

GM 632

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, **NADINE NISHIOKA**,
for a term to expire 6-30-2015



EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
GOVERNOR

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

GM 632
Consideration and Confirmation of Nadine Nishioka
To the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service

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

I am pleased to nominate Nadine Nishioka to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service. Her term will end on 6/30/2015.

Nadine N. Nishioka is the Director of Operations and Marketing for R&C, LLC., and has an extensive career in communications and business management. Previously, she worked as a Research Analyst for the House of Representatives Minority Research Office. She is a graduate of the University of Hawaii at Manoa with a Bachelor of Arts in Communication and International Business Communication.

Ms. Nishioka has been an active volunteer for over 25 years with many organizations in the state of Hawaii. She has demonstrated community leadership in her service to the Mo'ili'ili Community Center and the Manoa Neighborhood Board. Furthermore, President Obama recognized Ms. Nishioka as a Champion of Change for Lions Club International in 2012, marking her outstanding dedication to the public good.

Thank you for your consideration. I respectfully request that you confirm Nadine Nishioka to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service.



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF HAWAII
STATE CAPITOL
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

March 5, 2013

The Senate Committee on Higher Education
Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chairman
Senator Gilbert Kahele, Vice-Chairman

**IN SUPPORT OF THE
NOMINATION OF NADINE NISHIOKA
TO SERVE ON THE COMMISSION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Dear Chairman Taniguchi, Vice-Chairman Kahele and Committee Members:

I SUPPORT the nomination of NADINE NISHIOKA to serve on the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service.

I have known Ms. Nishioka for over 15 years. She has been a very active member of the community and statewide. Some of her credits include:

- Commissioner and Vice-Chair, Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service – AmeriCorps, July 2010 through present, and she has been nominated for another term through 2015./
- 2013 President, Board of Directors, Moiliili Community Center
- 2012 President Obama's Champions of Change Recipient for Lions Clubs International – *Champion of the Environment*.
- Immediate Past President, Manoa Waioli Lions Club
- District 50 Hawaii Lions Cabinet Member
- 2010-2011, Lions Club International President's Award Recipient
- Past Chair & Member, Manoa Neighborhood Board
- Coach and Board Member, Manoa Girls Athletic Club (MGAC)
- Past President and Current Member, Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Alumni Association

Although our political views emanates from different directions, I find her honest and forthright, and I am confident, she will be an effective member of the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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March 5, 2013

Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chair
Senate Committee on Higher Education
Hawaii State Capitol
415 S. Beretania Street, Room 414
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Governor's Message 632 nominating Nadine Nishioka for the Hawaii
Commission on National and Community Service,

Dear Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Kahele, and Members of the Higher Education
Committee:

I am in strong support of Nadine Nishioka's nomination to the Hawaii
Commission for National and Community Service.

Ms. Nishioka has continuously demonstrated her commitment to the community over the past two decades. She is currently the Vice Chair to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service and has served on this commission since July 2010. She has given her time and talents as the 2013 President for the Board of Directors for the Moiliili Community Center, and as the past President of the Manoa Waioli Lions Club and the Japan Exchange and Teaching Alumni Association. She has graciously served on the Manoa Neighborhood Board, and as a Board Member of the Manoa Girls' Athletic Club. She has been recognized for her tireless efforts and was the recipient of the Lions Club International President's Award and recognized as President Obama's Lions Club International Champion of Change. Through her many years of service, she has contributed significantly to the growth and development of our community and she will continue to be an exemplary commissioner to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service.

Should you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at 586-8515.

Aloha,
Sincerely,


Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto
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March 7, 2013

The Honorable Brian Taniguchi, Chairman
Committee on Higher Education
The Senate
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chairman Taniguchi and Senators:

It is my pleasure to offer this letter on behalf of Nadine N. Nishioka, who has been nominated to continue her service on the Hawaii Commission on National and Community Service.

A community gains its strength through the energy and commitment of those who are willing to step up and Nadine Nishioka has certainly served with enthusiasm. Her accomplishments include service on the Manoa Neighborhood Board, active involvement in the Moiliili Community Center and leadership roles with the Lions Club and various youth sports organizations.

Nadine is well-suited to continue her membership on the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service and I invite the members of the Senate to look favorably on her nomination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kirk Caldwell".

Kirk Caldwell
Mayor



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March 1, 2013

The Honorable Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chair
The Honorable Senator Gilbert Kahele, Vice-Chair
Senate Committee on Higher Education
State Capitol Room 414
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Taniguchi, Vice-Chair Kahele, and members of the Senate Committee on Higher Education;

SUBJECT: Testimony in Support of Governor's Message No. 632

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in strong support of Governor's Message 632, relating to the nomination of Nadine Nishioka to the Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service for a term to expire on June 30, 2015.

I have personally known Ms. Nishioka for more than twenty years, having worked with her on numerous neighborhood issues in the Manoa-Moiliili area. She has an extensive list of community accomplishments, and I am most impressed by her enthusiasm, communication skills and the professional demeanor that she has displayed as an effective leader in our community. Her involvement in community organizations include being the past Chair and current member of the Manoa Neighborhood Board, immediate past President of the Manoa Waioli Lions Club, coach and board member of the Manoa Girls' Athletic Club, and current President, Board of Directors of the Moiliili Community Center. Ms. Nishioka is extremely organized and diligent, and has been outstanding in her level of service.

As Ms. Nishioka consistently demonstrates all qualities of professionalism, I whole-heartedly endorse her for another term as a Commissioner on the Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service.

Thank you and should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 768-5005.

Sincerely,


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Council District V



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**Hawai'i Commission for National
and Community Service**
University of Hawai'i
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February 1, 2013

Senator Brian T. Taniguchi
Senate District 11
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 219
415 South Beretania St.
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Honorable Chairman Taniguchi and the Senate Higher Education Committee,

I am pleased to support the appointment and confirmation of Ms. Nadine Nishioka 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.

Ms. Nishioka will represent Community-based Agency and Youth Coaching. I have had the privilege to work with her the past two years on the Commission, and she has been a very valuable leader in supporting community service and volunteerism in Hawaii. Her 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 Ms. Nishioka the opportunity to continue to serve on the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service by confirming her to another term.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stacy K. Higa".

Stacy K. Higa
Executive Director

Hawaii Commission for National & Community Service



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Higher Education
March 7, 2013 at 2:45 pm

by
Lui K. Hokoana, Ed.D.
Associate Vice President of Student Affairs
University of Hawai'i System

GM 632 – Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service, Gubernatorial Nominee, NADINE NISHIOKA, for a Term to expire June 30, 2015

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

I would like to support the nomination and confirmation of Ms. Nadine Nishioka to the Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service. Her expertise in the area of the Community-based Agency and Youth Coaching 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 Ms. Nadine Nishioka'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.

Testimony for GM632
Committee HRE 3/7/2013
Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chair
Conference room: 414
Testifier position: Strong Support
Testifier will be present: No
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Submitted on: 3/4/2013

March 4, 2013

I am writing in support of the nomination of Ms. Nadine Nishioka to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service. Ms. Nishioka has served on the board of directors of Moiliili Community Center for many years and has played an active role in supporting the goals and objectives of the Center which delivers services and programs to children and families, well and frail seniors and community support and outreach to those living in the area and beyond. She has been active on the fundraising committee and advisory committee of the Senior Support Center.

Nadine has been active as a volunteer in many community service programs: The boys and girls youth programs in Manoa, board member of the Manoa Youth athletic organizations and a member of the Manoa Waioli Lions Club.

As you can see from the above, Ms. Nishioka is a very involved volunteer and community service individual. Her appointment to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Services is a most deserved appointment that will benefit the commission and Ms. Nishioka.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on behalf of Ms. Nadine Nishioka.

Sincerely,
E. Rebecca Ryan
Executive Director
Moiliili Community Center

Testimony for Senate Committee on Higher Education

March 4, 2013

The Honorable Senator Brian Taniguchi
Chairperson, Senate Committee on Higher Education
Hawaii State Senate
Testimony in Support of Nadine Nishioka, GM632

Dear Senator Taniguchi:

It is my honor to submit the following testimony in support of the nomination of Ms. Nadine Nishioka to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Services.

I have worked with Nadine primarily through the Hawaii Lions organization, which we both belong to. As a member of the Lions, she has displayed her desire to assist those in need through her volunteer efforts. For a number of years Nadine has organized state-wide projects such as food drives to assist the Food Banks on all islands and has also headed the Lions' efforts to assist the Hawaii Red Cross in their fund raising efforts. She did these projects to the highest degree of integrity and willingness, always displaying a strong desire and commitment to help those in need. Her efforts were recognized by the International Association of Lions Club with her selection as one 11 Lions from the United States to receive the 2012 President Obama's Champions of Change Award. She was designated as a Champion of the Environment and went to Washington D.C. to participate in a forum where she shared her ideas with the Lions of the World.

Nadine has also served at the highest levels within the Lions of Hawaii organization. In 2010-2011 she was awarded the Lions Clubs International Presidential Medal, one of the highest awards given to a Lions member.

Nadine has a strong desire to help the young people of Hawaii. This is evident by her efforts in forming the first Lions campus club at the University of Hawaii. She continues to work with the club in carrying out volunteer programs such as vision and hearing screening projects. Outside of the Lions organization, Nadine serves as a coach and board member on the Manoa Girls' Athletic Club. These activities show her desire to assist the young people of our community become better citizens.

Nadine currently serves as President of the Moiliili Community Center; is Past Chair and member of the Manoa Neighborhood Board; Past President and current member of the Japan Exchange and Teaching Alumni Association; and currently is a Commissioner and Vice-Chair of the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Services.

As impressive as the activities that Nadine is involved in are, her greatest asset is that she serves willingly and from the heart. She never does things for the recognition or any other reward, only with the desire to help those in need. It is for this reason that I

strongly recommend that the nomination on Nadine Nishioka to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Services be approved by your committee. I know that she will be an outstanding member of the Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melvin Nakamura".

Melvin Nakamura
Past International Director
International Association of Lions Club