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Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Land Use Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, EDMUND ACZON, for a term to expire 6-30-2018.

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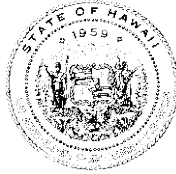
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Statement of
Daniel E. Orodenker,
Executive Director, State Land Use Commission
Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism
before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
Monday, April 14, 2014
1:15 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 225
in consideration of
GM 702
CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE LAND USE COMMISSION
OF EDMUND ACZON

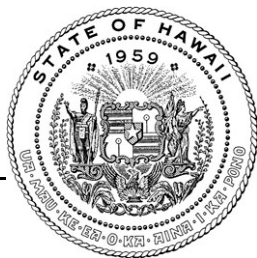
To the Honorable Malama Solomon, Chair, Vice Chair Galuteria and Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land.

My name is Daniel Orodenker, and I am the Executive Officer of the Land Use Commission (LUC). I am here to respectfully request that this Committee favorably consider the nomination of Edmund Aczon to serve as commissioner for a four year term to expire on June 30, 2018. Mr. Aczon has been nominated to fill the position of the O`ahu Commissioner.

Mr. Aczon is well known for his dedication to the community and his concern for issues that impact the state economy and its future. Mr. Aczon's resume illustrates his experience in dealing with complex issues and his grasp of the problems facing Hawai'i.

For these reasons, we respectfully ask for your favorable consideration of Mr. Aczon's nomination to serve as the O`ahu Commissioner on the Land Use Commission.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify before this Committee.



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Statement of
Richard C. Lim
Director
Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism
before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Monday, April 14, 2014
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in consideration of
GM 702
**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE LAND USE
COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, EDMUND ACZON,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2018.**

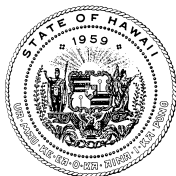
Chair Solomon, Vice Chair Galuteria and Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land.

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism supports the nomination of Edmund Aczon as Commissioner to the Land Use Commission to serve a four-year term to expire June 30, 2018.

Mr. Aczon's resume illustrates his dedication to the community. He has a long history of community involvement and working for the betterment of the people of Hawaii. He is also an experienced business person and has held key positions in various organizations.

For these reasons, we respectfully ask for your favorable consideration of Mr. Aczon's nomination to serve as Commissioner on the Land Use Commission.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS
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April 11, 2014

The Honorable Malama Solomon, Chair
The Honorable Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land

Nominee, Edmund Aczon (GM 702)
As Board Member of Land Use Commission

Monday, April 14, 2014
1:15 p.m. in Conference Room 225, State Capitol

Written Testimony of Dwight Y. Takamine, Director,
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR)

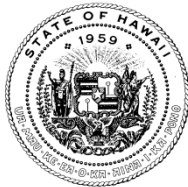
The DLIR strongly supports Mr. Edmund Aczon's nomination to the Land Use Commission (LUC). He has the experience, knowledge, and practical insight that will make him an invaluable asset at LUC.

We have had the honor of working alongside Mr. Aczon and have always found him to be respectful of input from others, thoughtful and diligent in his analysis, and deeply committed to making Hawaii a better place for all. His volunteer work and outstanding accomplishments reflect his commitment, integrity, fair-mindedness, and courage.

The range, complexity, and critical nature of LUC's mission are central to the State's future. Mr. Aczon has a solid understanding of how LUC fits into the overall state functions. His multifaceted experience, ability, and perspective make him an exemplary candidate who is worthy of your support. We can count on him to ensure that LUC is transparent and well managed.

Thank you for your consideration.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
GOVERNOR



GLENN M. OKIMOTO
DIRECTOR

Deputy Directors
FORD N. FUCHIGAMI
RANDY GRUNE
AUDREY HIDANO
JADINE URASAKI

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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IN REPLY REFER TO:

April 14, 2014
1:15 p.m.
State Capitol, Room 225

G.M. 702

Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Land Use Commission,
Gubernatorial Candidate EDMUND ACZON

Dear Senators,

I am testifying in **strong support** of Edmund Aczon, to be confirmed to the Land Use Commission.

I have known Ed for over ten years in his role as President of the Oahu Arts Center. As a member of the board, I have seen his visionary leadership in action, in pursuit of impressive goals that benefit the community. He has a broad background in construction, community service, and education – all in leadership roles. Our community would be very well served by engaging the integrity, leadership, energy, and community mindedness of Mr. Aczon on the commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to support Mr. Aczon's confirmation.

<http://www.linkedin.com/pub/edmund-aczon/6/a94/a0 - name#name>

Ford Fuchigami

Deputy Director of Transportation - Airports Division

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor



JAMES J. NAKATANI
Executive Director

STATE OF HAWAII
AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

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TESTIMONY OF JAMES NAKATANI
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
WATER AND LAND

Monday, April 14, 2014
1:15 pm
Conference Room 225

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 702
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE LAND USE
COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, EDMUND ACZON,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2018

Chairperson Solomon and Members of the Committee:

The Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC) is in strong support for the consideration and confirmation of Mr. Edmund Aczon's nomination to serve on the Land Use Commission (LUC) for a four-year term ending on June 30, 2018.

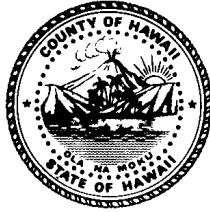
The Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC) is embarking on a path to restore Central Oahu's dominance in the agricultural field. Realizing the goal of transitioning former plantations in to diversified farming operations requires a vision and extensive community involvement. Mr. Aczon's general experience in the construction industry enables him to recognize and deliberate the comprehensive land use issues

that are involved in the LUC. Moreover, his involvement in the community validates his commitment to put Hawaii first and be a contributing member of the Commission.

For these reasons, ADC strongly support Mr. Aczon nomination and believe he will be an excellent choice to serve as a Commissioner on the LUC.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

William P. Kenoi
Mayor



Walter K.M. Lau
Managing Director

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April 14, 2014

The Honorable Malama Solomon, Chair
and Members of the Committee on Water & Land
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 225
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

RE: GM 702 – Consideration and Confirmation of Edmund Aczon to the Land Use Commission

Aloha, Chair Solomon and Committee Members:

Mahalo for this opportunity to offer our strong support for the appointment of Edmund Aczon to the state Land Use Commission.

With years of experience in the building industry and government, Mr. Aczon is currently the Community Relations Director/Manpower Specialist for the Hawai'i Regional Council of Carpenters. He has ably served his community, volunteering his time on over 25 nonprofit, industry and community boards.

In addition, Mr. Aczon was recognized as "Builder of the Year" by the Building Industry Association of Hawai'i, "Entrepreneur of the Year" by the Filipino Chamber of Commerce of Hawai'i, and received the "Administrators' Award for Excellence" from the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Mr. Aczon's extensive public, private and labor work experiences together with his service on various boards and organizations, makes him a strong candidate for the Land Use Commission.

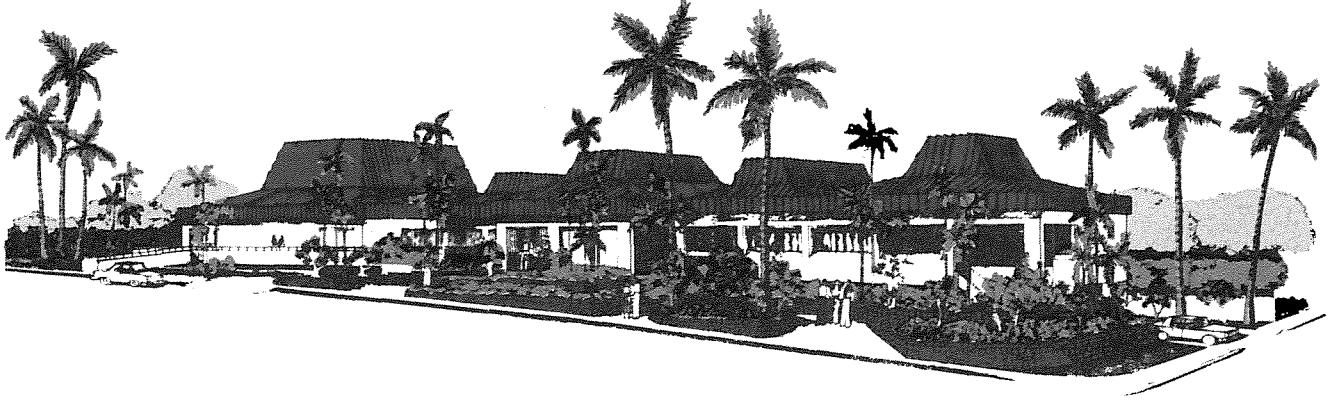
Mahalo for your consideration.

Aloha,

William P. Kenoi
MAYOR



LABORERS' INTERNATIONAL UNION OF NORTH AMERICA LOCAL 368



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Auditor

NELSON S. TERRADO
Sergeant-At-Arms

April 7, 2014

Honorable Malama Solomon, Chair
Honorable Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee on Water & Land

Re: GM702 Edmund Aczon, Nominee for the State Land Use Commission

Hearing: Monday, April 14, 2014, 1:15 p.m.
Conference Room 225
State Capitol

Dear Chair Solomon and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Laborers' Union supports the nomination and confirmation of Mr. Edmund Aczon to the Hawaii State Land Use Commission.

Mr. Edmund Aczon is an active contributing member to the community. He generously participates in the educational 3-Rs program, cultural activities, the arts and military affairs. He was the former Senator Dan Inouye's Field Representative for ten years and has gained a tremendous grasp of issues affecting the state.

Mr. Aczon is also experienced in the construction industry. He understands much of the concerns of the public on land use issues. We believe that Mr. Aczon will be a major contributor with integrity on the Land Use Commission in reviewing land use issues. We humbly request that the Committee see fit to confirm his nomination.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

Sincerely,

Peter Ganaban
Business Manager, Secretary/Treasurer



Testimony of Cindy McMillan
The Pacific Resource Partnership

State of Hawaii
Senate Committee on Water and Land
Senator Malama Solomon, Chair
Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair

GM 702 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Land Use Commission, Gubernatorial
Nominee, EDMUND ACZON
Monday, April 14, 2014
1:15 p.m.
Conference Room 225

Aloha Chair Solomon, Vice Chair Galuteria 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 supports Edmund Aczon as the Gubernatorial Nominee to the Land Use Commission. Mr. Aczon has a proven background as an effective leader, and his participation in community organizations demonstrates his commitment to local values. His extensive experience in the public and private sectors, as well as labor and community organizations, has prepared him well to be a member of the Land Use Commission.

Mr. Aczon has close to 40 years of construction industry experience and is/was an active participant of the following Board(s):

- Filipino Community Center
Dec 2011 – Present Chairman of the Board
Sept 2008 – Present Board of Director
- Damien Memorial School
2003-Present Board of Director
Chairman, Building & Grounds Committee
- Oahu Arts Center
2001-Present President
- Hawaii 3Rs – Repair, Remodel, Restore our Schools
2001- Present Board of Director

- Chairman, Technical Committee
- Military Affairs Council
2014 – Present Member, Executive Committee
- National Federation of Filipino Americans (NaFFA)
2007 – Present Board Member
- Filipino Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii
1996-Present Member
- Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation – State of Hawaii
2002-2007 Board Member
- Institute for Human Services, Inc.
2002-2011 Board of Director
- Oahu Workforce Investment Board
2005-2010 Board of Director 2
- Building Industry Association of Hawaii
1997-1998 President
1993-1994 Board of Director
1989-2003 Member
- National Association of Homebuilders (Washington DC)
1993-1999 Board of Director
- General Contractors Association of Hawaii
1992-1997 Member
- Hawaii Construction Industry Association
1999-2001 Chairman, Board of Directors
1996-2003 Board of Director
- Construction Industry Legislative Organization
1998-1999 Vice President
1996-1998 Board of Director
- Mason Contractors Association of Hawaii
1998-1999 Vice President
1996-1998 Secretary
1994-1996 Treasurer
- Knights of Rizal
2010 – Present Member
- Filipino Coalition for Solidarity
2007-Present Member
- U.S. VETS Hawaii
2006-Present Advisory Board
- Mililani Teen Support Organization
2003 – Present Board of Director
- Masonry Institute of Hawaii
2002-2003 Management Trustee
- Hawaii Laborers and Employers Cooperative and Education Trust
1996-March 2004 Management Trustee
- Pacific Resource Partnership
1996-March 2004 Management Trustee
- Hawaii Laborers Health & Welfare Trust Fund
1996-2004 Management Trustee

- Building Industry Labor Association
1994-Mar 2004 Trustee
- HIOSH Task Force
1997-1998 Member
- Permit Process Task Force, State of Hawaii
1997-1999 Member 3
- Hawaii Laborers Vacation & Holiday Trust Fund
1996-2004 Management Trustee
- Federal Contractors Working Group
1995- Member

Mr. Aczon will bring lessons learned from his work experience and wide-ranging community involvement to the Land Use Commission table. These will help him balance the diverse interests and make wise land-use decisions.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our support for Edmund Aczon as the Gubernatorial Nominee to the Land Use Commission. We kindly ask for your favorable consideration.

George Hao & Associates

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GEORGE D. HAO, MAI, RM



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April 10, 2014

Senator Malama Solomon
State Capitol Room 210
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Testimony Water and Land Use Commission April 14, 2014 at
1:15 PM

Dear Ms. Solomon:

I am writing this letter in support of the appointment of Edmund Aczon to the Land Use Commission.

Ten years ago, I hired Mr. Aczon as a building contractor. He renovated and improved my home in Manoa. He did an excellent job and was very responsive to my instructions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "George D. Hao".

George Hao

Home phone 988-2883
Cell phone 223 7560

The Twenty-Seventh Legislature
Regular Session of 2014

THE SENATE

Committee on Water and Land
Senator Malama Solomon, Chair
Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair
Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 225
Monday, April 14, 2014; 1:15 p.m.

**STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON G.M. 702 ON EDMUND ACZON
LAND USE COMMISSION**

The ILWU Local 142 supports G.M. 702 for the confirmation of Edmund Aczon for the Land Use Commission.

Mr. Aczon has a wealth of knowledge and experience in both government and the private sector. In the private sector, his experience extends to management as well as union, demonstrating his ability to be even-handed and to view issues from many sides.

Mr. Aczon is the Community Relations Director and Manpower Specialist for the Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters and served concurrently as Field Representative for U. S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye for a decade before the Senator's passing. His experience as the president and owner of his own construction company has given him a business perspective that has served as a balance to his union views.

Mr. Aczon has notably been involved in numerous community organizations. He is currently chairman of the Filipino Community Center, board member for Damien Memorial School, president of the Oahu Arts Center, member of the Military Affairs Council, board member for the National Federation of Filipino Americans, member of the Filipino Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, and board member for Hawaii 3Rs. His resume is replete with citations of his past involvement in other organizations and numerous awards presented to him.

Based on his background, Mr. Aczon is more than qualified to serve on the Land Use Commission. However, even more than the positions he has held, Mr. Aczon has demonstrated that he can be fair, objective, and impartial in his deliberations. He is eminently able to work with others and does not close himself off to views and perspectives other than his own.

The ILWU urges confirmation of Edmund Aczon for the Land Use Commission. Thank you for considering our testimony.

I am writing on behalf of Mr. Edmund Aczon who has been nominated to be a member of the Hawai'i State Land Use Commission. I have worked with Mr. Aczon very closely over the past year as we collaborated in fundraising and community development efforts. This is in relation to his role as Board Chair of the Filipino Community Center.

I know that he is strongly committed to building a viable and sustainable economy for Hawai'i, is vested in promoting the wellbeing of all of Hawai'i's people, and has devoted the better part of his life to building a civil society. While he is of Filipino descent, his commitment extends beyond his ethnic community. I believe that his experience and passion expressed across Hawai'i's divergent society is indicative of his qualification for membership on the LUC Board.

Mr. Aczon's background is highly varied. He has been a business owner, a field representative for the late Senator Daniel K. Inouye, and done extensive work in both the public and private non-profit sectors pertaining to education, culture and the arts, human services, and the military. Thus, I believe he holds perspectives that are representative of a broad cross-section of constituencies.

On a personal level, after working closely with Mr. Aczon I have come to know him as a man of integrity and excellent follow-through. He basically does what he says. While being personable and friendly, he is also highly astute and understands the complex nature of politics, especially those that might pertain to land use in Hawai'i. His associations range from the highest political and business realms to the deepest levels of community. I know him as a person with a strong conviction to do what is right and ethical, even if it might be contrary to the wishes of those he would not want to disappoint.

Given these considerations, I unequivocally support the nomination of Mr. Edmund Aczon to the Land Use Commission. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.



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**TESTIMONY OF HAWAII LECET
CLYDE T. HAYASHI - DIRECTOR**

TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND,
MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2014, 1:15 P.M.
STATE CAPITOL – ROOM 225

**RE: GM 702, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE LAND USE COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, EDMUND ACZON**

Dear Chair Solomon, Vice-Chair Galuteria, and members of the Committee:

My name is Clyde T. Hayashi and I am the Director of Hawaii LECET. Hawaii LECET is a labor-management partnership between the Hawaii Laborers Union Local 368, its 5,000+ members, and 250+ unionized contractors.

We support GM 702, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Land Use Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee Edmund Aczon. We believe Mr. Aczon is more than qualified to be a Board Member of the Hawaii State Land Use Commission.

Mr. Aczon has close to 40 years of experience in the areas of construction, masonry, contracting, construction management, project management and government relations. We believe his background in these areas will be helpful as a Board Member of the Land Use Commission. Currently, Mr. Aczon works as the Community Relations Director and Manpower Specialist for the Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters and most recently was the Field Representative for the Hawaii office of the late U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye. His range in work experience will also be of help in understanding the differing perspectives on issues brought before the Land Use Commission from members of the public, as well as knowledge on government processes.

Mr. Aczon is also heavily involved in the community. He is on the Board of Directors for the Hawaii 3Rs – Repair, Remodel, Restore our Schools, and is also the current Chairman of the Board for the Filipino Community Center, President of the Oahu Arts Center, and a member of the Military Affairs Council.

With Mr. Aczon's extensive background, we believe that he will be a welcome addition to the Hawaii State Land Use Commission.

Mahalo for the opportunity to express our support for Mr. Edmund Aczon.



Ken Hayashida, P.E. | *President*
Michael Hunnemann, P.E. | *Vice President*

April 4, 2014

Testimony to Senate Water and Land Committee

Hearing Time and Date: 1:15 p.m., Monday, April 14, 2014 in Conference Room 225 in the State Capitol

Honorable Senators on the Water and Land Committee

Subject: Senate Water and Land Committee, relating to GM702, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Land Use Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, Edmund Aczon, for a term to expire 6-30-2018.

I testify in Support of confirmation of Edmund Aczon as a member of the Land Use Commission. I've known Mr. Aczon as a strong and trustworthy public servant from his service as the Chairman of the Board and Board of Director for the Filipino Community Center, President of the Oahu Arts Center, Board of Director and Chairman of the Building & Grounds Committee for Damien Memorial School, Board of Director and Chairman of the Technical Committee for Hawaii 3Rs – Repair, Remodel, Restore our Schools, Member of the Executive Committee for Military Affairs Council, Board Member for the National Federation of Filipino Americans, and member of the Filipino Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii. He has also held positions in the past as a Board Member for the Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation – State of Hawaii, Board of Director for the Institute for Human Services, Inc., Board of Director for the Oahu Workforce Investment Board, President, Board of Director, and Member of the Building Industry Association of Hawaii, Chairman and Board of Directors for the Hawaii Construction Industry Association, Vice President and Board of Director for the Construction Industry Legislative Organization, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer for the Mason Contractors Association of Hawaii, Management Trustee for the Masonry Institute of Hawaii, Management Trustee for the Pacific Resource Partnership, and other community organizations.

We appreciate the continuing efforts of the Water Land Committee and the members of the Senate to preserve the programs relating to state planning, sustainability, land and water management, forest management and reserve, coastal zone management, ocean resources, state parks and beaches, ocean recreation management areas, and small boat harbors in the State of Hawaii. We urge you to confirm Mr. Aczon. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ken K. Hayashida". The signature is stylized and fluid, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Ken K. Hayashida

**HAWAII OPERATING ENGINEERS
INDUSTRY STABILIZATION FUND**



Affiliated AFL-CIO
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April 10, 2014

Honorable Malama Solomon, Chair
Committee on Water and Land
415 South King Street, Room 210
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Solomon,

RE: Support of Mr. Edmund Aczon to the Land Use Commission

The Hawaii Operating Engineers Industry Stabilization Fund (HOEISF) is a labor management fund representing about 4000 unionized members and 500 general contractors.

HOEISF is in **strong support** of Mr. Edmund Aczon who is being considered for an appointment to the State Land Use Commission. HOEISF supports Mr. Aczon because of his thirty-plus years of experience in public, private, and labor industries. Mr. Aczon's work experience demonstrates his commitment and dedication to build a strong and sustainable economy as well as the ability to evaluate issues from all perspectives. Mr. Aczon has conducted himself with integrity and fairness when working with HOEISF and its members.

HOEISF offers its **strong support** of Mr. Edmund Aczon's appointment to the State Land Use Commission.

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. Aczon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Monis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John Monis
Executive Director
Hawaii Operating Engineers Stabilization Fund

The Senate
The Twenty-Seventh Legislature
Committee on Water and Land
April 14, 2014, 1:15 pm
Room 225

Statement of the Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters on
GM 702, Confirmation of Edmund Aczon to the Land Use Commission

The Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters (HRCC) supports the confirmation of Edmund Aczon to the Land Use Commission.

Mr. Aczon has real world experience in community organizations, business, government, management and labor. In his manpower specialist and community relations work at the HRCC, he is conscientious, resourceful, and he puts in the time it takes to make arrive at informed decisions and get things done.

He has always brought the perspective of the need for broad social and economic well-being for the people of Hawaii. He has gained from, and contributed through, his work with Senator Dan Inouye, with organizations for education, human services, workforce training, military affairs, and ethnic community organizations that, incidentally, have constituents who depend on agriculture for their livelihoods. The HRCC has also supported education, human services, training, housing and related initiatives.

Mr. Aczon will add to the diversity of the Land Use Commission. He has the knowledge and experience with which to scrutinize representations made by developers and others who propose changes in designation.

Thank you for considering our support for the confirmation of Edmund Aczon.

Leonard K.P. Leong
Vice President

Sent via E-mail: WTLtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov

April 14, 2014

To: Honorable Malama Solomon, Chair, Honorable Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair and Members of Senate Committee on Water and Land.

Subject: Support of Governors Message 702: Nomination of EDMOND ACZON to the Land Use Commission, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.



HEARING

DATE: Monday, April 14, 2014
TIME: 1:15 p.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 225

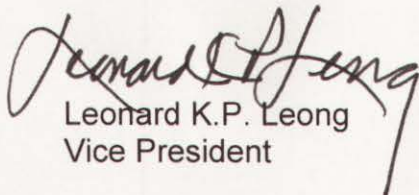
Dear Chair Solomon, Vice Chair Galuteria and Members of the Committee,

With his long history of involvement in serving on various industry and community group. Edmond Aczon has demonstrated his commitment to making Hawaii a better place to live and work.

His background will help in his decision making as a board member.

I support Edmond Aczon's nomination to the Land Use Commission.

Sincerely,


Leonard K.P. Leong
Vice President



S & M SAKAMOTO, INC.
GENERAL CONTRACTORS

April 7, 2014

To: Honorable Malama Solomon, Chair, and Members of Senate Committee on Water and Land.

Subject: Support of Governor's Nomination of Edmund Aczon to the Land Use Commission.

HEARING

Date: Monday, April 14, 2014

Time: 1:15 pm

Place: Conference Room 225

Dear Senator Solomon and Members of the Committee,

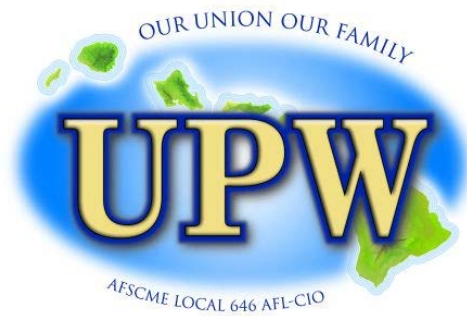
S&M Sakamoto, Inc. is writing in support of Edmund Aczon who has been nominated to the Land Use Commission. S&M Sakamoto, Inc. supports Edmund's nomination because of his extensive background in business and labor relations and also his long history of involvement in our community.

The Land Use Commission plays an important role in our State and must ensure fair and sound decisions to protect our citizens. Edmund will offer first-hand knowledge of his over thirty years of involvement in industry and our community. S&M Sakamoto, Inc. strongly supports the appointment of Edmund Aczon to the Land Use Commission.

Very truly yours,

S&M Sakamoto, Inc.

Gerard Sakamoto
President



THE HAWAII STATE SENATE
The Twenty-Seventh Legislature
Regular Session of 2014

COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
The Honorable Sen. Malama Solomon, Chair
The Honorable Sen. Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair

DATE OF HEARING: Monday, April 14, 2014
TIME OF HEARING: 1:15 PM
PLACE OF HEARING: Conference Room 225

TESTIMONY ON GM702
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE LAND USE
COMMISSION EDMUND ACZON

By DAYTON M. NAKANELUA,
State Director of the United Public Workers,
AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO ("UPW")

My name is Dayton M. Nakanelua and I am the State Director of the United Public Workers, AFSCME, Local 646, AFL-CIO (UPW). The UPW is the exclusive representative for approximately 14,000 public employees, which include blue collar, non-supervisory employees in Bargaining Unit 1 and institutional, health and correctional employees in Bargaining Unit 10, in the State of Hawaii and various counties. The UPW also represents about 1,500 members of the private sector.

The UPW strongly supports the confirmation of Edmund Aczon to the Land Use Commission.

Mr. Aczon has shown strong leadership in his many years of working experience within the construction industry as well as in public service. Currently, he is the Community Relations Director for the Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters. He also served as a field representative for the Office of Senator Daniel Inouye from 2003-2013, where he was constantly pushing the concerns and interests of Hawaii's people. I believe that his unique perspective and experience in public service make him a perfect candidate for this position.

After your full consideration of Mr. Aczon's background, character, experience and qualifications, I ask that the Committee on Water and Land find Edmund Aczon qualified for the appointment and recommend that the State Senate confirm his nomination.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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GM702

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Testimony for WTL on Apr 14, 2014 13:15PM in Conference Room 225

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ricky Tamashiro	Hawaii Masons' Union	Support	No

Comments: My name is Ricky Tamashiro, President of the Masons Union Local 1 HI, IUBAC and Local 630, OPCMIA. The Masons Union would like to recommend and support Mr. Edmund Aczon I have worked with Mr. Aczon through the construction industry as well as political and legislative ones. Through out the years he has shown great commitment and dedication in all that he's done. Thank you for the opportunity to recommend Mr. Edmund Aczon Respectfully,

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April 14, 2014

TO: HONORABLE MALAMA SOLOMON, CHAIR, HONORABLE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA, VICE CHAIR AND COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT GOVERNORS MESSAGE 702: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Land Use Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, EDMUND ACZON, for a term to expire 6-30-2018.**

HEARING

DATE: Monday, April 14, 2014
TIME: 1:15 p.m.
PLACE: Capitol Room 225

Dear Chair Solomon, Vice Chair Galuteria and Members of the Committee,

The General Contractors Association of Hawaii (GCA) is an organization comprised of approximately six hundred (600) general contractors, subcontractors, and construction related firms. The 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 in **support** of Governors Message 702 and Mr. Aczon's nomination to serve on the Land Use Commission (LUC). Mr. Aczon is well-qualified to serve on the LUC, as his experience stems from business and construction with a strong connection to the community. Mr. Aczon brings experience from the private construction industry, allowing him to understand the important process involved for land use. Furthermore, Mr. Aczon has been instrumental in community relief efforts, most recently with the response to the Tacloban, Philippines typhoon, where he was instrumental through his work with the Filipino Community Center.

The LUC's primary role is to ensure that areas of state concern are addressed and considered in the land use decision-making process. The LUC establishes the district boundaries for the entire State and plays a very important role in the advancement of our state. Mr. Aczon's experience in the private sector and his commitment to community will be an asset to the LUC and provide a positive perspective to the Commission.

Thank you for this opportunity to share our support of Mr. Aczon and we request your support of Governors Message 702.

Nan Inc

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April 7, 2014

Hawaii State Legislature
Senate Committee on Water and Land

Attn: Senator Malama Solomon, Chair

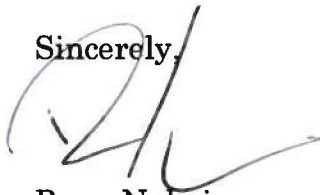
Re: Testimony to Support the Nomination of Mr. Edmund Aczon to the Land Use
Commission

Senator Solomon:

On behalf of Nan, Inc., I would like to offer this testimony to support the nomination of Mr. Edmund Aczon to the Land Use Commission (LUC). Nan, Inc. first had the privilege of working with Mr. Aczon through his company, Aczon Construction, as a subcontractor under the significant and historical renovation of Quad F at Schofield Barracks. Mr. Aczon was selected to the team because of his extensive experience and expertise, and later proved to be an excellent resource to the organization. Throughout the project, Mr. Aczon had also demonstrated to be very knowledgeable, professional, and a great pleasure to work with.

More importantly, Mr. Aczon has been an active leader in a wide array of industry and community organizations, and is highly respected among his colleagues. Through his vast professional experience of over 39 years and his tireless dedication in serving Hawaii, we believe that he will be an invaluable asset to the LUC.

Sincerely,



Ryan Nakaima
Vice President

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
alan hayashi	Individual	Support	No

Comments: SENATE WATER AND LAND COMMITTEE Chair Soloman, Vice Chair Galutaria, and members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments in support of Edmund Aczon's nomination to the Board of Directors of the State Land Use Commission. I have known Ed Aczon for over 10 years, in his role as the field representative for Senator Daniel K. Inouye, and as the President of the Oahu Arts Council. Ed is an excellent decision maker and tireless worker for the residents of the State of Hawaii.....he will bring that same committment to his service on the LUC. I fully support the nomination of Edmund Aczon to the State Land Use Commission, and urge you to confirm his nomination. Thank you for allowing me to comment in support of Ed. Mahalo, Alan Hayashi

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Alan M. Oshima
Executive Vice President

April 8, 2014

COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Senator Malama Solomon, Chair

Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair

HEARING

Monday, April 14, 2014

1:15 p.m.

Conference Room 225

Re: GM 702: Nomination of Edmund Aczon to the Land Use Commission

Dear Chair Solomon, Vice Chair Galuteria and Members of the Committee, State of Hawaii Senate,

I write in support of the nomination of Edmund Aczon to serve as a member of the Land Use Commission. I have served alongside Mr. Aczon for over 13 years as members of the Hawaii 3Rs board of directors. His knowledge of the construction industry and practices are invaluable to Hawaii 3Rs. He serves as the current Chair of our technical review committee which evaluates all applications for projects at our public schools to ensure that we undertake projects that combine public/private funds with "sweat equity" from the community.

His experience with government, private development, community organizations and business over the years makes him an ideal candidate to serve as a Commissioner of the Land Use Commission. He is responsible, honest and committed.

Please confirm his appointment to the Land Use Commission.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alan M. Oshima", written over the "Very truly yours," text.

Alan M. Oshima

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alan Takemoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Chair Solomon and committee members, I strongly support Mr. Edmund Aczon to the State Land Use Commission. Mr. Aczon has a tremendous amount of experience and knowledge of many of the land use issues facing Hawaii. We need someone like Mr. Aczon that understands the complexities of the issues and how that serves the people of Hawaii. Please confirm his nomination to the State Land Use Commission. Mahalo, Alan Takemoto.

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Testimony in support of GM 702: Edmund Aczon

Senate Committee on Water and Land
April 14, 2014 1:15pm
Hawai'i State Legislature, Room 225

To: Honorable Senator Malama Solomon, Chair
Honorable Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice-Chair
Honorable Committee Members

From: Amy Agbayani
3432 B-1 Kalihi St. Honolulu, HI 96819
amy_agbayani@yahoo.com

My name is Amy Agbayani, I am submitting testimony as a private citizen in strong support of Edmund Aczon's nomination to the Land Use Commission. I have known Mr. Aczon for over three decades. We have worked together in various community organizations (e.g. Hawaii Friends of Civil Rights, Filipino Community Center and the National Association of Filipino American Associations). In addition, in my work at the University of Hawai'i, Mr. Aczon has helped me with activities to encourage under-represented students to participate in job training programs, community college and Manoa academic programs and careers.

Although Mr. Aczon is best known for his leadership and service with statewide labor and policies related to our economy and our workforce, my comments will focus on his leadership within the Filipino community and his efforts to increase representation and success of Filipinos in Hawaii, a group that is generally under-represented in public and private sector management and policy making boards. I believe representation and diversity on boards is fair and results in better policies for our community. The Land Use Commission currently does not have any Filipino member and I do not know if there was ever a Filipino on this board. Mr. Aczon will add ethnic diversity and his competence and experience to the board.

For a brief summary of Filipinos in the state and in education, I am including the following quote from HB 1354 regarding the UH Pamantasan Council:

"The legislature finds that the Filipino community has grown since the first immigrants came to Hawaii in 1906. According to the 2010 United States Census, people of Filipino ancestry are the second largest ethnic group in Hawai'i, with fifteen per cent of residents identifying themselves as Filipino alone and twenty five per cent of residents identifying themselves as Filipino and another race. Students of Filipino ancestry are also the second largest ethnic group in the department of education and represent more than half of the student population at Farrington high school, Waipahu high school, and Lanai high and elementary school.

The legislature also finds that, despite their high representation in the general population and schools within the department of education, students of Filipino ancestry are underrepresented in the University of Hawaii system. Filipino students comprise only twelve per cent of the entire University of Hawaii system student population. Six per cent of the community colleges faculty and two and a half per cent of the University of Hawaii at Manoa faculty are of Filipino ancestry. The fifteen per cent postsecondary degree rate held by Filipinos is the lowest among all ethnic groups in Hawaii. Although community."

For over three decades, Mr. Aczon has demonstrated his competence, integrity, and active community leadership and he will be a responsible and independent member of the Land Use Commission. I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank him for his significant contributions to improve the status and representation of Filipinos in Hawai'i. He has a deep appreciation of the history of our state and our future. I respectfully ask you to confirm his nomination to be a member of the Land Use Commission.

Testimony in Support of Edmund Aczon to serve on the State of Hawaii,
Land Use Commission

Senate Committee on Water and Land, State of Hawaii

Senator Malama Solomon, Chair, and members of the Committee,

I strongly support the nomination of Edmund Aczon to serve as a commissioner on The State of Hawaii Land Use Commission. I have known this gentleman for over 10 years and found him to be a man of tremendous energy, full of integrity and very honest. In all matters that we worked on together, he has always been generous and fair. These attributes together with his invaluable public/private/labor experiences and his years of community service will serve him and the commission well.

Edmund Aczon will be a valuable addition to the commission. Please confirm his nomination.

Aloha!

Andres Albano Jr.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
ann chung	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: I support the nomination of Edmund Aczon to the Land Use Commission. I know that he is committed and will be dedicated to help build a strong and sustainable economy, invest in Hawaii people, and build a strong community. With his public/private/labor experiences and his various involvements in the community, I know he will bring many valuable assets to the table as a member of an important organization as the Land Use Commission.

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COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
Senator Malama Solomon, Chair
Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair

DATE: Monday, April 14, 2014
TIME: 1:15 p.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 225

Strong support for GM 702, confirmation to the Land Use Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, EDMUND ACZON, for a term to expire 6-30-2018.

Chair Soloman, Vice Chair Galuteria, and members of the committee.

Allow me to commend to you Edmund Aczon for appointment to the Land Use Commission. I have known Edmond for a decade through my membership on the Oahu Arts Center Board of Directors. As the president of the OAC, I have know him to be persistent in pursuit of our goals and courageous in the face of attempted coercion from those with ties to residential development.

He has strong ties to our local communities and to protecting the quality of life in our state. He has been instrumental in the development and completion of the Filipino Community Center, currently, serving Chairman of the Board for that organization.

In addition he is on the Board of Directors at Damien Memorial School, the Board of Directors at Hawaii 3Rs, is a member of the executive committee of the Military Affairs Council, a Board member of the National Federation of Filipino Americans (NaFFA), a member of the Filipino Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, a Board member of the Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation, a Board member, the Institute for Human Services, Inc., and a Board member, Oahu Workforce Investment Board.

He has a long history of union work, as well as a history in the building trades. In addition he was Field Director for our esteemed Senator Daniel Inouye.

I believe Edmund to be a person of integrity who will able to balance the need for residential housing against the need to preserve open spaces and agricultural land, issues critical to the future well being of our state.

Mahalo nui loa for this opportunity to testify,

Ann S. Freed
Board of Directors, Oahu Arts Center

Written Testimony Supporting Nomination to Land Use Commission

TESTIMONY FOR HEARING

COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Monday April 14, 2014

1:15 P.M.

Conference Room 225

State Capitol

TO: COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
Senator Malama Solomon, Chair
Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair

FROM: Antonio J. Saguibo, Jr.

RE: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF **GM 702**
Land Use Commission Nomination-Edmond Aczon

Chair Solomon, Vice Chair Galuteria, and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you to provide **testimony in support** of the nomination and confirmation of **appointment of Edmund Aczon to the Land Use Commission**.

I have known Mr. Aczon for over 15 years, and have had the chance to work very closely with him over the years, particularly during his time as the owner and operator of Aczon Construction and in his role with the Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters. Among other boards, I have also had the opportunity to serve with him as a fellow board member for both the Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation and Oahu Arts Center.

During the time that I have known and had the distinct opportunity to work with Mr. Aczon, I have found him to be highly committed to serving our community and continuously looking for ways to improve the quality of life and prosperity for the entire State of Hawaii. The time and commitment Mr. Aczon offers to public service demonstrates the generous nature of his character, which makes him particularly well suited for his appointment to the Land Use Commission.

It is without reservation that I offer my support to Mr. Aczon's nomination, and humbly ask for your support of his confirmation to serve as a member of the Land Use Commission.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit my testimony.

April 14, 2014

Senate Committee on Water and Land
Hawai'i State Legislature
Honolulu, Hawaii

RE: Letter of Support for the Appointment of Edmund Aczon to the Land Use Commission

To Committee Chair, Senator Malama Solomon and Members of the Committee:

My name is Bennette Misalucha, a community advocate and Vice-Chair of the Filipino Community Center.

Please accept my strong endorsement of the appointment of Edmund Aczon to the Land Use Commission.

I am certain that Edmund will bring a strong business background, solid knowledge and excellent leadership skills to the role and I have no doubt that the State's interest will be best served by his appointment. He is strategic, visionary and has the analytical skills to evaluate the complex issues before the Commission.

I have known Edmund for more than twenty years and have worked with him on a number of important projects and initiatives. In my past life as a regional Vice President of a multi-national development company, Edmund was integral in helping us navigate some critical labor issues. He dutifully studied the positions, was always fair, open to listen to both sides and was trustworthy.

Edmund's business background will assist in understanding the business nuances of the decision without losing sight of the long term perspective. As his CV will indicate, he built his own contracting business from scratch and he was able to grow it such that he won the award for "Filipino Entrepreneur of the Year" in 1995.

I have also worked with Edmund closely as the Filipino Community Center for the past eight years. Through hard work, Edmund was able to galvanize the group towards a more strategic and focused direction and we are now working towards the achievement of the Center's multiple-year goals.

In closing, I have the utmost confidence in Edmund Aczon's ability and discernment. I know he will be an excellent addition to the Commission.

Sincerely,

Bennette Espineli Misalucha

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bernard Ho	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Mr. Aczon is duly qualified to serve on the Commission. His expertise noted on his resume exemplifies knowledge, integrity and insight to review issues and render objective decision making.

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HAWAIIAN DREDGING
CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC.

Testimony Submitted via Online

April 7, 2014

To: Honorable Malama Solomon, Chair, Honorable Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair
and Members of the Committee on Water and Land

Subject: Support of Governors Message 702: Nomination of Edmond Aczon to the Land
Use Commission

HEARING

DATE: Monday, April 14, 2014
TIME: 1:15 pm.
PLACE: Conference Room 225

Dear Senator Malama Solomon and Members of the Committee,

My name is Bill Wilson and I am the President of Hawaiian Dredging Construction Company, Inc. I am writing in support of Edmond Aczon, Community Relations Director/Manpower Specialist Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters who has been nominated to the Land Use Committee.

I have known Edmond for over 20 years. He is an outstanding individual and community leader.

I strongly support Governors Message 702 and the appointment of Edmond Aczon to the Land Use Commission.

Sincerely,

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

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Brian Miyamoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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April 10, 2014

The Honorable Malama Solomon, Senator
Chair, Senate Committee on Water and Land

Dear Senator Solomon:

I write to support the nomination of Mr. Edmund Aczon to the State of Hawaii, Land Use Commission. Mr. Aczon has a most impressive record in both the private and public sectors and would be major asset to the State Land Use Commission.

I have known Mr. Aczon since 2003 when he served as a Field Representative (Oahu) for United States Senator Daniel K. Inouye. During this time, I was residing in Washington, DC where I had the privilege of advising Hawaii's Congressional Delegation on issues pertaining to Hawaii's agriculture, natural resources, and environment. Since Mr. Aczon's jurisdictional responsibilities included much of the agricultural areas of Oahu, I had the pleasure of working closely with him on many issues pertinent to Oahu. I worked with him until my retirement in 2010.

While there were many issues where Mr. Aczon's knowledge and experience were invaluable, the most vivid were those that pertained to Central Oahu land and water resources. Under Senator Inouye's instructions, we tried to bring some order, sustainability, and balance to the rapidly increasing resource pressures in the region. Among the more significant pressures were the shutdown of Del Monte Fresh Produce, the ever-increasing demand for additional lands by the Military, the opportunities associated with the Lake Wilson resource, and some of the more viable capture and use of precipitation. While many of these opportunities are still untapped, Mr. Aczon was a steady influence by ensuring the identification of key stakeholders as well as realistically assessing benefits and costs associated with each initiative. Unfortunately at the time of these changes, Congressional gridlock was beginning and we were not able to secure all the necessary Federal support that we had enjoyed during more collegial times.

I recall Mr. Aczon's role in helping to educate senior Congressional Appropriations Committee staff on the various projects that merited federal investment. While those of us in Washington could provide the policy and legislative perspectives on various initiatives, it was showing Congressional staff the actual on-the-ground opportunities that made the greatest impression. I credit most of this to Mr. Aczon.

If forced to provide a single word to describe the professional character of Mr. Aczon, I would choose "thoughtful." He never speaks just to hear himself speak but carefully analyzes the situation, organizes his thoughts, and then

expresses himself in a clear manner. This, in my opinion, would be a most valuable characteristic for a State Land Use Commissioner. This characteristic, coupled with Mr. Aczon's knowledge and experience base make him an ideal nominee to a Commission charged with administering the State's Land Use Law.

Thank you Senator Solomon for letting me offer my views on Mr. Edmund Aczon's nomination to the State of Hawaii Land Use Commission.

Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'C. Ching', written in a cursive style.

Chauncey Ching
Professor Emeritus
Agricultural Economics
University of Hawaii Manoa



Constance H. Lau
President and CEO

April 7, 2014

COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

The Honorable Senator Malama Solomon, Chair

The Honorable Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair

HEARING

Monday, April 14, 2014

1:15 p.m.

Conference Room 225

Re: GM 702: Nomination of Edmund Aczon to the Land Use Commission

Dear Chair Solomon, Vice Chair Galuteria and Members of the Committee, State of Hawaii Senate,

I write in support of the nomination of Edmund Aczon to serve as a member of the Land Use Commission. It is rare to find someone with experiences as broad as Mr. Aczon's -- both in private business and government, as a small business owner and having worked for a large corporation, representing both labor and management, and having led numerous community and non-profit organizations. We are fortunate to have someone with the breadth of experience and willing heart and integrity necessary for public service. This is especially important in Hawaii where decisions about our precious aina must balance many diverse interests and multiple bottom-lines.

I have known Mr. Aczon for many years, but recently have witnessed first-hand his strong commitment to community. When Super Typhoon Haiyan devastated the Philippines, Mr. Aczon helped generous donors from Hawaii help Haiyan victims through the Filipino Community Center (whose Board he chairs). After leading a successful donation campaign, Mr. Aczon also recognized the need for accountability, transparency and demonstration of results and is providing donors with regular reports on the use of their donations. His integrity and commitment to the public good will serve us well if he is appointed to the Land Use Commission.

There is no more qualified candidate for the Land Use Commission than Edmund Aczon and I strongly urge you to confirm his nomination.

With aloha and thanks to each of you for all that you do for our state,

Constance H. Lau

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Dean J. Okimoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My name is Dean J. Okimoto, President of Nalo Farms, and past President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation. I am submitting testimony in strong support of the nomination of Edmund Aczon, to the Land Use Commission board. I have had the opportunity to interact with Edmund many times when he was the field representative for Senator Inouye, and he was always understanding of the role of agriculture in the state of Hawaii. I believe his background as the Senator's aide and his experience in the construction industry makes him a well balanced candidate for this position. He always thinks of the best for Hawaii, and his desire to always help is foremost as one of his best attributes. I strongly recommend that Edmund Aczon be confirmed for this position on the Land Use Commission. Thank you for this opportunity to express my opinion.

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**TESTIMONY OF EDMUND C. ACZON
TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND**

**April 14, 2014
1:15 p.m.**

G.M. 702

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii State Land Use Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, EDMUND C. ACZON, for a term to expire June 30, 2018

Chair Solomon, Vice Chair Galuteria and members of the committee. Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today. I want to thank Governor Abercrombie for nominating me. I am honored and privileged to be considered as a member of the Land Use Commission.

I welcome this opportunity to serve our community. Hawaii is my home, and I have spent the last 39 years here - the best years of my life. I care about this place, and want to be sure that it will continue to be paradise for my grandson and generations to come.

The members of the Land Use Commission have a challenging role and responsibility. I believe that I have the knowledge, skills, and abilities to effectively meet the needs of this serious responsibility. I am a former general contractor and worked for the United States Senate for 10 years. I am currently employed by the Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters as their Community Relations Director/Manpower Specialist. With my public/private/labor experience and various involvements in the community, I am knowledgeable about a wide range of issues that affect private landowners, developers, the community, and State and county agencies. I am able to work with all parties to achieve common goals. I am confident that I can effectively fulfill the responsibilities of serving as a member of the LUC. As a commissioner, I would be honest, fair, and make decisions based on a careful review of the information presented to me.

If confirmed, I hope to bring more discussions on smart growth, a balance between needs for housing and jobs, and the need to establish sustainability in Hawaii through the conservation and protection of our precious, but limited resources.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone who submitted testimony on my behalf, and those who are here supporting me today. And I would like to thank this Committee for the hard work you do for the State of Hawaii and for giving me the opportunity to be here today.

Thank you for considering my nomination.

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GM702

Submitted on: 4/12/2014

Testimony for WTL on Apr 14, 2014 13:15PM in Conference Room 225

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Elizabeth Lum	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Senator Malama Solomon, Chair Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair Committee on Water and Land Monday, April 14, 2014 Support for GM 702, Land Use Commission Nominee, Edmund Aczon I have known and worked on a variety of community projects with Edmund Aczon over the past 15 years. He has always been committed to being an active community leader who looks for opportunities to use his skill and expertise to invest in projects that make a difference in the lives of Hawaii's families. As a member of the Land Use Commission, I strongly believe that, if confirmed, his background will give him the ability to help make the difficult decisions that will continue to arise regarding protecting the finite lands of our beautiful islands and the need for workforce housing and other developments that will provide a strong and stable economy for our children's future. I am confident that he will bring valuable assets to the Land Use Commission and am pleased to be able to submit this testimony in favor of his confirmation.

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April 11, 2014

The Honorable Malama Solomon, Chair
and Members, Committee on Water and Land
The Twenty-Seventh Legislature
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

**RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE CONFIRMATION TO THE
LAND USE COMMISSION, EDMUND ACZON**

Dear Chair Solomon and Members,

This letter of recommendation is submitted in support of the confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee, EDMUND ACZON, to the Land Use Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2018.

Mr. Aczon is knowledgeable about construction and development matters, is a tireless volunteer on many community projects, and has a strong background in the public, private and labor sectors of Hawaii's economy. This combination of experiences provides Mr. Aczon with a solid base to help continue and build a sustainable economy for Hawaii. I commend Mr. Aczon for his willingness to serve our community and recommend his confirmation without reservation.

Thank you for your kind consideration of these matters.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "H. Mitchell D'Olier".

H. Mitchell D'Olier

My name is Jean Jeremiah, President of the Oahu Filipino Community Council (OFCC – head organization that leads the Filipino organizations on the Island of Oahu). We offer our strongest support of Governor Neil Abercrombie’s nomination of Mr. Edmund Aczon to the Land Use Commission.

Mr. Aczon will be a strong asset to the Land Use Commission as he brings an impressive background of experience, management skills, professionalism and fairness. I have known him for almost 15 years and have worked closely with him in many community activities, legislative work, and social action projects.

Edmund Aczon’s socially responsible contributions and dedication to the community is a true manifestation of his leadership qualities. His representation of the late Senator Dan Inouye has shown utmost professionalism throughout his career.

We can count on Mr. Aczon to fulfill his responsibilities and duties to the highest level as a member of the LUC. We strongly support his nomination to the Land Use Commission.

Sincerely,

Jean Jeremiah
OFCC President
2012-2014

April 11, 2014

Chair Malama Solomon and Members of the
Senate Water and Land Committee
State Capitol
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813-2425

Re: GM 702
Nomination of Edmund Aczon – Land Use Commission

Dear Chair Solomon and Members of the Committee:

It is my pleasure to support the confirmation of Mr. Edmund Aczon to the Land Use Commission.

I have known Mr. Aczon for over fifteen years. During that time, I have come to appreciate his intellect, common sense and wisdom. He deliberately and carefully assesses a situation and is able to provide keen insight in any matter. He is also able to frame and clearly articulate his position on important issues. I have also seen Mr. Aczon in situations which called for him, based upon his reasoned beliefs, to take a position in opposition to the majority.

Most importantly, I support the confirmation of Mr. Aczon, based upon his values. He has a deeply ingrained understanding of fairness and right/wrong. Although he could be otherwise, he is very humble. Finally, he is a people person with great listening skill. His ability to listen allows him to truly understand others and empathize with their needs.

Without question, if confirmed, Mr. Aczon will be a valuable member of the Land Use Commission. Please accept my full support. Thank you for allowing me to share my thoughts.

Sincerely,



John T. Komeriji
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GM702

Submitted on: 4/8/2014

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joyce Oliveira	Individual	Support	No

Comments: With nearly 20 years of relevant public and private work experience and community involvement on numerous boards and commissions, Mr. Edmund Aczon is a stellar nominee for the State Land Use Commission and I confidently ask that members of the Committee on Water and Land recommend confirmation of this hardworking nominee.

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April 10, 2014

The Honorable Malama Solomon, Chair
Senate Committee on Water and Land

Dear Chairwoman Solomon and Committee Members:

Edmund Aczon – Nominee to State Land Use Commission

I have known Edmund Aczon for over a decade through his work in the office of the late U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye as well as the Hawaii Carpenters Union. He also is a founding director of the Hawaii 3R's program where I am currently filling in as interim executive director while the search for a permanent replacement is underway.

I'm pleased to provide this letter of support for Edmund Aczon, a nominee to the state Land Use Commission. Without a doubt, Edmund would be a strong and favorable addition to the commission, and I know he would approach the task with a strong sense of fairness and duty. It's just how he is.

A man of few words, Edmund has an even-keeled personality that allows him to be that proverbial calm in the midst of chaos and turmoil. Through his professional and community affiliations, Edmund has acquired a keen sense of different community segments in Hawaii. This gives him perspective into multiple viewpoints, which is critically important in policy deliberations and decisions. Edmund's credible reputation and integrity are based on his long record of doing the right thing in nearly all situations. He also has a knack for wading through complex issues and honing in on the key points. He has the analytical skills to slice through massive information to hone in on the key points of complex issues, and further, he has the ability to weigh the intended and unintended consequences of complex issues.

I hope that you will look favorably on Edmund's nomination to the state LUC. These will continue to be trying times for our state as we continue to face competing needs -- jobs, affordable housing, preservation and conservation for the future. We will need more people like Edmund who possess common sense to lead us through a morass of increasingly complex and controversial issues in the ongoing development of our island home.

Very truly yours,

Kalowena Komeiji
Email: Kalowena@gmail.com

Karen Piltz
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

April 14, 2014

The Honorable Malama Solomon, Chair
and Committee Members
Committee on Water and Land
Hawaii State Senate
415 S. Beretania Street, #225
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Solomon and Committee Members:

RE: GM 702 Consideration and Confirmation to the Land Use Commission,
Gubernatorial Nominee, Edmund Aczon for a term to expire 6-30-2018

I am writing in support of Edmund Aczon in his nomination to the Land Use Commission.

Mr. Aczon's knowledge and many experiences in the construction field and his participation in many community activities make him an excellent choice to serve on the Land Use Commission. I believe that Mr. Aczon will provide a fresh and balanced approach to problem solving on issues that are very important in the land use arena.

Mr. Aczon's various positions both within the public/government sectors and private business has given him a unique perspective and skills, which will be valuable in problem solving on the Land Use Commission.

I have known Mr. Aczon professionally and personally for many years. He is a very passionate individual with strong work ethics and a lot of personal integrity. He works very hard and has a core set of values, of which he places fairness, honesty and ethics very highly.

I believe that Edmund Aczon has the passion, ability and fortitude to be a commissioner on the Land Use Commission. I respectfully ask that you support his confirmation.

Thank you for your consideration and for this opportunity to testify.

April 2, 2014

Honorable Malama Solomon
Chairperson
Senate Committee on Water and Land
State Capitol, Conference Room 225
Honolulu, Hawai`i
Via online testimony

RE: GM 702, Land Use Commission, In Support of the Confirmation of Nominee, Edmund Aczon

Aloha, Chairperson Solomon & fellow Committee Members,

It gives me great pleasure to provide this testimony in SUPPORT of the nomination of Edmund Aczon by Governor Neil Abercrombie to the Land Use Commission for a term that will expire on June 30, 2018.

His experience speaks for itself because it includes a variety of roles within the business sector, unions as well as through his advocacy for his fellow citizens as a field representative for the late U. S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye. He has cultivated working relationships and friendships on both sides of the aisle.

When I first met Edmund, it was at the Building and Industry Association (BIA) headquarters where a grassroots effort for worker's compensation reform was organized. He had been a past president of the BIA, and had owned his own general contracting business. The reform was long overdue, but succeeded because of a diverse coalition. At that time I represented the Hawai`i Restaurant Association.

More importantly, there is another side of Edmund that is hidden by his modesty. He has contributed enormous chunks of his personal time and sweat equity to several non-profit organizations. His knack for tapping people on the shoulders to persuade them to donate their expertise, volunteer hours, and personal contributions is incredible. The O`ahu Arts Center and its dream to provide an arts education facility with performing arts theatre for central O`ahu continues on. At times he must feel like Sisyphus, but he endures.

How does the above relate to the Land Use Commission? Edmund is quite knowledgeable about the differing jurisdictions throughout the state with its counties. His business sense is tempered by his present career with the Hawai`i Carpenters Union. And there is the ongoing issue of the Environmental Impact Statements that was monitored on the federal level. Above all, he is a man of character and humility.

Please confirm his nomination to the Land Use Commission.

Mahalo,

/s/

Kathleen H. Masunaga

Cc: Honorable Brickwood Galuteria
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April 4, 2014

Senate Committee on Water and Land: Honorable Senators Malama Solomon, Chair;
Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair; and Members of the Committee

Subject: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT of GM702
Relating to Land Use Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, Edmund Aczon
Hearing: Monday, April 14, 1:15 p.m., Conference Room 225

Dear Chair Solomon, Vice Chair Galuteria and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to express my strong support for the confirmation of Mr. Edmund Aczon to the Land Use Commission. Mr. Aczon is a very dedicated individual who brings a wealth of experience in the public and private sector. He will serve our community well and will be diligent in his efforts to help the Commission strengthen our economy and enrich the future of Hawaii.

Thank you for this opportunity to express my SUPPORT for Mr. Aczon to serve on the Land Use Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lee Takushi', written over a light gray rectangular background.

Lee T. Takushi, P.E.

Vice President

**HAWAII STATE SENATE
COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND**

RE: GM 702 Edmund Aczon

Monday, April 14, 2014

Madame Chair Solomon, Vice Chair Galuteria and Members of the Committee, my name is Linda Chu Takayama, and I am testifying in strong support of Edmund Aczon for the Land Use Commission.

I have known and worked with Edmund for more than 20 years on a variety of projects and issues. He gave freely of his time and logistics expertise when Sen. Dan Inouye's nonprofit, Ready to Learn, was distributing school supplies to more than 30,000 needy children in the early 2000's. His knowledge of materiel movement and logistics was critical to our success in getting youngsters properly equipped for school on time.

Today we continue to count on his know-how and his commitment to public service through his assistance as a board member on Hawaii 3Rs, another Dan Inouye nonprofit that provides repair and maintenance on public schools. Edmund serves as the Chair of the Technical Committee which determines the feasibility of each project and approves the competence and costs of the contractors. He has been a substantial contributor to the program that has resulted in more than 500 projects at 190 school statewide.

Professionally, I have worked with Edmund to develop a project labor agreement ("PLA") between the Carpenters Union and a major developer. While the negotiations for such agreements can be contentious, he was composed and always kept his word. The final result was deemed to be fair to all.

Given the many complex issues facing the Land Use Commission, an individual with the wealth of experience and proven track record that Edmund has would be an ideal appointment.

I strongly urge you to give him your favorable consideration.

Linda Chu Takayama
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STATE OF HAWAII
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HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

Senate Committee on Water and Land
April 14, 2013
1:15 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

in consideration of
GM 702

Testimony in SUPPORT of Governatorial Nominee:

Mr. Edmund Aczon
to the
Land Use Commission

Dear Chair Solomon and Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land,

I strongly support the nomination of Mr. Edmund Aczon to the Land Use Commission and I urge you to confirm his appointment. Mr. Aczon is committed to building a strong and sustainable economy, investing in Hawaii's people and supporting healthy communities. With his experience in both the public and private sector and his years of service to our community, he will bring a unique and valuable perspective to the Land Use Commission.

I have personally known Mr. Aczon for many years and he is a diligent, honest, committed and passionate public servant. He will be an excellent addition to the Land Use Commission. I regret that I am unable to attend this hearing personally, however, please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of the nomination of Mr. Aczon.

Sincerely,

Linda Ichiyama
State Representative, District 32

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THE SENATE
THE TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2014

COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
Senator Malama Solomon, Chair
Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Monday, April 14, 2014
TIME: 1:15 p.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 225
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A

<u>GM 704</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, STANLEY ROEHRIG, for a term to expire 6-30-2018.	WTL
<u>GM 705</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, THOMAS OI, for a term to expire 6-30-2016.	WTL
<u>GM 647</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Kokee State Park Advisory Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, DAVID ALEXANDER, for a term to expire 6-30-2014.	WTL
<u>GM 648</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Kokee State Park Advisory Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, DAVID ALEXANDER, for a term to expire 6-30-2018 (term amended to 6-30-2017 by GM688).	WTL
<u>GM 702</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Land Use Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, EDMUND ACZON, for a term to expire 6-30-2018.	WTL
<u>GM 504</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Land Use Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, AARON MAHI, for a term to expire 6-30-2014.	WTL
<u>GM 505</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Land Use Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, AARON MAHI, for a term to expire 6-30-2018.	WTL
<u>GM 554</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, MAURICE RADKE, for a term to expire 6-30-2017.	WTL
<u>GM 703</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Commission on Water Resource Management, Gubernatorial Nominee, MICHAEL BUCK, for a term to expire 6-30-2018.	WTL



TESTIMONY OF LORRAINE H. AKIBA
COMMISSIONER, PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE
STATE OF HAWAII
TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

April 14, 2014
1:15 p.m.

MEASURE: G.M. 702

TITLE: Relating to the appointment of Edmund Aczon to the Land Use Commission, for a term to expire 6-30-2018.

Chair Solomon and Members of the Committee:

I am submitting testimony in strong support of the nomination of Edmund Aczon for appointment to the State of Hawaii Land Use Commission. I have worked with and known Mr. Aczon for many years and can personally attest to his outstanding professional qualifications, extensive industry knowledge and diverse community experience. He will be a tremendous asset and bring significant added value to the Land Use Commission.

I first met Mr. Aczon when I was the Hawaii Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR) director and he served as President of the BIA Hawaii board. In addition to running a successful construction company he spent numerous volunteer hours to help develop safety training centers through a public private partnership with the DLIR Occupational Safety and Health Training program. He exemplifies leadership, dedication and commitment to public service.

Edmund Aczon is recognized and well respected in all sectors of the community including business, labor, and community organizations. His resume reflects the energy and commitment he has given to many organizations he has worked with. He is conscientious, diligent and capable of analyzing and deciding complex and challenging matters that may come before the commission. He has sound judgement and the ability to be fair and balanced in resolving difficult issues. He is also sensitive to and aware of the diverse needs of our communities in Hawaii.

Mr. Aczon has demonstrated over the years his commitment to building strong communities, a healthy and sustainable economy, and investing in Hawaii's people as our most valuable resources.

I urge your favorable consideration of his nomination and confirmation of his appointment to the Land Use Commission. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

April 14, 2014

Senate Committee on Water and Land
Attn: The Honorable Malama Solomon, Chair
State Legislature
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Governor's Message No. 702 - In Support of the Nomination of Edmund Aczon

Dear Madame Chair and Members of the Committee:

I am writing in strong support of the nomination of Mr. Edmund Aczon to the State of Hawaii Land Use Commission.

I had the honor and privilege to work for the late U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye for 34 years, and also served as the Senator's Chief of Staff for his Washington, D.C. office. I came to know Mr. Aczon when he served as the Oahu Field Representative for Senator Inouye beginning in 2003. Mr. Aczon and I worked on a number of legislative issues together, including but not limited to, agriculture, energy, and benefits for Filipino World War II veterans. In every instance, I found Mr. Aczon to be thorough and knowledgeable of the issues at hand. Among other things, our legislative team and I came to rely on Mr. Aczon's thoughtful and important assessments especially on how legislative initiatives impacted the Island of Oahu, and the community.

In my view, Mr. Aczon has the right qualifications to serve on the Land Use Commission. He has an impressive private and public career in labor and possesses strong industry and community leadership. If confirmed, I have no doubt that Mr. Aczon will provide valuable expertise, insight, and guidance, to the Land Use Commission. Accordingly, I urge you and Members of your Committee, to favorably consider the nomination of Mr. Edmund Aczon to the State of Hawaii Land Use Commission.

Thank you for your consideration of my testimony.

Aloha,

Marie C. Blanco, Principal
MCB Consulting, LLC

Aloha Senator Solomon and members of the Water and Land Committee,

My name is Mark Matsunaga. I am a former journalist with the old Honolulu Advertiser and KHON TV and live in Kapahulu. I am writing to request your favorable consideration of Edmund Aczon's nomination as a commissioner on the state Land Use Commission.

I first met Mr. Aczon more than 30 years ago, when we were young homeowners in Central Oahu. He was a mason for Hawaiian Dredging. Like many of us, he had just moved his young family into one of the new subdivisions. On one occasion, I watched him make a small, curving brick wall, the kind of tricky project that can look bad if one brick is so much as a quarter inch out of place. Edmund's workmanship was impeccable and impressive.

In the years since then, I have seen Edmund as a small business owner and contractor, business and labor executive, advocate for the arts, a hard-working member of the late Senator Daniel Inouye's staff and a willing, involved, community leader.

Edmund has always impressed me as a smart, honest, pono and hard-working person motivated by something more than personal profit, with a strong desire to make a Hawaii and America a better place for all of us. As a member of a large immigrant family, he embodies the best of all the people who come to Hawaii willing to work hard to make a better life.

Unlike so many people who expound about Hawaii's economy and future, he has actually worked on the front lines as well as in the executive offices. This is a Hawaii citizen whose vision for the Islands is not just an expression of academic theories, management principles or utopian dreams, but a product of humble, real-world experience.

Unlike too many people in today's Hawaii Nei, Mr. Aczon is not an arrogant hedonist. Nor is he a visiting resume builder or "kolea" seeking only to fatten his wallet or curriculum vitae here before returning to the continent. He is a taxpayer who has put down firm roots in Hawaii, knows and respects his neighbors and shares their dreams.

He has already given more of his time to the community than most people, certainly given back far more than he has taken. Now, he has been nominated to yet another unpaid position, Land Use commissioner. The state is fortunate that he is willing serve.

The decisions made by the nine members of the Land Use Commission will affect the course of Hawaii long after all of us are gone. I will have great confidence in those decisions if Edmund Aczon is helping to make them. By the way, that wall he built is still there.

As a lifelong Hawaii resident and taxpayer who never missed an election since I became eligible to vote more than 40 years ago, I urge you to approve Mr. Aczon's appointment to the Land Use Commission.



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April 11, 2014

Senate Committee on Water and Land: Honorable Senators Malama Solomon, Chair;
Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair; and Members of the Committee

Subject: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT of Edmund Aczon
Nomination to Land Use Commission
Hearing: Friday, April 14, 1:15 p.m., Conference Room 225

Dear Chair Solomon, Vice Chair Galuteria and Members of the Committee:

I am respectfully submitting this written testimony in support of Mr. Edmund Aczon's nomination to the Land Use Commission.

I have personally known Mr. Aczon in his past role as Field Representative for the Office of the Late Senator Daniel K. Inouye and as the Community Relations Director/Manpower Specialist for the Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters.

He has a wide range and years of experience that include public and community service as well as experience in the construction industry. I believe that he will be an asset to the Land Use Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

SSFM INTERNATIONAL, INC.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Michael P. Matsumoto'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michael P. Matsumoto, P.E., FACEC
President/CEO

April 11, 2014

VIA ON-LINE TESTIMONY

Senator Malama Solomon, Chair
Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice-Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land
Twenty-Seventh Legislature
Regular Session of 2014

**RE: GM 702 – Mon., April 14, 2014 @ 1:15 PM
Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Land Use Commission,
Gubernatorial Nominee, EDMUND ACZON (Term to Expire 6-30-2018)**

Dear Chair Solomon, Vice-Chair Galuteria and Members of the Committee:

I am submitting this letter in ***STRONG SUPPORT*** of **Edmund Aczon**'s nomination to the Land Use Commission. I have known Edmund for several years as both a friend and a colleague. Edmund is an astute businessman and service-oriented member of the community.


For nearly 40 years Edmund has worked in the construction industry as a foreman, general contractor and entrepreneur. He has a wealth of knowledge on land use issues and a strong reputation as a responsible builder. Edmund has won numerous industry awards that attest to this fact, including twice being recognized as "Builder of the Year." In addition, Edmund has a commitment to public service having served on numerous boards and committees.

I have no doubt that, if confirmed, Edmund will be committed to serving the people of Hawai'i and make a positive difference for the future of our state.

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

Very truly yours,

IMANAKA ASATO LLC



Mitchell A. Imanaka

MAI:ssk

From: [Mufi Hannemann](#)
To: [WTLTestimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in support of GM 702
Date: Sunday, April 13, 2014 10:13:41 PM

> April 14, 2014

> Hawaii State Senate
> Committee on Water and Land

> Dear Chair Solomon and Committee members,

> I am writing to strongly support the nomination of Ed Aczon to the state Land Use Commission. For nearly 40 years, Ed has contributed significantly to the betterment of Hawaii through a variety of positions and assignments he has held in the public and private sectors. I count him as a personal friend but he has also proven to be a reliable and dependable professional colleague whenever I have solicited his personal involvement and participation, especially when I was mayor of Honolulu.

> Government officials respect and trust him, private businesses hold his opinion in high regard, labor organizations know that he is a man of his word and community groups believe that he would go the extra mile to support their endeavors. In my judgement, his plethora of experiences, knowledge and work ethic would make him an extremely valuable member of the Land Use Commission.

> Thanks for your consideration of my supportive testimony for Mr. Aczon.

> Sincerely,

> Mufi Hannemann

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> Sent from my iPhone

Pat Lee & Associates, LLC

April 7, 2014

To: Sen. Malama Solomon
Chair, Committee on Water and Land
State Senate
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 210

Vice Chair Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair
State Senate
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 221

From: Pat Lee, Pat Lee & Associates, LLC

Re: Appointment of Edmund Aczon to the State Land Use Commission

Date/Time/Place: Monday, April 14, 2014 at 1:15 p.m., Conference Room 225

Chair Solomon, Vice Chair Galuteria and honorable members of the committee,

My name is Pat Lee, and I am a community relations and public outreach consultant specializing in land use matters, and have been in business for over two decades. I am writing you about a friend and colleague, Ed Aczon, whom I have known and worked with for many years.

I first met Ed when he was involved with the creation of the FilCom Center in Waipahu while he was a contractor and member of the BIA. In later years, we worked together in his capacity as field representative for the late Sen. Daniel Inouye, and then in his current position with the Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters.

His experience and knowledge in the development and construction industry, as well as his understanding of the political process makes him an ideal candidate for the Commission.

Ed has always displayed integrity, high moral standards and has the ability to see both sides of an issue and seek a practical solution to problems.

For these many reasons, I believe that Ed Aczon would be an excellent commissioner with his knowledge, experience, dedication and service. Therefore, I respectfully request your favorable consideration of his appointment.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Ed Aczon's appointment to the State Land Use Commission.

7 April, 2014

Senator Malama Solomon, Chair
State of Hawaii Water and Land Committee

Re: Testimony in support of Mr. Edmund Aczon's nomination to the Land Use Commission

Dear Senator Solomon,

Thank you for allowing me to provide testimony in support of Mr. Edmund Aczon's nomination to the State Land Use Commission. I have worked professionally with Mr. Aczon for over 6 years. Our primary relationship has been as board members in support of a non-profit educational institution. It is evident in our work together that Mr. Aczon is not only a knowledgeable and capable professional, he is dedicated to the principles of public service and giving back to the community by sharing his valuable time and professional knowledge. Mr. Aczon's resume shows a history of community service over his long professional career that validates my personal experience with him.

I wholeheartedly support and endorse Mr. Aczon's nomination to the State Land Use Commission and I know his participation on the commission will contribute to better policy for our State.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul A. Pollock', with a stylized, cursive script.

Paul A. Pollock

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Chair Solomon and members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of the nomination of Mr. Aczon. I have known Edmund for a number of years. His professional background and his work experience provides Mr. Aczon with a keen insight into the many issues which will be addresses by the Land Use Commission. Mr. Aczon is a person of high integrity and he has a long commitment to public service. I know that Mr. Aczon will take his work seriously and will do the very best to make decisions which will benefit all of us now and in the future.

I respectfully request your favorable consideration. Thank you.

RANDY IWASE

Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Water and Land
April 14, 2014 at 1:15 p.m.

by
Rockne Freitas

GM 702 –RELATING TO THE SUPPORT OF EDMUND ACZON, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE TO THE
LAND USE COMMISSION

Aloha Chair Solomon, Vice Chair Galuteria, and Members of the Senate Committee on Water
and Land:

Thank you for the opportunity to express my enthusiastic support of Edmund Aczon,
gubernatorial nominee to the Land Use Commission.

I have known Ed for six years, and in my various capacities at the University of Hawaii, have had
the opportunity to observe him in a variety of professional and personal settings.

Throughout the years, I have found Ed to be industrious, sincere and honest. He is a committed
professional, and dedicated to help build a strong and sustainable economy for our State.
When presented with challenges, Ed has the knowledge and understanding to solve problems
with immediacy, empathy and fairness.

With Ed's background in the public, private and labor sectors, in addition to his years of
community involvement, Ed will certainly bring many valuable assets to the table as a member
of the Land Use Commission. I strongly support his confirmation to the Land Use Commission.

Mahalo.

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April 10, 2014

COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
Senator Malama Solomon, Chair
Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair

HEARING: GM702

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Land Use Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, **EDMUND ACZON**, for a term to expire 6-30-2018.

DATE: Monday, April 14, 2014

TIME: 1:15 p.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 225

State Capitol

Chair Solomon, Vice Chair Galuteria and Members of the Committee on Water and Land:

I strongly support Mr. Edmund Aczon's nomination to the State Land Use Commission. I first met Mr. Aczon more than 15 years ago and through the years have come to know him for his unquestionable integrity, knowledge and diligence. His knowledge and experience includes many years in all aspects of the construction industry from being a foreman in construction to the operation of his own construction company; working with labor and in management; and as a field representative for Senator Inouye in assisting the public. He has always been courteous and willing to lend a hand to the community. This is abundantly apparent in the time he has given freely with his volunteer work and support of so many non-profit organizations in the community. It also shows the character of the man that I am proud to have known over these many years.

Mr. Aczon will bring to the Commission his ability to listen; analyze the situation and work with others and will be a very valuable addition to the Commission and to the people of the State of Hawaii. It is an honor and pleasure to provide my strong support to Mr. Aczon.

Very truly yours,

/s/Roy T. Ogawa



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April 11, 2014

Senator Malama Solomon, Chair
Senate Committee on Water and Land
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 225
415 South Beretania Street
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Aloha Chair Solomon, Vice Chair Galuteria, and Committee members:

I write this letter in support of **Governor's Message 702** in favor of Mr. Edmund C. Aczon for his confirmation by the your Committee to be appointed to the Land Use Commission.

Mr. Aczon has been a dedicated general contractor and carpenter to the State of Hawaii since 1975. Over the past 39 years, Mr. Aczon has been extremely active in the construction community, the government sector, the private sector, and serves as a community leader within his own community.

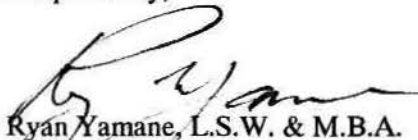
Mr. Aczon has a wealth of experience within Hawaii's many industries and diverse communities. Currently, Mr. Aczon serves as the community relations specialist for the Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters, a position he has held for over the past ten years in conjunction with his responsibilities as a Field Representative for the late Senator Daniel Inouye. Prior to his dedicated employment with Senator Inouye and the Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters, Mr. Aczon led his own construction company, Aczon Construction Ltd. since 1986. Mr. Aczon is known for his leadership in the Filipino Community Center as its chairman of the board since 2011 through his advocacy and commitment on behalf of the Filipino community throughout our state.

Mr. Aczon is highly active in his community where he serves in many capacities as a volunteer and community leader within Mililani. He is also a dedicated member of the board of directors to Damien Memorial School, the Oahu Arts Center, Hawaii 3 Rs-Repair, Remodel, Restore our Schools, the Military Affairs Council, the National Federation of Filipino Americans, and the Filipino Chamber of commerce of Hawaii. Furthermore, prior to these community organizations Mr. Aczon was highly involved in the Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation, the Institute for Human Services, the Oahu Workforce Investment Board, the Building Industry Association of Hawaii, US Vets Hawaii, and the Mililani Teen Support Organization.

With his in-depth knowledge and practice of community building; his dedicated interest and willingness to serve for the interest of the people of the State of Hawaii, Mr. Aczon is well qualified to be appointed through confirmation by your Committee to the Land Use Commission.

I fully support Mr. Edmund Aczon in his endeavor to be confirmed by the Committee on Water and Land under your leadership.

Respectfully,



Ryan Yamane, L.S.W. & M.B.A.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Steve Sombrero	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Senator Malama Solomon: I am pleased to learn that Mr. Edmund Aczon has been nominated to the Land Use Commission. I personally believe that Edmund's many years serving the people of Hawaii as Community Relations Director for the HRCC and Field Representative for the Office of US Senator Daniel Inouye in addition to his experience as owner and operator of his own construction company will prove to be an invaluable addition to the LUC. The future of Hawaii is tied to the proper use and stewardship of its limited land resources. Edmund will bring the right balance and direction to the missions of the LUC. I whole-heartedly support his nomination. Very sincerely, Steve K. Sombrero President NAI ChaneyBrooks Chaney Brooks & Company, LLC

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Committee on Water and Land

Hearing on April 14, 2014

Hawaii State Capitol

Conference Room 225, 1:15 pm

GM 702

Senator Malama Solomon, Chair
Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair

Dear Chair Solomon, Vice Chair Galuteria and Committee members:

I am writing in strong support for the appointment of nominee Edmund C. Aczon to the Land Use Commission.

Mr. Aczon has accumulated a considerable amount of leadership and community experience over the past thirty years. I have worked with him on many projects in his capacity as Field Representative for the Office of Senator Daniel K. Inouye. Edmund has the capacity to work with a wide range of people and has an excellent grasp of the many issues facing policy makers today. His work for the Filipino Chamber of Commerce and the Filipino Community Center, the Military Affairs Council, Institute for Human Services, Oahu Workforce Investment Board, Damien School, and the Mililani Teen Support Organization show his wide range of interests and expertise.

Edmund has in-depth knowledge and experience in the building and construction industry. From his years of contracting, he has a unique perspective of land use management. The Land Use Commission is charged with preserving and protecting Hawaii's lands and determining an overall framework for land use management. Mr. Aczon is perfectly positioned to bring this expertise to the Commission.

I ask for your support for Edmund Aczon's nomination to the Land Use Commission.

Thank you,

Tina Yamamoto

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April 11, 2014

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF EDMUND ACZON, NOMINEE TO THE LAND USE COMMISSION, GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 702, BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND USE.

CHAIR SOLOMON AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATE WATER AND LAND COMMITTEE.

My name is Tish Uyehara and I write in support of Edmund Aczon, nominee to the Land Use Commission. Water and Land Use issues are some of the most sensitive and complex issues that we face as an island state with limited resources. The designation and utilization of lands must be appropriate to the water resources available and achieving that balance is not an easy task with so many competing interests.

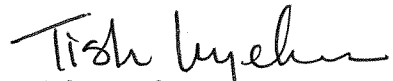
The Land Use Commission (LUC) needs to have members that can help achieve that balance to give hope and opportunity to future generations.

Mr. Aczon can serve as a voice of reason with his experiences both in the construction, labor areas with his broad experience with community organizations ranging from military affairs to cultural affairs. Mr. Aczon worked in the construction industry and owned his own construction company, making him familiar with issues facing small businesses. He has also dedicated many years of serving on Boards in the community including the Institute for Human Services, the Filipino Community Center, Oahu Arts Center, the Military Affairs Council, and the Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation

Mr. Aczon is a soft spoken gentleman who is very committed to improving life in Hawaii for all residents and tirelessly gives service to the community in many ways. I believe that he will bring good balance to the Commission and his thoughtful insights will add much to the discussions of the Commission.

I ask that confirm the nomination of Edmund Aczon to the Land Use Commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer my comments.


Tish Uyebara

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Senators, I beg you: do not confirm another development-linked commissioner such as Mr Aczon to this LUC which is already heavily dominated by commissioners who have worked in the development arena.

If you read Environment Hawaii newsletter, as I do, you will know that the Commission tends to overlook the evidence and testimony on the importance of sustainable agriculture in Hawaii, and the importance of natural areas which enhance tourism as well as the mental health of our population.

I'm not a tree-hugger: i believe in inbuilding to support a growing population in a denser urban core. But I am very distressed to think that someone like Mr Aczon could serve on the LUC.

Please hold out for another nominee not linked to the development industry.

Thank you.
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