# GM 639

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Real Estate Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, SCOTT SHERLEY, for a term to expire 6-30-2018.

Report Title: Real Estate Commission

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## PRESENTATION OF THE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

# TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE Regular Session of 2014

Friday, April 11, 2014 9:00 a.m.

#### **TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 639.**

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Nikki Senter and I serve as the Chairperson of the Real Estate Commission ("Commission"). I thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on Governor's Message No. 639, regarding the **reappointment** of Scott Sherley to the Commission. The Commission strongly supports the confirmation of Mr. Sherley's reappointment.

Mr. Sherley has been and continues to be an outstanding contributor and participant in the work of the Commission. He has served on the Commission as the real estate broker member from the County of Hawaii for the past four years.

Mr. Sherley's commitment to public service has been outstanding, and his attendance at the Commission meetings has been excellent. He currently serves as the Chairperson of the Condominium Review Committee, one of the Commission's three standing committees. He is always well prepared for each issue and meeting, devoting a number of hours studying and researching materials. He has a keen knowledge of all the laws and rules that affect the Commission's work.

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For these reasons, the Commission strongly supports the confirmation of Mr. Scott Sherley to the Real Estate Commission, and thanks you for the opportunity to testify.



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April 9, 2014

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Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection State of Hawaii, State Capitol Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

> RE: Nomination of Scott Sherley to State of Hawaii Real Estate Commission April 11, 2014, 9:00 am (GM639)

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

I am writing in strong support of Scott Sherley's confirmation for another term on the State of Hawaii, Real Estate Commission ("Commission").

As a fellow Commissioner, I had an opportunity to work with Commissioner Sherley and am impressed with his energy, knowledge, and iPad.

Commissioner Sherley is a Real Estate Broker and Real Estate Continuing Education provider. As anyone who knows him, Commissioner Sherley is passionate about real estate issues and knowledgeable about the industry in Hawaii and nationally and the applicable real estate laws in Hawaii.

I am particularly impressed with his ability to quickly research issues and find information on his iPad. Commissioner Sherley and his iPad have provided me great assistance in understanding industry issues and making a just decision with the ultimate goal of protecting the public and consumers.

For the reasons above, I highly recommend that Commissioner Sherley be confirmed for another term. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you or anyone has questions.

Sincerely,

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### Scott Sherley Real Estate Commission

- (1) Why do you wish to be a member of the Real Estate Commission?
- (2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Commission?
- (3) Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a Commission member, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of you skills, expertise and knowledge that would aid you as a member of the Commission.
- (4) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?
- (5) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Commission.
- (6) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Commission member.
- (7) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the Commission? How would you overcome conflicts of interest?
- #1. I am currently A Commissioner for Hawaii Island and wish to continue for a second term
- #2. I firmly believe my role and the commissions role is "To Protect the Consumer"
- #3. My position on the commission for the last 4 years started with myself being the chair of of the Education Committee, regarding Prelicensing and Continuing Education, I have been a Continuing Education Instructor for 20 years, specializing in Fair Housing, Disability Rights under Fair Housing and the ADA, Property Management and Condominiums. Two years ago I was appointed to the Condominium Review Committee as Chair. This was due to the fact that I am the only one on the Real Estate Commission with direct Condominium Management experience.
- #4. I hope to continue my work on Education and Condominium Issues
- #4. My 3 Qualities to serve on the commission is. (a) Knowledge of the respective Laws in Education and 514B Condo Law (b) Past Experience with the Commission Staff and issues. (c) Devotion to the Licensing Laws, Condo Laws and Consumer Protection.
- #6. As a Condominium Managing Agent for over 20 years, I bring to the Commission knowledge as to what is happening in the Condominium area, with homeowners and other issues.
- #7. There have been very few incidents where I had a conflict of interest while serving on the commission, however we have all been trained to revel any conflict even if slight. I have only had to recuse myself once in the last 4 years, but I also look to our representative from the AG's office for guidance before a conflict can arise.