

GM621

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Stadium Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, CHARLES TOGUCHI, for a term to expire 6-30-2017.

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TESTIMONY
OF
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TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE
ON
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND
HOUSING
ON
March 13, 2013

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 621

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE STADIUM
AUTHORITY, CHARLES TOGUCHI

Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on G.M. 621. The Department of Accounting and General Services supports the confirmation of Mr. Charles Toguchi to the Stadium Authority.

Mr. Toguchi held various positions with the state Department of Education, the most significant being Superintendent of Education. His experience also includes serving as a member of the Hawaii State Senate, the State House of Representatives, and as the Governmental Affairs Director of the Hawaii State Teachers Association. Mr. Toguchi's broad background and experience provide him with the necessary skills to be a contributing member of the Stadium Authority.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.



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TESTIMONY
OF
SCOTT L. CHAN, STADIUM MANAGER
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DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE
ON
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND HOUSING
ON
MARCH 13, 2013
3:00 PM
STATE CAPITOL, CONFERENCE ROOM 16

G.M. 621

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Stadium Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, Mr. Charles T. Toguchi for a term to expire 06-30-2017.

Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing, thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony on behalf of Mr. Charles T. Toguchi.

We welcome the opportunity to work with Mr. Charles T. Toguchi and support his nomination to the Stadium Authority. As a board member, his wealth of knowledge and experience (including 42 years of outstanding service in the political arena and the Department of Education) will be of great value to Aloha Stadium.

Therefore, we support the appointment of Mr. Charles T. Toguchi to the Stadium Authority.

Testimony of
Mike McCartney
President and Chief Executive Officer
Hawai'i Tourism Authority
On
G.M. 621
Nomination of "Charles Toguchi" to the Stadium Authority
Senate Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations & Housing
Wednesday, March 13, 2013
3:00 p.m.
Conference Room 016

Chair Dela Cruz and committee members:

I wholeheartedly support the nomination of Charles Toguchi to the Stadium Authority. I have worked with Mr. Toguchi over the years on a number of programs and projects and have become very familiar with his steadfast leadership abilities. Throughout his years working in public service, he has led with the utmost integrity, earning the respect and trust of those he has interactions with. I believe, unconditionally, that he will be a great contributor to this Authority with his wealth of knowledge and experience. Mr. Toguchi has been a dedicated public servant who believes in the values of Hawai'i and continues a desire to help with the State's future challenges.

Therefore, I support this nomination of Charles Toguchi.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

Testimony of Glenn Ida
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In Strong Support of GM621

Before the Senate Committee on:
Economic Development, Government Operations, and Housing
Wednesday, March 13, 2013
3:00 PM, Conference Room 016

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice-Chair Slom and Members of the Committee,

My name is Glenn Ida; I represent the active members and retirees of the Plumbers and Fitters Union, Local 675.

Local 675, is in strong support of GM621, the submission for consideration and confirmation to the Stadium Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, Charles Toguchi, for a term to expire 6-30-2017.

I've known Charlie for a number of years. I've had the opportunity to work with him on several projects as well some major Campaigns. Charlie is known for getting things done, as well as being the key person who can bring people together to work as a team and that's what makes him a great leader.

Therefore, Local 675 strongly supports GM621, and asks for favorable consideration and confirmation of Mr. Charles Toguchi to serve on the Stadium Authority.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Mahalo,
Glenn Ida



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Wednesday, March 13, 2013 @ 3:00 p.m.

Testimony to:

Committee on Economic development, Government Operations & Housing

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair

Senator Sam Slom, Vice Chair

By: LISH, Richard C. Botti, President

Chairmen and Committee Members:

LISH is very familiar with the accomplishments and importance of our Small Business Regulatory Review Board, and wish to support the following Gubernatorial Nominees that we have known for many years, and feel their expertise and knowledge of small business will be complimentary to their services on the Regulatory Review Board.

- Anthony Borge GM 526. We have known Mr. Borge for over 35 years and support his nomination.**
- Chu Lan Schubert-Kwock GM 528. We have known Ms Shubert-Kwock for over 25 years, and support her nomination.**
- Charles Toguchi GM 621. We have known Mr. Toguchi for over 35 years in his capacity of government services at many levels, and as a former Senator, and support his nomination.**



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March 7, 2013

The Honorable Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Economic Development and Technology
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 016
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: GM621, Gubernatorial Nominee, Charles T. Toguchi for a term to expire 6-30-2017

Dear Senator Dela Cruz and Committee Members:

I am pleased to have the opportunity to write in support of the nomination for Charles T. Toguchi to the Hawaii Stadium Authority.

I have known Charlie for close to 20 years. I first worked closely with Charlie some years back when he served as a legislative consultant to Hawaii Health Systems Corporation. Very quickly I found Charlie to uphold a standard of integrity and ethics that are far beyond political and business standards.

His business as well as personal philosophy has always been to treat everyone with openness and fairness. At the same time, throughout the years of knowing Charlie, he has always delivered what was promised. His style to uphold collaboration, respect and honor are traits that I have come to appreciate and apply in my public affairs role.

I know Mr. Toguchi has a strong commitment to both community and statewide issues while having an understanding and appreciation of the governmental process and public policy making.

I strongly support the appointment of Charles T. Toguchi to the Hawaii Stadium Authority.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Testimony in Support of Charles Toguchi

Senate Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations & Housing
March 13, 2013

Please accept this submission as testimony in support of Charles Toguchi, nominee for the Stadium Authority.

I have known Mr. Toguchi since he was a member of the State Legislature in 1977. I was a news reporter then and considered him one of the most intelligent and effective legislators, as he gave thoughtful responses to questions about issues.

Through the years, he took on additional responsibilities: as school superintendent and later chief-of-staff for Governor Ben Cayetano. He served with integrity and professionalism in very difficult situations.

We have worked together closely during the past several years, and I have gotten to know him more personally. I have seen him diffuse tense conversations because of his calm demeanor and reputation of integrity and selfless service to the community. It is never about himself; it is always about what is right.

Charles Toguchi is truly a public servant. I wish there were more like him who are willing to step up and assume responsibility to work on behalf of our communities.

I urge you to approve his nomination to serve us on the Stadium Authority.

Mahalo.

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Testimony in Support of Charles Toguchi

Senate Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations & Housing
March 13, 2013

Please accept this submission as testimony in support of Charles Toguchi, nominee for the Stadium Authority.

I have known Mr. Toguchi for decades, first meeting him while I worked as a reporter at the Honolulu Star-Bulletin and later during my 20-year career at KHON. I have gotten to know him even better in my current post at Ho'ākea Communications.

Charlie is smart, fair, rational and even-handed, and in my view would be a great fit to the Stadium Authority.

He began his career as a teacher and later went on to a stellar career as a public servant. He cares deeply about Hawaii. He will bring all those qualities to the Stadium Authority.

And let's be frank, Aloha Stadium is a challenge. It's a 38-year-old facility that needs constant maintenance and upgrades. But it's important to all of Hawaii, serving as a gathering place for a host of memorable activities, including sports, concerts and graduations. And now I see it will be a venue for weddings!

Charlie Toguchi will always have Hawaii's interest at heart when he works to resolve the many issues and challenges facing the stadium.

I apologize for not being available in person today, as I'm attending the Hawaii Language Summit in Waikiki. But I urge you to approve his nomination to serve us on the Stadium Authority.

Mahalo.

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TESTIMONY TO THE

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND HOUSING

Wednesday, March 13, 2013 @ 2:45 pm

Conference Room #016

RE: Gubernatorial nomination of Charles Toguchi to the Stadium Authority

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Slom, and members of the Senate EDGO &H Committee:

My name is Alan Hayashi and I am testifying as an individual employed by a large international defense contractor in Hawaii. My testimony is in support of the appointment of Mr. Charles Toguchi to the Stadium Authority.

Charles Toguchi has distinguished himself during his long career in public service. From his position as Hawaii's Public School Superintendant, as a legislator, and the Governor's Chief of Staff, Charlie has always been respected for his knowledge, creativeness, integrity, loyalty, and commitment to the State, and well being of our keiki and the people of Hawaii. He is a respected team player with the conviction to do the right thing, with fairness as a standard.

During these times of economic stress due to federal budget cutbacks which will impact Hawaii, an individual like Charles Toguchi, with his vast experience and public networks, is needed by the Stadium Authority to assist them to "do more with less".

The UH is rebuilding its football program, high schools will want to showcase their talent, and the venue will be used by international performers with large audiences. Also ongoing is the public "swap meet" and the annual Pro Bowl which always brings visitors and brands Hawaii as the place to visit. Demand for a first class stadium facility will be high...the public will want that! The Aloha Stadium facility has aged and maintenance and improvements are continuous with limited budget. Charlie will bring a balanced view point with understanding of budget constraints and a commitment to provide the best venue possible to allow Hawaii sports teams and performers to excel. We need a first class venue to showcase our talent and brand Hawaii as the premier destination to visit... for viewing sports, or tourism.

I strongly support the Governor's nomination of Charles Toguchi to the Stadium Authority. Thank you for the opportunity to present supporting remarks, and for your consideration of my position on this appointment. I will be glad to answer any questions you might have.

The Senate Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and
Housing
March 13, 2013

Chairman Dela Cruz and Vice Chairman Slom, my name is Joan Lee Husted, retired executive director of the Hawaii State Teachers Association. I am pleased to support the nomination of Charles Toguchi for a seat on the Stadium Authority.

I have known Mr. Toguchi since 1975 when we were both staff members of the Hawaii State Teachers Association. In his staff capacity, he was instrumental in building HSTA's legislative program.

When he left HSTA to assume political office, he was a strong public education supporter. As a legislator, he did his homework, asked tough questions and required straight answers.

When Mr. Toguchi became superintendent of schools, I worked with him both in negotiations and on collaborative projects. As superintendent, he was an "out of the box" thinker. His reorganization plan for the Department of Education, Project Kea Hou was imaginative and is still a viable plan today. Unfortunately, it was never implemented.

He will bring these strong attributes to the Stadium Authority. I believe that he will be an active and productive member of the Authority. I strongly endorse Charles Toguchi for this position.

Respectfully,

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Dane Wicker

From: Tony Takitani [apt@tonylaw.com]
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Subject: Testimony in support of Charlie Toguchi

Dear Chair Dela Cruz and members.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony on behalf of Charles Toguchi. I have known Charlie for 35 years in his various capacities throughout his illustrious career. There is one consistency. He gets the job done. Mr. Toguchi would be an outstanding addition to the Stadium Authority. I believe that the stadium has the ability to become a more vibrant and sought after venue for a number of events. A person of Charlie's background could help achieve that. I strongly support his candidacy. Aloha and Mahalo, tony takitani

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March 7, 2013

SENATOR DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ
Chairman
COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND HOUSING
Hawaii State Senate
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Sen. Dela Cruz and Committee Members/Senators,

Thank you for the opportunity to recommend and support the appointment of Charles T. Toguchi to the Hawaii Stadium Authority. I strongly urge your unanimous approval of Mr. Toguchi for appointment to the Stadium Authority. In the almost two decades of friendship, public service, and community involvement, I have had the privilege of knowing Mr. Toguchi, his family, and his tireless and valuable work for our state. When I was commissioner and then chair of the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission from 1997, I had Mr. Toguchi's guidance and support as the Governor's Chief of Staff.

After Mr. Toguchi's return to private life and his with many non-profit organizations throughout Oahu, I had occasion over the past 12 years to assist him in various projects that have benefitted the state and our community. There many times Mr. Toguchi and I have discussed the future of UH athletics, high school athletics, and professional sports and without fail in those same conversations the Aloha Stadium was brought up as the premiere sports venue in Hawaii. I know this opinion Mr. Toguchi holds is the result of his prior years of experience and efforts on the Hawaii Stadium Authority. There may be many qualified candidates for this appointment but none with the history, know how, and government experience of Charlie Toguchi.

I believe that Mr. Toguchi's leadership, dedication, commitment, and hard work will guarantee a future of success for Aloha Stadium and Hawaii as a premiere national sports venue.

Very Truly Yours,

HARRY YEE

March 13, 2013

Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing

Testimony in support of GM 621: CHARLES TOGUCHI to the Stadium Authority

Submitted by Dr. Amy Agbayani, Director

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Slom and members of the Senate Higher Education Committee

I am taking this opportunity to express my strong support for Charles Toguchi to the Stadium Authority. Over the years, I have had countless opportunities to work with Charles Toguchi on complex educational issues and various community projects. Currently we both serve on the Challenger Center, a non-profit support group working with public schools on science and technology curriculum. I am very impressed with his integrity, knowledge and broad professional and community experience. His extensive experience addressing a variety of governmental policies and working with non-profit and business groups would benefit the policy-making work of the Stadium Authority. Mr. Toguchi has a proven excellent track record working collaboratively and effectively as a policy maker and community leader. I would also like to thank him for his consistent support for policies for equal access and community empowerment.

I strongly endorse Charles Toguchi and am confident he will be a responsible, hard working member of the Stadium Authority.

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TESTIMONY OF ROBERT TOYOFUKU IN SUPPORT OF THE NOMINATION
OF CHARLES TOGUCHI TO THE STADIUM AUTHORITY

March 13, 2012

To: Chairman Donovan Dela Cruz and Members of the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing:

My name is Bob Toyofuku and this testimony is being submitted in support of the nomination of Charles Toguchi to the Stadium Authority.

I have known Charles Toguchi for over 25 years and can attest to his commitment to public service and his competence as well as his integrity and professionalism. I have had the opportunity to work with him for several years on many issues when he was in the Hawaii State Senate and subsequently when we lobbied at the legislature. Charlie is a hardworking, competent and honest individual and has always listened to all sides of an issue. He has been able to deal with multiple issues at the same time and always gets the job done.

Charlie has excellent skills in dealing with others, is easy to work with, is fair minded and an excellent choice for the Stadium Authority. I strongly support his nomination and urge this committee and the Hawaii State Senate to confirm him.

Dane Wicker

From: harris.j.nakamoto@kp.org
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Subject: Gubernatorial Nominee - Stadium Authority - CHARLES TOGUCHI

Dear Mr. Chair, Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Mr. Vice Chair, Senator Sam Slom, and EGH Committee Members:

I support the nomination of Charles Toguchi onto the Stadium Authority. I have known Charlie for over 7 years. Through this time, I have come to respect his sincere love for the people of Hawaii. His heart is with the youth. His decision-making is always focused for the greater good. His personality and demeanor allows for people to work together to focus on solutions that are reasonable and sustainable. Charlie's opinion is respected by many people because he walks the talk, and is a good listener.

The Stadium Authority will benefit by having Charlie Toguchi as a steward for the future events in Hawaii. He always takes pride to bring reality and joy to the work.

Thank you for this opportunity to share my support of this great man, Charles Toguchi.

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CHAIR DELA CRUZ, VICE CHAIR SLOM, MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

It is my great honor to submit this testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of the nomination of Charles Toguchi to the Stadium Authority.

Charlie career is one of devotion to our people and our state. Most of his professional career has been in public service - as a State Representative, State Senator, and Chief of Staff to a Governor. His keen interest in advancing the welfare of our young people is reflected in his 12 years in public education. First as a teacher, then as a Superintendent of Education.

As a State Senator I had the privilege of working with Charlie during his tenure as Superintendent, and then as Chief of Staff to Gov. Cayetano. From my experience working with him on some very tough issues, I can state, without any reservation, that Charlie is a person of character, integrity, and courage. He listens to all sides, he studies the issues, and is willing to make decisions that he feels is the best course of action to pursue. I fondly remember the education initiative spearheaded by Charlie and then Sen. Mike McCartney to "flatten" the DOE so that more dollars would go to the school house and into the classrooms. It was a long process. But Charlie worked hard for our school kids, knew the process, and achieved success. During his tenure as Chief of Staff, Charlie was level headed, and his word was gold.

Charlie will bring a wealth of experience with him to the Stadium Authority. More importantly, he will also bring with him the same honesty, character and courage to do the right thing which he has demonstrated throughout his public service career. He will be an outstanding addition to the Authority.

I respectfully ask for your favorable consideration of the nomination of Charles T. Toguchi.

ALOHA,
RANDY IWASE

Dane Wicker

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GM621

Submitted on: 3/11/2013

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Comments:

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