

GM 534

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Contractors License Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, LEONARD LEONG, for a term to expire 6-30-2018.

Report Title: Contractors License Board

Description:

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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

TWENTY-SEVENTH STATE LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 2014

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2014
10:00 A.M.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ON
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 534

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR,
AND TO THE HONORABLE BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, VICE CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department") appreciates the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 534, regarding the appointment of Leonard Leong to the Contractors License Board ("Board"). My name is Keali'i Lopez, Director of the Department. The Department strongly supports the confirmation of Mr. Leong's appointment to the Board.

Mr. Leong has maintained a general contractor's license in the general engineering classification since June 7, 1974, in the general building classification since May 9, 1983, and in landscaping in the specialty classification since

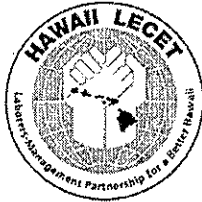
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January 26, 1995. Mr. Leong's general contractor's license is current, valid and in good standing.

Mr. Leong fully understands the role and various responsibilities of the Board, including the review and approval of new licensees, receiving and investigating complaints, and interpreting and enforcing the applicable statutory laws and administrative rules. Mr. Leong brings experience to the Board having served on a number of construction related and community oriented boards and commissions.

Mr. Leong understands that the appointment to the Board, as a practical matter, behooves his attendance and participation, and he is committed and able to attend the Board's monthly meetings. Mr. Leong feels that as a personal matter, serving on the Board is a meaningful way to give back to the industry that has provided him with a viable vocation for over 40 years.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of the appointment of Mr. Leong to the Contractors License Board.



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THE SENATE
THE TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2014

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, March 12, 2014
TIME: 10:00am
PLACE: Conference Room 229
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

TESTIMONY ON GM 534.

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN BAKER, CHAIR, BRIAN TANIGUCHI, VICE CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Clyde T. Hayashi, and I am the Director of Hawaii Laborers-Employers Cooperation and Education Trust (LECET). Hawaii LECET is a labor-management partnership between the Hawaii Laborers Union, Local 368, its 5000+ members and its 250+ unionized contractors.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in **STRONG SUPPORT** for GM 534, which submits for consideration and confirmation to the Contractors License Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, LEONARD LEONG, for a term to expire on 6-30-2018.

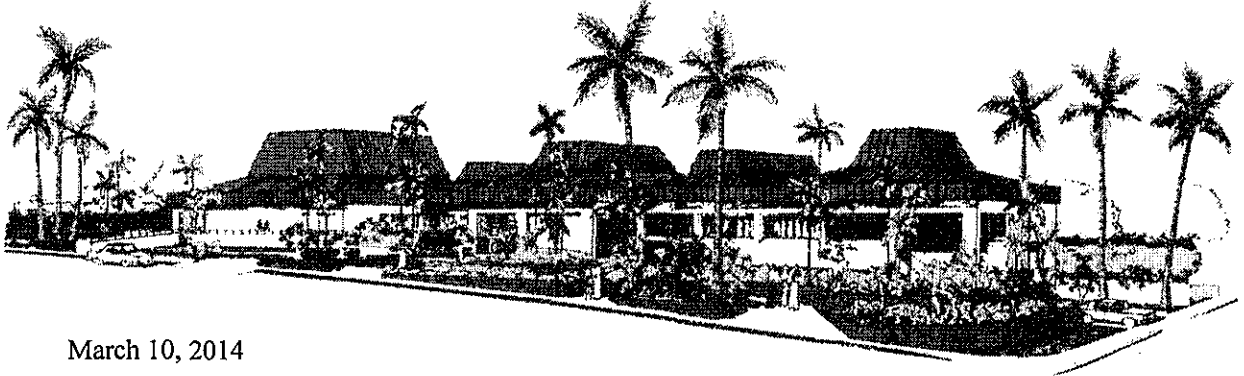
Mr. Leong has worked in the construction industry since 1970. His career spans 44 years, entirely with the Royal Contracting Company, Ltd. Currently, Mr. Leong holds the position of Vice President, but he continues to estimate, solicit, and manage daily operations. He also serves as a Director of the General Contractors Association of Hawaii, and participates in numerous other industry organizations. Mr. Leong also volunteers his time to the community and has served on the Honolulu Police Commission, Environmental Council, and Nu'uuanu Neighborhood Board to name a few.

The Contractors License Board has numerous responsibilities, including but not limited to, adopting rules and regulations regarding the classifications of contractors; approval or suspension of contractor licenses; promulgating rules and regulations related to the construction industry to protect the public; and enforcing Board rules. The Board plays an important role in the construction industry and must ensure fair and sound decisions to protect the integrity of this industry.

I strongly believe Mr. Leong will be a great addition to the Contractors License Board. His industry experience is invaluable, and his willingness to continue to serve the community is commendable. For these reason, I humbly ask for your **SUPPORT** of Leonard Leong as a member to the Contractors License Board.



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March 10, 2014

Honorable Rosalyn Baker, Chair
Honorable Brian Taniguchi, Vice Chair
Members of the House Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

RE: **GM534**
DATE: March 12, 2014
TIME: 10:00 A.M.
PLACE: Room 229
POSITION: **Support**

Honorable Rosalyn Baker, Vice Chair Brian Taniguchi and members of the Committee:

GM534 is the Governors Message for considering Leonard Leong to be confirmed to the Contractors' Licensing Board for a term to expire 6-30-2018.

The Contractors Licensing Board have numerous and complex responsibilities. It includes adopting rules and regulations in classifying contractors. The Board is central to the control of construction trades contractors.

Mr. Leong has been in the construction industry for several decades and more. Mr. Leong has a wide vision of the industry and has intimate knowledge of the industry. We appreciate the consideration of the Senate Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee in affirming Mr. Leong's appointment for a full vote in the Senate.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in support of GM524.

Sincerely,

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TO: HONORABLE ROSALYN BAKER, CHAIR, HONORABLE BRIAN TANIGUCHI, VICE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

SUBJECT: **STRONG SUPPORT OF GOVERNORS MESSAGE 534.** Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Contractors License Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, LEONARD LEONG, for a term to expire 6-30-2018.

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Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Taniguchi and Members of the Committee,

My name is Rick Heltzel and I am President of the General Contractors Association of Hawaii (GCA), an organization comprised of approximately six hundred (600) general contractors, subcontractors and construction related firms. GCA was established in 1932 and is the largest construction association in the State of Hawaii. The GCA's 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 **strong support** of Governors Message 534 and the appointment of Leonard Leong to the Contractors License Board. Mr. Leong is currently the Vice President of Royal Contracting Company, Limited (Royal Contracting) and has been with the company for over forty years. Mr. Leong is the Principal Responsible Managing Employee for Royal Contracting and holds an "A" General Engineering License, "B" General Building License and a specialty "C-27" Landscaping License. At Royal Contracting, Mr. Leong administers day-to-day operations, including oversight of all operations, outreach for business opportunities, project estimating, and overall personnel administration.

Mr. Leong has been with Royal Contracting since he graduated from the University of Hawaii, College of Engineering with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1970. Mr. Leong has served on many community organizations and boards, including the Law Enforcement Efficiency Task Force, Nuuanu Neighborhood Board, Epiphany School Board, Environmental Council and the State One Call Advisory Commission. Mr. Leong's wealth of private and public experience, expertise in the field and overall business knowledge would be a welcomed addition to the Contractors License Board, which plays a big role in the infrastructure of the construction industry.

Royal Contracting has been serving Hawaii since 1961 and brings a statewide multi-faceted approach with specializations in grading, utility installations, transportation, site development, planned development and subdivisions. Royal Contracting offers a number of services whether clients are seeking contracting skills, a construction manager or an equity partner, Royal Contracting Company, Limited has the expertise to deliver.

The Contractors License Board nominee representing the general contractor requirement must be experienced in their field and understand the issues concerning the industry as a whole. The applicant must have both an understanding of the complexity of construction projects, and also be able to understand the issues involved in construction management. Mr. Leong is well-qualified to participate on the Contractors License Board because of his vast construction, engineering and management background.

The GCA **strongly supports** Governors Message 534 and the appointment of Leonard Leong to the Contractors License Board and respectfully requests your consideration.

The Senate
The Twenty-Seventh Legislature
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
March 12, 2013, 10:00 a.m.
Room 229

Statement of the Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters on GM 534,
Confirmation of Leonard Leong to the Contractors License Board

The Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters supports the confirmation of Leonard Leong to the Contractors License Board (CLB). The CLB plays a vital role in maintaining a feasible and productive construction industry to serve Hawaii's needs, as well as protecting those who engage construction services.

Mr. Leong, Vice President of Royal Contracting, Inc., has firsthand experience with the multitude of moving parts that make up a construction project. He brings the knowledge of what is needed to serve the customer with efficiency, safety and quality.

His perspectives are not limited to the construction project site, having served on numerous government, construction industry and construction labor policy committees. Industry interface with government programs will not be new to him. His fair and deliberative approach will contribute to an effective CLB.

Thank you for your favorable consideration of the confirmation of Leonard Leong to the CLB.

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TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & CONSUMER PROTECTION

Wednesday, March 12, 2014

10:00 a.m.

Hawaii State Capitol - Room 229

RE: GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 534, CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION OF LEONARD LEONG TO THE CONTRACTORS LICENSE BOARD

Dear Chair Baker, Vice-Chair Taniguchi, and member of the Committee:

My name is Gladys Marrone, Government Relations Director for the Building Industry Association of Hawaii (BIA-Hawaii), the Voice of the Construction Industry. We promote our members through advocacy and education, and provide community outreach programs to enhance the quality of life for the people of Hawaii. BIA-Hawaii is a not-for-profit professional trade organization chartered in 1955, and affiliated with the National Association of Home Builders.

BIA-Hawaii supports GM 534, the consideration and confirmation of Leonard Leong to the Contractors License Board.

Mr. Leong is Vice-President of Royal Contracting, Inc., and has over thirty years of hands-on experience in the construction industry. He will bring his experience and wisdom to the Board, who is responsible for adopting rules and regulations and ensuring sound and fair decisions to protect the public's health and welfare, as well as the integrity of the construction industry.

We appreciate the opportunity to share with you our views.

The Pacific Resource
PARTNERSHIP



Testimony of Cindy McMillan
The Pacific Resource Partnership

Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Affairs
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Brian Taniguchi, Vice Chair

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Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Taniguchi and Members of the Committee:

The Pacific Resource Partnership (PRP) is a labor-management consortium representing over 240 signatory contractors and the Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters.

PRP believes Mr. Leong is exceptionally well qualified because he has the industry expertise to help lead the Board thoughtfully and equitably. He has been working in the construction industry for over 40 years. During his first several years on the job, Mr. Leong was involved in a variety of areas on the operations side of the business including estimating, engineering, and negotiations. He carried those valuable skills into his role as Vice President of Royal Contracting.

Furthermore, Mr. Leong has an extensive background in the following construction organizations:

- General Contractors Association of Hawaii – Director
- GCA of Hawaii - One Call Committee Member; Legislative Committee Member; City & County Committee Member
- State Department of Transportation Committee Member
- Hawaii Laborers Apprenticeship & Training Trust Fund
- Hawaii Laborers Joint Apprenticeship Committee
- Hawaii Laborers Pension Fund
- Operating Engineers Joint Apprentice Committee (Hawaii)
- OE & Participating Employers Pre-Apprentice, Apprentice & Journeyman Affirmative Action Training Fund of Hawaii
- Legislative Committee

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Mr. Leong will offer first-hand knowledge of his over forty years in the construction industry. PRP strongly supports the appointment of Leonard Leong to the Contractors License Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our views with you.

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Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair and
Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer
Protection

RE: Support of Mr. Leonard Leong to the Contractors License Board

The Hawaii Operating Engineers Industry Stabilization Fund (HOEISF) is a labor management fund representing 4000 unionized members in the heavy engineering site work and 500 general contractors specializing in heavy site and vertical construction.

HOEISF **strongly supports** the nomination of Mr. Leonard Leong, Vice President of Royal Contracting, Inc., who is being considered for an appointment to the Contractors Licensing Board. HOEISF supports Mr. Leong's vast knowledge and over thirty years of experience in the construction industry. Mr. Leong has conducted himself with integrity and fairness when working the members of the Operating Engineers.

Please feel free to contact me directly at (808) 845-6221 or by email john@hoeisf.com, if you have any questions or request further information about my support for Mr. Leong.

Very truly yours,

John R. Monis
Executive Director
Hawaii Operating Engineers
Industry Stabilization Fund

Castle & Cooke
Homes Hawaii, Inc.

March 10, 2014

To: Honorable Rosalyn Baker, Chair, Honorable Brian Taniguchi, Vice Chair and Members of Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Subject: Support of Governors Message 534: Nomination of Leonard Leong to the Contractors Licensing Board

HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, March 12, 2014
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PLACE: Conference Room 229

Dear Senator Baker, Senator Taniguchi and Members of the Committee,

My name is Garret Matsunami, Director of Engineering & Site Construction for Castle & Cooke Homes Hawaii, Inc. We have had the privilege of working with many of the best contractors in Hawaii, especially over the 40 years developing the master planned community of Milliani.

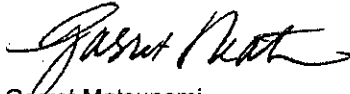
I am writing in support of Leonard Leong, Vice President of Royal Contracting Company Limited who has been nominated to the Contractors Licensing Board. Castle & Cooke supports Leonard's application because of his honesty and integrity both as a person and a successful businessman.

Leonard has led Royal Contracting into being one of Hawaii's most respected contractors. We are proud to partner with such a company that prides itself on being the most cost effective contractor in its class while stressing and practicing the importance of quality and time management.

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It is my pleasure to highly recommend Leonard who will offer first-hand knowledge of his over thirty years in the construction industry. Castle & Cooke strongly supports Governors Message 534 and the appointment of Leonard Leong to the Contractors License Board.

Sincerely,



Garret Matsunami
Director of Engineering & Site Construction
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To: Honorable Rosalyn Baker, Chair, Honorable Brian Taniguchi, Vice Chair and
Members of Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Subject: Support of Governors Message 534: Nomination of Leonard Leong to the
Contractors Licensing Board

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Dear Senator Baker, Senator Taniguchi and Members of the Committee,

D.R. Horton – Schuler Homes, LLC is writing in support of Leonard Leong, Vice President of Royal Contracting Company Limited who has been nominated to the Contractors Licensing Board (Board). D.R. Horton – Schuler Homes, LLC supports Leonard's application because he is a man of integrity and we know that he will be an effective board member.

Leonard has always been a pleasure to work with and is always looking out for our best interests. He promptly communicates anything that he foresees as a potential issue for us, which has made it possible to get in front of issues. Also, he has always been able to come up with creative, cost effective solutions for issues that arise in the field. We think he would make a fine addition to the Contractors Licensing Board.

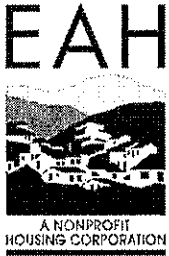
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Leonard will offer first-hand knowledge of his over thirty years in the construction industry. D.R. Horton – Schuler Homes, LLC strongly supports Governors Message 534 and the appointment of Leonard Leong to the Contractors License Board.

Sincerely,



Vanessa Yanagawa
Project Manager



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March 11, 2014

To: Honorable Rosalyn Baker, Chair, Honorable Brian Taniguchi, Vice Chair and Members of Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Subject: Support of Governors Message 534: Nomination of Leonard Leong to the Contractors Licensing Board

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Dear Senator Baker, Senator Taniguchi and Members of the Committee,

EAH Housing is a nonprofit affordable housing developer and manager of rental housing in the State of Hawaii. Founded in 1968 in California, EAH Housing has become one of the largest and most respected nonprofit housing development and management organizations in the western United States. EAH currently manages over 1,600 units of affordable rental housing in the State of Hawaii with just over 1,000 units developed on Oahu and Maui.

EAH Housing is writing in support of Leonard Leong, Vice President of Royal Contracting Company Limited who has been nominated to the Contractors Licensing Board (Board). EAH Housing supports Leonard's application because EAH and Royal have been working together since 2007 on EAH's master planned affordable housing development, the Villages of Moa'e Kū (VMK) located in Ewa. Royal has been EAH's partner in developing the two roads and site infrastructure serving the multifamily rental development. Comprised of 15 acres, VMK will feature a total of 192 apartment homes at full build-out.

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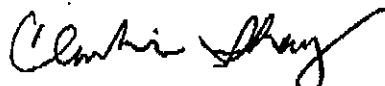


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March 7, 2014

To: Honorable Rosalyn Baker, Chair, Honorable Brian Taniguchi, Vice Chair and
 Members of Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

From: Claudia Shay 
 Executive Director

Subject: Support of Governor's Message 534: Nomination of Leonard Leong to the
 Contractors' Licensing Board

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The Self-Help Housing Corporation of Hawaii is a private, non-profit corporation providing technical assistance to low income families to build their own houses through the team self-help housing method. SHHCH has completed 601 houses on Oahu, Kauai, Maui, and Molokai for approximately \$250,000 while the house and lots appraise at \$400,000. The cost savings enables low income families to become homeowners, and provides them with equity to continue to improve their livelihoods.

It is a distinct pleasure for me to write a letter in support of Governor Neil Abercrombie's nomination of Leonard Leong, Vice-President of Royal Contracting Company, Ltd., to the Contractors' Licensing Board. With a B.S. in Engineering, more than 40 years' experience in the construction field, and participation in various construction associations, Mr. Leong is highly qualified for the position. Further Mr. Leong is a professional with a high degree of integrity, fairness, reliability, and sound judgment.

I first encountered Mr. Leong in 1997 when SHHCH was asked by the Department of Hawaiian Homelands to assist very low income native Hawaiian families to become homeowners. In a collaborative effort with Royal Contracting Company, Gentry, the Building Industry Association, Hawaiian Cement, Honsador Lumber Company and many other suppliers, contractors, and non-profit entities, SHHCH was able to assist very low income families to build four bedroom houses by using recycled materials, donated materials, free labor, and a lot of volunteer support. At this time I was very impressed with Mr. Leong's leadership, and tremendous generosity.

Subsequently, SHHCH contracted with Royal Contracting Company, Ltd. to install the infrastructure for a 72 lot subdivision in Ma'ili, Oahu. Not only did Royal Contracting Company, Ltd. do an excellent job on the construction, on budget, and within a short period of time, but Mr. Leong was very generous in providing SHHCH with advice throughout various aspects of the subdivision process. Under his leadership Royal Contracting Company, Ltd. is very well managed from the field staff to the office staff. In my estimation there couldn't be a better candidate for the Board.

The Self-Help Housing Corporation of Hawaii strongly supports Governor's Message 534 and the appointment of Leonard Leong to the Contractors' Licensing Board. Thank you.



March 10, 2014

To: Honorable Rosalyn Baker ,Chair, Honorable Brian Taniguchi, Vice Chair and
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Dear Senator Baker, Senator Taniguchi and Members of the Committee,

Walter P. Thompson, Inc. is a medium sized Surveying and Mapping firm established
in 1950 and incorporated in 1966. The company serves the surveying needs of law
firms, architects, financial institutions, title companies and the construction industry.

Walter P. Thompson, Inc. is writing in support of Leonard Leong, Vice President of
Royal Contracting Company Limited who has been nominated to the Contractors
Licensing Board.

I have been privileged to have known Leonard since 1978 when we were first retained
to provide construction surveys on one of his projects. We have been of service to
Leonard and his organization ever since.

Leonard's professionalism, expertise in the industry, fairness and honesty are above
reproach.

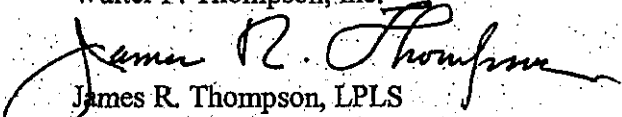
One only has to review his resume to understand what an asset he has been to the
community for many years.

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Very truly yours,
Walter P. Thompson, Inc.


James R. Thompson, LPLS
President

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March 10, 2014

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To: Honorable Rosalyn Baker, Chair, Honorable Brian Taniguchi, Vice Chair and Members of Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

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Dear Senator Baker, Senator Taniguchi and Members of the Committee,

I am in support of Mr. Leonard Leong, Vice President of Royal Contracting Company Limited who has been nominated to the Contractors Licensing Board (Board).

Santo Engineers, LLC is a Hawaii consulting civil engineering firm that provides planning, design, construction administration and project management services for developments that include site infrastructure improvements relating to roadway construction, and storm drainage, sanitary sewer and water systems.

I have known Mr. Leong for 35 years and have interacted with Mr. Leong on multiple projects. I have found him to be a respected leader, trustworthy, fair-minded, well-spoken and knowledgeable in matters relating to construction and development. I fully support Mr. Leong's application.

On a personal note, I know Mr. Leong to be generous of his time, considerate, devoted to his family, and committed to serving the community.

The Contractors Licensing Board and its members have numerous responsibilities, including adopting rules and regulations regarding the classifications of contractors; approval or suspension of contractor licenses; promulgating rules and regulations related to the construction industry to protect the public; and enforcing Board rules. The Board plays an important role in the construction industry and must ensure fair and sound decisions to protect the integrity of the construction industry.

Mr. Leong will offer first-hand knowledge of his over thirty years in the construction industry. Santo Engineers, LLC strongly supports Governors Message 534 and the appointment of Leonard Leong to the Contractors Licensing Board.

Sincerely yours,

SANTO ENGINEERS, LLC


Raymond M. Santo, P.E.
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To: The Honorable Rosalyn Baker, Chair, Brian Taniguchi, Vice Chair and Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

Subject: Support of Governors Message 534: Nomination of **Leonard Leong** to the Contractors Licensing Board

HEARING

Date: Wednesday, March 12, 2014
Time: 10:00 A.M.
Place: Conference Room 229

Dear Senator Baker, Senator Taniguchi and Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection,

My name is Lance M. Inouye and I am President of Ralph S. Inouye Co., Ltd. (RSI), a State of Hawaii General Contractor. I am writing in **strong support** of **Leonard Leong**, Vice President and Responsible Managing Employee of Royal Contracting Company Limited (Royal), who has been nominated to the Contractors Licensing Board (CLB).

I have known Leonard for almost as long as I have been active in the construction industry, certainly well over 20 years. Throughout all those years, I have known him to be an upstanding and outstanding member of the construction industry as well as a responsible citizen of the State of Hawaii. He has unselfishly given of his valuable time to the construction industry by active involvement in the General Contractors Association of Hawaii (GCA) as a Director on its Board as well as Chairman, Mentor and longstanding Member of its Legislative Committee. In addition, he has volunteered to serve our State, our City, and our community by serving on the Law Enforcement Efficiency Task Force and the Honolulu Police Commission, the Environmental Council and Environmental Quality Commission, the State One Call Advisory Commission, the Groundwater Technical Advisory Committee, as well as the Nuuanu Neighborhood Board and the Epiphany School Board. Because of his intelligence and thoughtful insights on issues without ever losing sight of the welfare of our community as a whole, it is no wonder that he is sought after by many boards and commissions. Leonard is a man of few words but whenever he speaks up, people pay attention as whatever he says is always well thought out after listening to all the opinions of others.

The Contractors Licensing Board (CLB) plays an important role in the construction industry. The CLB is tasked with adopting rules and regulations regarding the classifications of contractors; approval or suspension of contractor licenses; promulgating rules and regulations related to the construction industry to protect the public; and enforcing Board rules. Leonard is not only well-qualified to serve on the CLB but also, would be a valuable resource person for its members. In my humble opinion, our community will be the beneficiary of his service on the CLB.

Ralph S. Inouye Co., Ltd. and I personally **strongly support** the appointment of **Leonard Leong** to the Contractors License Board. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 839-9002, Ext. 23 or via e-mail at lance@rsinouye.com if I may provide any further information.



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HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, March 12, 2014
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Dear Senator Baker, Senator Taniguchi and Members of the Committee,

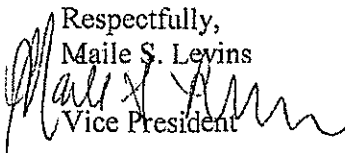
B & C Trucking Co., Ltd. has been actively involved in Hawaii's construction industry for over 60 years. We provide trucking, loader services and aggregate sales and have participated in many of the largest and most memorable projects on Oahu. Our continued success is based upon providing excellent service, and conducting business with partners who equally value business integrity.

B & C Trucking Co., Ltd. is writing in support of Leonard Leong, Vice President of Royal Contracting Company Limited, who has been nominated to the Contractors Licensing Board. B & C Trucking Co., Ltd. supports Leonard's application because he not only conducts business with integrity, he altruistically shares his vast knowledge and construction expertise with others. He is always abreast of the current projects, and the current challenges in the construction industry. Having a business partner and information resource like Leonard Leong has produced immeasurable positive benefits to B & C Trucking Co., Ltd. and is an excellent candidate for the Board.

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Leonard will offer first-hand knowledge of his over thirty years in the construction industry. B & C Trucking Co., Ltd. strongly supports Governors Message 534 and the appointment of Leonard Leong to the Contractors License Board.

Respectfully,
Maile S. Levins



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Subject: Support of Governors Message 534: Nomination of Leonard Leong to the Contractors Licensing Board.

Hearing date and time: Wednesday, March 12, 2014; 10:00 A.M.

Hearing Location: Conference Room 229

Dear Senator Baker, Senator Taniguchi and Members of the Committee,

Jayar Construction, Inc. (Jayar) is a general contractor that has been in operation since 1987. We are a member of the General Contractors Association of Hawaii and specialize in civil (site) construction with about 130 employees.

Jayar is writing in support of Leonard Leong, Vice President of Royal Contracting Company, Ltd. Who has been nominated to the Contractors Licensing Board (Board). Jayar supports Leonard's application because we feel he would bring a valuable, objective, and fair perspective to the Board's proceedings.

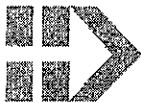
I have personally known Leonard for over 25 years and have dealt with him as a subcontractor, a competitor, and a fellow Trustee on one of the Laborers' Union Trust Funds. In all of my dealings Leonard has been fair, objective and reasonable. Leonard is well respected and highly thought of in the construction industry. His company's loyal customers and subcontractors with a high degree of repeat business is a testament to the way Leonard deals with people and issues.

Leonard will be a great asset to the Contractors Licensing Board. His years of experience in the industry, his extensive community service, and his fair and reasonable approach will greatly assist the Board in protecting the public and the integrity of the construction industry. I can think of no one that is better qualified to serve as a Board member.

Jayar strongly supports Governors Message 534 and the appointment of Leonard Leong to the Contractors Licensing Board.

Very Truly Yours,

Stephen Yoshida
CFO & HR Manager



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HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, March 12, 2014
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 229

Dear Senator Baker, Senator Taniguchi and Members of the Committee,

My name is Bill Wilson and I am the President of Hawaiian Dredging Construction Company, Inc. Hawaiian Dredging is writing in support of Leonard Leong, Vice President of Royal Contracting Company Limited who has been nominated to the Contractors Licensing Board.

The Contractors Licensing Board and its members have numerous responsibilities, including adopting rules and regulations regarding the classifications of contractors; approval or suspension of contractor licenses; promulgating rules and regulations related to the construction industry to protect the public; and enforcing Board rules. The Board plays an important role in the construction industry and must ensure fair and sound decisions to protect the integrity of the construction industry.

Leonard will offer first-hand knowledge of his over thirty years in the construction industry. Hawaiian Dredging Construction Company, Inc. strongly supports Governors Message 534 and the appointment of Leonard Leong to the Contractors License Board.

Sincerely,

William J. Wilson, President
Hawaiian Dredging Construction Company, Inc.



On Company Letterhead

S & M SAKAMOTO, INC.
GENERAL CONTRACTORS

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March 7, 2014

To: Honorable Rosalyn Baker, Chair, Honorable Brian Taniguchi, Vice Chair and Members of Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Subject: Support of Governors Message 534: Nomination of Leonard Leong to the Contractors Licensing Board

HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, March 12, 2014
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 229

Dear Senator Baker, Senator Taniguchi and Members of the Committee,

Insert introductory paragraph about your organization. (Optional)

S & M Sakamoto, Inc. is writing in support of Leonard Leong, Vice President of Royal Contracting Company Limited who has been nominated to the Contractors Licensing Board. S & M Sakamoto, Inc. supports Leonard's application because of his extensive background in all aspects of the construction industry and his record of contributing his knowledge to Hawaii's people.

The Contractors Licensing Board and its members have numerous responsibilities, including adopting rules and regulations regarding the classifications of contractors; approval or suspension of contractor licenses; promulgating rules and regulations related to the construction industry to protect the public; and enforcing Board rules. The Board plays an important role in the construction industry and must ensure fair and sound decisions to protect the integrity of the construction industry.

Leonard will offer first-hand knowledge of his over thirty years in the construction industry. S & M Sakamoto, Inc. strongly supports Governors Message 534 and the appointment of Leonard Leong to the Contractors License Board.

Very truly yours,
S & M Sakamoto, Inc.

Gerard Sakamoto
President

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March 8, 2014

To: Honorable Rosalyn Baker, Chair, Honorable Brian Taniguchi, Vice Chair and
Members of Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Subject: Support of Governors Message 534: Nomination of Leonard Leong to the
Contractors Licensing Board

HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, March 12, 2014
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 229

Dear Senator Baker, Senator Taniguchi and Members of the Committee,

King & Neel, Inc. is a Hawaii based insurance and bond agency dedicated to serving the State's building industry.

We are writing in strong support of Leonard Leong, Vice President of Royal Contracting Company Limited, who has been nominated to the Contractors Licensing Board (Board).

The Board and its members have numerous responsibilities, including adopting rules and regulations regarding the classifications of contractors; approval or suspension of contractor licenses; promulgating rules and regulations related to the construction industry to protect the public; and enforcing Board rules. The Board plays an important role in the construction industry and must ensure fair and sound decisions to protect the integrity of the construction industry.

Based on knowing Leonard for decades, we are convinced that his thirty+ years of construction industry experience will enable him to become a valuable member to the Board.

Sincerely,

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March 8, 2014

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Subject: **Support** of Governors Message 534 – Nomination of Leonard Leong to the
Contractors Licensing Board

HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, March 12, 2014
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 229

Dear Senator Baker, Senator Taniguchi and Members of the Committee:

I am writing in **strong support** of Leonard Leong, Vice President of Royal Contracting Company Limited, who has been nominated to the Contractors Licensing Board (CLB). Mr. Leong is an ideal candidate for the CLB because he has the knowledge, experience and high standards that being a member of this board requires.

I have known Leonard for over twenty years as both a competitor, when I was president of Koga Engineering & Construction, Inc., and as a comrade in our volunteer services with organizations like the General Contractors Association of Hawaii and the Engineering Alumni Association of the University of Hawaii. I can personally attest to his outstanding character.

The CLB and its members have numerous responsibilities, including, but not limited to, adopting rules and regulations regarding the classifications of contractors; approval or suspension of contractor licenses; promulgating rules and regulations related to the construction industry to protect the public; and enforcing Board rules. The Board plays an important role in the construction industry and must ensure fair and sound decisions to protect the integrity of the construction industry.

Is strongly support Governors Message 534 and the appointment of Leonard Leong to the CLB.

Sincerely,

Genba Hawaii, Inc.
President

To: Honorable Roz Baker, Chair, Honorable Brian Taniguchi, Vice Chair and
Members of Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

Subject: Support of Governors Message 534: Nomination of Leonard Leong to the
Contractors Licensing Board

Honorable Senators,

I have known Leonard Leong for over 50 years, including working for Royal Contracting the past 31 years. Not only is he very knowledgeable and successful as a contractor, he is also a fair and considerate person. He sincerely wants to contribute to the Contractors Licensing Board, and will try his best to understand the complexities of tasks, in order to make the correct decision.

When Leonard was on the Police Commission, he took the time to ride with the beat officers, stayed in the cellblock, and flew on the police helicopter to better understand the daily pressures and problems that police face on a daily basis.

As such, I would recommend his nomination to the Contractors Licensing Board.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Roland Au".

Roland Au

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- 1) As a member of the Contractor's License Board I would be able to serve the industry that has provided me an opportunity to participate in building Hawaii.
- 2) The Contractor's License Board is responsible to approve applicants, discipline Contractors and other related responsibilities in regards to being a Contractor. The Board exists to service the public. By reviewing applicants the Board ensures that experienced contractors build correctly, safely and make decisions with the best interest of the public in mind.
- 3) As a member of the Construction Industry since 1970, I have been involved in applying for a license, doing business with other contractors and providing construction services to the public, local, state and federal government agencies and private businesses. Having been involved with over 1,400 contracts that range in value from a few thousands to twenty million plus, has provided many experiences. Experience in deciding on scope of work, listing of subcontractors, payment and helping owners who are inexperienced in building and understanding contracts.
- 4) During my term of service I would like to help maintain and possibly improve on issues that need to be reviewed, particularly in areas where the Board has recently been challenged. Due to new methods of construction and specialty sub crafts, some contractors tend to specialize in certain areas, which require special attention and a better understanding of how such technology may work. .
- 5) Three qualities that I feel will help me to be a benefit to the board are
 - 1) Time to serve. As a partner I control how my time is spent during working hours and also how I can make up time missed while servicing on a Board.
 - 2) Being a Contractor, you learn to listen and analyze information provided and to seek additional information in order to make an informed decision. As a contractor you also have insight and experience on how business occurs between Contractors & Owners.
 - 3) Respect for others and to be respected by others. Board members need to make decisions and if the parties respect the Board the decision rendered will be easier to accept. Knowing a decision was fairly decided, it helps to eliminate negativity.
- 6) A previous experience that will be beneficial as a Board member include my bidding on projects and being able to recognize that mistakes can be made. For example, after a bid is submitted and a supplier or subcontractor finds a mistake that requires adjustments be made; as a General Contractor we will not change our supplier or subcontractor since I believe it is not fair to change after a bid.
- 7) I do not foresee any possible conflicts, but if it arises I will recuse myself and not participate in a decision or vote that could result in a possible conflict of interest.