GM512

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaiian Homes Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, DOREEN GOMES, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.

Report Title: Hawaiian Homes Commission



JOBIE M. K. MASAGATANI CHAIRMAN HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT

JOBIE M. K. MASAGATANI, CHAIRMAN

HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS ON

GM 512

for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaiian Homes Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, **DOREEN GOMES**, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.

March 7, 2014

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Hee, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of the nomination of Ms. Doreen Gomes to serve on the Hawaiian Homes

Commission. Ms. Gomes has been serving on the commission since her appointment in December, and we are confident that she will continue contribute to thoughtful consideration and sound decision-making by the commission.

Ms. Gomes was raised on Maui, and is a pillar of her community. She is a Hawaiian home lands lessee in Waiohuli, Maui, and she brings to the Hawaiian Homes Commission expertise and experience in community leadership and capacity-building, project management, non-profit organizations, and small business. Ms. Gomes is well-respected in her community evidenced by the number of boards and organizations she serves on, or previously served on, including the Waiohuli Hawaiian Homesteaders Association, the Maui Native Hawaiian Chamber of

Department of Hawaiian Home Lands GM 512 HWN, 3-7-2014 Page 2

Commerce, the Maui Fire Department and Public Safety Commission, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Maui, the Kula Community Association and Ahahui Kaahumanu.

We respectfully request your favorable consideration of and urge this committee to advise and consent to this nomination.

Council Chair Gladys C. Baisa

Vice-Chair Robert Carroll

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Elle Cochran
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March 5, 2014

TO:

Honorable Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair

Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

FROM:

Gladys C. Baisa

Council Chair

SUBJECT:

HEARING OF MARCH 7, 2014; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GM 512,

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE

HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, DOREEN

NAPUA GOMES, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2015

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Doreen Napua Gomes as the Gubernatorial Nominee on the Hawaiian Homes Commission. Ms. Gomes has participated as Interim Commissioner for the past 3 months and has been part of positive decision making. Ms. Gomes past experiences in the native Hawaiian community as well as the greater Maui community qualifies her for this very important appointment. She has served on other boards and commissions and has always been a diligent and a valuable member.

Ms. Gomes is a highly respected member of the community and her knowledge of the local community has been an advantage to the organizations, events and projects she has been involved with.

Ms. Gomes will be a valuable and contributing member of the Hawaiian Homes Commission. Her enthusiasm and dedication would definitely be an asset to this Commission. I know she will serve in the best interest of the Trust, and the people who it is meant to serve.

It gives me great pleasure to support her appointment without reservations.

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Submitted on: 2/25/2014

Testimony for HWN on Mar 7, 2014 14:45PM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Olinda Aiwohi	Paukukalo Hawaiian Homes Community Association	Support	No

Comments: As President of Paukukalo Hawaiian Homes Community Association I would like to submit testimony in support of Doreen Gomes to represent our Hawaiian homesteads on Maui as a Commissioner on the Dept of Hawaiian Home Lands commission. Our association has known Doreen or Pua for many years. She grew up here in Paukukalo on homestead land and has always been active in supporting our Hawaiian community. She now resides in Waiohuli but is still interested in Paukukalo and has supported me as its president for the past 6 years. She helps whenever needed. She has also represented Waiohuli community in our leaders meetings and been present in our annual Prince Kuhio Day Celebration every year that she has been invited. I personally testify that she is of good character and tries her best to do the best she can to learn all she can to help our Hawaiian communities. We are definitely in support of her being appointed a commissioner on DHHL's board of commission. Sincerely, Olinda Aiwohi, President Paukukalo HHCA

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TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEES

GM 512 – DOREEN GOMES AND GM 523 IRMA LEE POMPROY MALY

AS APPOINTMENTS DESIGNATED BY GOV. NEIL A. ABERCROMBIE

COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Chairwoman Sen. Maile Shimabukuro and Vice Chair Sen. Clayton Hee

Notice of Hearing
Friday, March 7, 2014
2:45 p.m.
Conference Room 224
Hawai'i State Capitol Building

Aloha Chairwoman Sen. Shimabukuro and Vice Chairman Sen. Hee, Aloha!

Please accept this testimony in *strong support* for gubernatorial nominees GM 512 Doreen Gomes as the Commissioner representing Maui Island on the Commission for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL). Doreen "Pua" is an excellent example of a Hawaiian homesteader and one which will best represent her island without conflict of interest or for personal agendas contrary to the goals and objectives of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920 as amended. We ask for your strong support.

Please accept this testimony in *strong support* for gubernatorial nominee GM 523 Irmalee Pomroy Maly on the Island Burial Council representing Maui and Lanai islands as appointed by Gov. Abercrombie. Irmalee a former Waimanalo, Kaneohe and Kaua'i resident whose home is Lanai has an extensive history of cultural and traditional Hawaiian practices along with her husband Kepa Maly. Her knowledge and expertise will help to strengthen and broaden the scope of knowledge required in reviewing and making difficult decisions. We ask for your strong support.

Mahalo nui loa,

Waimanalo Hawaiian Homes Assn, President

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Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaiian Homes Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, DOREEN NAPUA GOMES, for a term to expire June 30, 2015.

Senator Maile Shimabukuro, Chair Hawaiian Affairs (HWN) Hawaii State Capitol Room 222 415 South Beretania St. Honolulu, HI 96813

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro,

Mahalo for the opportunity to express support for Doreen N. Gomes as a Gubernatorial Nominee to the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Ms. Gomes is a highly respected member of the community and has years of experience in community organizing and advocacy, project management, and supporting local and small businesses. She also comes to this appointment with ten years of experience as a homesteader and leadership experience serving on the Waiohuli Hawaiian Homesteaders Association Executive Board.

Further serving native Hawaiians, Ms. Gomes is President-Elect of the Maui Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce. A non-profit organization whose mission is to promote and sustain Hawaiian values and culture, and enhances the socio-economic status of Native Hawaiians in business and as individuals. I am confident that Ms. Gomes will continue to use her professional knowledge and personal familiarity with beneficiary concerns to support and advocate for beneficiaries of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Sincerely,

Alvin T. Pelayo

Lahaina, Maui, Hawai'i

2/25/2014

GM 512

Confirmation of Doreen Napua Gomes to the Hawaiian Homes Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2015

February 25, 2014

I applaud Governor Abercrombie's nomination of Ms. Doreen Napua Gomes to the Hawaiian Homes Commission and support her confirmation.

Ms. Gomes is a highly respected member of the community and has years of experience in community organizing and advocacy, project management, and supporting local and small business. Her background, skills and integrity are necessary assets to help move the homestead program forward.

As a Kapolei homestead leader and project coordinator, I spent many hours in professional and leadership development sessions with Ms. Gomes. This training experience was enhanced through her participation and by her broad insight to community-based project planning and implementation. She is resourceful, energetic and committed to accomplishing tasks.

I am confident that Ms. Gomes will continue to use her professional knowledge and familiarity with beneficiary concerns to serve in carrying out fiduciary duties with the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

The Hawaiian Homes Commission and the State would truly benefit from Ms. Gomes' appointment to the position and I urge you to confirm her appointment.

Sincerely,

Shirley Swinney () 91-216 Koanimakani Place

Kapolei, Hawaii 96707

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Best Regards

Kai Pelayo

Homesteader, Le'alii Lahaina, HI 96761

2/25/2014

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Best Regards,

Lahaina, Maui, Hawaii

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Tyson K. Kubo Malani Kuk

Kula, Maui, Hawai'i

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Maui Fire Department - Retiree

2/25/2014

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Thank you for the opportunity to express support for Doreen N. Gomes as a Gubernatorial Nominee to the Hawaiian Homes Commission. I humbly ask for your favorable consideration.

Best Regards,

Shelley Maddigan

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Kula, Maui, HI

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Gordon C. Cockett Lahaina, Maui, HI

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Best Regards,

Shalea-Nan Kainani Ellis Rabago

710, Kuhio Place Wailuku, HI 96793

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As a Waiohuli homestead leader myself, I have served beside her having witnessed a sense of fairness and mutual respect for, and from native Hawaiian Beneficiaries. Her background, skills and integrity are necessary assets to reach suitable resolutions and will help move the program forward. More importantly, her perspective will add to a balanced body.

I humbly ask for your favorable consideration of Gubernatorial Nominee, Doreen Napua Gomes to the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Sincerely,

William Greig

President

Waiohuli Hawaiian Homesteaders Association, Inc.

P.O. Box 698 - Kula, Maui, Hawai'i 96790

2/25/2014

GERALD P. HOKOANA

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August 31, 2013

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR Honorable Neil Abercrombie Governor, State of Hawaii Executive Chambers State Capitol Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Hawaiian Homes Commission - Maui Island Commissioner Vacancy

Dear Governor Abercrombie.

I am a Board member of Ka Ohana O Kahikinui, Inc., the community association for DHHL's homestead located Kahikinui, Maui. I'm writing in support of Doreen N. Gomes who is applying for the position of Hawaiian Homes Commissioner, Island of Maui.

Doreen has extensive volunteer experience having worked with numerous native Hawaiian and other community organizations. She also has been a past member of the Maui Police Commission and Maui Fire Department Commission. Accordingly, I believe Doreen is well qualified and humbly ask your support for her appointment to the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Mahalo Nui Loa,

Gerald P. Hokoana

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TESTIMONY ON GM 512 Gubanatorial Nominee, Doreen Napua Gomes, For a term to expire June 30, 2015

To: Senator Maile Shimabukuro Chair Hawaiian Affairs (HWN)

Aloha Honorable Chair Shimabukuro,

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to submit this letter as a written testimony supporting Ms. Doreen N. Gomes as a nominee to the Hawaiian Homes Commission. I have known Ms. Gomes in a professional capacity for many years in her previous employment prior to retirement. Ms. Gomes erudite involvement in project management and contract administration made her a very valuable asset to the Verizon operations. Though Ms. Gomes knowledge of business may be astute, her biggest assets are loyalty, dedication and her ability to work well with others. I believe Ms. Gomes professionalism supported by her local values would make her an excellent advocate for the beneficiaries of The Department of Hawaiian Homes Lands.

Sincerely,

Steve M. Rapozo

Verizon Mgmt. Staff Specialist (Retired)

Lihue, Kauai, Hawaii

2/25/2014

Usabara Jean Kukaua 76 J Kealii Drive Wallaku, Hawaii 96793

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Honorable Senator Maile Shimabukuro Ismorable Senator Clayton Hee Hawaiian Affairs Committee

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have stead development in 1962). I have known Doreen Gomes as Pua Canto. Pua comes a family of community leaders. Her father Ralph Canto and her uncle Butch Canto served a Fresidents of the Paukukalo Hawaiian Homestead Community Association at different times, had leadership was admirable. I see similar qualities in Pua who currently volunteers for many angenzations. I watched Pua grow into a beautiful leader with many talents and energy. Pua is saving of her time and as a homesteader, I know Pua will advocate for all beneficiaries fairly.

of Kuknun

Adomua Me Kealoha,

Doreen Gomes

Amanda M. K. Martin

512 Maoi Street • Wailuku, Maui, HI 96793 Phone: (808) 280-1990 • Fax: (808) 270-7127

March 5, 2014

The Honorable Maile S.L. Shimabukuro Chair, Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs Hawai'i State Capitol, Conference Room 224 Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Chair Shimabukuro:

SUBJECT: HEARING OF MARCH 7, 2014; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GM 512, SUBMITING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, DOREEN NAPUA GOMES, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2015

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I've known Ms. Gomes for several years and have come to respect her with the highest regards. She's highly competent and a dedicated person who always maintained a high level of professional and personal standards.

Ms. Gomes has shown initiative and leadership in everything she does. Her devotion and love for the aina, culture and people of Hawai'i has not gone unnoticed.

I strongly support her appointment without reservations.

Aloha,

AMANDA M. K. MARTIN

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From: Purdy, Barbara at PROP MAUI

To: <u>HWNTestimony</u>; <u>Sen. Maile Shimabukuro</u>; <u>Sen. Clayton Hee</u>

Subject: HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION GM512
Date: Tuesday, March 04, 2014 12:37:06 PM

Aloha Honorable Senator Hee, Senator Shimabukuro & Selection Committee Members,

It is with great pleasure and confidence that I write this Letter of Recommendation for **Ms. Doreen Napua Gomes**, a person I have been associated with as a former Board Member for Waiohuli Hawaiian Homesteaders Association (WHHA), I am currently with WHHAs development project (community center) and as a personal friend for over 10 years now.

I have come to know and respect Ms. Gomes as a very professional and ethical Community Leader for non profits such as Kula Community Association (KCA) Secretary, Boys & Girls Club Board Member, Maui Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce (MNHCC) Board Member, former Waiohuli Hawaiian Homesteaders Association Board Member & former Executive Board Member, former Project Coordinator for WHHA Community Center Project, Advocate for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDAR), helped to coordinate the 100th year celebration of Kula Hospital's existence in Kula whom she also was involved in selecting a Hospital Director, a Maui County Health Volunteer, member of the Ahahui Kaahumanu Society and former Board Member for the Hui No Ke Ola Pono.

Ms. Gomes also held Commissioner titles on the Maui County Police Commissioner Board and Fire and Public Safety Commissioner Board in the past.

Ms. Gomes is driven by her love of Maui and the communities that make up this unique island. She has tirelessly worked for the people of Maui and, in particular, the citizens of the greater Kula area (Kula, Waiohuli & Keokea Districts).

As a person, she is loyal and fair to all she comes into contact with and clearly is the type of person one can proudly call "friend". She has great innovative ideas and excellent planning and organizing skills.

She is multi-talented and can work at different levels comfortably be it the Mayor or the neighbor next door. Ms. Gomes is very knowledgeable about the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and conditions in the homesteads.

I strongly recommend Doreen N. Gomes for the position of Maui Commissioner with the Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL) knowing she can & will perform at the highest level of efficiency.

Please vote Doreen Napua Gomes as our Maui DHHL Commissioner.

Mahalo, Barbara J L Purdy

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JEFFREY A. MURRAY CHIEF

ROBERT M. SHIMADA DEPUTY CHIEF

COUNTY OF MAUI DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

200 DAIRY ROAD KAHULUI, MAUI, HAWAII 96732 (808) 270-7561 FAX (808) 270-7919 EMAIL: fire.dept@mauicounty.gov

February 27, 2014

The Honorable Senator Maile Shimabukuro Chair, Hawaiian Affairs (HWN) Hawaii State Capitol Room 222 415 South Beretania St. Honolulu, HI 96814

Subject: Testimony on GM 512 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaiian Homes Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, DOREEN NAPUA GOMES, for a term to expire June 30, 2015.

Dear Senator Shimabukuro:

My name is Jeffrey A. Murray, Chief of the County of Maui, Department of Fire & Public Safety. I support the Governor's nomination of Doreen Napua Gomes to serve on the Hawaiian Homes Commission. I have known Ms. Gomes for several years through our volunteer work as Board Members of the Boys and Girls Club.

Ms. Gomes is a highly respected member of the community and has years of experience in community organizing and advocacy, project management, and supporting local and small businesses. She comes to this appointment with ten years of experience as a homesteader and has leadership experience serving on the Waiohuli Hawaiian Homesteaders Association Executive Board.

Further serving Native Hawaiians, Ms. Gomes is President-elect of the Maui Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce, which is a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote and sustain Hawaiian values and culture, and enhance the socio-economic status of Native Hawaiians in business and as individuals. Other non-profit agencies include the Boys and Girls Clubs of Maui, Hui No Ke Ola Pono, Inc. (a native Hawaiian Healthcare agency) and currently serves as a member of the Maui Fire & Public Safety Commission. Ms. Gomes also served as a member for the Maui Police Commission, where she served as Chairperson for two years of her five year term. Most recently, she is now a Board member of AKAKU, a Maui based cable television agency.

The Honorable Senator Maile Shimabukuro Page 2 February 27, 2014

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Thank you for the opportunity to express support for Doreen N. Gomes as a Gubernatorial Nominee to the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Sincerely,

EFFREY A. MURRAY

Chief

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In Support - written testimony only

Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Hee and Members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of GM 512, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaiian Homes Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, DOREEN GOMES, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.

I am a friend and business associate of Ms. Gomes and I know that she will be an excellent commissioner. She is very capable and knowledgeable, sincere, humble and ethical but most important she has the desire to serve the Hawaiian Community and make the entire State of Hawaii better for it.

Please vote in support of this measure and confirm Ms. Gomes to the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Thank you.

Dennis Enomoto

From: Gary A. Yabuta
To: HWNTestimony

Cc: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro; Sen. Clayton Hee

Subject: On behaf of Hawaiian Homes Commission Member Candidate-DOREEN NAPUA GOMES

Date: Monday, February 24, 2014 3:15:33 PM

Honorable Chair Maile Shimabukuro Hawaiian Affairs (HWN)

My name is Gary Yabuta and I am the Chief of Police for the Maui Police Department. I understand that Doreen Gomes has been nominated for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Hawaiian Homes (Maui) Commissioner position.

I have known Ms. Gomes since she began her term as a Police Commissioner for the Maui Police Commission and I was the Deputy Chief for the Maui Police Department. We immediately developed a friendship and to this day, we remain close friends. I have always supported her community service projects, which seems never-ending; however, her efforts to improve the quality of life for Maui residents and our tourists is indicative of her caring character and relentless energy to help anyone in need.

During her role on the Maui Police Commission, she was immediately recognized by her fellow constituents for her leadership capabilities and diplomacy traits, and she was appointed as the Maui Police Commission Chairperson. During her tenure as the Commission Chair, Ms. Gomes quickly inserted her devotion to the community's concerns and attitude of the Maui Police Department-some of which was unfavorable and critical of the Maui Police Department's mission and professionalism. Without hesitation, she would convey the community's concerns with me as the Deputy Chief of Police and later to me in my current position as the Chief of Police. More than any other Police Commissioner, Ms. Gomes was able to speak on behalf of the people of Maui on matters relating to the service and professionalism of the Maui Police Department, and this Chief of Police.

As I had remarked earlier, it is unbelievable as to the amount of civic and charitable duties Doreen conducts for our Maui Community. It is immeasurable as to her impact on all aspects of our community-resulting from her never-ending energy, compassion, and dedication to stand up for the right beliefs our time, for which she courageously pursues each day.

I thank you for the opportunity to write on behalf of Doreen Gomes for this Hawaiian Homes Commissioner position and I cannot think of any one better to represent Maui.

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February 7, 2014

Committee on Hawaiian Affairs 2:45 p.m. Conference Room 224

Governor's Message 512

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaiian Homes Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, Doreen Gomes, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.

I have known Doreen "Pua" Gomes for over 30 years, as both of us worked for the Hawaiian Telephone Company. She has always been a person who is willing to be involved. Her knowledge about the subject matter is amazing, she does her homework.

I know she will be a great addition to the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Your confirmation of Doreen "Pua" Gomes will be appreciated.

Mahalo and Aloha,

George M. Waialeale

The Mawehe Support Letter

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Chair, Senator Maile Shimabukuro Vice-Chair, Senator Clayton Hee HWN Committee Members

March 4, 2014

i, Gordon Kalehuawehe support the Governor's nomination of Doreen Pua Gomes to serve on the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Having been one of the first (\$\(\sigma\)2) homesteaders to be awarded a homestead lease in 1962, our families lived next to each other. Like family I have watched her grow to follow in her father's footsteps. Ralph Canto Sr., laid the foundation, and Pua followed. He was a good man, having raised decent and responsible children. Now adults, Pua and the rest of the ohana, carry on Ralph's legacy.

I am in support of Doreen N. Gomes as a Gubernatorial Nominee to the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Best Regards,

Homesteader, Paukukalo, Maui, Hawaii

From: <u>Grace Fung (Maui Brains)</u>

To: <u>HWNTestimony</u>; <u>Sen. Maile Shimabukuro</u>; <u>Sen. Clayton Hee</u>

Subject: GM 512 - Testimony in Support of Doreen Napua Gomes for Hawaiian Homes Commission

Date: Wednesday, February 26, 2014 8:41:23 PM

Hi Senator Maile Shimakukuro, Chair and Senator Clayton Hee, Vice Chair - Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs,

I sincerely wish to see and recommend Doreen "Pua" Gomes for the position of Department of Hawaiian Homelands Commissioner.

My knowledge of Pua comes from our mutual cooperation on matters relating to the Maui Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce and Maui Business Brainstormers. I am the founder and organizer of Maui Business Brainstormers with approximately 500 members. As the owner of a graphic design business, I also supported Pua's recent candidacy for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

Pua's many years of service to the Hawaiian community is a compelling endorsement of her eligibility. She has greatly advanced the development of the Waiohuli Hawaiian Homestead Association, as a Past President, and through her initiatives and coordination of numerous projects. She is an active participant in the organization of Maui Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce and is currently President Elect. Pua has held or holds approximately ten other voluntary positions in Hawaiian or Civic organizations including Police Commissioner and Fire Commissioner.

This is one of Pua's quotes: "As Hawaiians we should never forget who we are, and where we came from. We are the vital link between our Kupuna who owned the past, and our keiki who will own the future. It is for these reasons that I want to serve the people of Hawai'i."

Pua is known for her integrity and dedication. She is a person who gets involved, works well with others, gets into the details, help organize, move forward, overcome obstacles and make it happen. Should you select Pua - she will serve us, the people of Maui and Hawai'i well.

Sincerely, Grace Fung

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Grace

Maui Business Brainstormers Team www.meetup.com/MauiBusinessBrainstormers

March 05, 2014

The Honorable Senator Maile Shimabukuro
Chairman
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Hawaii State Legislature

Re: <u>Testimony on GM 512 - Confirmation of Doreen Gomes to the Hawaiian</u> <u>Homes Commission</u>

Aloha Chairman Shimabukuro and Committee Members,

My name is Howard S Kihune, Sr of Maui and I am submitting this testimony in support of Doreen "Pua" Gomes for the position of Commissioner on the Hawaiian Homes Commission. I've known "Pua" for more than 30 years and found her to be a very talented, intelligent and caring individual who has been very active in volunteering to serve and participate in Maui's public and private community organizations for many years.

As a past president of the Maui Native Hawaiian Chamber (MNHC), I had the privilege of working with "Pua" to serve our fellow Hawaiians in business and community service. I have been very pleased with the knowledge, experience and common sense approach that "Pua" has shown in sustaining and advancing our Hawaiian cultural heritage through business development, economic growth and social connections. "Pua" will be the new president of the Maui Native Hawaiian Chamber in July, 2014.

"Pua" has been very active in serving on numerous community organizations, as well as County boards and commissions such as: the Maui Police Commission; the Maui Fire & Ocean Public Safety Commission; Board member of the Kula Community Association; member of Hui No Ke Ola Pono; member of Waiohuli Hawaiian Homesteaders Association; and, member of the Queen Ka'ahumanu Society.

With her involvement in the Maui Community for many decades and her dedication to improve the lifestyle of all Hawaiians, as well as protect and sustain our Hawaiian heritage, I find "Pua" to be an excellent choice to be a commissioner.

My wife Barbara would also like to express her support of "Pua's" appointment.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in support of Doreen "Pua" Gomes confirmation.

Mahalo!

Howard, Sr & Barbara Kihune

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From: <u>John Tomoso</u>
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Cc: senshimabukuro@capitolhawaii.gov; Sen. Clayton Hee; jobie.k.masagatani@hawaii.gov;

<u>DreanaLee.K.Kalili@hawaii.gov; "Mona Kapaku"</u>

Subject: Expressing my Support of Governor"s Nominee to the Hawaiian Homes Commission

Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 8:10:47 AM

02-25-14

Aloha mai kakou,

Please know that I am in support and nurturance of Governor Nominee Doreen Pua Gomes to the *Hawaiian Homes Commission.* I have every faith and confidence in her ability and capacity to represent the beneficiaries of this important Trust. I must also state that I am happy for her adherence to mutual accountability, public governance; overall "good government", worthy of the Trust and its public agenda for all of Hawai'i.

O wau iho

John A. Hau'oli Tomoso, MSW, ACSW, LSW Member, Hawaiian Homes Commission, 1995-2003 51 Ku'ula Street Kahului, Maui, Hawai'i 96732-2906 808-280-1749

BCC: Maui County State Senators
Doreen Pua Gomes
MNHCoC Board

From: john

To: <u>HWNTestimony</u>; <u>Sen. Maile Shimabukuro</u>; <u>Sen. Clayton Hee</u>

Cc: <u>Doreen - Pua GOMES; john</u>

Subject: Testimony in support of GM 512 - Confirming Doreen Napua Gomes to the Hawaiian Homes Commission

Date: Monday, March 03, 2014 10:20:38 AM

March 3, 2014

Aloha Senators,

Please accept my support in the nomination of Mrs. Doreen Napua Gomes to serve on the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Mrs. Gomes has spent many years involved in the Hawaiian community in Maui County including 10 years as a homesteader and leadership experience while serving on the Waiohuli Hawaiian Homesteaders Association Executive Board. I had the privilege to serve with her on the Maui County Police Commission which she chaired. Mrs. Gomes is the President of the Maui Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce a non-profit organization who enhances the socio-economic status of native Hawaiians in business.

Mrs. Gomes with her experience would be an excellent member of the Hawaiian Homes Commission. Her dedication to the

Hawaiian community has and will continue to promote a positive future for the Hawaiians and to the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

I hope with her acceptance to the commission that she will feel free to count on me to promote the business of the commission on Lana'i.

Mahalo, John Ornellas POB 631134 Lana'i City, HI 96763 808-559-0411

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TESTIMONY ON GM 512

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaiian Homes Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, DOREEN GOMES,

for a term to expire June 30, 2015.

February 24, 2014

Aloha kakou;

As a volunteer and member of three Hawaiian organizations, Maui Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce, Hui o Waa Kaulua, Olowalu Cultural Reserve and Lahuiokalani Ka'anapali Chruch, I work to preserve Hawaiian culture and to support Hawaiian self-governance. I humbly urge you to support Governor Abercrombie's Nominee, Doreen Gomes, for Hawaiian Homes Commissioner.

I know Napua Gomes as an energetic and highly respected member of the Maui community with years of experience in public service, project management, supporting local and small businesses, and carrying out her kuleana with pride. She takes the reins of MNHCoC this summer as President. Formerly she served on the Maui Police Commission and as Director of Waiohuli Hawaiian Homesteaders Association. I believe Doreen Gomes will provide honorable leadership the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, and act as a responsible advocate for her beneficiaries.

Mahalo nui ia 'oukou for this opportunity to testify in her behalf.

Katherine Almich

Katherine D. Smith

Testimony of Leimana DaMate Hawaiian Homes Commission

Before the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Friday, March 7, 2014 2:45 P.M. State Capitol, Conference Room 224

In **Support** of **Governor Message 512**

Doreen Gomes

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Hee and Members of the Senate Hawaiian Affairs Committee,

As a sitting Hawaiian Homes Commissioner representing West Hawaii, I am strongly in support of Governor Abercrombie's nomination of Doreen (Pua) Gomes as a member of the Hawaiian Homes Commission representing Maui.

In the few months that Ms. Gomes has been active as an interim Commissioner she has been a strong advocate for Maui and an active participant in fulfilling the mandate of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act. I fully support this selection and urge this committee to confirm her nomination.

Respectfully yours,

Leimana DaMate, Commissioner – West Hawaii Hawaiian Homes Commission

Ph: 808-587-1498

From: Colleen Young
To: shimabukuro1 - Andria

Subject: FW: Testimony in Support of Doreen Gomes for Hawaiian Homes Commission - GM 512

Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 8:50:53 AM

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Sent: Sunday, February 23, 2014 10:54 PM

To: HWNTestimony

Cc: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro; Sen. Clayton Hee

Subject: Testimony in Support of Doreen Gomes for Hawaiian Homes Commission - GM 512

Dear Senator Maile Shimakukuro, Chair and Senator Clayton Hee, Vice Chair - Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

I am writing in strong support of Doreen Gomes for Hawaiian Homes Commissioner for Maui.

I have had the honor of working with Ms. Gomes on a NeighborWorks Leadership Training project and found her to be collaborative, with innovative ideas, and to have excellent planning and organizing skills. Her accomplishments in community projects are significant. Ms. Gomes is knowledgeable about the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and conditions in the homesteads.

I believe that Ms. Gomes will be an excellent addition to the Hawaiian Homes Commission. Her dedication to the advancement of the Hawaiian community, her fine character and integrity, will prove to be an invaluable asset to the Commission. It is my hope that you will strongly support her appointment.

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From: Purdy, Barbara at PROP MAUI

To: <u>HWNTestimony</u>; <u>Sen. Clayton Hee</u>; <u>Sen. Maile Shimabukuro</u>

Subject: HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION - GM512

Date: Tuesday, March 04, 2014 1:38:19 PM

Honorable Committee Members,

I write in strong support of Ms. Doreen "Pua" Gomes for a position on the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

In Ms. Gomes, you will receive a person with extreme passion to improve the lives of our Native Hawaiians. She is a person of great collaborative and innovative ideas.

Ms. Gomes has proven her quality in many ways with the Maui Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce as we strive to become a positive lasting impact on the lives of our Native Brothers and Sisters.

I believe, given the chance, you will find Ms. Gomes as an excellent addition to the Commission who will serve with great foresight and integrity. Please make Ms. Gomes our next Maui Commissioner.

Sincerely,
Mercer "Chubby" Vicens

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Professor (Emeritus) Richard D. Mayer (Formerly - 34 years at Maui Community College) 1111 Lower Kimo Drive Kula, Maui, Hawaii 96790 March 4, 2014

TO: Senator Maile S. L. Shimabukuro,

Chair and members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

TESTIMONY ON GM 512 - Hawaiian Homes Commission
Recommendation letter: Gubernatorial Nominee, DOREEN NAPUA GOMES
For consideration and confirmation to the Hawaiian Homes Commission,
for a term to expire June 30, 2015

I first came into contact with Ms. Doreen Gomes while I served as the Chair of Maui Mayor Alan Arakawa's committee to advise him on the selection of people to serve on Maui County's 35 boards and commissions. During that process we vetted the names of numerous applicants and we learned of Ms. Gomes' significant abilities and fine reputation. Our committee recommended her for a position on the Maui Police Commission where she served for five years.

I have had the opportunity to know Ms. Doreen Gomes much better ever since she joined the Board of the Kula Community Association about six years ago. (I myself have been a Board member or officer for over 25 years.) I clearly remember Doreen's very active and productive participation in our Board's discussions, -- most of which concerned community issues, such as improved transportation, developing our community's priorities with regard to the State and County budgets, improving access to health care for our rather remote rural community, etc.

Within our Kula community the Waiohuli-Keokea Hawaiian Homelands has undergone very rapid development. Ms. Gomes has represented that Hawaiian Homelands' growth in a number of ways. For example, on our Kula Community Association Board she has kept us informed of the needs of the Hawaiian Homelands, has worked with the Board to get bus service extended to the Hawaiian Homelands, has met with Kula Hospital administrators to make known the health needs of the Hawaiian Homelands residents, and has taken the lead in developing a community center and certified commercial kitchen within the Hawaiian Homelands.

At all times Ms. Gomes has been an effective leader and spokesperson for her Hawaiian community. She has a pleasant and approachable manner of getting things accomplished. She has never been hesitant to constructively meet the numerous challenges that always seem to appear when change is required and programs need to be facilitated.

Attributes that I would use to describe Ms. Gomes include: her ability and perseverance in getting a job successfully completed, and a personality that encourages people to work with her. These are attributes will be most useful as a member of the Hawaiian Homes Commission. There are no negative attributes that I would use.

The Hawaiian Homes Commission would be fortunate to include Ms. Gomes as a member. She is the type of person who will make things happen for not only the other members of the Commission, but also for the many beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

The legislature will be making a wise choice in selecting Ms. Gomes since she has she abilities to contribute. She has an engaging personality and clearly demonstrates high potential. I feel strongly that she is capable of serving with distinction.

In helping you to make an evaluation, I hope I have made clear my very strong recommendation of Ms. Doreen Napua Gomes as an Hawaiian Homes Commissioner.

Professor (Emeritus) Richard D. Mayer

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Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaiian Homes Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, DOREEN NAPUA GOMES, for a term to expire June 30, 2015.

I wholeheartedly support the Governor's nomination of Doreen Napua Gomes to serve on the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Ms. Gomes is a highly respected member of the community and has many years of experience in serving both her Native Hawaiian as well as general community through organizing, advocacy and project management.

Having grown up in the homestead community of Paukukalo, Maui and residing for the past 10 years in the Waiohuli Homestead in Kula, Ms. Gomes comes with keen knowledge of the concerns, challenges and opportunities faced by homesteaders.

She played an integral role in the creation of and held leadership roles in the Waiohuli Hawaiian Homesteaders Association. She was integrally involved in the development of her homestead's Master Planned Community Center and played a pivotal role in the recently completed Phase I Community Kitchen by securing funding and coordinating the various development requirements.

Further serving native Hawaiians, Ms. Gomes is President-Elect of the Maui Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce. A non-profit organization whose mission is to promote and sustain Hawaiian values and culture, and enhances the socio-economic status of Native Hawaiians in business and as individuals.

I have had the pleasure of knowing and working with Ms. Gomes for more than 10 years. She is an astute, compassionate, professional individual. I am confident that Ms. Gomes will continue to use her cultural knowledge and personal familiarity to support and advocate for the needs of both the beneficiaries and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Thank-you for the opportunity to express my support for Doreen N. Gomes, as a Gubernatorial Nominee to the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

With warm regards,

Vanessa A. Medeiros Former Maui District Supervisor for The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands 2000-2007 From: <u>mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov</u>

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