

The Honorable Jill Tokuda, Chair, Education Committee

Re: GM506 & GM507 Grant Chun, Board of Education

Dear Chair Jill Tokuda:

I apologize if you have already received online testimony for me. I have tried at least three times to submit testimony (last week and this week), but never received confirmation that my testimony was received, so I am emailing this testimony today.

I STRONGLY SUPPORT Grant Y.M. Chun to the Board of Education, Maui Representative, for a term expiring 6/30/14 under GM506, and for a term expiring 6/30/17 under GM507.

I got to know Grant Chun when he was President of the Young Lawyers Division of the Hawaii State Bar Association in 1994. In fact, in my office, I still have the YLD Board photograph that includes Grant, Scott Saiki, Marcus Oshiro, and me. Under Grant's leadership, we were recognized for our public service projects Happy Holidays in January for foster children, and Children First divorce education program. The Judiciary continues the divorce education program called Kids First and it has received national recognition by the American Bar Association, NPR Law Show, and Bar Leader magazine.

Grant Chun is the perfect candidate for the Board of Education. He is a graduate of Maui High School, and his children Alex and Katherine also are successful students of Hawaii's public school system. I am proud of our public schools, and my daughter Colette graduated from Konawaena High School and my younger daughter Jana attends Konawaena Middle School.

Grant can provide positive insight to how our public education is working. "He walks the talk" and did not put his own children in private school. This speaks volumes that the next generation of Hawaii's leaders can and are the product of a public school education. We need to change the attitude that our children

have to go to Punahou, Iolani, or Kamehameha Schools in order to be the CEOs, or leaders in Hawaii.

Grant is a proven leader in Hawaii and I support him 100% for the Board of Education.

Should you have any questions, please call me at 808 987-1046 or email at mkmasunaga@aol.com.

Sincerely,

Margaret K. Masunaga