

Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair  
Senator Russell Ruderman, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Energy and Environment

Thursday, April 10, 2014, 2:45 PM  
Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 225

**Re: GM 652 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Environmental Council, gubernatorial nominee, JOSEPH SHACAT**

Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Ruderman, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of the gubernatorial nomination of Joseph Shacat, to the Environmental Council.

Mr. Shacat holds prestigious graduate degrees in both Oceanography and Business Administration from the University of Hawaii. Furthermore, his position as the Environmental Compliance Manager at Grace Pacific LLC, gives him valuable perspective and detailed knowledge of the industry. Mr. Shacat's impressive academic accomplishments in addition to his considerable background in environmental regulations and compliance make him an ideal candidate to serve on the Environmental Council.

In addition to Mr. Shacat's notable academic and professional accomplishments, he also serves on the Board of Directors for the Honolulu Clean Cities Coalition (HCC), a nonprofit organization aligned with the US Department of Energy's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy. As a board member, Mr. Shacat has developed a detailed understanding of numerous advanced technologies and its role in meeting the needs of the Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative.

Mr. Shacat's remarkable academic background combined with his extensive experience would be a tremendous asset to the Environmental Council, and I am pleased to support the confirmation of Joseph Shacat.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of this nominee.

Sincerely,

Leslie A. Campaniano

April 10, 2014

Sen. Mike Gabbard  
Chair, Committee on Energy and Environment  
Senate District 20  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 201  
Honolulu, HI 96813

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Subject: Mr. Joseph Shacat's nomination to the Environmental Council

Sen. Gabbard and members of the Committee on Energy and Environment;

I am writing in support of Joseph Shacat's nomination to the Environmental Council.

Joseph and I worked closely together during our two-year tenure in the Executive MBA program at the University of Hawaii. Throughout the program, he has shown himself to be a top-tiered student due to his immense intelligence, amiable nature, and hard-working personality.

Joseph's combined experience and education in environmental science and business is a rare asset, and will prove to be invaluable to the Environmental Council. He possesses an outstanding professional track record of commitment to environmental issues and serving the community. I have no doubt that Joseph will serve the Environmental Council well, and I give him my highest recommendation.

Sincerely,  
Yvonne Jones  
Project Manager, Hawaii Health Information Exchange

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Chair, Committee on Energy and Environment  
Senate District 20  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 201  
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RE: Mr. Joseph Shacat's nomination to the Environmental Council

Dear Senator Gabbard and members of the Committee on Energy and Environment,

I am writing to you today in support of Joseph Shacat's nomination to the Environmental Council. I am a UH MBA classmate and personal friend of Joseph.

Joseph is experienced in both corporate structure and governmental policy. He is an expert in environmental regulations, systems and has implemented numerous programs to make Grace Pacific a more environmentally conscious community member. Also as an avid sailor, Joseph is deeply concerned with Hawaii's unique and fragile environment. He understands the environmental issues that threaten this archipelago, and has the business acumen to work closely with Hawaii's major industries and employers. This is also shown by his work with the Steering Committee for the Environmental Forum of the Associated General Contractors of America (AGC). I give Joseph my highest recommendation, and state without hesitation that Joseph would be a tremendous benefit to the Environmental Council and the State of Hawaii.

Sincerely,

Mark Beppu  
Senior Consultant, eWorld Enterprise Solutions