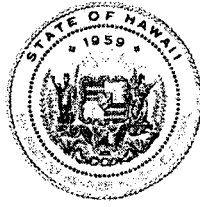
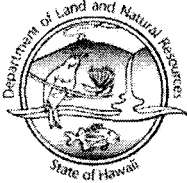


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Before the Senate Committee on
TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS

Thursday, March 6, 2014
1:15PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 414

In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 559
SUBMITTING FOR THE CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE
HAWAII HISTORIC PLACES REVIEW BOARD, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,
GEORGE CASEN, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2018

The Department of Land and Natural Resources supports Governor's Message 559, nominating Mr. George Casen to the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board, for a term to expire June 30, 2018.

The Hawaii Historic Places Review Board is established under Section 6E-5.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes. The Review Board is responsible for maintaining the Hawaii Register of Historic Places, as well as ordering historic properties into the Hawaii Register of Historic Places and recommending the nomination of historic properties to the National Register of Historic Places.

Mr. Casen has seventeen years of experience as an architectural historian, and seven years of experience as an environmental planner. He has worked in Honolulu as an architectural historian and planner for over a decade for both public and private entities. During these years, Mr. Casen has acted as a researcher, leader and educator in Honolulu's historic preservation community. Mr. Casen received a Master of Science in Secondary Education and History, a Master of Urban and Regional Planning, and a Graduate Certificate in Historic Preservation. As both an architectural historian and environmental planner, Mr. Casen brings a unique and thoughtful perspective to the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board.

Mr. Casen has served on the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board since July 2011. Senate confirmation will ensure this important member's term is extended until June 30, 2018.

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Linda Legrande	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Geore Casen has been a dedicated and strong advocate for historic preservation for the last 25 years that I have known him. He keeps himself informed on the big preservation issues in our State and brings years of knowledge to this position. I support his appointment on the Review Board wholeheartedly. Thank You, Linda LeGrande

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To: TECTestimony
Subject: George Casen's nomination to the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of Mr. George Casen's nomination to the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board. His continuation as a board member would be a great asset to the board as a whole.

Mr. Casen and I worked together when he was an architectural historian at the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). In that position he evaluated many buildings and a variety of property types within our project areas to determine their eligibility to the National Register of Historic Places (National Register), as well as to determine whether project effects would have the potential adverse effects to historic properties. The Southern California region in which Mr. Casen worked is historically and currently one of the most ethnically diverse regions in the United States, whose cultures influenced the history and development of Southern California. He was aware of the importance of this cultural diversity when evaluating resources for potential historic significance.

This work was done in order to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as well as state environmental laws. Caltrans policy is to use the National Register eligibility criteria and its accompanying bulletins and guidance for these evaluations. One specific project was very controversial, involved hundreds of potential historical resources, and required working under difficult time lines. He was tactful, professional and thorough in his evaluations.

I heartily support his re-appointment to the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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I strongly support George Casen's re-appointment to the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board.

I worked with Mr. Casen in the Office of Environmental Quality Control in 2007, where he reviewed historic, cultural and archaeological assessments. I found him to be an expert in these issues, diligent in performing his work and passionate about public service.

He will make good judgments in determining whether properties meet the significance criteria for inclusion in the historic register.

Please approve his re-appointment.

Gordon Fernandez

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To whom it may concern:

I support the nomination of George Casen to the Hawaii Places Review Board. He has attended every meeting during his past appointment and continues to work diligently towards ensuring a high level of quality. He remains dedicated to the preservation of significant historic sites.

Aloha,

Tonia Moy, AIA

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From: Dee Ruzicka <dr@masonarch.com>
Sent: Friday, February 28, 2014 9:52 AM
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Subject: Re: GM559 Recommendation

Aloha,
I would like to recommend George Casen to serve another term as a member of the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board. I worked with George for about 2 years while he was employed at Mason Architects here in Honolulu. During that time I found him to have an excellent understanding of National register requirements and the historic preservation process, both at Hawaii State and National levels. George has impressed me with his expertise and insight while evaluating properties for eligibility. I feel that during the past years he has effectively contributed to the decisions of the Hawaii Historic Places review board and that his familiarity with the State and National Register requirements and his eye for preservation will continue to make him a valuable member of the Review board. I recommend him to continue as a member.

Sincerely,
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Testimony re George Casen, nominated for Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board

I would like to testify in support of George Casen's nomination for the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board. For about four years beginning in 2003, George and I worked at adjacent desks at Mason Architects, Inc., where he worked as an architectural historian. He was concurrently completing his Graduate Certificate in Historic Preservation at the University of Hawai'i. I attended the presentation in which he discussed his research project for the Graduate Certificate; he had traveled to Singapore to study the preservation of historic buildings and neighborhoods there. I could see that he was a tenacious researcher and was especially good at tracking down information about the people and families associated with various historic sites in Hawai'i. Before coming to Hawai'i, George had spent many years working in California, where he studied buildings that might be adversely impacted by the operations of the CalTran transportation system.

I once drove George's car while he conducted a "windshield survey" to identify and evaluate historic buildings along Nimitz Highway that might be eligible for the National and Hawai'i Registers. Although a windshield survey need not be more than a preliminary perusal of the properties, George asked me to stop at each site on our list and proceeded to get out of the car and examine the property thoroughly.

George is a clear and concise writer; he has contributed several articles to the newspaper, usually on local politics or issues of historic preservation.

His broad interests, curiosity, and commitment to the community recommend him, in my opinion, for further service on the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Stimson

Gordon Fernandez

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I fully support the appointment of George Casen as Gubernational Nominee for the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board. Over the years, I have worked with and known George Casen to be thorough, knowledgeable and quite expert in his work. Not only does he have tremendous skills, but he is also very passionate about the history and the stories of our buildings here in Hawaii. I could not think of a more suitable person for this position. I give George Casen the highest of recommendations and believe he would be an asset to your organization.