

GM 711

Testimony

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents, Gubernatorial Nominee, **EUGENE BAL III**, for a term to expire 6-30-2018

TESTIMONY
OF
EUGENE BAL III
TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE
ON
HIGHER EDUCATION
ON
April 2, 2013

G.M. 711

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents, Gubernatorial Nominee, EUGENE BAL III, for a term to expire 6-30-2018.

Chair Taniguchi and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today.

I want to thank Governor Abercrombie for his confidence in nominating me. I am honored to be considered for the University of Hawaii Board of Regents.

I want to thank all of my friends and colleagues who submitted testimony on my behalf and who have been so supportive in this process.

Following a 25 year military career, I returned home to Maui to become the Executive Director of the Maui High Performance Computing Center and I have held that position for the past 16 years. Public and community service, specifically related to education, has become a focus for me. I believe my blend of experience, capabilities, and leadership may be well applied as a Regent and I would be honored to serve in that capacity.

Several factors influence my belief that I have the requisite qualifications for membership on the Board of Regents. I have over 40 years of experience in leadership roles managing all aspects of complex scientific, engineering, and technical programs. While I served in the Navy, these positions included Mission Commander, Detachment Commander, Department Head, Chief Engineer, and Deputy Program Manager, culminated by assignment as one of a highly select number of Program Managers at the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency. As the Executive Director of the Maui

High Performance Computing Center, I led the transformation of the organization from a technology concept into the highest echelon of Department of Defense supercomputing centers and led the execution of the current management contract earning government performance assessments of "Excellent" resulting in the award of all contract extensions.

In addition to having been employed by two universities, I have been involved in education through a number of venues, principally as a volunteer in the State of Hawaii and Maui County non-profit communities. Examples of those volunteer service positions in education include the National Visiting Committee of the National Science Foundation, National Center of Excellence in High Performance Computing Technology, the University of Hawaii Maui College Advanced Curriculum Advisory Board, the United States Naval Academy Information Officer for Maui County, the Maui Economic Development Board Ke Alahele Education Committee, and the Hawaii Community Foundation Scholarship Ambassador Program. I have also re-engineered and developed a rigorous summer intern program at the Maui High Performance Computing Center.

My vision as a member of the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii is to build the reputation and credibility of the university through performance of the entire institution including the Board of Regents. Example issues supporting this goal include: graduating students who are well prepared to be competitive in the Information Technology age; advancing the university as a Carnegie Institution of Higher Learning through increased research activity; growing contract and grant funding and managing tuition costs; and developing the University Affiliated Research Center (UARC) in reaching its potential.

There are many challenges facing our university. You have my commitment, readiness, and willingness to serve in this most important position of public post-secondary education in our State.

I would like to thank the Committee for your dedication and service and for allowing me to testify before you today. Thank you for considering my nomination. And I want to thank those who have submitted testimony on my behalf.

At this time, I would be glad to answer any questions the Committee may have.

TESTIMONY BY KALBERT K. YOUNG
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE
STATE OF HAWAII
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION
ON
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 711

April 2, 2013

RELATING TO EUGENE BAL III FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII BOARD OF REGENTS

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

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support for the nomination of Mr. Eugene Bal III to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents.

I have known Mr. Bal for over 10 years starting whilst I worked for the County of Maui and Mr. Bal led the Maui High Performance Computing Center. During that time, I had the opportunity to witness Mr. Bal's leadership style and his approach to management. Mr. Bal is very organized and presents a calm demeanor that draws confidence and surety.

Mr. Bal's inclusive leadership style will be welcomed on the UH Board of Regents. Considering the difficult challenges faced by the University and the Board of Regents over the last several months, I am sure that Mr. Bal's insight and perspective towards transparency and governance will help to guide the University into its next phase of evolution as a leading institution.

Mr. Bal is actively involved in a variety of community organizations and frequently volunteers to participate in events. He is very community-minded and recognized as a leader with intelligent insight on issues and challenges facing not only Maui County, but as well as the State of Hawaii. I think his diverse background and perspectives will be valuable in shaping the future for the University of Hawaii into a globally-recognized institution of higher education and learning.

I think Mr. Bal would be a good appointment to the UH Board of Regents. I urge the members of the Senate Committee on Higher Education to support his selection by voting favorably on his nomination and advancing G.M. 711 for full Senate confirmation.

March 25, 2013

Senator Brian T. Taniguchi
Senate Committee on Higher Education
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Room 219
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Taniguchi and Committee Members on Higher Education,

My name is Robert Nakagawa and I currently serve as the Scout Executive/ Executive Director of the Scouting programs here in Maui County. I have come to know Gene Bal over the last two years. It started with the need to identify a President Elect to the Board of the Maui County Council Boy Scouts. Our nominating committee made up prominent leaders in the Maui Community spoke highly of Gene Bal, his leadership, organizational skills, and clout in the community.

He has served as the President Elect and now serves as the President of our Board. He has been able to provide great guidance to me and the organization through interesting times. His leadership at board meetings keeps us on point and focused on the mission of Scouting. He is able to provide clarity on what can sometimes be daunting discussions. I consider him a friend and a mentor. Each time we deliberate with his leadership there is no doubt in my mind we are moving in the right direction.

It is my opinion that the University would greatly benefit having Eugene Bal serve as a Regent.

Sincerely,

Robert Nakagawa (UH Class of 98)
Scout Executive
Maui County Council, Boy Scouts of America

March 26, 2013

Senator Brian T. Taniguchi
Senate Committee on Higher Education
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Room 219
Honolulu, Hi. 96813

Subject: Testimony for Eugene Bal, candidate for the Board of Regents of
University of Hawaii

Dear Senator Taniguchi:

How fortunate for the University of Hawaii that Mr. Bal has agreed to be a candidate for the Board of Regents. My complements to Governor Abercrombie for his choice.

It is a good thing that I was asked to keep my testimony short.....it would be easy to fill a number of pages of positive things to say about Eugene Bal.

Keeping it short:

He is probably one of the brightest and clearest thinking individuals I have had the good fortune to know .

While serving with Gene on two boards, the Hawaii Community Foundation and Business Advisory Group at U.H.Maui , I witnessed his outstanding Leadership ability . He is analytical and always respectful of both sides of an issue. His quiet but strong presence made for productive meetings.

Gene's journey through life will add another dimension to his ability to serve effectively. He understands the bigger world, as well as, having the outstanding qualities that his Hawaii ohana instilled in him.

Giving back to the community has been a passion of Gene's. As a regent , many more throughout the community will have the good fortune to benefit from his wisdom and experience.

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As a friend for many years as well as a neighbor and fellow board member of Eugene Bal I respectfully request that Mr. Eugene Bal be confirmed to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii.

Sincerely,

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March 26, 2013

Senator Brian T. Taniguchi
Senate Committee on Higher Education
State Capitol
415 South Bertania Street, Room 219
Honolulu, HI 96813

Regarding: Bill Number: GM711
Appointment of Eugene Bal III
Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i

Dear Senator:



It is with great pleasure that we submit this letter of support for Mr. Eugene Bal III regarding his appointment to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i. We have known Mr. Bal since 2001, and the initial basis of our recommendation is close interaction with him while he was a Board Member and President of the Maui Historical Society.

Since then, through his vision, managerial skills and technological expertise, Mr. Bal has shown himself to be a highly valuable member of the Maui community and has contributed greatly to the design and development of a strong and diversified Maui economy.

In reviewing the responsibilities of the Board of Regents, we can readily see a strong correlation between his capabilities and demonstrated skills for the position. He is certainly capable of all the duties and responsibilities of the position.

We normally reserve personal recommendations for those select few individuals who have the appropriate capabilities, who have proven their performance, and who have the potential to increase their responsibilities in the future. We are very pleased to be a reference for Mr. Bal and he has our unqualified and strongest endorsement for selection to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i.

Sincerely,


Jon C. Lightfoot

Roslyn Lightfoot

March 26, 2013

To: State of Hawaii Senate

From: Hilton Unemori

Subject: Testimony in support of the nomination of Eugene Bal to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents, Bill number GM711

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony in support of Eugene [Gene] Bal's nomination to the UH Board of Regents.

It is with great pleasure that I ask that you nominate Gene to be a Regent. Gene has contributed much to the Maui community since his retirement after 25 years with distinguished service as a Captain in the US Navy. In his current capacity as the Executive Director of the Maui High Performance Computing Center [MHPCC], Gene has become intimately familiar with the Research arm of the University of Hawaii. He has done this for the past 16 years. During this time with the MHPCC, he has served in the following roles:

1. Governor's Economic Development Revitalization Task Force
2. Hawaii State Workforce Development Council
3. Hawaii Technology Development Venture, Advisory Board
4. Hawaii Community Foundation, Maui Leadership Council, Past Chair
5. Maui County Mayor's Advisory Committee
6. Maui County Small Business Advisory Council
7. Maui Economic Development Board, past Chair and past vice Chair
8. Maui Memorial Medical Center Foundation, past vice President
9. Hawaii Community Foundation, Board of Governors, past Secretary
10. Maui Historical Society, past President
11. Boy Scouts of America, Maui Council President

As the immediate past president of the Maui Council of Boy Scouts of America, I had the opportunity to work with Gene and get to know him well. I relied on his sound advice and good judgement. I believe that Gene will definitely be an asset to the UH Board of Regents with his proven dedication and commitment, his work ethic, and the wealth of experience that he brings. I hope that you will support his nomination.

Very Truly Yours,

Hilton Unemori

March 27, 2013

Senator Brian T. Taniguchi
Chairperson of the House Senate Committee on Higher Education
Hawaii State Capital
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Taniguchi,

I am writing to you as a long time friend of Mr. Eugene Bal who is subject to confirmation of his appointment by Governor Abercrombie to a position on the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

Our friendship dates back more than 46 years when he first transferred to our high school from the Mainland. It was evident then and, especially now in adulthood, that "Gene" has the leadership qualities so important to athletics and academics. His quiet confidence and accomplishments earned him an appointment to the Naval Academy where he excelled and retired as a Navy Captain.

Eugene's desire to serve his country extends to his current endeavors to serve his community, sitting on numerous advisory boards and educational committees. His service to the University of Hawaii system is already well documented. Eugene is a man who is committed to public service for our state and community. I ask for your consideration in his appointment.

Sincerely,



Wayne C. Gushiken
School Teacher/Counselor State of Hawaii (ret.)

Glenn H. Yamasaki
119 Poailani Place, Kihei, Hawaii 96753

March 28, 2013

The Honorable Senator Brian T. Taniguchi
Senate Committee on Higher Education
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Room 219
Honolulu, HI 96813

email: sentaniguchi@capitol.hawaii.gov;

re: Eugene Bal III, Nominee, University of Hawaii Board of Regent

Dear Senator Taniguchi:

I am writing in support of the appointment of Eugene Bal III (Gene) to the University of Hawaii Board of Regent (Regent).

I have known Gene for over 5 years through various non-profit Boards that we both have served on including the Hawaii Community Foundation-Maui Leadership Advisory Council and the Maui County Council Boy Scouts of America. On each of these organizations, Gene has served as the Board Chairman.

In both situations, I have witnessed Gene's leadership acumen in guiding each Organization through strategic decisions and actions while at the same time keenly aware of his fiduciary duty, his Board governance obligations, and a strict adherence to confidentiality.

I am especially envious of his ability to calmly and succinctly articulate the issues and guide the Board to a decision that is in the best interest of the Organization.

I am firmly supportive of Gene's nomination and can vision his role on the University of Hawaii Board of Regents as that of a leader, facilitator, fiduciary, visionary, and role model.

Sincerely,



Glenn H. Yamasaki
ASUH President, 1985
Alumnus, Class of '85

March 27, 2013

I would like to submit my testimony in support of Eugene Bal III, and his nomination to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents.

I have known Eugene for 2 ½ years in my work at the Maui Memorial Medical Center Foundation, first as Development Specialist, then as Executive Director.

Eugene has been a Board member at the Foundation for the past six years. I have been so impressed with his intelligence, business acumen, knowledge of nonprofits and philanthropy, and his overall quiet yet effective leadership. I am truly sorry that this is his last year as a Foundation Board member, as I would like to keep him with us forever!

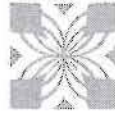
The University of Hawaii Board of Regents would be fortunate to have Eugene, and I know his contributions will be invaluable to that organization.

Sincerely,

Lisa Varde, CFRE

Executive Director

Maui Memorial Medical Center Foundation



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MEDICAL CENTER

Foundation
BECAUSE LIFE IS PRECIOUS.

March 27, 2013

I am pleased to submit my testimony in support of Eugene Bai III, and his nomination to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents.

I have known Eugene personally as we have been long-time family friends for many years. He is a family man, well respected in the community, and is quiet but efficient.

For the past six years we have worked together in a volunteer capacity on the Maui Memorial Medical Center Foundation Board of Directors. He has served in many capacities on this Board including Vice President, Nominating Committee Chair and Executive Director Search Committee Chair. Eugene never refused a task or assignment and always met every challenge with confidence, grace and humility.

It is my honor to support Eugene in his nomination to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents, where I am positive he will excel in every area.

Sincerely,

Sarajeun Tokunaga

Board President

Maui Memorial Medical Center Foundation

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March 28, 2013

Senator Brian T. Taniguchi
Senate Committee on Higher Education
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Room 219
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Subject: Nomination of Eugene Bal III
Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii

Dear Senator Taniguchi:

I am writing to you on behalf of my good friend, Mr. Eugene Bal III, and as a University of Hawaii alumnus from the College of Engineering. I have known Mr. Bal for over 15 years.

I recently retired after 30 years of public service with the County of Maui and Mr. Bal is clearly among the most capable and honorable people I have met. The University has recently endured a torturous period and I am confident that Mr. Bal, as a UH Regent, will help restore leadership at and public confidence in the University.

I respectfully request that your most favorable consideration of Mr. Bal's nomination.

Sincerely,
Ralph M. Nagamine, P.E., L.S.

From: Deborah Rice [drice@hcf-hawaii.org]
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2013 11:25 AM
To: Sen. Brian Taniguchi
Cc: Susan Miyao
Subject: Eugene Bal, III nomination testimony

Aloha Senator Taniguchi,

In support of the nomination of Eugene Bal, III to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents, I wish to testify that Gene has been a tremendous statewide leader and volunteer. He served with honor on the Hawaii Community Foundation Board of Trustees and as an active and valued member of the Maui Leadership Council, including the role of Chair. His knowledge and expertise in education has been extremely helpful to the community and to the foundation. He is an exemplary citizen, and an extraordinary community member, with a true statewide perspective.

Since first meeting Gene many years ago, I've witnessed how much community building has been manifested here in Hawaii, because of his volunteer work. His character and personal values stand as a positive model for others, bringing well-informed knowledge and leadership to the forefront of our state.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or would like further information.

Much Aloha,

Deborah J. Rice
Senior Philanthropic Services Officer – Maui County



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Testimony in support of Mr. Eugene Bal's confirmation to the Board of Regents

Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Kahele, members of the Higher Education Committee,

My name is Leslie Ann Yokouchi. I'm the President and owner of Windermere Valley Isle Properties. I would like to provide testimony in support of Mr. Eugene Bal's appointment to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents (BOR) representing Maui County. I have known Gene for over 45 years. He is an exceptional leader and a person of high integrity. A Baldwin High School graduate, he is acutely aware of the needs of the County's young people. He has demonstrated over the years his commitment to his community by his involvement on numerous boards and commissions.

As a University of Hawaii, Manoa graduate, I am acutely aware of the tumultuous times the University of Hawaii (UH) System is currently experiencing. There is no question in my mind that the BOR needs individuals who have the demonstrated leadership and courage to provide the oversight UH sorely needs. Gene's track record of success as a retired naval officer and, most recently, as Director of Maui's Supercomputer for the past 16 years, provides him with the requisite skill set and know how to help guide UH during this difficult period in its history.

Gene and I served together on Maui Memorial Hospital Foundation Board of Directors. Thus, I have witnessed firsthand his ability to grapple with complex issues and come to reasonable decisions about how to handle them. He emerged as one of the leaders of the Board.

Over the years that I have known Gene, one of the most impressive qualities he possesses is his ability to relate to everyone with whom he interacts. It's clear to all who know him how incredibly bright he is but he has a humility that people appreciate and respect.

I have no doubt that Gene's presence on the BOR will add to its ability to deal with the issues and policy matters that it has to cope with over the coming years. Therefore, I ask you to recommend confirmation of his appointment to the BOR. Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

March 29, 2013

Senator Brian T. Taniguchi
Senate Committee on Higher Education
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Room 219
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Support for confirmation of Eugene Bal, III for the University of Hawaii Board of Regents

Honorable Senator Taniguchi:

It is with great pleasure that I submit my testimony of support for Eugene Bal, III to fill the Maui seat on the University of Hawaii Board of Regents. I have known him for six years, as we have served on the Maui Memorial Medical Center Foundation's Board of Directors together. While serving on the board with Gene, I have been impressed – though not surprised - by his willingness to head various committees in spite of his extremely full schedule, and to lead by assessing situations calmly, rationally and accurately, while communicating clearly and effectively. He is decisive, and employs careful forethought before taking a stand or expressing an opinion on subjects that may be sensitive or separative, earning him respect from those around him, regardless of how they may feel about the subject or issue at hand.

Even before becoming acquainted with Gene personally, I was aware of his reputation as a strong leader and person of great character and integrity. His wealth of experience in a number of areas has afforded him the ability to look at situations from many perspectives, with balanced, big-picture thinking when considering possible outcomes.

His depth, reserved demeanor and humility, as well as his commitment to carefully chosen causes, make him someone who would well represent and bring great value to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents.

Thank you for this opportunity for me to express my support of Eugene Bal, III.

Sincerely,

Anne M. Oishi
Vice-President & General Manager
Island Honda
Maui, Hawaii

March 29, 2013

RE: Testimony for Mr. Eugene Bal nomination to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents —Bill Number GM711

To whom it may concern,

Please accept this letter of testimony as an endorsement of Mr. Eugene Bal's nomination to the University of Hawaii's Board of Regents. Mr. Bal's education, military service and life experiences have contributed to his stellar commitment to the State of Hawaii and Maui County in particular.

Mr. Bal possesses strong leadership skills and ability, along with displaying excellent business acumen. He has an inquisitive mindset that assesses complex situations which enables him to make sound decisions. The ability to be a quick learner and Mr. Bal's willingness to always expand his knowledge around a situation makes him an asset to any organization. Maintaining a consistently professional outlook and positive demeanor is appreciated by all those that work with him. He is also very thoughtful and is someone who has the ability to nurture strong relationships with many different types of people; he is an individual with "high emotional intelligence".

I am proud to have had the opportunity to work side by side with Mr. Bal as a member of the Hawaii Community Foundation Board of Governors for several years. I have been associated with many top executives and influencers in the State over time and I can honestly say that Mr. Bal possesses the traits and values that would make him an outstanding member of the University of Hawaii Board of Regents.

Eugene Bal is someone who will do his utmost to uphold his responsibilities to the Board of Regents, the University of Hawaii and it's students and the broader community. I have known Mr. Bal both professionally and personally for many years and strongly support his nomination, thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Myles S. Shibata
Vice President of Philanthropic Services



March 29, 2013

Senator Brian Taniguchi
Senate Committee on Higher Education
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Room 219
Honolulu, HI 96813

Honorable Brian Taniguchi:

It is without reservation that I submit this letter of support for Mr. Gene Bal as a Board of Regent of the University of Hawaii. My association with Mr. Bal began 3 years ago when I joined him on the Maui Memorial Medical Center Foundation Board of Directors.

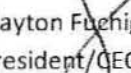
His skills and insight were evident from the first meeting I attended as I listened attentively when he spoke. At subsequent meetings I observed that he commanded the respect of all present with his sound articulation on the issues before us. His engaging demeanor was never confrontational enabling his trust and leadership virtues to always prevail with our group. Attributes which are well suited for the position he is being considered for.

The list of community and civic organizations he was and is involved in truly amplifies the type of individual he is. It has demonstrated to me that he is someone who gives back more than he receives from our community.

His personal academic achievements are a testament of his value of a good education and will undoubtedly serve him well as a Board of Regent of an institution of higher learning. Professionally his military, government and private sector employment provides the catalyst for sound business acumen towards oversight, fiscal responsibility and management of the University of Hawaii system.

As an alumnus of the University of Hawaii at Manoa and a taxpayer I would be honored to have him represent us and be confirmed by your committee as the next Board of Regent of the University of Hawaii. Hawaii would be extremely fortunate to have someone of Mr. Bal's caliber serving on our behalf.

Sincerely,


Clayton Fuchigami
President/CEO

March 30, 2013

Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
Senate Committee on Higher Education
State Capitol, Room 219
415 South Beretania Street, Room 219
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Nomination of Eugene Bal III – UH Board of Regents

Aloha Senator Taniguchi:

This letter is being sent in support of the nomination of Eugene Bal III for a seat on the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents.

I've known Gene for the past several years, both professionally and personally as we have many mutual business acquaintances and friends. He is a very conscientious, thoughtful and responsible person who has only the best interests of Maui and Hawai'i at heart. He spends an enormous amount of his time working with non-profit organizations, as a Board Member, officer, and volunteer. I pride myself on my community service but I am humbled when I look at all of the organizations and causes Gene is and has been involved with.

I've had the opportunity to serve on Boards with Gene and when he has been in charge of a meeting or been the Chair of a particular Committee, he has always impressed me with his leadership qualities and his ability and, more important, willingness to listen to all sides and help the group arrive at a reasonable solution to whatever issue is before them. Even when he has not been actually serving as the leader, he has not shied away from taking on that role when necessary. I know as a father and grandfather, education in Hawaii at all levels is very important to Gene and I know that he will do a great job on the Board of Regents if given the opportunity. I honestly cannot think of anyone more qualified to serve in that capacity.

I have the utmost respect and Aloha for Eugene Bal, his education and work experience are simply amazing, I believe him to have the highest level of integrity, and he has the utmost respect of the Maui community. I have no hesitation in whole-heartedly requesting your favorable consideration and support of his nomination for a seat on the Board of Regents.

Please let me know if you would like any additional information.

Sincerely,


DAVID M. JORGENSEN

March 29, 2013

Senator Brian T. Taniguchi
Senate Committee on Higher Education
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Room 219
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Mr. Eugene Bal's Nomination to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents
Bill # GM711

Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi:

I am very pleased that Governor Abercrombie nominated Eugene "Gene" Bal to be on the University of Hawaii Board of Regents. I have known Gene for approximately 15 years. He has exceptional leadership skills and a wealth of knowledge in a wide array of disciplines.

I first met Gene at the Maui Research and Technology Park. We serve together on the MEDB board of directors. Our participation began when he was its chairman and continues to the present. We also served together on the Board of Trustees of the Maui Historical Society. Gene held the chairmanship of this organization as well. I came to admire his leadership skills during these relationships. He conducts meetings with authority yet with the spirit of participation of all involved. He is always well informed on the issues at hand and adept at finding solutions to difficult problems.

I strongly support the selection of Eugene Bal as a member of the University of Hawaii Board of Regents.

Sincerely,

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March 31, 2013

Senator Brian T. Taniguchi
Senate Committee on Higher Education
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Room 219
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Eugene Bal III's Nomination for the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents (GM711)

Honorable Senator Taniguchi:

This letter is offered in support of Eugene Bal III who has been nominated by Governor Neil Abercrombie to a position on the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents. I have known and worked with Gene in my former position as coordinator of the then Maui Community College Cooperative Education (Internship) and Job Placement program for more than ten years. As the Executive Director of the Maui High Performance Computing Center, Gene played an important role in workforce development by supporting internships for MCC students majoring in Electronics and Computer Engineering Technology and other STEM programs. Many MCC graduates have become productive employees of the Center as well.

Further, Gene contributed his expertise on the University of Hawai'i Maui College Advanced Curriculum Advisory Committee as MCC transitioned into UH Maui College and began offering baccalaureate degrees. He has forged strong relationships between the Center, the College, and the Maui community which have enhanced economic development in science and technology.

His engagement in our community is well documented and ranges from organizations directly related to his work to those that provide leadership and support in the healthcare industry, economic revitalization, small businesses, and professional development (e.g., Maui Economic Development Board; Maui County Council Boy Scouts of America). I am also proud to call him "Cousin" and to acknowledge his involvement on the Maui Historical Society Board of Trustees (we are both descendants of Edward Bailey). There is no doubt that all of these experiences, his educational background, the combination of his military and management service, and, equally important, his integrity, motivation, and demonstrated leadership will contribute to his ability to serve effectively on the Board of Regents.

At this critical point in the University's timeline, it is important to have people like Gene Bal who will objectively, fairly, and thoroughly review the issues and challenges facing the

institution and who will make sound decisions on behalf of higher education in Hawai`i. It is with great confidence that I support the nomination of Eugene Bal III for a position on the University of Hawai`i Board of Regents. Mahalo for the opportunity to present my testimony on behalf of Eugene Bal III.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Walette G. Pellegrino
Associate Professor, retired
University of Hawai`i Maui College (Maui Community College)



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March 29, 2013

The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi
Senate Committee on Higher Education
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Room 219
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. Taniguchi,

I understand that you are considering the nomination of Eugene Bal to the University of Hawaii's Board of Regents. I would like to share information with you about his qualifications.

I've known of him since high school. Although we attended different high schools, back then (the late 1960s) Maui was small and rural enough that outstanding high school students garnered the attention of our community. In his case, Gene was both a model scholar and athlete. As a product of that period in Maui's history, Gene brings an understanding and appreciation of our community's legacy and values to the pivotal discussions and decisions he will face as a Regent.

In 1997, our paths crossed again when Gene accepted the position of Director of the Maui High Performance Computing Center. MEDB's mission focusses on diversifying Maui County's economy with particular emphasis on industries engaged in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math activities. With the invaluable support of the late Senator Inouye, MHPCC opened operations in 1994 in part to support the vast amounts of data produced by the Air Force telescopes on Haleakala. Recognizing the significant role MHPCC played in MEDB's mission, we invited Gene to serve as a member of our board of directors. He is respected by his colleagues on the board for dedication to our mission, for his integrity and for his skills as a clear thinker and communicator. Reflecting their regard for his leadership, the board elected Gene to serve for two years as Chair of the Board of Directors. It is testament to his skills as a leader that he was able to guide our 36-member board successfully through a period of program expansion and diversification. As the President & CEO, I worked very closely with Gene and always appreciated his responsiveness, intelligence and support in our conversations.

I know both personally and professionally that Gene sees education and the opportunity to go on to a higher education degree as priorities. He is fittingly a very active member of the MEDB Education Committee, one of the most demanding assignments on the board. In that capacity, he helped found the MEDB Ke Alahele Education Fund which provides grants to schools and teachers to advance STEM education in our K-12 schools. The Committee assists with annual fundraising (more than \$300,000 annually) and determining grants to be awarded.

I hope this information is helpful in your deliberations and look forward to your decision.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeanne Skog".

Jeanne Unemori Skog
President & CEO

Rian DuBach
637 Lower Kimo Drive
Kula, HI 96793
April 1, 2013

Senator Brian T. Taniguchi
Senate Committee on Higher Education
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Room 219
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Taniguchi:

It is with great pleasure that I recommend Eugene Bal as a Regent for the University of Hawaii. I have known him for over 10 years, and served on the Maui Memorial Medical Center Foundation Board of Directors with him for two years. We are also distantly related, through marriage. I am the Vice President of Corporate Banking at American Savings Bank, but I write this testimony as an individual and UH alumnus.

Eugene has consistently displayed a high aptitude of integrity and has always been forthright and candid in our interaction. He is articulate and has been able to bring people to consensus on difficult issues. He is well-liked for his thoughtful and professional style.

I believe his extensive experience with the U.S. Navy helped refine and define his innate leadership qualities. His leadership at the Maui High Performance Computing Center has been instrumental in diversifying our local economy.

Eugene is widely respected in the community on Maui. He has an extensive track record of volunteerism on a number of boards. He is not shy in asking difficult questions, but does so with courtesy and respect.

I am happy to provide this endorsement without reservation. His sound judgment and consistent follow-through would be an asset to the UH Board of Regents.

Sincerely,

Rian DuBach

April 1, 2013

The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim, Senate President

And Members of the Senate

Twenty-Seventh State Legislature

State Capitol, Room 409

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senate President Kim and Members of the Senate,

Governor Abercrombie nominated Mr. Eugene Bal III to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii, and I am writing to you in support of your confirmation of this appointment. I have known Mr. Bal for several years, while working with him on the Maui Memorial Medical Center Foundation Board of Directors. Gene is extremely intelligent and is a tremendous leader. Gene is able to think and act very strategically but is also entirely capable of discussing issues at more tactical, detailed levels, as needed. Gene's actions and service clearly demonstrate his sincere care for the Maui and Hawaii community.

The University of Hawaii and Hawaii's community in general would benefit immensely from Gene's service on the Board of Regents.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lyle J. Matsunaga". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Lyle J. Matsunaga

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Testimony for HRE on Apr 2, 2013 15:00PM in Conference Room 414

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Wes Freiwald	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Subject: Eugene Bal Support for UH Regent From: Wes Freiwald, President & CEO PDS LLC. Date: 3/28/13 This letter is in support of Eugene Bal ("Gene") as a UH Board of Regent position. I've known and worked closely with Gene for over 15 years in the technology community on Maui as well as through other functions such as the Maui Economic Development Board (MEDB). Gene is a person of incredible integrity and is able to tackle and solve complex problems ranging from organizational, to human, to highly technical. He has the unique ability to distill information, determine courses of action, and oversee execution of courses of action in a clear and concise manor. He is articulate, politically astute, and there is no problem too large, or too small for him to address. He is confident, humble and sincere. My home is on Maui, Hawaii, I have a successful business in Hawaii, and I cannot think of a better individual to serve as a regent of the University of Hawaii. The University would be blessed to have him in such a capacity. Please feel free to contact me at any time in regards to this subject on my personal cell phone. Sincerely, Wes Freiwald President & CEO PDS LLC. (808) 268-9119

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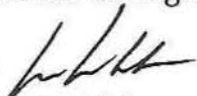
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April 1, 2013

TO: The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
Senate Committee on Higher Education

FROM: Mike White 
General Manager, Kā'anapali Beach Hotel

SUBJECT: HEARING OF APRIL 2, 2013; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF
GM 711, EUGENE BAL III FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII
BOARD OF REGENTS

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Mr. Eugene Bal III for the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents. As General Manager of the Kā'anapali Beach Hotel for the past 26 years, and currently the Maui County Council Member serving Makawao, Ha'ikū and Pā'ia, I am honored to support Mr. Bal's nomination.

The University of Hawai'i faces many challenges as it works to adapt to the changing educational needs of 21st century learners. Rising tuition costs, class sizes and system-wide accountability all come to mind as top priorities that the University leadership must address. As an alumnus of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, I feel Mr. Bal can help steer Hawai'i's only public university system in a direction that will help to cultivate a new generation of leaders.

I have worked with Mr. Bal on the Maui Economic Development Board and as the Executive Director of the Maui High Performance Computing Center. I feel he is well positioned to bring a unique, cutting edge perspective. He is focused and has a strong track record of fighting for working class residents.

I am certain that Mr. Bal is well prepared for this challenge and I strongly support his nomination. Please feel free to contact me at 281-4905 or via email at mwhite@hawaii.rr.com should you have any questions or need additional information.

March 30, 2013

The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi
Senate Committee on Higher Education
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Room 219
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: GM711

In Strong Support of Eugene Bal, Confirmation Hearing for University of Hawaii Regent

Dear Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Kahele, and Members,

It is an honor to write a letter on behalf of Gene Bal's appointment to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents. We often refer to Gene as one of our distinguished *Kama'aina Come Home* alumni. A Baldwin High graduate who went on to graduate from the U.S. Naval Academy and after retiring from a successful Navy career, he chose to come home to share his talents and leadership in our state's emerging technology industry. The Maui High Performance Computing Center (MHPCC) is an anchoring asset of the Maui Research & Technology Park and the state's desired technology growth. As MHPCC's Executive Director, Gene's leadership has been pivotal in catalyzing growth in the innovation sector, as well as attracting Hawaii's students into STEM related fields. He has played an important role in facilitating and bridging industry with higher education and the military's investments in our state.

I have known and worked with Gene for the last fifteen years. He wears many hats in our community, I have watched first-hand as he stepped into needed leadership roles and also when he generously stepped back and quietly supported others' leadership success. He is a team player, who always brings thoughtful, well-researched, and equitable dialogue to any discussions, contributing significantly to building consensus and solutions. My intersection with Gene has been primarily in the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) education arena, stemming the entire education to workforce pipeline from K through careers. In his professional position, he has lifted barriers and opened doors for literally thousands of Maui County's youth to tour and job shadow MHPCC facilities and professionals. He has encouraged mentoring, funded internships, and fostered outreach to underrepresented STEM students including girls, Native Hawaiians, and members of our immigrant communities.

As mentioned, his leadership extends into the nonprofit community. Maui Economic Development Board was grateful for his terms as Chair of our Board of Directors, where he continues to serve as a vital member of our Board. He also serves on our *KeAlahele* Education Fund Committee, which is dedicated to raising private funding support for STEM education in

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Maui County. The committee has annually, on average, raised more than a quarter of a million dollars to distribute community grants ranging from robotics to hydroponics.

Gene is an unwavering champion for education; he has demonstrated his commitment to building capacity in Hawaii's education systems throughout the 15-years I have had the pleasure of knowing and working with him. He is an excellent choice for Regent; he will make a valuable contribution to continuing to move U.H. forward and towards implementing Hawaii's Innovation Initiative.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions. Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.

Sincerely,



Leslie Wilkins, Vice President
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