

GM 631

Testimony

Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service, Gubernatorial Nominee, **ALBERT KIM**, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.



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Thursday, March 7, 2013, 2:45 PM
Conference Room 414
State Capitol

Testimony of
NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawaii

To the Senate Committee on Higher Education
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
Senator Gilbert Kahele, Vice Chair

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Consideration and Confirmation of Albert Kim
To the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service

Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Kahele, and Members of the Committee:

I am pleased to nominate Albert Kim to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service. His term will end on 6/30/2015.

Albert Kim is the CEO and President of Orient Travel Inc., and Orient Travel Bureau Inc., and has been in the travel business for over twenty years. He attended Honolulu Community College, Kapiolani Community College, and the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Kim is a graduate of the University of Phoenix with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. Mr. Kim is active in numerous professional and community organizations, including the Korean Tourism Association of Hawaii, the Korean Seniors Cultural Center, and Honolulu Hibiscus Lions Club.

His knowledge and experience in business management and administration demonstrates that he is well equipped with the skills necessary to move this commission forward with new ideas. Mr. Kim is a creative leader whose entrepreneurial spirit will serve the community well.

I am excited that Mr. Kim is willing to serve on the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service. I am sure that you will find him qualified for the commission, and I encourage you to confirm him.



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Senator Brian T. Taniguchi
Senate District 11
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 219
415 South Beretania St.
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Dear Honorable Chairman Taniguchi and the Senate Higher Education Committee,

I am pleased to support the appointment and confirmation of Mr. Albert Kim to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service for a second term.

This Commission enacted by Federal Statute, is responsible for administering and receiving federal funds to support AmeriCorps Programs in the State of Hawaii. There are currently 8 programs in the Hawaii portfolio, with approximately 350 to 400 members serving throughout the state. The current focus areas of our programs concentrate on land conservation, legal help for the needy, sustainable agriculture, early childhood care, and helping people with disabilities find employment.

The composition of the Commission by Federal statute requires a minimum of 15 members, an equal representation of political parties with NO one party having a majority, and representation of various professional occupations.

Mr. Kim will represent the Business Community. I have had the privilege to work with him the past two years on the Commission, and he has been a very valuable leader in supporting community service and volunteerism in Hawaii. His appointment will also allow the Commission to maintain the equal balance between political parties that is needed to remain compliant with the Federal Statutes.

Please allow Mr. Kim the opportunity to continue to serve on the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service by confirming him to another term.

Respectfully,

Stacy K. Higa
Executive Director

Hawaii Commission for National & Community Service



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Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Kahele and members of the committee:

I would like to support the nomination and confirmation of Mr. Albert Kim to the Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service. His expertise in the area of AmeriCorps and the Business Sector, will add to the diversity and experience of the Commission.

The Commission has been administratively attached to the University's Vice President of Student Affairs Office for more than 10 years. Each year the Commission is responsible for managing the Americorps programs which accounts for approximately \$2.2 to 2.8 million dollars of federal money coming into our state.

As the host agency, our office is pleased with the progress and competitiveness the Hawai'i programs have shown over the past years. The Hawai'i Commission continues to provide out- reach to a diverse cross section of not for profit entities.

On behalf of my office and the University of Hawai'i, please accept this letter of support for Mr. Albert Kim's appointment to the Commission. The Commission's Executive Director will be present to answer any questions or concerns regarding this important appointment.

If I may be of further service, please do not hesitate to call upon me. Thank you very much for your consideration.