# GM532

#### March 28, 2014

## TO: HONORABLE CLAYTON HEE, CHAIR, HONORABLE MAILE SHIMABUKURO, VICE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR.

### Re: SUPPORT OF GM 532: RICHARD LENTES, Gubernatorial Nominee, Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board, for a term to expire 6-30-2016.

HEARINGDATE:Friday, March 28, 2014TIME:10:00 a.m.PLACE:Conference Room 016

Dear Chair Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro and Members of the Committee,

I would like to offer my full support and endorsement of Rich Lentes' nomination to Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board. As Hawthorne Pacific's Environmental Health and Safety Manager, Rich's passion and dedication to providing a safe and healthy work environment for our entire work force is exemplary. Since his arrival, Hawthorne Pacific is a stronger company due to his tireless efforts to ensure safety is embedded in our culture.

He's a dedicated, focused professional in his field, and a real pleasure to work with. I especially appreciate his can do spirit and team player attitude. He's always first to volunteer his efforts when he sees an opportunity to make a difference, and always says yes when called upon in a pinch.

Any organization allowing Rich Lentes to share his experience and knowledge will be better for it.

Sincerely,

Greg Vena Pacific Region Sales Manager Hawthorne Pacific Corp.



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Dear Chair Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro and Members of the Committee,

My name is Bobby Whitworth and I am the General Managers for Hawthorne Pacific.

I am writing in <u>support</u> of Governor's Message 532, confirmation of Richard Lentes, III to the Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board (HMOAB). Richard Lentes, III is a well-qualified candidate with years of experience as a Safety Manager in the private sector. Mr. Lentes currently works as a statewide Safety Manager for Hawthorne CAT, a company that serves and supplies machinery to various industries including general and heavy construction, quarry and aggregate, landscaping, marine, paving, waste management, backup power and power generation. One area of Mr. Lentes' expertise is with cranes, and as a certified crane inspector he understands the intricacies involved in the operation, maintenance and safety of crane and other hoisting machinery.

Mr. Lentes has been an employee of ours since 2011 and his performance and attitude has been exceptional. He is very technical and takes pride in his daily duties on providing a safe work place at Hawthorne Pacific by coaching and mentoring our employees.

The HMOAB and its members play an important role in the construction industry and their decisions have a broad affect on the movement of large hoisting machinery that have an impact on the health and safety of the public. Mr. Lentes is well-qualified to

serve on the HMOAB and his wealth of training and experience makes him an ideal nominee.

Hawthorne Pacific supports the appointment of Richard Lentes, III to the HMOAB.

Very truly yours,

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Bobby Whitworth General Manager

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Rich and I went through the Occupational Environmental Safety Management Program (OESM) at Honolulu Community College. Rich always gave valuable insight to class discussions regarding his experience in the safety and health field. Rich carried himself in a very professional manner during all my encounters with him.

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Kenneth Lindsay supports the appointment of Richard Lentes, III to the HMOAB.

Very truly yours,

Kenneth Lindsay

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Dear Chair Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro and Members of the Committee,

The success of advisory board are its members.

Richard Lentes will be an excellent addition to the Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board because of his experience, knowledge and willingness to participate and serve.

Working as a statewide Safety Manager for Hawthorne CAT will allow him the opportunity to visit neighbor islands and to discuss safety issues with the people involved with cranes.

Royal Contracting Co., Ltd. supports the appointment of Richard Lentes, III to the HMOAB.

Very truly yours,

Vice President





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Dear Chair Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro and Members of the Committee,

The General Contractors Association of Hawaii (GCA) is an organization comprised of approximately six hundred (600) general contractors, subcontractors, and construction related firms. The GCA was established in 1932 and remains the largest construction association in the State of Hawaii whose mission is to represent its members in all matters related to the construction industry, while improving the quality of construction and protecting the public interest.

## GCA is writing in support of Governors Message 532, appointing Richard Lentes, III as a member of the Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board (HMOAB).

Mr. Lentes is qualified to serve on the HMOAB because of his diverse background as a safety professional and most recently as a statewide Safety Manager for Hawthorne CAT. He is responsible for the company's crane policy, health and safety training, and implementation of the company's guidelines. As a certified crane inspector the majority of his work is ensuring that the cranes and other hoisting equipment will adequately perform required work for the various operators and engineers. Prior to joining Hawthorne CAT, Mr. Lentes was the safety manager of a downtown condominium with over 900 units and 30 stories high. As safety manager of the condominium he was responsible for crane safety for equipment on the garden deck, overseeing the safety of all company personnel, including inspections, training and OSHA logs and completion of accident investigations. Mr. Lentes appreciates the importance of safety and reflects such in his dedication to providing safe environments on a daily basis.

The purpose of the HMOAB is to assure the safe operation of hoisting machines in the State of Hawaii by establishing a certification program for operators. The HMOAB includes members from both organized labor and management employers. GCA recognizes the importance of the HMOAB especially given the increased number of vertical projects that have been developed within the past decade and more projected in the future.

The GCA supports the nomination of Richard Lentes, III to the Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board and respectfully requests your favorable consideration.



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March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Senator Clayton Hee State of Hawaii State Capitol Chair, Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Dear Senator,

I am writing you as personal friend and business associate of Mr. Richard Lentes who is subject to confirmation of his appointment by Governor Neil Ambercrombie for the position in the Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board. I have known Mr. Lentes for several years now and strongly support his nomination for this position. He has many years of experience in the industry as well as in the safety field. His attention to detail, conformance, and devoted focus for personal safety is unparalleled. He is also a certified crane and rigging inspector. Over the years he has proven to me to be a person of high integrity and moral character.

I truly believe that Mr. Lentes would be an asset to the Department of the State if appointed for the position.

Sincerely,

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Guy Maxilom Rigging Consultant/Account Manager



March 17, 2014

Senator Clayton Hee State of Hawaii State Capitol Chair, Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator,

I am writing to you as a business associate of Mr. Rich Lentes who I would like to recommend to be a part of the Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board. I have had the pleasure of working with Mr. Lentes for the past three years where he has shown me to be a person of high integrity and moral character. He has over five years of experience in Environmental Health & Safety.

I feel that the Board and the State would truly benefit from an appointment of Mr. Lentes to join the Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board.

Sincerely,

James Sims All-Build Construction BC-30465