

# GM759

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the  
Hawai'i Community Development Authority (Kalaeloa  
District), Gubernatorial Nominee, SHIRLEY SWINNEY,  
for a term to expire 6-30-2017.



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## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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April 4, 2013

### **HAND DELIVERED**

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz  
Chairman, Senate Committee on Economic Development,  
Government Operations, and Housing  
Senate District 22  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 202  
415 S. Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii

Senator Sam Slom  
Vice-Chair, Senate Committee on Economic Development,  
Government Operations, and Housing  
Senate District 9  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room  
415 S. Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii

RE: GM 759 Confirmation of Shirley Swinney to Hawaii Community  
Development Authority Kalaeloa District

Dear Senators:

I am writing to support the confirmation of Ms. Shirley Swinney on her nomination by Governor Abercrombie to the Hawaii Community Development Authority Kalaeloa District.

I have known Shirley for her community work in Kapolei. Over the years, she has shown me to be a person of integrity and moral character.

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Shirley served on the HCDA from August 2011 to June 2012. This experience enabled her to become familiar with Kalaeloa Master Plan and issues pertaining to the HCDA. Additionally, she provided input to the formation of the HCDA Kalaeloa Administrative Rules which was adopted in October 2012.

During her 30-year career at the Hawaii State Judiciary, she was part of a process that adjudicated issues of criminal and civil law in a trial setting. Since her retirement in 2007, she has voluntarily served in various capacities with community organizations located in Kapolei.

Along with her years in government and community service, she is a native Hawaiian small business person who developed, produced and marketed Hawaiian-themed products using local flora and fauna. She was fortunate to have gained knowledge from Hawaiian kupuna before their demise. She was a cultural guide for the Bishop Museum and as a highlight to this service, was selected by the Bishop Museum to travel to Alaska as a representative in a cultural exchange program with the Alaska Heritage Center.

With the vast experience gained through her career and in serving community organizations, she understands the procedures, protocols, and policies that are needed to serve the mission of the HCDA. With the influence of cultural knowledge gained through kupuna and experiences, she realizes the kuleana to bring balance to HCDA decisions on current development and historical preservation.

Where possible conflicts of interest could arise, disclosure is required in order to assure a transparent, impartial process and in the best interest of the public. Her professionalism, positive attitude, and commitment are strengths that can help move HCDA matters forward.

She has also served on the following boards and associations:

1. **Kapolei Community Development Corporation – President and Founder, 2008 – current.** Shirley planned, designed and implemented initiatives by and for the Kapolei homestead beneficiaries including: (1) Established working relationships with government, private and other public agencies; (2) Designed and implemented a 5-year strategic plan, which included the acquisition of two Department of Hawaiian Home Lands leases for two parcels of lands that will be developed into a community center and

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commercial center, respectively established procedures, protocol and implementation of policies relevant to the organization's mission; (3) Developed and implemented the organization's budget established and executed the organization's fundraising activities procured and managed grant funds established sound business practices to enable growth and sustainability of the organization; (4) Developed strategies for and implemented community outreach.

2. **Malu'ohai Residents' Association – Director and President, 2002 – 2009.** Planned, designed and implemented community building strategies around regular outreach and programs aimed at serving keiki to kupuna, and procured and managed grant funds.

3. **Malama Learning Center – Director and Vice-President, 2007 – current.** Her responsibilities included stewarding sustainable environment and preserving cultural practices by developing new facilities for “green” programs and activities.

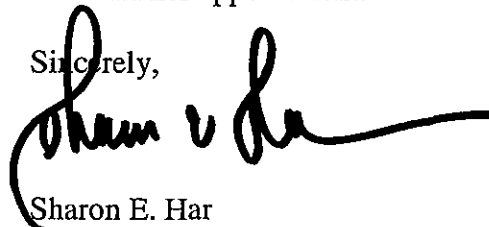
4. **Special Olympics Hawaii – Director, 2007 – current.** Shirley served on the Site Task Force responsible for the planning, design and implementation of new facilities in Kapolei, Oahu.

5. **UHWO Ad Hoc Stakeholders Committee – Community Stakeholder, 2010 – current.** She was the Kapolei homestead community liaison for the development of the new University of Hawaii – West Oahu campus.

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I believe that the HCDA and the State would truly benefit from Shirley's appointment to the position and I urge you to confirm her appointment.

Sincerely,



Sharon E. Har  
State Representative  
42nd House District  
Kapolei, Makakilo