. Within a few years Annelle had organized and implemented a Rape Prevention Program within the Community Relations Division of the Police Department that not only gained State and National recognition, but for which she was named International Woman Police Officer of the Year.

Most recently, Annelle has acted as a consultant to the Garrison Commander of the US Army Hawaii where she was instrumental in developing a unique and distinctive Native Hawaiian Community Covenant pledging a mutually beneficial relationship between the Army and Native Hawaiians. Signed by a number of significant Hawaiian organizations and Army Commanders, the Covenant serves as a commitment of goodwill and cooperation among the signatories.

Annelle has also been a contributing member of the State Judicial Selection Commission appointed by former Senate President Shan Tsutsui, and recently resigned to accept the Paroling Authority appointment.

In a variety of ways Annelle Amaral's skill and commitment have proven her value to the community and State of Hawaii as a dedicated public servant. She is exceptionally well qualified to serve on the Hawaii Paroling Authority and we urge you to approve her appointment.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Testimony of Shane Akoni Nelsen, President

In Support of GM 583,

**Consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Paroling Authority, Gubernatorial
Nominee, ANNELLE AMARAL, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.**

To the Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

Aloha Chair Espero, Vice-Chair Baker, and members of the committee:

Our Hawaiian Civic Club is a staunch supporter of strong leadership in our community and we believe Ms. Amaral is that leader. Her education and experiences in public and social policy, government, and economics, at the State and Federal capacity, and her continuous service to our community are outstanding achievements that she has attained. Furthermore, these are achievements that we would want a prominent leader to have.

Our Hawaiian Civic Club supports Ms. Amaral and we hope you will take into account her experience and credentials as you make the decision of her confirmation. We ask that your committee advise and consent to this nomination.

Mahalo nui.

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February 21, 2013

TO: Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
Senator Will Espero, Chair
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair

HEARING: Tuesday, February 26, 2013, 2:45 p.m., Conference Room 224

IN STRONG SUPPORT GM 583
Appointment of Annelle Amaral to the Hawai'i Paroling Authority

It is hard to imagine a more appropriate person to appoint to the Hawaii Paroling Authority!

Annelle Amaral has an extensive and varied background relevant to this position. She was an officer of the Honolulu Police Department. She recently served on the Judicial Selection Commission. She served in the State House for eight years, so she understands the political ramifications of her duties on the Paroling Authority.

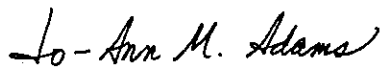
She will be committed to a fair and just administration of justice. She coordinated Governor Ariyoshi's Affirmative Action program on a statewide basis. She devotes much of her advocacy work to Native Hawaiians, a group incarcerated in numbers severely disproportionate to their numbers in the general populations.

Here is just a partial list of the groups that have honored her: the Mayor of City and County of Honolulu, Planned Parenthood, Hawaii Women Lawyers, Native Hawaiian Business Association, Hawaiian Civic Clubs, Hawai'i Psychological Association and International Association of Women Police Officers.

The State of Hawaii is very fortunate indeed to have a woman of her caliber willing to serve in this capacity.

I strongly support the appointment of Annelle Amaral to the Hawaii Paroling Authority.

Very truly yours,



Jo-Ann M. Adams, Esq.

For Hearing Tuesday, February 26, 2013

*In re GM 583: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Paroling Authority
Gubernatorial Nominee ANNELLE AMARAL, for a term to expire 6-30-2015*

The Hon. Will Espero, Chair

The Hon. Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair

Honorable Members of the Committee on Public Safety,
Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs

The Senate of the State of Hawaii

Dear Senators:

I am pleased to submit testimony in support and high praise of Governor Abercrombie's nomination of Annelle Amaral to serve on the Hawai'i Paroling Authority.

I have known Annelle in several of her various capacities over the years ---as a former legislator, as a leader and organizer of the Hawai'i Women's Legislative Caucus, as an omnipresent community activist, and most recently as a member of the Judicial Selection Commission of the State of Hawai'i. She has always impressed me as a person of conscience, of wisdom, and of considerable street smarts, *i.e.*, great common sense. She is also the soul of discretion and conducts herself, in her several roles in the community, with circumspection and just plain good judgment.

Annelle has served most recently on the Judicial Selection Commission with the type of dedication, public spirited devotion to the common good, and willingness to work long and hard, that we sorely need at all echelons of public service in our Hawai'i today. I can think of no one more suited to fill the demanding role of a member of the Hawai'i Paroling Authority; and I know she will be just as formidable a public servant on the Authority as she has been on the Commission. Nonetheless, we on the Commission will miss her. A lot.

Me ke Aloha pumehana,

Susan M. Ichinose

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GM583

Submitted on: 2/22/2013

Testimony for PSM on Feb 26, 2013 14:45PM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Keith T. Ribbentrop	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I strongly support confirmation to the Hawaii Paroling Authority of nominee, ANNELLE AMARAL. Ms Amaral's background and experience make her exceptionally well qualified for the position.

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February 24, 2013

TO: Senator Will Espero, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Public Safety,
Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

FR: Joyce K. Matsumori-Hoshijo
Hawai'i Paroling Authority, Member

RE: GM 583—Testimony in Support of the Nomination of Annelle Amaral
to the Hawai'i Paroling Authority
Hearing date and time: Tuesday, February 26, 2013 @ 2:45 p.m.

I am writing to express my strongest support for the nomination of Annelle Amaral to the Hawai'i Paroling Authority (HPA).

I have served on the HPA since May of 2011. Since Annelle's nomination last month, I have had the opportunity to work with her on a daily basis and believe that she is an outstanding choice for the HPA. Annelle brings a wealth of experience from her years as a law enforcement officer, legislator, and community advocate and leader.

Annelle has a firm grasp of all aspects of the parole process. In each of our administrative hearings, her input is thoughtful and well-reasoned. Annelle is always fair-minded and emphasizes collaborative effort. She takes her role and responsibilities as an HPA member very seriously.

Annelle is truly a pleasure to work with. She is gracious and respectful to all and holds herself to the highest ethical standards. I appreciate that she is very forthright and honest and an excellent listener. With her background and leadership abilities, Annelle is a valuable asset to the effective work of the HPA.

Thank you very much for your time and attention to this letter of support.

Sincerely,

Joyce K. Matsumori-Hoshijo

TESTIMONY OF JOSEPH KUHIO LEWIS

IN STRONG SUPPORT OF GM 583

THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND
MILITARY AFFAIRS

Hearing:
February 26, 2013
2:45pm
Conference Room 224

RE: Letter of **SUPPORT** to Confirm Ms. Annelle Amaral to the Hawaii Paroling Authority.

Aloha Chair Espero, Vice-Chair Baker, and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to express my enthusiastic and wholehearted **SUPPORT** for the confirmation of Annelle Amaral to serve on the Hawaii Paroling Authority.

In the time that I have known Ms. Amaral, I have found her to be committed, experienced, tenacious and knowledgeable. I look up to Ms. Amaral and consider her a role model.

The Hawaii Paroling Authority makes difficult and important decisions. Ms. Amaral's diverse background as a police officer, private investigator, community leader, small business owner, former State representative and commissioner for the judicial selection committee has given her a solid foundation that complements her nomination.

I believe in Ms. Armamaral's commitment and respectfully urge your committee to advise and consent to the nomination of this qualified and dedicated public servant.

Mahalo,

Joseph Kuhio Lewis

WILLIAM D. HOSHIJO
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February 26, 2013
Rm. 224, 2:45 p.m.

To: The Honorable Will Espero, Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental
and Military Affairs

From: William D. Hoshijo

Re: G.M. No. 583, Hawai'i Paroling Authority Nominee Annelle Amaral

This testimony is offered in strong support of the nomination of Annelle Amaral to the Hawai'i Paroling Authority. Ms. Amaral will bring a breadth of experience, commitment to public service, and integrity to the HPA. She is bright, diligent, empathetic but tough, and understands law, policy, criminal justice, and public safety. Given the widely reported and recognized overrepresentation of Hawaiians and other minorities in the criminal justice system, her cultural knowledge and sensitivity and sense of community will be especially valuable this role.

I have served as the Executive Director of the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission (HCRC) since 1997, but submit this letter of support as an individual rather than in any official capacity. Prior to my tenure at the HCRC, I served for thirteen years as the Executive Director of Na Loio, a nonprofit public interest law organization that provided access to services and representation for the immigrant poor.

I have known Annelle Amaral since she was the Governor's Coordinator of Affirmative Action in the early to mid 1980s. Before, during, and after her service as a state legislator, she has always impressed me as being highly capable, caring, and principled. Her confirmation will benefit the HPA, the parole system, public safety, and the broader community.

I recommend Annelle Amaral and support her nomination without reservation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

William D. Hoshijo

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Senator Will Espero, Chair

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair

DATE: Tuesday, February 26, 2013

TIME: 2:45 p.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 224

Chair Espero, Vice Chair Baker, and members of the committee,

Strong support for GM583, confirmation of ANNELLE AMARAL's appointment to the Hawai'i Paroling Authority

I strongly support the appointment of Annelle Amaral to the Paroling Authority. Her extensive record of community service and as a champion for the most disenfranchised and vulnerable of our citizens make her substantially and uniquely qualified for this position.

Since native Hawaiians are over-represented in prisons and as Annelle is Native Hawaiian herself with substantial experience working with that community, she will bring a much-needed perspective to the Paroling Authority.

Her distinguished record as a police officer also adds to her qualifications for this position.

Her numerous accomplishments include:

- The development of Honolulu Police Department's Rape Prevention Program.
- Being named Officer of the Year-1981 by the International Association of Women Police.
- Election to the State House where she was Majority Floor Leader, Vice Chair-Judiciary Committee, Vice Chair-Housing Committee and Chair of the Women's Legislative Caucus
- Facilitator of community dialogue on difficult and contentious issues such as the military training in Makua Valley, visitation rights of incarcerated inmates with children, the proposed telescope on Mauna Kea, native Hawaiian education curriculum on land/water management, harbor development to include the planned Super Ferry, among many others.
- As Director of Public Affairs for Planned Parenthood, she was instrumental in ensuring that the women of Hawai'i had access to comprehensive healthcare.
- She established the Hawai'i Women's Coalition as the community counterpart to the Women's Legislative Caucus to provide community input as to the wants and needs of the women of Hawai'i.
- She has variously worked for the YWCA, The Governor, the Army and OHA, providing her expertise in community issues and her skill at facilitating dialogue and compromise.
- She has been a mentor to women and men and I count myself as among them. She assisted me in assuming the position of Co-chair of the Hawai'i Women's Coalition when she left that position to assume other duties.

I cannot say enough about this candidate and her qualifications for this position. I am proud to know her and to support her nomination.

Mahalo nui loa for this opportunity to testify,

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February 25, 2013

Honorable Senator Will Espero, Chair
And Members of the Senate Committee
on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 231
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96817

RE: Letter of **SUPPORT** to Confirm Ms. Annelle Amaral to the Hawai'i Paroling Authority

Aloha Chair Espero, Vice-Chair Rosalyn Baker, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Melissa Lyman and I strongly support Governor Abercrombie's nomination of Ms. Annelle Amaral to the Hawai'i Paroling Authority. Ms. Amaral is an outstanding leader who is committed to serving the people of Hawai'i.

I had the opportunity to work with Ms. Amaral as the Native Hawaiian Liaison to the U.S. Army Garrison Commander and witness first hand her strong leadership skills, outstanding problem solving ability, and her dedication, and Hiki No (can do) attitude.

As the Native Hawaiian Liaison Ms. Amaral provided guidance on culturally appropriate behavior and assisted in facilitating discussions with claimants to resolve differences and concerns with the Army. Ms. Amaral understanding of how critical it is that the U.S. Army maintains a proactive dialogue with the Native Hawaiian community helped to insure that Army actions were sensitive to Native Hawaiian interests, while meeting the mission and goals of the Army. Her ability to bring Native Hawaiian leaders and Military leaders to the table speaks volumes to her leadership skills.

In addition to her work with the Army, Ms. Amaral's professional career has also included community service. As a police officer Annelle was awarded the International Police Woman of the Year. Serving as Hawaii's Affirmative Action Officer, she was an advocate for workplace justice for State employees.

I respectfully urge this committee to recommend, to the full Senate, the confirmation of Ms. Annelle Amaral to the Hawai'i Paroling Authority. She is an exceptionally talented, dedicated, and compassionate leader who gives tirelessly to her community.

Owau no me ka ha'a ha'a



Melissa Lyman