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April 9, 2014

Senate Committee on Economic Development,
Government Operations and Housing
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, HI 96813

**Re: Testimony Supporting Stadium Authority, Gubernatorial
Nominee, MICHAEL IOSUA, for a term to expire 6-30-2018.**

Dear Committee Members:

My name is Keani Alapa and I am an attorney with the Law Offices of Vladimir P. Devens, LLC. I was happy to learn of Mr. Michael Iosua's nomination by Governor Abercrombie to serve on the Stadium Authority. I've known Mr. Iosua for the past fifteen (15) years as a friend, colleague and teammate.

I first met Mr. Iosua in 1999 upon joining the University of Hawaii ("UH") football team, which he was already a part of. The team was going through hard times and was quite literally the laughingstock of college football, having gone 0-12 the previous years. Despite all the negativity following the team, Mr. Iosua gladly rose up as a leader and helped to shed the "culture of losing" that had haunted the UH football program for some time. He was at the forefront of the team's success that year which resulted in nine (9) wins and a victory over Oregon State in the Aloha Bowl, the greatest turnaround in Division I college football history. His efforts also helped to lay the foundation for a successful UH football program over the next eight (8) or so years.

After graduating from UH, I became a police officer with the Honolulu Police Department and was happy to learn that Mr. Iosua was pursuing a law degree at the Brigham Young University's J. Reuben Clark School of Law. I did not know many attorneys and it was unfortunately very rare to see football players pursue such careers. Mr. Iosua was an inspiration not only to athletes, but also to the Polynesian youth in Hawaii who are so often ingrained with a feeling that they can't achieve much.

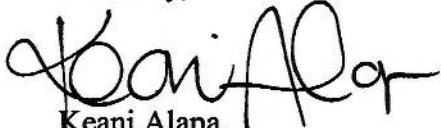
After serving four years with the police department, I was accepted into the William Richardson School of Law. Once Mr. Iosua learned that I was pursuing a law degree, he contacted me immediately and offered to help me in any way he could. At that time, Mr. Iosua was a commercial attorney in Las Vegas and his willingness to help was touching and a true reflection of his giving character.

Mr. Iosua later moved to American Samoa where he served as an assistant attorney general before moving back to Hawaii to practice law. We as a State are very lucky to have a person with his abilities who has the eagerness and willingness to serve our State.

If confirmed, Mr. Iosua would bring integrity, leadership and hard work to the position. He would also bring a unique prospective to the Stadium Authority, having played in the stadium for Hawaii's only major sports team.

It is with great honor to submit this testimony in strong support of Mr. Iosua's nomination to the Stadium Authority.

Sincerely,



Keani Alapa

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Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Sam Slom, Vice-Chair
Senate Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing

Wednesday, April 09, 2014
Conference Room 016, State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

RE: GM691, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Stadium Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, MICHAEL IOSUA, for a term to expire 6-30-2018.

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Slom and members of the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing. My name is Charles T. Toguchi and I am providing written testimony today in support of Michael Iosua's gubernatorial nomination to serve on the Stadium Authority.

It has been my pleasure and honor to be a friend of Mr. Michael Iosua. With his Bachelor of Arts in Economics (UH), his MBA in Finance, and a Juris Doctor from Brigham Young University, Michael Iosua comes to us with the necessary skills and foundation to provide the needed support and guidance needed on the Stadium Authority. In addition, his athletic background as an all-conference defensive tackle for the University of Hawaii Rainbow Warrior team, gives him the experience and the perspective to serve on the Aloha Stadium Authority.

Mr. Iosua's leadership has been recognized by many. He presently serves as an Associate at Imanaka Asato, LLC...has represented the government of American Samoa in various legal and civil cases...and is experienced in areas of worker's compensation, family law, insurance defense, and domestic mediation.

Michael Iosua is also known for his community service, positive leadership, and guidance in helping our youth develop self confidence, and team work. He served as the defensive coordinator for the Pearl City High School football team, (2002-2003), and also provided pro bono legal work for the Clark County Family Court Children's Attorney Project in the state of Nevada (2010-2012). He has impressed me as a bright, articulate young man who is a good listener and learner and is eager to tackle and look for innovative solutions to help our youth...and the future of our state's Aloha Stadium.

Without any hesitation, I strongly urge your favorable consideration of his nomination to the Stadium Authority.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to present this written testimony.

Sincerely,
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April 8, 2014

The Honorable Donovan Dela Cruz
Chairperson, Senate Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and
Housing
Hawai'i State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

RE: Governor's Message 691

The Honorable Senator Donovan Dela Cruz and members of the Committee on Economic
Development, Government Operations and Housing:

It is with high regard that I submit this letter in strong support of Mr. Michael Iosua for his
nomination to the Hawai'i Stadium Authority - Governor's Message 691.

Back in the late 90s, many of us remember watching Mike as a great offensive lineman
with the University of Hawai'i. He later went on to play in the National Football League.
While he had a stellar athletic career, his capacity and capability goes far beyond the
gridiron.

During my tenure at the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, I had the privilege of
working with Mike. He served as a project manager in our Land Assets Division. It was then
that I realized the potential he had. He struck me as a quick learner, hard worker and an
individual with a high level of integrity.

He left the Department in 2005 to pursue a law degree. I was one that tried to talk him out
of going to law school because I felt he could make an immediate impact on our
department, move seamlessly into the private sector, and do very well for his young
family. Nonetheless, he pursued his passion and after an intense nine-year journey came
back to Hawai'i even better prepared to achieve great things. I am proud to say that he
proved me wrong.

I am very impressed with what Mike has been able to accomplish and am grateful for his
willingness to consider public service. I believe Mike will be a solid addition to the Hawai'i
Stadium Authority and hope you will support his nomination.

Sincerely,



Micah A. Kāne