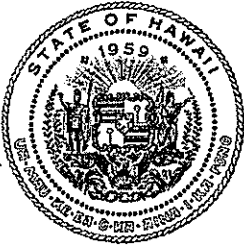


# GM753

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the  
Hawai'i Community Development Authority (He'eia  
District), Gubernatorial Nominee, MAHEALANI CYPHER,  
for a term to expire 6-30-2016.



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Statement Of  
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before the  
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, GOVERNMENT  
OPERATIONS AND HOUSING**

Monday, April 8, 2013  
2:45 P.M.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 016

in consideration of  
**GM 753**  
**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE HAWAII  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (HE'EIA DISTRICT)  
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, MAHEALANI CYPHER  
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-16.**

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Slom, and Members of the Committee.

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism **strongly supports** the nomination of Mahealani Cypher for the Hawaii Community Development Authority (He'eia District).

Ms. Cypher's professional, educational, and professional affiliations will serve her well on the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) He'eia District. Her stated objective to use her experience, training, and talent to serve the Kupuna Kahiko and Native Hawaiian Community on matters relating to history, culture, wahi kapu, wahi pana and other issues relating to historic preservation and the traditional and customary practices, needs and concerns of Native Hawaiian people is refreshing.

Ms. Cypher is a dedicated individual who is well connected with multiple organizations, civic clubs, and foundations. As such, she is aware of the requirements and responsibilities for serving on the Authority. The HCDA looks forward to working with Ms. Cypher, should she be confirmed, as future proposals come before the Authority for potential wetland restoration projects for the He'eia Community Development District.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments in support of Ms. Cypher.



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AUTHORITY (HE'EIA DISTRICT) GUBERNATORIAL  
NOMINEE, MAHEALANI CYPHER, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE  
ON 6/30/16.**

Ms. Cypher is being nominated to serve on the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) for the He'eia District.

After talking to Ms. Cypher, I was impressed with her commitment to the Kaneohe community and to Native Hawaiian issues. I note that her educational background in Journalism, current professional background as a Cultural Consultant/Educator and residence in the Koolaupoko District qualifies her to serve on the Authority.

In addition, Ms. Cypher is an advocate for the Native Hawaiian community. She is and has been involved with many organizations such as the City and County of Honolulu, Board of Water Supply, Koolaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club, Association of Civic Clubs, Kako'o O'iwi, Kualoa-Heeia Hawaiian

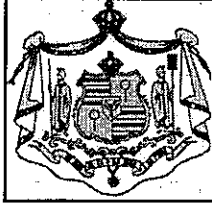
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Civic Club, Oahu Council of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, Kaneohe Outdoor Circle, and Kaneohe Neighborhood Board as well as multiple other organizations.

Ms. Cypher is aware of the requirements and responsibilities for serving on the Authority.

The HCDA looks forward to working with Ms. Cypher, as the Authority entertains wetland restoration and agricultural development projects for the He'eia Community Development District. I offer my support for Ms. Cypher's confirmation by the State Senate.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments in support of Ms. Cypher's nomination.



## **Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs**

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Testimony of President Soulee Stroud

### **GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 753 HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (HEEIA DISTRICT)**

#### **NOMINEE MAHEALANI CYPHER**

#### **SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND HOUSING**

Monday, April 8, 2013; 2:45pm; Room 16

Aloha Chairman Dela Cruz, Vice Chairman Slom and members of the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing. I am Soulee Stroud president of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs here to support the confirmation of nominee Mahealani Cypher to the Hawaii Community Development Authority (Heeia District).

Ms. Cypher is well known as a community leader in Windward Oahu and within the Hawaiian Civic Clubs. She has served as a club president, Oahu Council president and in various other positions of leadership. We fully support her nomination and know that she will serve admirably on the Heeia District, HCDA.

We urge your confirmation of her appointment.

Contact: [jalna.keala2@hawaiiantel.net](mailto:jalna.keala2@hawaiiantel.net)



O'ahu Council  
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April 7, 2013

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND  
HOUSING

DATE: Monday, April 8, 2013

Regarding GM753 confirmation to the Hawai'i Community Development Authority (He'eia District), Gubernatorial Nominee, MAHEALANI CYPHER, for a term to expire 6-30-2016

My name is Daniel Nahoopii, president of the O'ahu Council of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support for Governor's Message 753, nominating Mahealani Cypher to the Hawai'i Community Development Authority (He'eia Distric). Ms. Cypher is a strong community advocate and will be a valuable asset to the Hawai'i Community Development Authority. As past president of both the O'ahu Council and the Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club she has presented strong leadership skills and an intimate understanding of community needs.

Me ka mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel K. Nahoopii".

Na Daniel Kameahanohano Nahoopii  
President



# KO'OLAUPOKO HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB

April 2, 2013

To: Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair  
And Members of the Committee on  
Economic Development, Government  
Operations & Housing  
Hawaii State Senate

From: Alice P. Hewett, President  
Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club  
*Alice P. Hewett*

Subject: Testimony in Support of GM753, Appointment of MAHEALANI CYPHER

On behalf of the Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club, we extend our aloha nui loa to Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing.

We offer our strong support for the appointment and confirmation of Mahealani Cypher to serve in a He'eia District Seat for the Hawai'i Community Development Authority. Our civic club represents our membership from throughout the Kane'ohē bay region in the nine ahupua'a from Kane'ohē to Kualoa.

Mahealani is immediate past president of our civic club and, for many years, has been dedicated to helping our civic club and our community through the programs, projects and activities she has spearheaded for our club. In fact, in 2007, she was named the most outstanding Hawaiian Civic Club member by the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, which is comprised of over 60 Hawaiian Civic Clubs in Hawai'i and across the continental U.S.

She brings many good skills to help with the work of the HCDA as it pertains to the He'eia area, and is well-informed about the land and water issues in our area. As a Native Hawaiian and former conservation educator with the Honolulu Board of Water Supply, she is supportive of good resource management practices, which should serve her well in this new role assisting HCDA.

We urge your committee to approve GM753 and recommend her confirmation to the full Senate.

Mahalo for this opportunity to offer our mana'o.

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April 3, 2013

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GM753: APPOINTMENT OF MAHEALANI CYPHER

To: Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair  
Senator Sam Slom, Vice Chair  
Members, Senate Committee on Economic Development,  
Government Operations and Housing

From: Lawrence Akina, Jr., President  
Ko'olau Foundation

Subject: GM753: For Consideration and Confirmation to the Hawai'i Community  
Development Authority (He'eia District), Gubernatorial Nominee,  
MAHEALANI CYPHER, for a term to expire 6-30-2016

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Ko'olau Foundation, I strongly urge your approval and confirmation of the appointment of Ms. Mahealani Cypher to the Hawai'i Community Development Authority (HCDA), He'eia District seat.

Ms. Cypher has been a member of our board of directors for many years, and is very knowledgeable and experienced in land and resource management. For the past 18 years, she has spearheaded our organization's efforts to establish a cultural preserve in Ha'iku Valley, which is mauka of the lands held by HCDA in the He'eia wetlands.

As a Native Hawaiian, she also understands the importance of good planning and wise management of land and water resources, having advocated the integration of Hawaiian cultural practices into modern-day resource management for many years.

She is deeply involved in our community and has managed collaborations among public and private interests for many years.

We know she will be an asset to the HCDA and to our community, and urge your committee to approve her appointment.

Mahalo.





**William Claude & Ma'ema'e Jones Ohana**  
**P.O. Box 6313**  
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April 4, 2013

**To:** Sen. Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair / And Members  
Economic Development, Government Operations & Housing Committee

**From:** Leialoha "Rocky" Kaluhiwa  
Jones `Ohana of He`eia

**Subject:** GM753: Appointment of Mahealani Cypher to He`eia District seat  
Hawai`i Community Development Authority (Support)

My name is Leialoha "Rocky" Kaluhiwa, and I am submitting testimony on behalf of our Jones `ohana, many of whom live in the He`eia ahupua`a. We are a registered `Ohana organization of 300+ members born and raised in He`eia, Ko`olaupoko. My father was one of 21 siblings. I had 89 first cousins, and from that, we have over 300+ members.

We meet every three months to discuss `ohana and `aina issues pertaining to our ahupua`a and `ohana. We also have a family reunion every year to keep together, whether it's a picnic or a luau.

We are pleased to support the nomination of Mahealani Cypher to be a member of the Hawaii Community Development Authority representing He`eia, knowing her distinguished background in this moku and the island of O`ahu.

I personally have known Mahealani for over 30 years from the time when she worked at the State Legislature. I know what she is capable of and trust her integrity to its fullest.

I've seen her when there were discussions in which not everyone agreed, and she used her ingenuity and mana`o to guide us all through it. Yet she always made pono with whoever did not agree.

As to the O`ahu General Plan and the Ko`olaupoko Sustainable Communities Plan for the City, she organized a Ko`olaupoko planning committee to give input and recommendations for improvements to these plans.

She created the Ahupua`a Boundary Marker project for the Ko`olaupoko moku, which eventually began to be seen across the whole island of O`ahu, supported by government agencies and community organizations.

She has always supported the restoration and sustainable plan for the ahupua`a of He`eia. From that mauka-makai plan, we have earned the designation as a “Sentinel Site” by NOAA, one of only eight in the nation.

She was also instrumental in getting the He`eia Agricultural Authority adopted by the legislature through many community and legislative meetings and input.

We are very proud to have her serve in her capacity for the betterment of our community. We know she will be a great contributor to the decision-making for HCDA and our ahupua`a.

Mahalo,

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LEIALOHA “ROCKY” KALUHIWA



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Re: Support for Mahealani Cypher, Governor's Appointment  
GM753: Hawai'i Community Development Authority/He'eia

Aloha Senator Dela Cruz and Committee Members:

My name is Jerry Kaluhiwa of Kako'o O'iwi, and I am speaking in support of Mahealani Cypher, nominee for the HCDA board.

I have known Mahealani for many years and know that she is capable of bringing great mana'o to this board. She was our vice president for Kako'o O'iwi for the past four years. We are a non-profit that has struggled to start the restoration of 400+ acres in He'eia (known to many as "He'eia wetlands" but to Hawaiians as He'eia uli or 'Aina Momona for its rich agricultural treasures).

Mahealani helped to find private grants and funding to support our efforts. She is competent in whatever she puts her mind to do. She has also educated numerous groups on the history and cultural significance of He'eia and our entire moku of Ko'olaupoko.

Mahealani sat in on many planning committees and has recently formed our own Ko'olaupoko planning committee to look through and give in-put to our city's sustainable plans for our future. She also attends the city's rail meetings to keep informed on its impact and benefits for our future.

You would be lucky to have her on the State's HCDA Board for He'eia ahupua'a.

Mahalo,

JERRY M. KALUHIWA

April 3, 2013  
A. Stephen Harper, Jr.  
46-217 Kalali Street  
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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT  
OF MAHEALANI CYPHER, GM753  
Appointment to the HCDA / Heeia District

Aloha Chairman Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Slom and Members of the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing:

I am pleased to offer my strong support for the appointment of Mahealani Cypher to serve on a Heeia seat for the Hawaii Community Development Authority.

As a resident of Heeia, it is important to me that we have qualified, knowledgeable and experienced people serving in positions of importance to our communities.

I have known Mahealani for several years and have found her to be very well-qualified because of her past experience as a government official, and also very knowledgeable about the concerns, needs and activities in the Heeia area.

She is dedicated to serving our community, and does so every day as a volunteer for the Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club, Ko`olau Foundation, and many other Hawaiian and community organizations.

She will do a good job on this board, and I urge you to approve her appointment.

Mahalo.

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**Dane Wicker**

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**From:** John Goody [jbgoody@me.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 02, 2013 11:04 AM  
**To:** EGHTestimony  
**Subject:** GM753: Nomination of Mahealani Cypher to HCDA

Dear Senator Dela Cruz and Committee Members:

I am writing to support the nomination of Mahealani Cypher to the HCDA. I have known Ms. Cypher for many years. She is hard working, community minded, and selfless in her dedication to the public good. She is very effective working with others in collaboration, and has a long record of accomplishment in community endeavors. You could not ask for a better person to represent He 'eia on the HCDA board.

Sincerely yours,  
John Goody  
Kahaluu

## Dane Wicker

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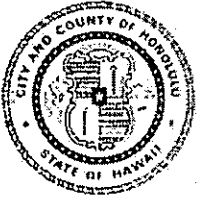
**From:** Hawaiianjazz@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 04, 2013 8:57 AM  
**To:** EGHTestimony  
**Subject:** testimony for Mahealani Cypher Hawaii Comm. Dev. (Hee'ia District)

Aloha mai Kakou...My name is Teresa Bright and I want to support your decision for Mahealani Cypher to be a part of your Hawaii Community Development Authority Gubernatorial nomination for the He'eia District.

I was raised here in He'eia and my mother and her grand parents were Kupa 'aina for this land. My family go back to the ancient days for this district. My uncles built the long bridge in He'eia and my grandfather was the land overseer for this district. During the Great Mahele claim my family had 40 acres here. They cultivated taro and livestock for the community. Our land was located under now where King intermediate school is, and all the way to Kealohi He'eia state park. Later my kupuna were relocated mauka because of the US military. They needed our land for the omega station to be built. So, the wires that once ran thru He'eia, landed right were our original kuleana land was.

Mahealani Cypher has put endless hours in helping our people in this Kaneohe He'eia district. She is compassionate and extents herself with fundraising for community based programs, scholarships for our keiki, and helping our kupuna with all needs even driving them to events. Mahealani goes beyond in all aspects to improve and malama our community. She loves and cares for Ko'olaupoko. Keiki o ka aina.. Please give her your vote in this decision..

Mahalo a nui loa Teresa Bright



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April 4, 2013

Sen. Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair  
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**RE: GM-753 – Mahealani Cypher – Hawai'i Community Development Authority  
Appointee Confirmation (He'eia)**

Honorable Senators Dela Cruz and Slom:

I write in support of the appointment confirmation of Mahealani Cypher, Gubernatorial Nominee to the Hawai'i Community Development Authority (He'eia District), for a term to expire June 30, 2016.

I have known Mahealani for many years and had the opportunity to work directly with her when I came to work for Honolulu City Council as an aid to Councilmember Barbara Marshall. Mahealani was then the City Clerk for the City and County of Honolulu. As City Clerk, she served her community and the County of Honolulu in a most pristine and professional manner. She was always approachable by, and helpful to, staff and members of the public and was always open to others while determining the decisions she made under her authority. Mahealani possesses many valuable business and personal skills. She is deeply involved in, and holds an intense love for, her Hawaiian community. I believe that Mahealani will be a great asset to the He'eia District seat of the Hawai'i Community Development Authority and I strongly support her confirmation of appointment to this position.

Mahalo for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

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Ikaika Anderson  
Councilmember, District 3

**Dane Wicker**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, April 08, 2013 2:48 AM  
**To:** EGHTestimony  
**Cc:** Jay.S.Silberman@uscg.mil  
**Subject:** Submitted testimony for GM753 on Apr 8, 2013 14:45PM

**GM753**

Submitted on: 4/8/2013

Testimony for EGH on Apr 8, 2013 14:45PM in Conference Room 016

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jay Silberman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I have known and worked with Mahealani Cypher for approximately fifteen years, largely through my work with the U.S. Coast Guard in Ha'ikū Valley. Mahealani is enthusiastic, tireless, very bright, and a great strategic thinker. She has all of the qualities that HCDA needs for He'eia: dedicated, detail-oriented, altruistic, spiritual, community-minded, passionate, and most of all, very hard-working. I heartily recommend her as a Gubernatorial Nominee. Jay Silberman Environmental Protection Specialist U.S. Coast Guard Civil Engineering Unit Honolulu 300 Ala Moana Blvd., room 8-134 Honolulu, HI 96850-1982

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4/7/2013

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair  
Committee on Economic Development, Government and Housing  
Hawai'i State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: GM753, Testimony in Support of HCDA Nominee Mahealani  
Cypher

Dear Senator Dela Cruz,

Mahealani Cypher is an outstanding choice for the Hawai'i Community Development Authority (He'eia District) and I hope you will confirm her nomination.


As a resident of Kāne'ohe, I am deeply concerned with saving the historic, cultural and environmental of our island home. Mahealani has decades of experience protecting these places with groups such as Ko'olau Foundation and Koolaupoko Civic Club (to name just a couple).

What deeply impresses me about Mahealani is her ability to see and understand the many layers of history and how she finds ways to honor the multi-faceted heritage associated with those places. She is an outstanding communicator and effective mediator of differing views. As a leader in the planning for Ha'ikū Valley for years, she has valuable experience in finding common ground, in preservation and in building a better future for our community. She'll bring that experience and that knowledge to HCDA, and that will benefit us all.

By getting to know her through community planning and preservation activities, I know from experience that Mahealani is a visionary who understands the well-being of the future starts with planning today.

Mahalo nui loa for your consideration of this outstanding nominee.

Sincerely,



Jill Byus Radke

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair  
Senator Sam Slom, Vice Chair

Monday, April 08, 2013 2:45 PM  
Conference Room 16, State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

RE: GM 753, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Community Development Authority (He'eia District) Gubernatorial Nominee, MAHEALANI CYPHER, for a term to expire 6-30-2016

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice-Chair Slom and members of the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing. My name is Charles Toguchi and I'm providing written testimony in support of Mahealani Cypher's gubernatorial nomination to serve on the Hawaii Community Development Authority (He'eia District).

I have had the privilege of knowing Mahealani Cypher for more than 40 years. During that time, she has impressed me with her genuine concern for others...and her willingness to walk that extra mile to help those in need. Mahealani has worked tirelessly to serve our elderly, our young people, and generations to come. She has been actively involved with native Hawaiian, community, and governmental organizations on matters pertaining to our precious and limited natural resources, our history and culture, and other issues relating to responsible community planning. She has done outstanding work as a journalist, spokesperson for the Honolulu Board of Water Supply, and as the Honolulu City Clerk.

Leadership is action...and Mahealani has proven with her positive action...strong work ethics... forward thinking vision...and integrity that she can get the job done. She has outstanding writing skills...is articulate and well spoken...and has great organizational skills. In this troubled world, it is refreshing to find someone like Mahealani Cypher who is always ready by thought, words, and action...to reach out and make our State a better place to live for all of Hawaii's people.

Without any reservations, I strongly urge your favorable consideration of Mahealani Cypher's nomination to the Hawaii Community Development Authority (He'eia District).

Thank you for the opportunity to present this written testimony.

Sincerely,  
Charles T. Toguchi

April 5, 2013

Darrell Yagodich  
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Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair  
Committee on Economic Development,  
Government Affairs, and Housing  
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Aloha Chair Dela Cruz:

Subject: GM 753, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (HE'EIA DISTRICT), GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, MAHEALANI CYPHER, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2016

Mahalo for the opportunity to express my support for MAHEALANI CYPHER's confirmation to serve on the Hawaii Community Development Authority, Heeiea District (HCDA).

The Heeiea Community Development District was established by the Legislature in 2011 to promote place-based appropriate rural development in the Heeiea Wetlands.

Mahealani Cypher is a perfect candidate to serve in this capacity. She has been involved as a community advocate on Windward Oahu issues for over 35 years, participating in numerous community and Hawaiian organizations since 1975. She serves on the boards of the Oahu Council of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, the Koolaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club, and the non-profit organizations Hawaii Maoli, Kako'o 'Oiwī, and the Ko'olau Foundation. She is a former member of the Kaneohe Neighborhood Board.

I urge your favorable consideration of Mahealani Cypher's confirmation. She will serve the interests of native Hawaiians, Windward Oahu, and the State of Hawaii with distinction.  
Mahalo.

TESTIMONY OF JOSEPH KUHIO LEWIS  
IN STRONG SUPPORT OF GM 753

THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,  
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & HOUSING

4/8/2012

2:45pm

Conference Room 16

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RE: Letter of **SUPPORT** to Confirm Ms. Mahealani Cypher to the Hawaii Community Development Authority (He'eia District).

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

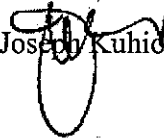
I am writing to express my enthusiastic and wholehearted **SUPPORT** for the confirmation of Mahealani Cypher to serve on the Hawaii Community Development Authority.

In the time that I have known Ms. Cypher, I have found her to be committed, experienced and tenacious. Her knowledge and commitment to the He'eia region is significant, and evident through her work with the Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club. Ms. Cypher is a valuable resource to her community.

The Hawaii Community Development Authority makes difficult and important decisions; Ms. Cypher's diverse background has given her a solid foundation that will support this work.

I believe in Ms. Cypher'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

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Leimomi Khan	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: Rooted in the Ko 'olaupoko and surrounding areas, Ms. Mahealani Cypher, is an ideal community member to appoint to the Hawaii Community Development Authority (Heeia District). She knows the spirit and needs of these lands and of the communities they serve. While Mahealani brings excellent administrative, managerial and leadership skills, it is her knowledge of this land area that makes her an exceptional person to serve on the HCDA (Heeia District). For example, she knows about the environment of those lands, which lands are most fertile for planting, weather conditions, water resources, economic conditions, and population growth. I know Mahealani as an unselfish community servant leader whose life has been dedicated to community service to improve the conditions of the community. She doesn't just think for the present, but also for future generations when acting on issues affecting her community. Strongly recommend that your committee advise and consent on her nomination to the Hawaiian Community Development Authority (Heeia District).  
Respectfully, Leimomi Khan

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April 5, 2013

TESTIMONY SUPPORTING GM753:  
APPOINTMENT OF MAHEALANI CYPHER  
TO HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Slom and members of the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing.

I offer my testimony in support of the appointment of Mahealani Cypher to serve as a Heeia District member on the Hawaii Community Development Authority.

I have known and worked with Mahealani for many years, as we are both members of the Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club. I think she would be a good addition to the HCDA board because she is knowledgeable about land and resource issues in the Heeia area. She also knows this community very well and will understand the need to balance the future use of HCDA lands in Heeia with other goals in that community.

Whenever she does anything, she gives it her all, making sure that the project or program is successful and pono.

Please give her your vote to confirm her appointment.

Mahalo.

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# Testimony of Glenn Ida

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Sen. Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair

Sen. Sam Slom, Vice Chair

Monday, April 8, 2013

2:45 PM, Conference Room 016

Re: in support of GM753, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Community Development Authority, Ms. Mahealani Cypher, for a term to expire 6-30-2016.

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

My name is Glenn Ida; as an individual, I support the nomination of Ms. Mahealani Cypher, to the Hawai'i Community Development Authority.

My earliest recollection of Ms. Cypher was seeing her on TV as spokesperson for the Board of Water Supply, then as the City Clerk at the Honolulu City Council Meetings.

While I served on the Kaneohe Neighborhood Board till 2011, she would attend regularly and bring up Hawaiian and Community issues as an activist and advocate.

With her diverse background in the private as well as the public sector service, I believe that the HCDA will be well served with Ms. Cypher's participation.

I'm in support of GM 753 and ask for a favorable consideration on the nomination and confirmation of Ms. Mahealani Cypher to the HCDA.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Mahalo,

Glenn Ida