

# GM691

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Stadium Authority,  
Gubernatorial Nominee, MICHAEL IOSUA, for a term to expire 6-30-  
2018.

April 7, 2014

To: The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz  
Chair, Senate Committee on Economic Development,  
Government Operations and Housing

The Honorable Sam Slom,  
Vice Chair, Senate Committee on Economic Development,  
Government Operations and Housing

Members of the Senate Committee on Economic Development,  
Government Operations and Housing

Dear Chairman Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Slom and members of the Committee:

Thank you for taking the time to consider my nomination to the Stadium Authority. It is an honor and a privilege to be considered for this position and I thank Governor Abercrombie for nominating me. I would also like to thank my friends and colleagues for their testimonies on my behalf.

Just to give you a brief background of my experiences relevant to this nomination, from 1997 to 2002 I attended the University of Hawai'i, eventually earning a bachelor's degree in economics. During that time I had the privilege of playing for Coach June Jones on the Warrior Football team and was named Defensive Captain as a senior. After a few years working in residential construction and real estate development, I returned to school to obtain my law degree as well as a master's degree in business administration from Brigham Young University. Since 2009, I have worked as an attorney, advising and defending various large companies and other organizations on a wide array of legal issues.

My desire to serve on the Stadium Authority arises from the countless fond memories I have of Aloha Stadium. As a UH Warrior, I remember the energy and excitement that comes from playing in front of a sold out crowd at Aloha Stadium and understand that the stadium is vital to the team's "home field advantage." As a high school football coach, I know how inspiring it is for young student-athletes to play on the same field as college football and NFL stars. As a youth I also have fond memories of shopping at the swap meet and attending concerts or other community events. I'd like to see Hawai'i's youth and others develop their own fond memories of Aloha Stadium, just as I have.

If appointed to the Stadium Authority, I would work with current members to achieve the authority's mission and provide a first class facility where the community can participate in and attend athletic events, concerts or other special events. I would also work to ensure that the stadium will continue to be a viable, self-sustaining arena for many years to come. I believe that my ability to analyze and resolve difficult problems, and the critical thinking skills developed as an attorney will be valuable to the Stadium Authority. I also believe my experiences at Aloha Stadium will provide unique insight which will be useful in developing the plans and policies

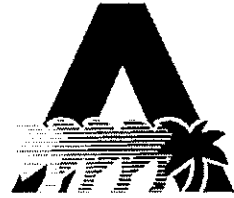
that will direct stadium operations. Simply put, I am dedicated to the long term success of Aloha Stadium and would love the opportunity to serve the State of Hawai'i in this capacity.

Thank you once again for taking the time to consider my nomination to the Stadium Authority and for everything you do for the State of Hawai'i.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael L. Iosua". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michael" being the most prominent part.

Michael L. Iosua



**ALOHA STADIUM**

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TESTIMONY  
OF  
SCOTT L. CHAN, STADIUM MANAGER  
STADIUM AUTHORITY  
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES  
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE  
ON  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND HOUSING  
ON  
APRIL 9, 2014  
2:45 PM  
STATE CAPITOL, CONFERENCE ROOM 16  
G.M. 691

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Stadium Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, Mr. Michael L. Iosua for a term to expire 06-30-2018.

Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing, thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony on behalf of Mr. Michael L. Iosua.

We are excited in hearing of Mr. Iosua's nomination and welcome the opportunity to work with Mr. Iosua and support his nomination to the Stadium Authority board. As a board member, Mr. Iosua's extensive and in-depth professional legal background coupled with his experience in business and budget management will prove to be invaluable in guiding the Stadium Authority toward achieving its goals and objectives.

In summary, we support the appointment of Mr. Michael L. Iosua to the Stadium Authority board and look forward to working with him in the future.

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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 691

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE STADIUM  
AUTHORITY, MICHAEL IOSUA

Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on G.M. 691. The Department of Accounting and General Services supports the confirmation of Mr. Michael Iosua to the Stadium Authority.

Mr. Iosua is a practicing attorney with experience in real estate, land use, and drafting legislation in these aforementioned areas. Mr. Iosua has also served as Assistant Attorney General in American Samoa. On a personal level, Mr. Iosua played football for the University of Hawaii serving as Defensive Captain. Mr. Iosua's professional and personal experiences provide him with the necessary skills and background to be a contributing member of the Stadium Authority.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

April 8, 2014

VIA ON-LINE TESTIMONY

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair  
Senator Sam Slom, Vice Chair  
Members of the Committee on Economic Development,  
Government Operations and Housing  
Hawai'i State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Re: GM 691 - Wednesday, April 9, 2014 @ 2:45PM  
Letter of Recommendation Supporting the Nomination of MICHAEL L. IOSUA  
To the Stadium Authority of the State of Hawaii

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Slom, and Members of the Committee:

I am pleased to submit this letter in *STRONG SUPPORT* of the appointment of MICHAEL L. IOSUA to the Stadium Authority of the State of Hawaii.

In the time Michael has been employed by this firm, he has proven his diligence, intelligence and good character. I have no doubt that he will bring the same excellent qualities to his work on behalf of the Stadium Authority.

Thank you very much for your consideration of his nomination. Please do not hesitate to contact me if should you have any questions with regard to Mr. Iosua.

Very truly yours,

IMANAKA ASATO



Richard T. Asato, Jr.

**PAULA W. CHONG**

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April 8, 2014

Chair Donovan M. Dela Cruz  
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Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations  
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Re: GM 691, Wednesday, April 9, 2014, 2:45 p.m., Conference Room 16

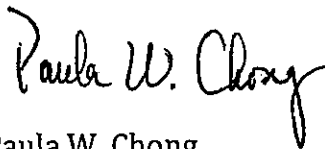
Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Slom and Committee Members:

I am submitting this letter in unqualified support of Michael Iosua's appointment to the Stadium Authority. I have had the pleasure of working with Michael at a local law firm and have been constantly impressed by his work ethic, intelligence and enthusiasm for any project he undertakes.

He has strong leadership abilities, as demonstrated by his selection as defensive captain of the football team during his time playing for the University of Hawaii. As a father of five children, he is also deeply vested in the well-being of our community and I am confident that he will bring that commitment to his work on behalf of the Stadium Authority.

Thank you for your consideration of Mr. Iosua's nomination. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you should have any questions.

Aloha,



Paula W. Chong

April 7, 2014

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair  
Senator Sam Slom, Vice Chair  
Members of the Committee on Economic Development,  
Government Operations and Housing  
Hawaii State Capital  
415 S. Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**Re: Support for GM 691, Michael L. Iosua**  
Date: Wednesday, April 9, 2014  
Time: 2:45 p.m.  
Place: Conference Room 16

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Slom and Members of the Committee:

I am writing in *strong support* of the appointment of Michael L. Iosua to the Stadium Authority of the State of Hawaii.

I have had the pleasure of working with Michael over the past year. In this time, he has displayed a strong work ethic, high character, and willingness to learn. I have no question that, if confirmed, Michael will exhibit the same qualities as a member of the Stadium Authority.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to submit this letter of support. Please feel free to contact me if there are any questions.

Respectfully Submitted,



Owen T. Iida





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April 7, 2014

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GM 691 RE APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL L. IOSUA  
TO HAWAII STADIUM AUTHORITY**

Honorable Chair and members of the Committee:

My name is Jonathan Durrett, Senior Partner in the Honolulu law firm, Durrett, Rosehill & Ma, LLLP. I have known the candidate for appointment to the Hawaii Stadium Authority, Michael L. Iosua, for ten (10) years in various capacities.

Initially admitted to the U.S. Naval Academy, Mr. Iosua later transferred to the University of Hawaii and played defensive line for the football team. A brilliant student in the quantitative fields, Mike studied economics at UH and obtained law and MBA degrees through a joint degree program offered to certain highly qualified students at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah in 2009.

Since that time, Mr. Iosua has had widely varied experiences taking him to Las Vegas, Nevada and American Samoa as an Assistant Attorney General. He also has a background in construction project management for both private industry as well as DHHL.

Mr. Iosua's strong ties to the University of Hawaii and business and legal experience uniquely qualify him to serve on the Stadium Authority.

More important, Mr. Iosua is a professional of unquestioned integrity and honesty. In every context I have known him, whether professionally, as a collegiate athlete or a member of my faith, Mr. Iosua has demonstrated unparalleled leadership skills and been an example to youth and the community.

I cannot tell you how pleased I am to see that the Governor has appointed Mr. Iosua to this often controversial authority. Mr. Iosua brings just the right balance of technical business skills with community wisdom to be able to provide clarity of thinking and rational guidance in developing an appropriate role for the Authority.

I wholeheartedly support this nomination and ask your unanimous approval of this appointment.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jonathan S. Durrett', written over a horizontal line.

Jonathan S. Durrett

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**GM691**

Submitted on: 4/5/2014

Testimony for EGH on Apr 9, 2014 14:45PM in Conference Room 016

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Florand BLANCO	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I am writing to you as a personal friend of Mr. Michael Iosua who I am pleased to learn has been nominated for the Stadium Authority. I have known Michael for over 10 years and am proud to call him a friend. Michael possesses a natural and uncanny ability to connect with people of all ages and in any situation. Michael also possesses exceptional leadership skills which I am still left in awe and amazement over as I have witnessed him time and time before seem to effortlessly direct others to work together for the common good. I have only mentioned two outstanding qualities out of many others that Michael possesses. Michael is a very sound individual with the highest integrity and moral values. I have focused on these two qualities because I realize their value especially when it comes to dealing with people and the community. I strongly support Mr. Michael Iosua's nomination and believe that everyone would benefit greatly in having him appointed to the position.

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April 7, 2014

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To the Stadium Authority of the State of Hawaii**

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Slom, and Members of the Committee:

It is without reservation that I submit this letter in ***STRONG SUPPORT*** of the appointment of **MICHAEL L. IOSUA** to the **Stadium Authority** of the State of Hawaii.

Although I have known Michael for less than a year, he works directly with me and I have observed him up close for almost six months now. During this short period of time, we have worked intensely on many assignments. Michael has demonstrated that he is worthy of consideration, as he is diligent, hardworking, and has never shirked his responsibilities. Beyond that, he is a very good lawyer and highly ethical.

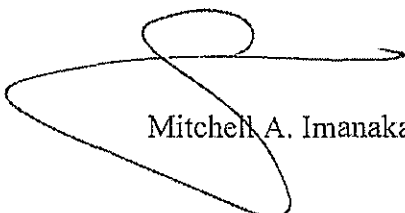
Michael is a father of five children, and takes an active role in their lives.

Michael played football for June Jones at the University of Hawaii, and distinguished himself as defensive captain of the team.

I urge you to confirm his appointment. I know that, if confirmed, he will serve well.

Thank you very much for your consideration of his nomination, and should you have any questions with regard to Mr. Iosua, do not hesitate to contact me.

With Aloha,



Mitchell A. Imanaka

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April 7, 2014

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz  
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State Capitol, Room 202  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: Michael Iosua's Nomination to Stadium Authority

Dear Senator Dela Cruz:

I am writing in support of Michael Iosua's nomination to the Stadium Authority. I know Mr. Iosua both personally and professionally and believe he is well qualified and suited to serve on the Stadium Authority Board.

I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Iosua while he was working as an Assistant Attorney General for the Government of American Samoa. At the time I was representing the Government of American Samoa in a commercial dispute and Mr. Iosua was my contact person. Mr. Iosua demonstrated both legal and practical knowledge as well as an understanding of the policies, procedures and protocols both within the Attorney General's office and the government as a whole. Mr. Iosua's knowledge and assistance were invaluable as the case involved numerous departments within the Government of American Samoa and it was necessary obtain information and documents from personnel at all levels from the Governor to administrative assistants.

Mr. Iosua's background as a former University of Hawaii football standout, combined with his legal and practical background is tailor made for the Stadium Authority Board. I have no doubt he would be an asset to the Board and wholeheartedly support his nomination.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

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### **GM691**

Submitted on: 4/7/2014

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
eric fujimoto	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: April 7, 2014 TO: Stadium Authority FROM: Eric Fujimoto RE: Michael Iosua – esq. Candidate for the Stadium Authority Dear Stadium Authority, As a life-long fan of Hawaii Athletics, I've been attending Aloha Stadium events since I could walk. I remember, the Prep Bowl, The Hawaiian Islanders, to the modern day HHSAA events, and University of Hawaii Athletics. Also, being born and raised in Pearl City, I still attend the Aloha Stadium Swap Meeting on a quarterly basis. Safe to say, I've grown up and matured with the Aloha Stadium. Through the five decades of attending Aloha Stadium, I have played at the stadium as an athlete, performed as a band member, and most of all continue to attend as a fan. I'd like to think, I've seen the benefits of a healthy and effective Stadium Authority. As a former Ahahui Koa Anuenue Board Member for six years, I believe Michael Iosua is a viable asset to the Stadium Authority. Michael would bring a level of trust and credibility that would go a long way by the community which we live and serve. Talking out loud, I would want a Stadium Authority member that can successfully balance the best interest of the Stadium Authority / State of Hawaii with the values and ethics Michael teaches his family (by example), and one that can appreciate the community's passion for High School / UH Football. Much like you, we probably first got to know Michael Iosua, the UH Football Player that we cheered on for four years in his Rainbow Warrior uniform. Michael continues to form the utmost respect by the leaders of business, political, and non-profit community. Michael's leadership, values, and trust remain his largest assets. Please note, I'm proud to call Michael a friend for another reason than being a successful professional, he is a devoted husband and loving father. Your favorable consideration for Michael is appreciated. Aloha, Eric Fujimoto

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Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Slom and Members of the Committee:

I am submitting this letter in *strong support* of the Gubernatorial Nominee, Michael Iosua to the Stadium Authority.

I have had the pleasure of working with Michael at our law firm over the past year. In the short time I have known him, he has clearly exhibited that he is an extremely hard worker who is willing to take on new tasks. With his strong legal background and business acumen, I know he will become a valuable contributing member of the Stadium Authority.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,



Nikki T. Senter