

**GM 513 – CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, GUBERNATORIAL
NOMINEE DOUGLAS CHIN, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 12-3-2018**

Attn: Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
and Committee Members
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
State Capitol, Room 221
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

February 11, 2015

Aloha, Chair Keith-Agaran and Committee Members:

My name is Doug Chin. I am the nominee to the above office. I respectfully submit these responses (in *italics*) to the Committee's questions for its consideration.

1. Hawai'i Revised Statutes § 26-7 provides:

The department of the attorney general shall be headed by a single executive to be known as the attorney general.

The department shall administer and render state legal services, including furnishing of written legal opinions to the governor, legislature, and such state departments and officers as the governor may direct; represent the State in all civil actions in which the State is a party; approve as to legality and form all documents relating to the acquisition of any land or interest in lands by the State; and, unless otherwise provided by law, prosecute cases involving violations of state laws and cases involving agreements, uniform laws, or other matters which are enforceable in the courts of the State. The attorney general shall be charged with such other duties and have such authority as heretofore provided by common law or statute.

There shall be within the department of the attorney general a commission to be known as the commission to promote uniform legislation which shall sit in an advisory capacity to the attorney general and to the legislature on matters relating to the promotion of uniform legislation. The composition of the commission shall be as heretofore provided for the commission to promote uniform legislation existing immediately prior to November 25, 1959. The members of the commission shall be nominated, and by and with the advice and consent of the senate, appointed by the governor for terms of four years each, provided that each member shall hold office until the member's successor is appointed and qualified; and provided also that the provisions of section

26-34, limiting the appointment of members of boards and commissions to two terms and the duration of membership to not more than eight consecutive years shall not be applicable.

The functions and authority heretofore exercised by the attorney general, high sheriff, and the commission to promote uniform legislation as heretofore constituted are transferred to the department of the attorney general established by this chapter.

Please describe your understanding of the role of the Attorney General in the State's separation of powers scheme. In other words, who do you consider the principal client of the department?

Response:

The department of the attorney general's (the "AG" or "AG's Office") principal client is the State of Hawai'i (the "State"). The attorney general also represents the State in all criminal and civil matters where the State is a party or may be an interested party. State v. Klattenhoff, 71 Haw. 598, 602, 801 P.2d 548, 550-51 (1990) (quoting HRS § 26-7).

Consistent with the fact that the State is the AG's principal client, HRS §§ 28-3 and 28-4 direct the attorney general to give opinions on questions of law to key state officials and advise them so that they may faithfully perform their duties for the state. HRS §§ 28-3 and -4. By statute, the Department is mandated to administer and render legal services to the governor, legislature, and such state departments and officers as the governor may direct. State v. Klattenhoff, 71 Haw. 598, 602, 801 P.2d 548, 550-51 (1990) (quoting HRS § 26-7).

Therefore, HRS § 26-7 and other relevant sections of HRS chapter 28 require the AG to diligently render legal services and provide consistent legal advice to all branches of state government, including its judges, legislators and public officers, notwithstanding the government's separation of powers. Advice and counsel provided by the AG's Office to various entities under HRS § 28-4 is subject to the attorney-client privilege and protected from required agency disclosure under the Uniform Information Practices Act. Haw. Op. Atty. Gen. OIP Opinion Letter 91-23 (Nov. 25, 1991).

2. Hawai'i Revised Statutes § 28-2 provides:

The attorney general shall be vigilant and active in detecting offenders against the laws of the State, and shall prosecute the same with diligence. The attorney general shall also enforce all bonds and other obligations in favor of the State that may be placed in the attorney general's hands for that purpose, by any person having the lawful custody of the papers; and the attorney general shall likewise be diligent in prosecuting all persons who may obstruct any street, channel, harbor, wharf, or other highway, or any stream or public watercourse, or commit

any trespass, or waste on any portion of the public domain, or other public property.

The Attorney General's use of this supersession power was upheld against the Honolulu Prosecutor in the Kukui Plaza investigation and prosecutions. Amemiya v. Sapienza, 63 H. 424, 629 P.2d 1126 (1981). Please describe criteria which you would use in determining whether it is appropriate to supersede the authority of other law enforcement officials.

Response:

While the attorney general is the chief law enforcement officer for the State and has the ultimate responsibility for enforcing penal laws of statewide application, the public prosecutor has been delegated the primary authority and responsibility for initiating and conducting criminal prosecutions within her or his county jurisdiction. Amemiya v. Sapienza, 63 Haw. 424, 427, 629 P.2d 1126, 1129 (1981).

The Hawai'i Supreme court has held that it must be clearly apparent that compelling public interests require the attorney general's intervention in delegated matters. Id. at 428, 629 P.2d at 1129. For example, as the State's chief law enforcement officer, the attorney general may supersede the public prosecutor where the prosecutor has refused to act and such refusal amounts to a serious dereliction of duty on her or his part, or where, in the unusual case, it would be highly improper for the public prosecutor and her or his deputies to act in the particular matter. Id. In Amemiya, the attorney general was properly allowed to supersede the public prosecutor following a finding by the trial court that the prosecuting attorney and his deputies should be disqualified from initiating prosecution for possible violations of State law. Id.

Having served as first deputy prosecuting attorney for the city and county of Honolulu from 2006-2010 and its acting public prosecutor in 2010, I acknowledge the standards set forth by the Hawai'i Supreme Court under which the attorney general may and should intervene. I intend to adhere to those standards.

3. Hawai'i Revised Statutes § 28-8.3 provides:

- (a) No department of the State other than the attorney general may employ or retain any attorney, by contract or otherwise, for the purpose of representing the State or the department in any litigation, rendering legal counsel to the department, or drafting legal documents for the department; provided that the foregoing provision shall not apply to the employment or retention of attorneys:
 - (1) By the public utilities commission, the labor and industrial relations appeals board, and the Hawaii labor relations board;
 - (2) By any court or judicial or legislative office of the State; provided that if the attorney general is requested to provide representation to a court or judicial office by the chief justice or the chief justice's

designee, or to a legislative office by the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the senate jointly, and the attorney general declines to provide such representation on the grounds of conflict of interest, the attorney general shall retain an attorney for the court, judicial, or legislative office, subject to approval by the court, judicial, or legislative office;

- (3) By the legislative reference bureau;
- (4) By any compilation commission that may be constituted from time to time;
- (5) By the real estate commission for any action involving the real estate recovery fund;
- (6) By the contractors license board for any action involving the contractors recovery fund;
- (7) By the office of Hawaiian affairs;
- (8) By the department of commerce and consumer affairs for the enforcement of violations of chapters 480 and 485A;
- (9) As grand jury counsel;
- (10) By the Hawaiian home lands trust individual claims review panel;
- (11) By the Hawaii health systems corporation, or its regional system boards, or any of their facilities;
- (12) By the auditor;
- (13) By the office of ombudsman;
- (14) By the insurance division;
- (15) By the University of Hawaii;
- (16) By the Kahoolawe island reserve commission;
- (17) By the division of consumer advocacy;
- (18) By the office of elections;
- (19) By the campaign spending commission;
- (20) By the Hawaii tourism authority, as provided in section 201B-2.5;
- (21) By the division of financial institutions for any action involving the mortgage loan recovery fund; or
- (22) By a department, in the event the attorney general, for reasons deemed by the attorney general to be good and sufficient, declines to employ or retain an attorney for a department; provided that the governor waives the provision of this section.

(b) For purposes of this section the term "department" includes any department, board, commission, agency, bureau, or officer of the State.

(c) Every attorney employed by any department on a full-time basis, except an attorney employed by the public utilities commission, the labor and industrial relations appeals board, the Hawaii labor relations board, the office of Hawaiian affairs, the Hawaii health systems corporation or its regional system boards, the department of commerce and consumer affairs in prosecution of consumer complaints, insurance division, the division of consumer advocacy, the University of Hawaii, the Hawaii tourism authority as provided in section 201B-2.5, the Hawaiian home lands trust individual claims review panel, or as grand jury counsel, shall be a deputy attorney general.

(d) All attorneys retained by contract, whether by the attorney general or a department, shall be retained in accordance with chapter 103D.

Do you believe State agencies (i.e., the office of Hawaiian Affairs, the Hawaiian Home Lands commission, RICO, ethics commission, etc.) should, under certain circumstances (other than conflict situations), be able to hire their own attorneys outside of the department?

Response:

Section 28-8.3 of the Hawai‘i Revised Statutes sets forth the attorney general’s exclusive authority to act as the State’s attorney, subject to multiple and specific exceptions. Accordingly, certain state agencies may hire attorneys, provided the circumstances fall within statutory exceptions, case law and/or the rules of professional conduct governing attorneys.

There clearly are circumstances when state agencies ought to be able to employ attorneys or contract for legal services to help them perform their duties contemplated by the statute. For example, when their principal responsibilities are to represent the interests of individual members of the public as consumers, or to implement laws that require specialized knowledge, I understand the department of commerce and consumer affairs (DCCA) employs its own attorneys. Certain expertise might also be needed because of the specialized nature or relative complexity of a matter, so if necessary, the attorney general may refer the matter to, associate or consult with, outside lawyers with established competence.

Even in situations where the AG’s Office is well-equipped to handle a particular matter, the legislature also implicitly foresaw the likelihood of conflicts “eventuating” in connection with the attorney general’s multiple roles, duties and functions. In such circumstances, it conferred upon the attorney general the prerogative, “for reasons deemed ... to be good and sufficient”, to decline representation and with the governor’s concurrence, authorize the state instrumentality to retain its own legal counsel. Chun v. Bd. of Trustees of Employees’ Retirement System of State of Hawai‘i, 87 Hawai‘i 152, 274, 952 P.2d 1215, 1237 (quoting HRS § 28-8.3(a)(16) and (b)).

That said, I am reluctant to read HRS § 28-8.3 to automatically foreclose the AG from interpreting the law on matters in which an agency retained outside counsel to provide advice or from participating in matters in which an agency has retained outside counsel. To the extent allowable, I would expect as a practical solution for the AG’s Office to work closely with counsel to make them aware of and to protect the State’s overall interests.

3. What substantive differences, if any, do you see between the U.S. Constitution and the Hawai‘i State Constitution of 1978? Which of those differences are the most important to you and how do you see the role of the Attorney General’s Office in protecting and enforcing those provisions of the State Constitution that afford Hawai‘i citizens different or greater rights or freedoms?

Response:

Article XI, Section 1 of the Hawai'i Constitution states: "For the benefit of present and future generations, the State and its political subdivisions shall conserve and protect Hawaii's natural beauty and all natural resources, including land, water, air, minerals and energy sources, and shall promote the development and utilization of these resources in a manner consistent with their conservation and in furtherance of self-sufficiency of the State. All public natural resources are held in trust by the State for the benefit of the people."

Other provisions exist within the state constitution which do not expressly present themselves in the federal constitution, including the right to privacy, but to my mind, I see the conversation among policy makers over the next decade revolving more around Article XI and how to reconcile this constitutional mandate and the public trust doctrine with the state's rapidly growing and diverse population. The attorney general's role in rendering consistent legal services to various state agencies charged with maintaining or regulating the sustainability of the state's natural resources will be critical to steering this state through the 21st century.

4. Hawai'i Revised Statutes § 28-4 provides:

The attorney general shall, without charge, at all times when called upon, give advice and counsel to the heads of departments, district judges, and other public officers, in all matters connected with their public duties, and otherwise aid and assist them in every way requisite to enable them to perform their duties faithfully.

What is the role of the chief legal officer in rendering advice to the Governor, other state agency heads, state elected officials and other state employees? How will you resolve your obligation to represent the different branches of government when they are in conflicting positions (i.e., a legislator questions an action by the Governor or one of the Governor's cabinet members)? What is the role of the department's AOR process in reaching State legal positions on various issues?

Response:

The legislature, governor, heads of departments and other public officers make and implement state policies. I recognize that in doing so, these entities advocate for or adopt conflicting positions. The role and responsibilities of the attorney general to the governor, heads of departments, judges and other public officers are set forth in HRS § 28-4. The Supreme Court of Hawai'i has recognized the unique role played by the attorney general in rendering legal services to state officials from different branches of government or even within the same branch. Chun v. Bd. of Trustees of Employees' Retirement System of State of Hawai'i, 87 Hawai'i 152, 173-74, 952 P.2d 1215, 1236-37 (1998). The Supreme Court has also recognized that by operation of law, i.e. the AG's statutory responsibilities, certain circumstances might arise under which different and unrelated sections within the AG may even represent entities in conflict

with each other. *In re Water Use Permit Applications*, 94 Hawai‘i 97, 125-27 (2000). If confirmed as attorney general, my objective would be to provide consistent legal advice and counsel to the State’s policy and decision makers.

As to the department’s AOR (appellate opinion review) process, I understand an opinion review committee comprised of experienced and/or supervising deputies attorney general currently exists to evaluate opinions based upon myriad factors, including consistency with prior or concurrent positions. If confirmed, I intend to maintain this committee.

5. Hawai‘i Revised Statutes § 28-5 provides:

The attorney general shall give counsel and aid to poor and oppressed citizens of the State and assist them in obtaining their just rights without charge; provided that the attorney general shall not be obliged to render such aid, counsel, and assistance, unless requested so to do by the governor, or by some one of the heads of departments.

How do you view the role of the Attorney General in fulfilling the terms of this statute? Are there any circumstances where you would intervene legally in the application of County ordinances that impact poor and oppressed citizens of the State?

Response:

Within the existing organizational structure of the executive branch, the attorney general plays a significant role through its administrative oversight of the State’s child support enforcement agency to the extent that its mission is to zealously protect the rights of families and children in Hawai‘i. I do not seek to diminish this role. Upon request of the governor or a department head, the attorney general is obliged and therefore I would stand ready to render other forms of counsel and assistance as provided within this statute. HRS § 28-5.

As to county ordinances impacting poor and oppressed citizens of the State, I am not currently aware of situations requiring legal intervention. I do acknowledge the attorney general’s statutory authority to intervene in such matters pursuant to HRS § 28-5 or to investigate alleged violations of the law when the attorney general determines that an investigation would be in the public interest pursuant to HRS § 28-2.5.

6. How do you see the evolution of Hawai‘i (case and statutory) law with regard to civil rights, privacy rights, property rights vs. government regulation, public information access and state vs. local (county) authority (i.e., home rule)?

Response:

At the risk of oversimplifying this question or my years of study at the William S. Richardson School of Law, I see the evolution of Hawai‘i case and statutory law

boiling down to its unique recognition, acknowledgment and celebration of diverse individuals living in harmony with its natural surroundings. For example, Baehr v. Lewin, 74 Haw. 530, 852 P.2d 44 (1993) was decided during my first year in law school and arguably led the way for the rest of the United States in its analysis of civil and constitutional rights for same-sex couples seeking to marry. The right to privacy is an express state Constitutional provision granting protections to Hawai'i citizens, and I have advocated regarding this issue firsthand in both criminal and civil contexts. Individual property rights and government regulations for a rapidly growing population in limited spaces has placed Hawai'i on the forefront of land use and water rights discussions for several decades. As managing director for the City and County of Honolulu and in my civil practice, I have been made keenly aware of the practical effect of regulatory practices in place to protect the Hawaiian islands for future generations. As to public information access and home rule authority, I see less evolvment taking place, and regarding the former issue, believe HRS chapter 92F related to government records is overdue for an update.

7. Describe your general vision for the office of the Attorney General. How directly do you plan to manage agencies attached to the department for administrative purposes?

Response:

I believe strongly in workplace values such as collegiality, collaboration, and teamwork and in cultivating individual strengths for the public good. As the chief administrative officer, first at the Honolulu prosecutor's office and then for the City and County of Honolulu, I intentionally promoted this type of professional environment. If confirmed as attorney general, I would advocate for that same culture within the AG's Office.

As to agencies attached to the department for administrative purposes, I intend to work closely with its agency heads but maintain an open-door policy that allows employees to safely approach administrators including myself with concerns or suggestions for improvement.

8. Is there any information regarding your experience and/or background that would be embarrassing to the Governor, or the State Senate, if such information were to become public?

Response:

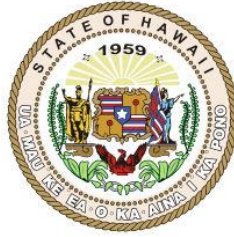
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9. Is there any other information regarding your experience and background that you believe should be considered by the committee?

Response:

I respectfully submit that my track record in criminal and civil law and in government administration would serve the State well as its attorney general.

I am humbled by the Governor Ige's nomination and the opportunity to return to public service. I appreciate the Committee's questions for prompting me to consider the above issues. I thank the Committee for its time and consideration.



EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU, HAWAII

David Y. Ige
Governor

Testimony on GM 513
Confirmation of Douglas Chin
Director, Department of the Attorney General

Governor David Y. Ige

SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

February 13, 2015
9:00 a.m., Room 016

Chair Keith-Aragan, Vice Chair Shimabukuro and committee members:

I respectfully request your support in confirming the appointment of Douglas Chin as Director of the Department of Attorney General (AG). Douglas Chin is presently a partner with the law firm Carlsmith, Ball, LLP. During his tenure, Chin has practiced law in corporate operations and transactions, administrative law, civil litigation, government affairs, and mediation. Prior to Carlsmith, Ball, LLP, Chin was Managing Director for the City and County of Honolulu from 2010-2013.

Mr. Chin was also with the Honolulu Prosecutor's Office for 12 years. In 2002, Chin was the recipient of the "Top Gun" award for winning the most jury trials, along with extensive jury trial experience, including work with top forensic and scientific expert witnesses in the nation. Chin earned his bachelor's degree in English from Stanford University and law degree from the William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawaii.

This administration is committed to transforming the culture of government by embracing and accelerating change. I'm confident that Douglas Chin will support our employees in the Department of the Attorney General in this effort. Together, we can build a better home for our keiki, kupuna, and all the residents of Hawaii.

Mahalo for your consideration.

TULSI GABBARD
2ND DISTRICT, HAWAII

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Senator Gilbert Keith-Agaran
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Aloha Chair ~~Keith-Agaran,~~ *Gil-*

I am writing this on behalf of Douglas Chin, who has been nominated by Governor David Ige to serve as the Hawai'i State Attorney General. I have known Doug for over five years and have known him to be a humble and principled leader.

Doug is a personable, dedicated public servant who also has served Honolulu County and Hawai'i well, building a strong network of experienced practitioners. As a Councilwoman, I've experienced firsthand his demonstrated leadership with the City of Honolulu as the Managing Director. He built upon relationships of trust throughout many layers of administrators and those working tough city issues.

He is always ready to make people smile, has a listening ear, and collaborates toward viable solutions to the challenges or problems at hand. Doug Chin demonstrates his ability to think outside the box to find the right solution. He keeps a level head and puts things into the right perspective, often bringing comfort to those who worry.

Just as he has throughout his life, I know that Doug Chin will bring his mission-first attitude to the broad set of challenges and opportunities that face the office of the Attorney General. He has the right spirit and demeanor that will enable him to connect with the broad constituencies that depend upon strong leadership.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best wishes,

Tulsi

Tulsi Gabbard
Member of Congress (HI-02)

*Gil-
Mahalo for your
consideration!
Hope you and your
family are well.*

DAVID Y. IGE
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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 513

Consideration and Confirmation of DOUGLAS CHIN
Attorney General, Department of Attorney General

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Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair

Friday, February 13, 2015; 9:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 016

Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and Members of the Senate Committee on
Judiciary and Labor:

Thank you for providing the Crime Victim Compensation Commission ("Commission") with the
opportunity to testify before you today. The Commission strongly supports the confirmation of
Douglas Chin as Attorney General for the State of Hawai'i.

The Commission was established in 1967 to mitigate the suffering and financial impact
experienced by victims of violent crime by providing compensation to pay un-reimbursed crime-
related expenses. Many victims of violent crime could not afford to pay their medical bills,
receive needed mental health or rehabilitative services, or bury a loved one if compensation were
not available.

Mr. Chin is uniquely qualified to be the Attorney General for the State of Hawai'i. An Attorney
General needs to be an administrator as well as have the legal acumen to oversee all of the

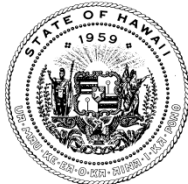
State's legal departments. Mr. Chin has administrative experience in both the public and private sectors as First Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, Managing Director of the City and County of Honolulu, and Managing Partner of Carlsmith Ball, LLP.

As both the First Deputy Prosecuting Attorney and a line deputy, Mr. Chin prosecuted some of the more complex criminal cases. He has a reputation as a skillful litigator. And he has never lost sight of the ultimate goal: justice.

He showed compassion and respect for crime victims and surviving family members. His belief in the rights of crime victims was demonstrated when he worked collaboratively with the Commission to create a statewide restitution training for prosecutors. He edited the restitution manual and conducted the training at all four counties' prosecuting attorney offices. He emphasized to his deputies that restitution was a priority for prosecutors by making the training mandatory at the Honolulu office.

His experience as a civil attorney, criminal attorney, and the Managing Director of the City and County provided him with the foundation to lead the largest legal firm in the State.

Thank you for providing the Commission with the opportunity to testify in strong support of the confirmation of Douglas Chin as Attorney General for the State of Hawai'i.



Testimony of
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Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Attorney General of the Department of the Attorney General, Gubernatorial Nominee, DOUGLAS CHIN, for a term to expire 12-3-2018.

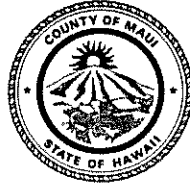
Senate Committee on Judiciary & Labor

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **strongly supports** the confirmation of Douglas Chin as Attorney General of the Department of the Attorney General (AG).

Mr. Chin earned his bachelor's degree in English from Stanford University and his law degree from the University of Hawaii William S. Richardson School of Law. He was a former Prosecutor and Managing Director at the City and County of Honolulu and a Managing Partner at Carlsmith Ball, LLP.

Mr. Chin has superb knowledge of the law, integrity, and in-depth understanding of government. He possesses tested judgment to assess and weigh conflicting principles and impacts of any particular decision or course of action. He has the intellectual capacity to deal impartially with all matters that come to the AG and is able to make informed decisions that will stand up to close scrutiny. He is a problem solver focused on finding solutions to overcome roadblocks, mitigate risks and advance the State. He has the skills and experience to perform his duties as the state's AG at the highest level.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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ON
GM 513 - CONFIRMATION OF DOUGLAS CHIN
ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

February 11, 2015

The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran
Chair
The Honorable Maile S.L. Shimabukuro
Vice Chair
and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and Members of the Committees:

The Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, County of Maui, **strongly supports** the confirmation of **DOUGLAS CHIN** as the Attorney General for the Department of the Attorney General, State of Hawai'i.

In the past, our Department has had the pleasure of working closely with Douglas Chin while he was the First Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for the City and County of Honolulu. During that time, Mr. Chin served on various committees along with representatives from our Department. We found Mr. Chin to be very intelligent, accommodating, even tempered, and extremely helpful.

Indeed, Mr. Chin's extensive administrative experience as both the First Deputy Prosecuting Attorney and the Managing Director for the City and County of Honolulu will undoubtedly assist him in faithfully executing the duties and responsibilities of the State's top law enforcement official. We are extremely pleased with his nomination, and look forward to again working closely with Mr. Chin.

Accordingly, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, County of Maui, requests that this committee **RECOMMEND CONFIRMATION** of Douglas Chin's nomination to the full Senate. Thank you very much for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

Testimony of the
HAWAII STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
relating to the nomination of

DOUGLAS CHIN
Attorney General, Department of the Attorney General

To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
The Honorable Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair

From: Gregory K. Markham
President, Hawaii State Bar Association

Hearing: Friday, February 13, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.
Conference Room 016

Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Shimabukuro and members of the Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee, thank you for the opportunity to offer comments on behalf of the HSBA Board of Directors.

The HSBA Board of Directors evaluates the qualifications of persons appointed for judicial office, the position of Hawaii U.S. attorney and the position of Hawaii State Attorney General. We follow a multi-step process to inform the confirming authority of its findings.

- Notification to the nominee of the HSBA appointment review process, which includes a questionnaire requesting educational credentials, legal and other professional work experiences, personal references, a form authorizing disclosure from the Office of Disciplinary Counsel of any disciplinary action; and an interview with the HSBA Board of Directors.
- Notification via electronic transmission to the HSBA membership of the appointment and a request for comments on the nominee.
- Appointment of a three-person review subcommittee of HSBA Board members by the President, which serves as a neutral fact-finding body to review documentation submitted by the nominee, contact references submitted by the nominee, review comments received from the HSBA membership, and conduct follow-up member contact for clarification, if necessary, for presentation to the HSBA Board.
- Submittal of a report by the three-person review subcommittee to the President, and subsequently to the entire Board.
- Meeting of the President and the nominee prior to the scheduled interview of the nominee by the Board.

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- Interview of the nominee by the HSBA Board.
- Deliberation of the HSBA Board.
- Submittal of the HSBA Board's recommendation to the confirming authority.

The HSBA President met with Mr. Chin on February 10th to discuss the subcommittee's findings. On February 11th, Mr. Chin was interviewed by the HSBA Board of Directors in executive session.

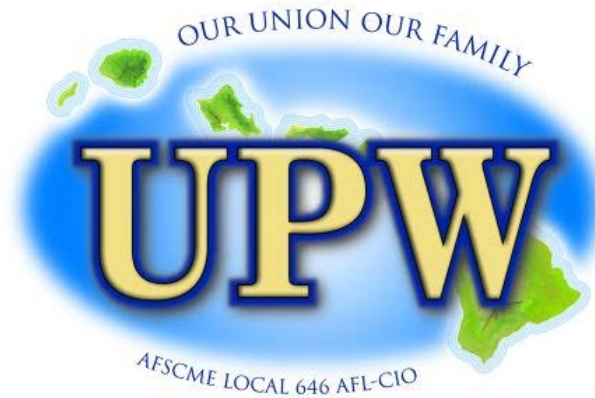
Documentation submitted by Mr. Chin was reviewed and all of the references listed were contacted for their personal opinions and observations. The comments and letters received from HSBA members reflected a strong endorsement of Mr. Chin in all categories of the HSBA criteria which include:

- Integrity
- Diligence
- Legal knowledge and ability
- Professional experience
- Temperament
- Financial responsibility
- Public service
- Health
- Ability to fulfill the responsibilities and duties of the position

After the interview of the nominee, which included dialog and questioning relating to his background, experiences, and reasons for pursuing the position of Attorney General of the State of Hawaii, the HSBA Board found Mr. Chin to be **QUALIFIED**.

Mr. Chin's prior experience as a First Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for the City & County of Honolulu, Managing Director for the City & County of Honolulu, and managing one of the largest law firms in the State corroborate the HSBA Board's decision in finding him **QUALIFIED**.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer comments for consideration during the deliberations and decision making of this Committee.



THE HAWAII STATE SENATE
The Twenty-Eighth Legislature
Regular Session of 2015

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

The Honorable Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
The Honorable Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair

DATE OF HEARING: Thursday, February 13, 2015
TIME OF HEARING: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE OF HEARING: Conference Room 016
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GM 513 RELATING TO THE CONSIDERATION AND
CONFIRMATION OF DOUGLAS CHIN AS ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
ATTORNEY GENERAL, STATE OF HAWAII**

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 bargaining representative for approximately 12,000 public employees, which include blue collar, non-supervisory employees in Bargaining Unit 01 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 is honored to support the nomination by Governor David Ige, of Mr. Douglas Chin, as Attorney General of the Department of Attorney General, State of Hawaii. I have had an excellent working relations with Mr. Chin concerning city operations during his tenure at the city. He was the managing director of the City and County of Honolulu under former Mayor Carlisle for four years. He managed one of the largest cities in the United States in terms of territory and a diverse population. He understands Hawaii and its people. This is a critical aspect that an Attorney General must have in any of his legal deliberations concerning Hawaii.

Mr. Chin brings a wealth of legal experience from the courtroom to the State Department of Attorney General as a former prosecuting attorney for twelve years for the City and County of Honolulu. He is also an attorney in the private sector with the Law Offices of Carlsmith Ball. Mr. Chin is a man of integrity whose character is beyond reproach. He possesses the legal demeanor befitting of the State's Top legal advisor. He will be able to defend the State of Hawaii and facilitate agreements in the best interest of the State.

We humbly ask that the Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee members consent to Mr. Douglas Chin's nomination as Attorney General.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Mr. Douglas Chin.



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DATE: February 13, 2015

TO: The Honorable Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Chair
The Honorable Maile Shimabukuro, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

FROM: Adriana Ramelli, Executive Director
The Sex Abuse Treatment Center

RE: Governor's Message 513 – Douglas Chin
Testimony in Strong Support of Confirmation

I would like to thank the Committee for this opportunity to provide testimony on behalf of The Sex Abuse Treatment Center (the SATC), a program of Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children, in strong support of the confirmation of Douglas Chin as Attorney General.

The SATC has worked closely with Mr. Chin for many years, both during his tenure as a deputy prosecuting attorney for the City and County of Honolulu, and more recently in his role as a partner with the local law firm of Carlsmith Ball LLP. The integrity, intellect, and sensitivity to sexual assault survivors exhibited by Mr. Chin as a prosecutor led the SATC to seek out his guidance as pro bono legal counsel upon his return to private practice.

As a member of the SATC's legal counsel, Mr. Chin continued to demonstrate a deep understanding of the needs of trauma survivors and has served as a strong advocate for the protection of their rights. His compassion, exceptional judgment, and sense of fairness have assisted the SATC to provide support of the highest quality to our clients. Moreover, Mr. Chin has given his time selflessly to provide training and consultation to the SATC's physician examiners.

Mr. Chin is thoughtful, deliberate, and strategic, and, because of his integrity and character, he is held in high esteem by those who have the privilege to know him. His contributions to the SATC have been invaluable.

While Mr. Chin's appointment as Attorney General represents a great loss for the SATC, we are certain that he will demonstrate an unparalleled level of excellence while serving the State of Hawai'i in this very important role.



**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Friday, February 13, 2015 at 9:00 A.M.
Conference Room 016, State Capitol**

RE: GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 513

Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and Members of the Committee:

The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii ("The Chamber") **supports** GM 513, which is submitted for consideration and confirmation to the Attorney General of the Department of the Attorney General, Gubernatorial Nominee, DOUGLAS CHIN, for a term to expire 12-3-2018.

The Chamber is the largest business organization in Hawaii, representing over 1,000 businesses. Approximately 80% of our members are small businesses with less than 20 employees. As the "Voice of Business" in Hawaii, the organization works on behalf of members and the entire business community to improve the state's economic climate and to foster positive action on issues of common concern.

Mr. Chin boasts an impressive background with his extensive experience at Carlsmith Ball LLP and at the City and County of Honolulu. Mr. Chin's many years as an attorney in the private and public sector is something that would greatly benefit him at the Department of the Attorney General.

In addition to his detailed work experience, Mr. Chin also has many affiliations with organizations such as the Mediation Center of the Pacific, Sex Abuse Treatment Center, American Judicature Society, Chamber of Commerce Hawaii, and Hawaii Prosecuting Attorneys Association.

Mr. Chin's impressive and diverse background makes him an ideal candidate for the position of Attorney General of the Department of the Attorney General.

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



Ko'olau Foundation

P. O. Box 4749
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February 12, 2015

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF G.M. 513 – DOUGLAS CHIN

To: Sen. Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
Sen. Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair
Members, Judiciary & Labor Committee

From: Mahealani Cypher, Secretary/Board Member
Ko'olau Foundation

Subject: Support Confirmation of Douglas Chinn-Attorney General

Aloha, Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Shimabukuro and Members of this Committee:

The Ko'olau Foundation supports the appointment of Doug Chin as Attorney General for the State of Hawai'i.

We have known Mr. Chin since his time as Managing Director for the City & County of Honolulu, and have found him to be straight-forward and pono in his dealings with the public and in his work with the City.

We feel he will provide the Attorney General's office with strong leadership and offer meaningful support and advice to the Governor, state departments, and this Legislature.

We urge your confirmation of his appointment.

Mahalo.

Mahealani Cypher



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The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
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Committee on Judiciary and Labor
State Capitol, Room 221
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Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

EMAIL ADDRESS: JDLtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov

Dear Senator Keith-Agaran and Committee Members:

Re: GM513 - Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas Chin as Attorney General, State of Hawai'i

I am writing in enthusiastic support of the nomination of Douglas Chin as Attorney General, State of Hawai'i. Often, when a nomination is announced for an important position such as this, the reaction in the legal community is mixed- some in support and others with reservations. This was certainly not the case when the announcement of Douglas Chin was made. Almost universally, the response was "What an inspired choice!"

That sentiment is based on good cause. At the Judiciary, I worked with Doug on a number of issues, including the Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative, and always appreciated the good information and advice he provided.

Doug is widely considered to have the legal knowledge, the good instincts, the work ethic, the collaborative approach, integrity and managerial skills that make for an excellent attorney general. He understands government issues and although he has never worked at the department of the attorney general, he will clearly learn fast. I hope that Russell Suzuki may be retained as first deputy attorney general to ensure that Mr. Chin learns from someone who has long been at the department and is very well-respected. Douglas Chin and Russell Suzuki would be an exemplary team to lead the department of the attorney general.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Mr. Chin.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan Pang Gochros".

Susan Pang Gochros
Chief Staff Attorney

TESTIMONY BY WESLEY K. MACHIDA
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE

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STATE OF HAWAII

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR
ON
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 513

February 13, 2015
9:00 A.M.

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, DOUGLAS CHIN

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and Members of the Committee:

We support the confirmation of Douglas Chin to the position of Attorney General of the Department of the Attorney General.

Governor Ige's administration is committed to addressing the many issues facing our state in a direct and forthright manner. We will strive to do the right thing, the right way to achieve our shared goal of a healthy, sustainable economy to support our kupuna, ourselves, and our children.

Douglas Chin is an integral part of a team that is committed to achieving the goals of this administration in an honest, transparent, accountable, and responsive manner. Therefore, we support his confirmation of as Attorney General of the Department of the Attorney General.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

DAVID Y. IGE
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TESTIMONY OF JOBIE M. K. MASAGATANI, CHAIRMAN
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR
IN SUPPORT OF

**GM 513, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE ATTORNEY
GENERAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, GUBERNATORIAL
NOMINEE, DOUGLAS CHIN, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 12-3-2018.**

February 13, 2015

Aloha Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice-Chair Shimabukuro, and Members of the
Committee:

It is an honor to provide this testimony in support of Governor
Ige's nomination of Douglas Chin to lead the Department of the
Attorney General.

Mr. Chin is well-qualified for this position and has the academic
and professional credentials to successfully and effectively carry out
the duties and responsibilities of the Attorney General of the State
of Hawaii. With Mr. Chin's experience and proven track record in
private practice and public service (both as the Managing Director of
the City and County of Honolulu and his tenure in the Department of
the Prosecuting Attorney), we are confident in his leadership and look
forward to working alongside him.

We respectfully ask your committee to advise and consent to this
nomination, and we thank you for your consideration of our testimony.



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TESTIMONY BY CLYDE T. HAYASHI
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COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Friday, February 13, 2015
TIME: 9:00am
PLACE: Conference Room 016
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TESTIMONY ON GM 513.

TO THE HONORABLE GILBERT KEITH-AGARAN, CHAIR, MAILE SHIMABUKURO, VICE CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Clyde T. Hayashi, and I am the Director of Hawaii Laborers-Employers Cooperation and Education Trust (LECET). Hawaii LECET is a labor-management partnership between the Hawaii Laborers Union, Local 368 and its 250+ unionized contractors.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT** for GM 513, which submits for consideration and confirmation to the Attorney General of the Department of the Attorney General, Gubernatorial Nominee, DOUGLAS CHIN, for a term to expire on 12-03-2018.

Mr. Chin has over a decade of experience in litigation as a former deputy prosecuting attorney. As the former Acting Prosecuting Attorney for the City and County of Honolulu, Mr. Chin was the lead attorney in more than 40 jury trials, including several high profile cases. His experience and familiarity with government legal processes and the management of a large legal department will be of great benefit to the Department of the Attorney General.

In addition, Mr. Chin's experience as the managing director for the City and County of Honolulu has afforded him with the experience and ability to work with various public officials on a number of significant public issues, skills that will be useful as the Attorney General for the State of Hawaii. I had an opportunity to work with him and I found him to be thoughtful and very committed to public service. He worked well with many people and organizations.

I strongly believe Mr. Chin will be an excellent Attorney General for the State of Hawaii. His industry experience is invaluable, and his willingness to continue to serve the community is commendable. For these reason, I humbly ask for your **SUPPORT** of Mr. Douglas Chin as Attorney General for the State of Hawaii.

From: [James Burns](#)
To: [JDL Testimony](#)
Subject: Douglas Chin, nominee Attorney General
Date: Tuesday, February 10, 2015 5:23:28 PM

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair,
and Committee Members
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
State Capitol, Room 221
415 South Beretania Street
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I strongly support Governor Ige's nomination of Douglas Chin as Hawai'i's Attorney General and urge confirmation of the appointment.

My contact with Doug started when he was a student at the William S. Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawai'i. I am familiar with some of his work at the Prosecutor's office, the Mayor's office and with the Calsmith law firm. My closest contact with him has been during our years as Directors of the Hawai'i Chapter of the American Judicature Society and as members of its Standing Committee and Special Committees.

I have many friends whose opinions I value who have interacted with Doug personally and professionally. They all agree with me.

Doug is a very good lawyer, in court and out of court.

Doug is honest, personable, considerate, calm, courteous, non-contentious, intelligent, studious, thoughtful, industrious, well-prepared, focused, articulate, self-confident, not self-centered, and motivated to serve the public,

The Department of the Attorney General administers and renders state legal services, including furnishing written legal opinions to the Governor, Legislature, and such state departments and officers as the Governor may direct; represents the State in all civil actions in which the State is a party; approves as to legality and form all documents relating to the acquisition of any land or interest in lands by the State; and unless otherwise provided by law, prosecutes cases involving violations of state laws and cases involving agreements, uniform laws, or other matters that are enforceable in the courts of the State.

Is Doug is qualified and capable of doing the job as Hawai'i's Attorney General?
Yes.

If faced with a choice of doing what is politically expedient or doing what is right, what would Doug do? He would do what is right.

Thank you.

James S. Burns, Chief Judge (ret.)

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February 9, 2015

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
and Committee Members
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
State Capitol, Room 221
415 South Beretania Street
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RE: Testimony in Support of Douglas S. Chin as Attorney General
GM 513

Dear Senator Keith-Agaran and Committee Members,

I write in strong support of Douglas S. Chin as Attorney General.

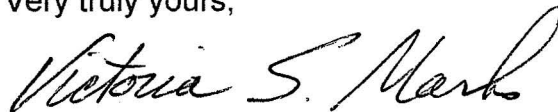
I am a retired Circuit Court Judge. Mr. Chin appeared before me many times when he was a prosecutor. Since retiring from the bench, I've served as a mediator in a couple of civil cases where he represented one of the parties. In addition, I've served on the Board of the American Judicature Society with Mr. Chin. I have always found him to be extremely well prepared, knowledgeable, professional, ethical, thoughtful and courteous. He is a consummate gentleman.

I also reached out to Mr. Chin as a constituent when he was Managing Director of the City and County of Honolulu. Without exception, my interactions with Mr. Chin have been positive.

The State of Hawaii is fortunate to have such a highly qualified and skilled attorney to serve as our Attorney General. The State will also be well served by Mr. Chin's administrative abilities and excellent people skills.

I urge the Committee and the full Senate to confirm him without any hesitation whatsoever.

Very truly yours,

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Judge Victoria S. Marks (Ret.)



9 February 2015

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran
Chair, Committee on Judiciary and Labor
State Capitol, Room 221
415 South Beretania Street
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Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Judiciary and Labor Chair, and Committee members:
representing the City and County of Honolulu.

I strongly support Governor Ige's nomination of Douglas Chin as the Attorney General for the State of Hawaii.

During my tenure as Adjutant General, it was a pleasure to work with City and County of Honolulu Managing Director Douglas Chin. We worked closely to insure our emergency management departments were cohesive and forward thinking to protect all of our citizens. On the occasions where the Mayor was out of town, Douglas Chin exhibited outstanding leadership and calm representing the City and County of Honolulu as we prepared for and responded to local natural disasters

I am grateful that Douglas Chin will continue his public service as Attorney General for the State of Hawaii.

Sincerely,

Robert G.F. Lee
Major General
US Army (Retired)
(Hawaii Adjutant General 2003-2011)

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Re: GM513 - Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee
Douglas Chin as Attorney General, State of Hawaii

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran and Members:

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter in **strong support** of Douglas Chin's nomination for the position of Attorney General, State of Hawaii.

I have known Mr. Chin for more than twelve years. I also note that after having served as Attorney General for eight years, I believe I am in a good position to comment on the qualities that the Attorney General ought to possess.

The most important qualities for an Attorney General are, I believe, honesty, integrity, and strength of character. Mr. Chin is extraordinarily honest and has unquestionable integrity. He also has an excellent temperament, perfectly suited to lead a department of 700, including more than 150 attorneys. I believe Mr. Chin has all the qualities we would want in an Attorney General, and none that we would not.

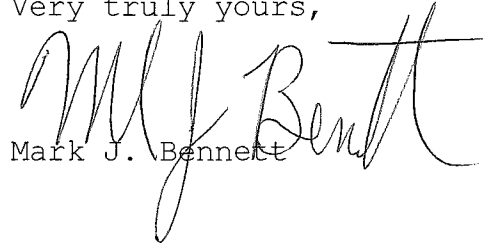
Moreover, Mr. Chin is a superb lawyer--dedicated and hard working. He will have the capacity not only to manage a large office and quickly understand the most complex legal issues--he will have the ability to appear in court and excellently represent the State of Hawaii.

And, since the Attorney General is Hawaii's Chief Law Enforcement Officer, Mr. Chin's prosecutorial background will serve him in particularly good stead. He will have no "learning curve" in that area.

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
and Committee Members
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February 9, 2015
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I was very glad Mr. Chin was nominated; I am confident he will do an excellent job if confirmed; and I respectfully urge the Committee to recommend his confirmation to the Senate.

Very truly yours,

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Mark J. Bennett

February 10, 2015

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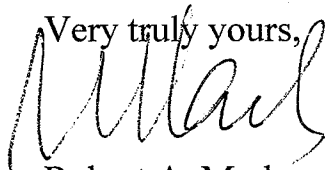
Re: GM 513
Confirmation of Douglas Chin as Hawai'i Attorney General

Dear Senator Keith-Agaran and members:

I write in **support** of the nomination of Douglas Chin to serve as Hawai'i's next Attorney General.

As a former Hawai'i Attorney General (1992 – 1994), I have a clear sense of what the job requires. Doug's diverse experience in government law, government management, and private sector law practice make him exceptionally well suited to the job.

While Doug and I have crossed paths over the years, I know him primarily by his excellent reputation in the legal community. I have no doubt that he will be an honorable and effective Attorney General. I also have no doubt that Doug will properly deal with the conflict of interest issues that will arise when he leaves private law practice. This issue comes up every time a new AG from the private sector is appointed, and is routinely and ethically addressed by recusal.

Very truly yours,

Robert A. Marks

Honolulu, HI 96816
February 10, 2015

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
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RE: GM513 - Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas Chin as Attorney General, State of Hawaii; Testimony in STRONG SUPPORT

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran and Committee Members:

This testimony is sent in STRONG SUPPORT of the nomination of Douglas Chin to be Attorney General, State of Hawaii.

I am the recent past Attorney General for the State. I was appointed by Governor Neil Abercrombie and served in this capacity from January 2011 to December 2014. I have been a practicing lawyer in Hawaii for more than 35 years, beginning in 1978. I served as President (2001), Vice President (2000) and Director (1995-1999) of the Hawaii State Bar Association. I served as a Director (1998-2006) and Chair (1999-2005) of the Aloha Tower Development Corporation, State of Hawaii. I served as the Vice-Chair (1997-2010) of the Hawaii Supreme Court Special Committee on Judicial Performance, which dealt with judicial evaluations. I served as a Lawyer Representative (2005-2008) for the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. I am currently on the Board of the American Judicature Society, Hawaii Chapter (2013-present), and was a member and served on various committees for many years.

I have gotten to know Douglas Chin over the past eight years. I first met him when Mr. Chin and I both served on various committees for the American Judicature Society regarding issues relating to legal procedures and the rules of conduct for lawyers. When I was Attorney General, Mr. Chin served as the Managing Director for the City and County of Honolulu from 2010 to 2013, and we had occasion to meet one another and discuss various issues regarding the State and the City. Over the last several years, Mr. Chin and I have both been frequent attendees of dinners and functions in the Chinese community in Honolulu, and I have shared numerous meals with him at such functions. I have thus had the pleasure and opportunity to talk with Mr. Chin on many occasions about various issues, and to observe his work and his analytical thinking.

I believe that Mr. Chin is highly qualified to serve as Attorney General. He is very intelligent, and has a strong grasp of many issues of public policy and the law. He has great

analytical skills and the ability to communicate well. He has a broad range of legal experience, both criminal and civil. He has management experience and is able to be decisive. He is personable and gregarious and able to provide leadership to a large group of people. He is compassionate to the human consequences of public policy decisions, but also dispassionate in his ability to make decisions based on sound reasoning. Mr. Chin is a hard worker. In short, Mr. Chin has the intelligence, personal qualities and broad experience which will allow him to ably serve the Department of the Attorney General, the State, and the people of Hawaii.

I strongly recommend that the Senate confirm Mr. Chin for Attorney General.

Sincerely,

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David M. Louie

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Re: GM513 - Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee
Douglas Chin as Attorney General, State of Hawaii

Dear Senator Keith-Agaran:

I write in complete support for confirmation of Douglas Chin as Attorney General of the State of Hawaii. During my tenure as Honolulu's 3rd elected Prosecuting Attorney Doug Chin served as the city's First Deputy Prosecuting Attorney. During my tenure as Honolulu's 13th Mayor Doug Chin served as the city's Managing Director.

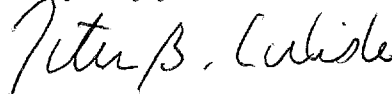
When Doug told me he was going to be nominated Attorney General of the State of Hawaii he asked me what I thought. The first two sentences out of my mouth were:

1. The Attorney General's Office is lucky if they get you.
2. You are lucky if you get to be Hawaii's Attorney General.

Doug Chin is highly intelligent, patient, honest and an exceptionally hard worker.

Doug is not a partisan, a power and control type nor a micromanager. In my opinion he should be confirmed in a heartbeat.

Very truly yours,



Peter B. Carlisle



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February 12, 2015

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair
COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

Hearing Friday, February 13, 2015
9 am conference room 016
Re: GM 513 Confirmation of Douglas Chin, Attorney General

To senators Keith-Agaran and Shimabukuro and Committee members:

I would like to express my strong support for the confirmation of Douglas Chin as Attorney General.

I know him to be a very fair, conscientious, reliable, and ethical professional and know he would make an excellent Attorney General.

Many years ago, I worked with him and several other stakeholders on a legislature-designated Task Force regarding mental health. At the time he was in the Prosecuting Attorney's office. On one particularly contentious issue, he and the Public Defender were of opposing viewpoints (naturally). Contrary to my stereotypes, I found Mr. Chin to be the more reasonable and consensus-building of the two. I was impressed that his interest was above the "argument" and looked at the bigger picture to figure out how we could obtain an outcome that would be best for everyone.

I have interacted with him over the years and have never found him to be anything but open-minded, objective, and skilled.

I encourage you to support his confirmation.

Sincerely yours,

Marya Grambs
Executive Director

**Testimony before the
Committee on Judiciary and Labor**

**GM513 - Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas Chin
as Attorney General, State of Hawaii**

**By Phillip A. Li
Partner in LI & TSUKAZAKI Attorneys at Law, LLC**

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
and Committee Members
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
State Capitol, Room 221
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**RE: GM513 - Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas Chin
as Attorney General, State of Hawaii**

Chair Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Phillip A. Li and I write to testify in support of the nomination of Douglas Chin for the position of Attorney General of the State of Hawaii. I am a partner at the Honolulu law firm of LI & TSUKAZAKI Attorneys at Law, LLC. I am a 1982 graduate of the Georgetown University Law Center, and was admitted to the Ohio Bar Ohio in 1982 and the Hawaii Bar in 1986. I have practiced, and continue to practice law in Hawaii since 1986. I have come to know Mr. Chin ("Doug") over the years, since he was admitted to the Hawaii Bar and also from his volunteer work with the American Youth Soccer Organization ("AYSO") in Hawaii.

Doug has certainly demonstrated exceptional skills in both his substantive knowledge of the law, and in those management skills that are necessary to supervise the Office of Attorney General and its numerous employees. More importantly, I believe that he brings with him to the role of Attorney General exceptional integrity, honesty, a dedication to public service, a concern for the well-being of the people of Hawaii, and will carefully avoid putting any potential self-interest above the interests of the people.

Obviously Mr. Chinn's academic background speaks for itself. He graduated from Stanford University with a BA and received his JD from The William S. Richardson School of Law in 1995. Both in college and in law school he distinguished himself, as demonstrated by the honors and awards that he has received.

He has also had a successful career as an attorney while working as a prosecutor for the City and County of Honolulu, and as an attorney and managing partner for Carlsmith Ball, one of Hawaii's largest and leading law firms. He has an impressive record in his handling of cases of significance. The experience he gained as Managing Director for the City and County of Honolulu certainly establishes his ability to lead and manage the "largest law firm" in the State of Hawaii. Moreover, his exposure to significant public issues has given him the requisite knowledge and background to competently tackle the most politically important and sensitive issues that he may face as Attorney General.

I expect that there will be many in the legal profession who will corroborate and further explain why Doug possesses the legal and management skills necessary to be a great Attorney General. While those factors are of course imminently necessary for the position, I think that Doug brings something more that is very special to the position, and that is based upon my years of observing him as a volunteer with AYSO, in particular his years as the AYSO lower age group commissioner for Region 178 from 2006-2010.

Doug took on that volunteer position, which was traditionally a difficult one to fill because of the amount of time required for the commissioner to do a good job. Doug embraced the role and worked extremely hard with the families and other AYSO volunteers to make sure that the program ran smoothly and fairly for all participants. He spent many hours on the soccer fields to ensure that the program ran without incident. At all times he conducted himself professionally and was focused on making the program a fair one. He was very helpful and focused on all of the players in the program. He made sure that everyone had a positive experience, and that the children in the program came away with positive feelings about themselves.

I have observed him addressing many issues and at all times, he has done so pleasantly, fairly, and responsibly. Having observed him in this context, I believe he will approach the job of attorney

general in the same manner, and that he will excel at it. I strongly support his nomination for Attorney General.

February 13, 2015

Senate Judiciary Committee:

Re: Nomination of Doug Chin as Attorney General .

I am writing in strong support of Doug Chin as the next Attorney General of the State of Hawaii. I have known Doug Chin for over 20 years. I first met him when he was an intern for the Attorney General's Office and I was a Deputy Attorney General around 1994. Since then, I have known him and his wife, Kathleen, through our church. I have spent many hours with Doug in many settings and feel I can speak to his integrity, diligence, public service and ability to fulfill the responsibilities and duties of the position.

Doug is a person of highest integrity and will carry out the duties of the office in an ethical manner. He exhibits humility and is able to admit his own failures, even when it might be embarrassing or contrary to his self-interest. He is honest, truthful, and highly reliable.

Doug has exhibited diligence in many ways. He went to law school while working in the full time ministry, which takes an enormous amount of perseverance. He has managed to assist with his kids' activities (for example, soccer) and lead the singing ministry at church while managing the City and County of Honolulu. His ability to juggle many activities and responsibilities is proof of his diligence.

His dedication to public service is obvious: manager of the City and County, prosecutor for many years, very active in church, very active with his kids' extracurricular activities, and many other activities demonstrate Doug's dedication to others. It is hard to imagine anyone demonstrating a dedication to the public more than Doug.

Doug can fulfill the duties of the office very well. He is brilliant, well balanced, ethical, even tempered, attempts to avoid politics and does not let politics influence his actions and decisions. He is extremely articulate and will be a great spokesperson for the office.

Very truly yours,

Alice M. Hall, Esq., CHC

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair and Committee Members
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State Capitol, Room 221
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via facsimile: 586-7348

re: Confirmation Hearing for Douglas Chin
Friday, February 13, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to you in support of the confirmation of Douglas Chin as Attorney General. I got to work for and with Douglas Chin when he became the First Deputy Prosecuting Attorney. I was a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney from 2001 to 2011 and had entered the office a couple of years behind Mr. Chin. As a younger Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, I knew his reputation of being one of the most charismatic and successful young prosecutors. By the time I reached the Career Criminal Unit, Mr. Chin was just leaving the Career Criminal Unit and the prosecutor's office to pursue his civil career. A few years later he returned as the First Deputy and, for a short while, was the head of the Career Criminal Unit and my direct supervisor. I also had the privilege of being his second chair in a murder trial.

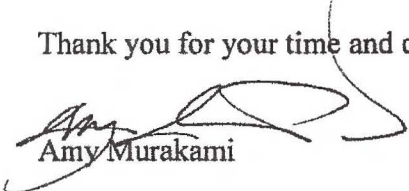
I got to observe first hand as Mr. Chin learned to be both a supervisor and a First Deputy. I was impressed at how quickly he learned and how willing he was to ask people for their input. He did not just ask you for your thoughts to make you feel a part of the process; he actually took your comments into consideration. By nature, Mr. Chin is a facilitator but he also knew when he had to be firm.

As his second chair in a trial, I can attest not only to his legal acumen but his ability to multitask, a skill that is necessary as a department head. Even while in trial, Mr. Chin continued to execute his duties as First Deputy. He was able to do both with seeming ease. Mr. Chin is an exceptional person.

The State of Hawaii is fortunate to have people like Mr. Chin who believe in public service and would be willing to leave a position in the private sector to serve the people of Hawaii.

Please confirm Douglas Chin as Attorney General.

Thank you for your time and consideration.


Amy Murakami

From: alan.fujii
To: JDI Testimony
Subject: Testimony for supporting Doug Chin
Date: Monday, February 09, 2015 12:14:53 PM

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith Agaran, Chair and Committee Members on Judiciary and Labor
State Capitol, Room 221
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I strongly support the appointment of Doug Chin for the position of Attorney General of the State of Hawaii.

Mr. Chin would be a tremendous asset to the State of Hawaii. He is a person who has the experience and the ability to work with others and to bring out the best in people to get things done correctly in the right way. We need a person like Doug who has great integrity in who he is and well as what he does. He is responsible, dependable and a person of great character.

Thank you so much for listening to my testimony,
Alan Fujii

From: [Amy L. Woodward](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: re: testimony for Doug Chin, appointment for State Attorney General
Date: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 2:21:31 PM

To Whom it May Concern:

This testimony is submitted on behalf of Doug Chin, Governor Ige's appointment for State Attorney General.

I have had the privilege of working with Doug Chin both as a Summer Associate and as an Associate attorney at Carlsmith Ball LLP. I am extremely sad to think that we will likely be losing him as our managing partner.

Doug is an excellent boss. He is encouraging and positive and he treats those around him (even those at the bottom of the totem pole like me) with the utmost respect. He is a great mentor and teacher and he is incredibly easy to get along with (while being an extremely genuine person at the same time). Doug is also very approachable and engaging, and never makes a young attorney (like myself) feel like she is asking a stupid question (even though she might be).

Doug is an incredible boss, and will be one wherever he goes; and the State would be extremely lucky to have him.

Amy L. Woodward
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RE: Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas Chin as Attorney General

Dear Senator Keith-Agaran and Committee Members:

I strongly support Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas Chin as Attorney General.

I first met Douglas Chin on February 16, 2012, when I was installed as the first Honorary Consul for the Czech Republic in the State of Hawaii. Mr. Chin represented the City and County of Honolulu through his capacity as Managing Director. Representing the Czech Republic at the Opening Ceremony inaugural luncheon were Ambassador Petr Gandalovic from Washington D. C. and Consul General Michael Sedlacek from Los Angeles.

Ambassador Gandalovic and Consul General Sedlacek were very impressed with Mr. Chin's demeanor as Honolulu's Managing Director. Although the Attorney General represents the State of Hawaii as its chief legal officer, it is very important that the Attorney General is knowledgeable of national and international matters. Mr. Chin's ability to interact with individuals is outstanding.

The State of Hawaii needs an individual with integrity and high moral character as its Attorney General. Mr. Douglas Chin meets this criteria and should be confirmed as Hawaii's next Attorney General.

With sincere regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ann Suzuki Ching".

Ann Suzuki Ching

Arkie Koehl

Honolulu, HI 96822

To Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chairman, Senate Committee on
Judiciary & Labor; Vice Chair Maile S.L. Shimabukuro; and members of the
Committee

This is to wholeheartedly endorse Douglas Chin as Attorney General.

I have had the honor of working with Mr. Chin over several years in my
capacity as a volunteer for Mothers Against Drunk Driving, and as a fellow
member of the Judicature Society. He combines a formidable mind, a rare
ability to understand the “other side’s” point of view, and a firmness of
resolution when circumstances require.

I urge the Committee to confirm Doug Chin as per GM 513.

Please don’t hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have for me.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Archie Koehl". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'A'.

Arthur T. Owada

Honolulu, HI 96813

February 12, 2015

The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
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Email: JDLtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov

RE: GM513 – Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas Chin as Attorney General, State of Hawaii

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran and Committee Members:

My name is Art Owada and I wholeheartedly support the nomination of Douglas Chin as Attorney General for the State of Hawaii.

I first met Mr. Chin over 25 years ago when he was attending Stanford University while I was living in Palo Alto, CA. I saw an intelligent, gifted young man who was kind, articulate, and full of ambition, dedication and passion for what he did. In October of 1990, our paths met again when I moved to Honolulu, HI. We even shared a house and a condo for a short time before I married my wonderful wife in November of 1991. We have remained good friends and I can attest that he is still as friendly, loyal and hard working as the man I first met in the 1980's. Mr. Chin is a dedicated and loving husband and father. He is a leader and serves in his church and within the community. It is with great honor that I endorse Mr. Chin in this nomination.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Best regards,

Arthur T. Owada

Audrey Hidano

Honolulu, Hawaii 96817

February 11, 2015

Testimony to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Friday, February 13, 2015

9:00 am

State Capitol – Conference Room 016

Re: GM 513 Gubernatorial Nominee, DOUGLAS CHIN for consideration and confirmation to the Attorney General of the Department of the Attorney General

Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Shimabukuro and members of the Committee:

My name is Audrey Hidano and I am in STRONG SUPPORT of Douglas Chin whose name is being submitted for consideration and confirmation to be the Attorney General of the Department of the Attorney General. I've known Mr. Chin only since he was the City and County's Managing Director from 2010-2013. It was during his visits to the various neighborhood board meetings that I found him to be helpful in developing policy decisions. Mr. Chin would also follow up on inquiries the board had about City issues and/or situations.

Our paths crossed again in 2013 when Mr. Chin became part of the Board of Managers for the YMCA of Honolulu, Nuuanu Branch. It was during our monthly board meetings and during our board retreats that I saw Mr. Chin to be a problem solver and driven to find solutions for the YMCA and the youth of today and tomorrow.

I truly believe Mr. Chin will be an asset to the Department of the Attorney General's office. Thank you for the opportunity to give testimony for this Governor's Message.

From: [B.A. Akana](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: GM513 - Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas Chin as Attorney General, State of Hawaii
Date: Thursday, February 12, 2015 7:07:00 AM

TO: Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair and Committee Members

Aloha mai kakou!

I support the nomination of Douglas Chin for Attorney General.
I have known Doug for the past three years as a fellow member of YMCA committee tasked with planning annual fundraising.
The funds raised are completely for youth programs at the Y.
Doug is committed to serving our community and has attended early morning meetings, call nights, and other related events despite demands of work and family.
I have found Doug to be impeccable in his professional and personal manner and conduct – He is a person of integrity.
In all of my contact with Doug, I would say that he is thoughtful, intelligent and exhibits a quiet confidence.
He is a team player and I reiterate my recommendation for him without any reservations.

Me ka ha'a ha'a,

B.A. Akana

Brian Kealoha
5405 Oio Drive
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and Committee Members
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RE: GM513 - Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas Chin as Attorney General, State of Hawaii

Chair Keith-Agaran and Committee Members:

I fully support the nomination of Mr. Douglas Chin as Attorney General, State of Hawaii. I have had the pleasure of working with Mr. Chin during his time as Managing Director for the City and County of Honolulu. I currently serve with Mr. Chin on the Board of Managers at YMCA of Honolulu, Nu'uano Branch. He is honest, adept at problem solving, and possesses the energy and the vision needed to be Attorney General.

Respectfully,

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Brian Kealoha

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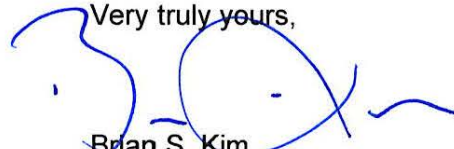
Re: Letter in Support for Douglas Chin-Appointment for Attorney General

To Whom It May Concern:

As a former Honolulu deputy prosecutor, I was privileged for the opportunity to work under Douglas Chin. While Douglas Chin is known for his incredibly talented administrative and leadership skills, he is equally defined by his hard work ethic, character, and integrity.

I truly admire Douglas Chin not only for his professional accomplishments, but also for the passion in which he serves others. Through Douglas Chin's generosity, kindness, and guidance, I, along with so many others, have grown both professionally and personally. Please consider this letter as my utmost support for Douglas Chin as our next Attorney General. I know that he will continue to make a positive impact on our community.

Very truly yours,



Brian S. Kim
Attorney at law

Testimony

Hearing: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Attorney General of the Department of the Attorney General, Gubernatorial Nominee, DOUGLAS CHIN, for a term to expire 12-3-2018.

Committee: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Date: Friday, February 13, 2015

Time: 9:00 am

Place: Conference Room 016

Testifier: Bridget Palmer Holthus

Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and Members of the Committee:

I strongly support the nomination of Douglas Chin as Attorney General.

As a former Special Assistant to the Attorney General and former Deputy Attorney General, I am very familiar with the department that Mr. Chin has been asked to lead. I have also had the privilege of working closely with Mr. Chin in a variety of roles over the past fifteen years: we served together as deputy prosecutors; we collaborated on public safety and victim service initiatives during his tenure as First Deputy Prosecuting Attorney; and when he took office as Managing Director of the City and County of Honolulu, I served under him as the Deputy Director of Community Services.

During this time, I have had an opportunity not only to form my own opinion of Mr. Chin, but also to hear the frank comments of many others. In the course of my work, many of Hawaii's most respected attorneys and community leaders – even those who disagreed with Mr. Chin's position on legal and policy matters – praised his ability and diligence as a lawyer, his integrity and fairness, and his civility.

In my experience, Mr. Chin is decisive and determined, but he listens carefully to the views of others. He is an accomplished litigator, yet he also has an exceptional ability to bring about collaboration among individuals and groups with divergent interests. He sees the practical implications of complex legal issues, and he is a very effective communicator. As an administrator, he is innovative and resourceful in finding ways to maximize limited resources. With his straightforward leadership and sound judgment, he fosters excellence among his colleagues and earns their respect and goodwill.

In addition to his professional responsibilities, Mr. Chin has demonstrated an enduring commitment to the well-being of the community – particularly children, women, and veterans – through his volunteer service with community organizations and his leadership on boards and committees dedicated to improving Hawaii's justice system.

Those who have worked closely with Mr. Chin have witnessed his inexhaustible work ethic, his grace and composure in stressful circumstances, and his good humor and down-to-earth approachability – and have seen that his primary concern is to do the right thing and get the right result for the people he serves, no matter who gets the credit.

Mr. Chin has proven himself to be a strong leader, a skilled attorney, an excellent administrator, and a dedicated public servant. He is well-suited to serve the best interests of the people of Hawaii as Attorney General, and I respectfully urge the Committee to recommend confirmation.



February 9, 2015

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair and Committee Members
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
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**RE: GM513 - Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas Chin as Attorney General,
State of Hawaii**

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran:

I support the nomination of Douglas Chin to the office of Attorney General for the State of Hawaii. I have known Doug for nearly 30 years, since our time as students at Stanford University. During the mid-90's Doug and I served in the full-time ministry with the Oahu Church of Christ. As the leaders of the church, my wife and I greatly enjoyed working closely with Doug and his wife, Kathleen, during the early years of the congregation. As a person, Doug is keenly smart, witty, hard-working and a quick study. As a leader, he is loved and respected by those he serves. He has the unique ability of commanding respect while maintaining a sense of humility. I have seen him stand for the truth when it was not popular, listen to people who were not patient, and mend relationships that were not willing. As a friend, he is faithful, loyal and encouraging. He loves to laugh, is a gifted singer, and a great public speaker. He is a loving father and a caring husband. Doug brings a level of excellence to whatever he does. He is deeply conscientious and expects a level of sacrifice from himself before looking for it in anyone else. In my opinion, the State of Hawaii will be well-served with Doug Chin as Attorney General.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brock Roby", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Brock Roby, PE
BKF ENGINEERS

February 11, 2015

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
and Committee Members Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Subject: GM513 - Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas Chin as Attorney General, State of Hawaii

Date, Time: Friday, February 13, 2015, 9:00 a.m.
Place: State Capitol, Conference Room 016

I am Burt Lum, Executive Director of Hawaii Open Data, a non-profit dedicated to advancing open data principles in Hawaii and creating collaborative environments that foster civic innovation. Formed in 2012, we focus on improving data accessibility and integrity in support of public/private collaboration, government transparency and civic engagement.

I strongly support Douglas Chin's nomination to the position of Attorney General, State of Hawaii.

I had the opportunity to work with Doug while he was the Managing Director for the City & County of Honolulu and found him not only knowledgeable about the operations at the City but someone very approachable.

After he left the City & County in 2013, I continued to discuss issues on open data and transparency in City government. We was a strong supporter of open government and building a collaborative environment between government and citizens. I believe he will continue this philosophy into his new role as Attorney General.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this nomination.

Burt Lum

From: [Cal Chipchase](#)
To: [JDL Testimony](#)
Subject: GM513 - Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas Chin as Attorney General, State of Hawaii
Date: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 10:51:21 PM

Dear Chair and Members:

I support the nomination of Doug Chin as Attorney General of the State of Hawaii. In my service with Doug as co-members of the board of the American Judicature Society and in my observations of Doug as a fellow attorney in Hawaii, I have witnessed Doug's unexcelled professional integrity and collegiality. I'm confident that Doug will be faithful and zealous in his representation of the state.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Cal Chipchase

Carol H. McNamee
Honolulu, Hawaii 96821

To: Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair –Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor; Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair; and members of the committee

From: Carol McNamee

RE: GM 513 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Attorney General of the Department of the Attorney General, Gubernatorial Nominee, DOUGLAS CHIN

I am Carol McNamee submitting testimony in support of the candidate for Attorney General, Douglas Chin.

I have known Mr. Chin for at least eight years in three different capacities: As a deputy prosecuting attorney for the City and County of Honolulu; as a member of the Board of Directors of the American Judicature Society where we both sat on the “Criminal Justice” committee; and as a member of the same university alumni club.

I have found Doug Chin to be intelligent, confident, knowledgeable about the subject he is discussing, respectful to others, kind, caring, and always very calm and even-tempered. He has been in positions of leadership and management in the Prosecutor’s office and in the City and County of Honolulu which will give him an advantage in administering the large Department of the Attorney General. I believe he will gain the respect of the members of the law enforcement coalition – and probably already has that respect from his long tenure as a deputy prosecutor.

As the founder and continuing board member of the Hawaii Chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving, I am personally interested in a candidate who can work with the members of the law enforcement coalition so that the coalition will be effective. I am also interested in a candidate who has the compassion to understand the needs and rights of victims of violent crime. In my opinion, Doug Chin has these characteristics. I believe he will be an effective leader and a strong team builder in the position of Attorney General for the State of Hawaii.

I wholeheartedly support Douglas Chin for confirmation for the position of Attorney General of the Department of the Attorney General.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

February 11, 2015

VIA EMAIL: *JDLtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov*

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Re: GM513 – Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas Chin as Attorney General, State of Hawaii

To the Honorable Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor, and to all Committee Members:

I write in **support** of Governor Ige's nominee, Douglas Chin as our next State of Hawaii Attorney General.

I have known Doug over a decade. We served the people of the State of Hawaii, County of Honolulu together as Deputy Prosecuting Attorneys. Doug has all the qualities that our state needs in an Attorney General to represent the State's many collective interests. Doug possesses the legal intellect, mental spirit and temperament necessary to lead the Department of the Attorney General. Governor Ige chose the right person in Doug Chin who possesses incredible talent, honesty, integrity and credibility. Please confirm his nomination.

Please accept this testimony on behalf of Attorney General Nominee, Douglas Chin.

Kind regards,


Carolyn Yu

CARRIE K. S. OKINAGA, ESQ.

February 11, 2015

VIA E-MAIL

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Re: GM513 – Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas Chin as
Attorney General, State of Hawaii

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran and Committee Members,

Please accept this letter in strong support of Douglas Chin's appointment as the Attorney General for the State of Hawaii. I respectfully submit that the people of Hawaii would be extremely well-served by his appointment to this position. Mr. Chin is a talented lawyer and communicator, a brilliant manager, and a genuinely good human who has demonstrated over the course of his distinguished career his commitment to serving the public.

As the former Corporation Counsel for the City & County of Honolulu, and then as the Chair of the Board of Directors for the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation ("HART") for two years, I had the privilege and honor of working closely with Mr. Chin, who was serving as the City's Managing Director under Mayor Peter Carlisle. In truth, I am not sure what I expected of him, coming to the No. 2 job in the City after serving as a City Deputy Prosecutor, but within a very short period of time, I can honestly say he exceeded even the highest of my expectations. From Day 1, Mr. Chin impressed me with his intellect and ability to learn quickly on the job, not just about the breadth of the work of the City, but about its employees, its people, and how to get things done. The job of Managing Director is 24-7, and there are no easy solutions at that level, but Mr. Chin eagerly and decisively attacked even the most difficult of situations. His energy and enthusiasm for the work and the people were infectious, and he carried these special gifts forward when he left the City to work for the Carlsmith Ball law firm, which in no time flat made Mr. Chin managing partner. I am certain Mr. Chin's phenomenal managerial and communication skills will be of great benefit to the Department of the Attorney General, the largest law office in the State.

Chair Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran
and Committee Members
February 10, 2015
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Mr. Chin's character and integrity are beyond reproach. Perhaps the best example I can provide of the strength of his character and the depth of his humility, is the fact that, together with Mayor Carlisle, he succeeded in pulling together what at that time was the unthinkable: a cohesive, experienced Cabinet that was largely constituted of appointees from a prior administration. He listened patiently, and was always positive and professional in his interactions. And he earned the abiding respect of Cabinet members and many others along the way.

And finally, if you know Mr. Chin at all, you know that he is a good and decent man, who has spent most of his professional career serving the public, in the Prosecutor's office and the Managing Director's office; if anything, the role of Attorney General is an opportunity for Mr. Chin to return "home" to public service. His appointment to Attorney General is just a continuation of his life commitment to serving others, and I am very grateful that he is willing to serve our community in this capacity.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this letter of support for the appointment of Douglas Chin as the Attorney General of the State of Hawaii. If you have any questions regarding the above, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,


Carrie K. S. Okinaga

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State Capitol, Room 221
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: GM513 - Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas Chin as Attorney General, State of Hawaii

Dear Senator Keith-Agaran :

I write this letter to support the nomination of Douglas Chin as Attorney General. I began working with Mr. Chin when I was a newly hired associate attorney at Carlsmith Ball LLP in September 2013, and worked on many assignments under his direct supervision. I have always particularly enjoyed working with Mr. Chin because of his pleasant, upbeat, courteous, and respectful manners. His positive attitude was solution oriented, inspired, and created an environment for success. Mr. Chin was extremely knowledgeable about a variety of legal issues, honest, hardworking, diligent, and thorough, and he expected and inspired the same from me as an associate working under his direction. I fully support his nomination.

Sincerely,



Catherine L. M. Hall

CLH

From: [Charlene Murata](#)
To: [JDL Testimony](#)
Subject: GM513 - Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas Chin as Attorney General, State of Hawaii
Date: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 4:24:43 PM

Dear Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair and Committee Members:

I support the nomination of Douglas Chin as Attorney General. I worked at the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney when Mr. Chin was a deputy prosecuting attorney and later when he became First Deputy. When I first met Mr. Chin, I was a law school intern at the Prosecutor's Office. One of my duties as a legal intern was to assist the deputies in legal research and writing memoranda. I wrote a memorandum for Mr. Chin. Mr. Chin was very courteous and professional in his critique, and was knowledgeable in the legal issues I had researched for him. During my legal internship, Mr. Chin was very welcoming and kind.

After law school I joined the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney as a deputy. Although we did not interact much as fellow deputies, he was always very polite and nice. When Mr. Chin returned to the office as First Deputy, after having been gone for several years, it was clear from the beginning that he wanted to perform his job as First Deputy well. Having to manage over 100 deputies and 100+ staff members, Mr. Chin was fair and professional, even at times of disagreement. One trait that Mr. Chin possesses that will serve him well is his desire to know all the facts before making a decision. Also, Mr. Chin has the ability to handle difficult situations with numerous moving parts well. For instance, when I had a disagreement with the department regarding my request to transfer to another division, Mr. Chin took time to investigate the situation and to reconcile my request with the constraints of what was occurring in the department. Although I was ultimately not granted the transfer that I had requested, I appreciated the time and effort he took to try to make it happen. He could have simply stated that there was no available slots in the other divisions and dismissed my request at that, but he didn't.

Mr. Chin's nomination should be confirmed. He has the integrity, diligence and professional experience to perform the duties as Attorney General well, and the public will benefit tremendously from this.

Thank you,
Charlene Murata

SUPPORT: GM513 - Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee **Douglas Chin** as **Attorney General**, State of Hawaii Friday, February 13, 2015 9 am Conference Room 016, State Capitol

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair and Committee Members
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
State Capitol, Room 221
415 South Beretania Street
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Aloha Chair Keith-Agaran and Committee Members:

Mr. Chin is eminently qualified based on his legal/management experiences as a prosecutor for 12 years and as Managing Director for approx. 10,000 city employees under Mayor Carlisle.

Although this new Attorney General position will place him on the opposite side of the table of his current short-term lobbyist jobs, I'm very confident that Mr. Chin will have no difficulty honoring the AG position and its fiduciary duties to the public good and to the rule of law.

There is an added safeguard to this AG position that most other nominated positions do not have i.e. Mr. Chin is a licensed attorney and must adhere to the profession's Code of Ethics or face disbarment or discipline.

Furthermore, having been a regular citizen participant at Honolulu Hale for the past five years. I've observed many politicians and bureaucrats at City Hall. As the Managing Director during the Carlisle Administration, he stood out as a genuine and helpful public servant in a bureaucratic system that unfortunately breeds much contempt and skepticism.

Mr. Chin was the only Managing Director that I observed who made the effort to be approachable and courteous to public participants at city hall during public hearings, regardless of issues. While it may be a small gesture, it reflects basic courtesy, respect, and empathy that all "public servants" in government should display. He also did his homework and did not engage in bureaucratic grandiloquence. When he left, I heard many people said they "missed having Doug Chin around" at City Hall. There could not be a nicer compliment than that.

Mr. Chin undoubtedly has the professional qualifications to be the AG. His record has not caused trepidations amongst Hawaii's citizenry. I trust that he will uphold the rule of law at ALL times. I further trust he will protect ALL citizens' rights, including the voiceless and the accused, to justice, equality, and due process.

Mahalo! 
Mrs. Choon James
Kahuku, Hawaii

February 12, 2015

TO: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Chair Gilbert S.C. Keith Agaran
Vice Chair Maile S. L. Shimabukuro

FROM: Chrystn Eads

RE: GM513 Nomination of Doug Chin as Attorney General

Position: Support

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and members,

I would like to express my unqualified support for the nomination of Doug Chin to be Hawaii's next Attorney General. His impressive resume reflects his legal and managerial skills. He worked in the prosecutor's office where he rose to become the first deputy. He served as the Managing Director of the City and County of Honolulu, the number two position in the local government here on Oahu. In that position he oversaw a budget of more than \$2 billion and more than 9,000 employees and represented the mayor before the Council and in the community. After leaving public service, he returned to private practice where his success resulted in his selection as a managing partner. His skill set includes not only legal knowledge, but also management experience that will serve him, the state, and Hawaii's residents well.

As someone who worked closely with him at the City, I can attest to his diligence in learning about issues and working to find solutions. He always sought information and input from all sides before making a decision. He inspired loyalty and trust in those he worked with because of his willingness to listen, express appreciation, and work together as part of the team he lead. People like working with him and for him. Because of his collaborative leadership style, he is able to get results.

His commitment to public service is evident in his years working with the city, AYSO and the American Judicature Society. His sense of integrity is rooted in his Chinese heritage and his experience as a church leader. While engaged in heated debates in public (and even in private) he always showed courtesy and respect to those with whom he disagreed. He can clearly articulate his position and critique an opposing view while maintaining cordiality and his integrity.

I have no reservations about his ability to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of the job. The people of Hawaii would be lucky to have him serve as Attorney General.

Sincerely,

Chrystn Eads

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February 12, 2015

Via e-mail: JDLTestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair
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RE: Testimony Supporting GM513 – Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee
Douglas Chin as Attorney General, State of Hawai'i

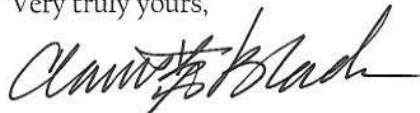
Dear Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice-Chair Shimabukuro, and members of the Committee,

I am an attorney with the law firm of Alston Hunt Floyd & Ing, but write in my personal capacity. Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony. I urge the Committee to recommend that Doug Chin be confirmed as Attorney General for the State of Hawai'i.

I have known Doug for two years, both in a professional and social capacity, and have worked with him on bar-related activities. Doug has served both the public and private sectors with distinction: as managing director for 10,000 City employees, responsible for providing counsel and leadership on management, policy, and operational issues; and as a tenacious yet principled civil litigator.

In all of my interactions with Doug, he has demonstrated uncommon honesty, exemplary civic-mindedness, and a deep commitment to serving Hawai'i and its people. He is grounded, fair, and consistently treats others with respect. With his affable demeanor and sound judgment, Doug will provide principled leadership to an agency tasked with providing counsel to diverse government constituencies. I am confident that he can and will place the best interests of the State ahead of politics and any personal beliefs. If confirmed, Doug will make an excellent Attorney General, and fulfill his responsibilities with integrity and independence.

Very truly yours,



CLAIRE WONG BLACK

From: [Calpito](#)
To: [JDL Testimony](#)
Subject: Support Doug Chin for Attorney General
Date: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 10:23:31 PM

To Whom it May Concern:

I SUPPORT Doug Chin for Attorney General. I have worked with him at the Dept. Of the Prosecuting Attorney and at the Mayor's office when he was Managing Director. Doug is kind, fair, decent and an honorable person and would make a great AG. Hawaii would be blessed to have him serve as AG. I feel honored to have worked for him and to be able to call him a friend. Please support and confirm Doug Chin for Attorney General.

~ Claudine Calpito

2/9/2015

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Mililani, Hawaii 96789

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith- Agaran, Chair
And Committee Members
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RE: GM513 - Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas Chin as Attorney General, State of Hawaii

Dear Senator Keith-Agaran:

I am in full support of Governor David Ige's nomination of Mr. Douglas Chin for the position of Attorney General. I was very fortunate to have served as the City's Director of Design and Construction under Mr. Chin's leadership at the City and County of Honolulu under his capacity as the City's Managing Director. Although Mr. Chin displayed a multitude of outstanding personal characteristics and abilities, I was most impressed with his ability to listen, connect, and communicate with people. As the City's Managing Director, he was responsible for 22 Departments, including the Corporation Counsel, which meant that every minute was precious and had to count. Despite being extremely busy, I have found Mr. Chin to always find a way to accommodate my meetings request and more importantly, he listened, was very logical and provided excellent guidance. In my experience with Mr. Chin, I found that his decisions were balanced and fair but yet displayed an ability to stand firm in situations that required him to stand his grounds.

In closing, I again urge you to favorably consider the nomination of Mr. Douglas Chin for the position of Attorney General. Mr. Chin will bring a good mix of government experience and private experience to the State of Hawaii.



Collins Lam

February 9, 2015

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
& Committee Members
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
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Re: GM513 Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas Chin as Attorney General, State of Hawai'i

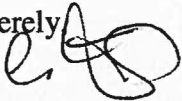
Dear Chair Keith-Agaran and Committee Members:

I support the nomination of Mr. Douglas Chin as Attorney General of the State of Hawai'i. I have been a State Deputy Public Defender for ten years, and have had several occasions to work against Mr. Chin while he was a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney. Despite being adversaries in the courtroom, he was always professional and very fair. I genuinely appreciated dealing with him on cases.

What stood out to me most was that Mr. Chin was respectful toward my clients. He treated them like people, rather than just defendants. I know firsthand that my clients noticed and appreciated this. I believe that this speaks volumes of his character, professionalism and dedication to a fair process. Even though he was a prosecutor, he remembered that, at the end of the day, regardless of what side anyone was on, he was dealing with people and their lives.

I believe that these qualities, along with his demonstrated ability to lead others and foster a good, healthy work environment, make Mr. Chin an excellent choice for State Attorney General. I truly hope that this Committee recommends his confirmation. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Crystal K. Glendon, Esq.

Dale K. Yashiki
Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744

February 12, 2015

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
and Committee Members
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
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**RE: GM513 – Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas Chin as
Attorney General, State of Hawaii**

Dear Mr. Chairman and Committee Members,

I am writing to support Governor David Ige's nomination of Douglas Chin as Attorney General for the State of Hawaii.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Mr. Chin for more than 20 years. I attended the William S. Richardson School of Law (WSRSL) with Mr. Chin, and know him to be a bright, articulate individual of strong moral and ethical character. The WSRSL class of 1995 was not a very big class, and we each had great opportunity to know our fellow classmates during the numerous classes we enrolled in together. One can quickly learn the values of each classmate by not only observing his/her behavior in class, but by interacting with and observing his/her interactions with others. On an academic level, Mr. Chin was always prepared and thoughtful in his responses. On a personal level, Mr. Chin is respectful of others and is open to the discussion of differing ideas. He is non-judgmental of issues and people and is quick to spot the true issues underlying people's positions and actions. I can always depend on him to do the right thing.

I believe that his time with the Prosecuting Attorney's office, as well as his work as the City's Managing Director tested him on many levels, and he proved to be more than worthy of each challenge. He is a good attorney and a good person. I can think of no better individual any of us would want as our State's Attorney General. I respectfully request that you confirm his nomination. Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,



Dale K. Yashiki



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February 11, 2015

The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
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Re: GM513 – Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas Chin
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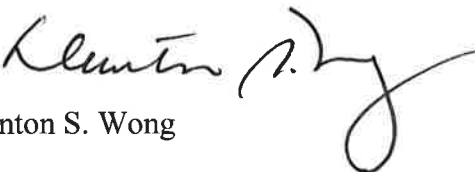
I am testifying in support of Douglas S. Chin's nomination as the Attorney General for the State of Hawaii.

I worked with Doug when he was Managing Director for the City and County of Honolulu. While I have known him for only a few years, Doug's desire to serve the people of Hawaii is evident, and I have no doubt that he will be an exemplary Attorney General.

I ask that you favorably consider his nomination. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Very truly yours,

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Danton S. Wong

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Darrell T. Young

Waipahu, HI 96797

February 13, 2015
9:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Room 016

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Attorney General of the Department of the Attorney General, Gubernatorial Nominee, DOUGLAS CHIN, for a term to expire 12-3-2018

Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Committee Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Shimabukuro and members of the committee, I am writing in **strong support** of Douglas Chin as Attorney General of the Department of the Attorney General.

I have known Mr. Chin for a number of years as a deputy prosecutor, the Managing Director of the City and County of Honolulu and as a private attorney. In all my dealings with him, he has proven to be a very forthright and caring person who truly measures his actions and decisions with the right amount of temperament and grace.

As Managing Director, Mr. Chin found ways to keep the emotions and politics out of issues of importance to the residents of the City and County of Honolulu, and always went out of his way to continually seek to find solutions that were amenable to all parties. Even when Doug made decisions that did not go your way, you knew that he had researched all the facts and that the decision made was purposeful and without any animosity or leverage against you.

He is the ultimate definition of what a "public servant" should be and I can't imagine anyone more deserving or appropriate to become our next Attorney General.

I humbly ask that you confirm his nomination.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

**BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR**
Senator Gilbert S. C. Keith-Agaran, Chair

**CONFIRMATION OF GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE
DOUGLAS CHIN AS ATTORNEY GENERAL, STATE OF HAWAII**

TESTIMONY OF DAVID J. MINKIN

Friday, February 13, 2015, 9:00 a.m.
State Capitol Conference Room 016

Chair Keith-Agaran and Committee Members:

I write this letter in strong support of nominee Douglas Chin for the position of Attorney General of the State of Hawai'i. I have known Mr. Chin since 1996 when he was a deputy prosecuting attorney. Although we had an adversary relationship when we first met in Honolulu District Court, I have followed his career and had matters with him when he was in private practice, as First Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, Managing Director for the City and County of Honolulu and, most recently, as Managing Partner for the Carlsmith Ball law firm. He was always cordial, courteous and respectful in our dealings on numerous cases and matters. More recently, Mr. Chin assisted me in pro-bono training of doctors and staff for the Sex Abuse Treatment Center at Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children.

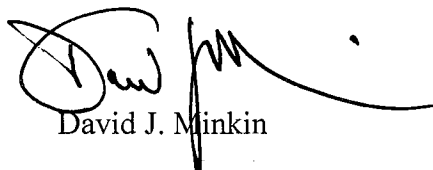
My name is David J. Minkin. I am a litigation partner at McCorriston Miller Mukai MacKinnon LLP. Before joining McCorriston Miller Mukai MacKinnon LLP in 1995, I was a deputy prosecuting attorney for the City and County of Honolulu for 11 years.

Douglas Chin is a dedicated lawyer who has focused significant portions of his career as a public servant. He has always been fair and even-handed in his various roles. He is the utmost professional. His overall demeanor and personality coupled with his keen intellect indicates that he possesses a fair temperament and the intelligence to be an excellent attorney general.

He possesses excellent legal skills with a daily understanding of the role that evidence, court rules and case law play in the legal system, coupled with superior management skills given his past supervising roles in government and private practice. Mr. Chin not only exhibits the highest personal integrity, but he possesses the appropriate moral courage to be an excellent attorney general.

As a former deputy prosecutor, and now in private practice, I have worked with or opposed numerous attorneys, and I can honestly state without any hesitation that Douglas Chin is an excellent candidate for Attorney General for the State of Hawai'i. He will continue to make the State of Hawai'i proud as he continues his public service.

Thank you for this opportunity to recommend Douglas Chin for confirmation as Attorney General for the State of Hawai'i.


David J. Minkin

David Van Acker
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February 12, 2015

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
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Re: Douglas S. Chin's Nomination for Attorney General

Dear Senator Keith-Agaran and Committee Members,

I strongly support Douglas S. Chin's nomination as Attorney General. I am an attorney working and residing in Honolulu. Mr. Chin's reputation in the Hawai'i legal community precedes him. He is exceptionally competent in both civil law and criminal law. Based on his professional experience, Mr. Chin is ready and able to lead Hawai'i's largest law firm.

Mr. Chin has the integrity, intellect, and work ethic to serve as our state's chief legal and law enforcement officer. With Mr. Chin at the helm, the Department of the Attorney General will be in great hands.

Thank you very much for considering my testimony.

Sincerely,
/s/ David Van Acker

From: [David W. K. Wong](#)
To: [JDL Testimony](#)
Subject: GM513 - Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas Chin as Attorney General, State of Hawaii
Date: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 5:24:08 PM

I strongly support the nomination of Mr. Chin.

In my years of working with him, I have found Mr. Chin to be unfailingly honest, thoughtful and fair. He is well regarded in our law firm and thought highly of by attorneys, staff and clients. He would make an excellent attorney general.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony.

David Wong

David W. Wong
Partner | [Carlsmith Ball LLP](#)

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JDLtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov

Dear Chair Gilbert Keith-Agaran and Committee Members,

Please accept this testimony submitted in SUPPORT of your confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas Chin as Attorney General, State of Hawaii.

It is my distinct privilege and honor to speak to the integrity and upstanding character of Mr. Chin. He has faithfully served the state of Hawaii, previously as Managing Director of the City and County of Honolulu, and also during his career with the office of the Prosecuting Attorney. A deliberate review of his professional work history serves to clearly demonstrate Mr. Chin's unquestioning commitment to serve in a manner that is transparent in his protection of the public's interest. Mr. Chin is also a capable and compassionate leader who is able to always retain professional neutrality, avoid all conflicts of interests, and who refuses to partake in actions or activities that afford unwarranted advantage or preferential treatment in the course of competently discharging the duties of his office.

Mr. Chin is an approachable, generous, and sincere individual, a rare example of humility in leadership. He inspires professional peers, staff, and friends to rise to the call to public service in a way best described as selfless and unselfish. His willingness to serve the people of Hawaii as our State Attorney General is a choice that I strongly urge you to accept via confirmation of his nomination.

Sincerely,

Dawn Johnson

February 11, 2015

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
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RE: GM513 – Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas Chin as Attorney General, State of Hawai'i

HEARING: Friday, February 13, 2015 at 9 A.M., Conference Room 016, State Capitol.

I wholeheartedly support Doug Chin's appointment to the position of Attorney General, State of Hawai'i. We worked together at the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney for many years. During that time I found him to be a reliable, compassionate and hardworking individual whose successful completion of many high profile cases demonstrates his knowledge of criminal law and procedure. His time with Carlsmith Ball, LLC has added experience in the civil arena as well. Doug showed his ability to communicate effectively with the public during his term as Managing Director for the City and County of Honolulu. Doug is a person of the utmost integrity. I support Doug's appointment without reservation.

Sincerely,

Delanie D. Prescott-Tate

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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GM513

Submitted on: 2/12/2015

Testimony for JDL on Feb 13, 2015 09:00AM in Conference Room 016

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
De MONT R. D. CONNER	Ho'omana Pono, LLC.	Oppose	No

Comments: We STRONGLY OPPOSE Governor Ige's choice for Attorney General for the following reasons: 1.) Governor Ige has violated his commitment to his voters when he said he will have transparency in his administration. Here, he as NZoT transparent in his selection of Doug Chin. What made Mr. Chin the best choice? How many candidates for the job did he field?; 2.) Doug Chin was a lobbyist for the private prison contractor Corrections Corporation of America. Therefore, a clear conflict of interest will automatically exist, since it is through Mr. Chin whom will be responsible for not only signing the contract with CCA to continue housing prisoners, but also to enforce the terms and conditions of the contract. Furthermore, CCA desires to build and operate a private prison on Hawaii, as its lobbyist how will Mr. Chin oppose anything that may be in the best interest of the tax payer? 3.) This is simply remeniscient of the ol' boy network back in business. This will be an issue in the next election!

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From: [Douglas Cullison](#)
To: [JDL Testimony](#)
Subject: SUBJECT ("RE:") LINE: GM513 - Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas Chin as Attorney General, State of Hawaii
Date: Monday, February 09, 2015 11:52:30 AM

Aloha,

I would like to submit written testimony in support of Governor Ige's nomination of Doug Chin as Attorney General.

Doug is an excellent attorney with the highest degree of ethical standards. He be an exemplary Attorney General.

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Regards,
Douglas Cullison

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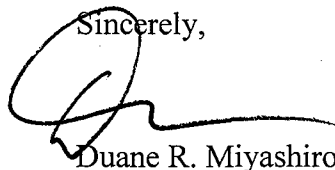
Dear Senator Keith-Agaran and Committee Members:

I **strongly support** the nomination of Doug Chin to serve as Hawai'i's next Attorney General. I am the Chairman of the Litigation & Dispute Resolution Group at Carlsmith Ball LLP. I also serve as the Chair of the Honolulu Board of Water Supply and as the Secretary of the American Judicature Society.

I have known Doug for almost 20 years. He is my law partner and a good friend. Doug has extensive experience and expertise in courtroom practices and procedures. He also has a strong background in both criminal and civil litigation, along with corporate and real estate transactions. Doug is also a natural leader. I have worked with at least six (6) former Attorneys General in my law practice and in my public service over the years. In my opinion, Doug will make an excellent Attorney General and leave his mark as one of the legacy lawyers for the State of Hawai'i.

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

Sincerely,



Duane R. Miyashiro

DRM/epl
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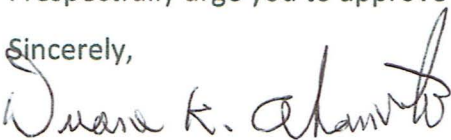
I am writing in strong support of the Governor's nomination of Douglas Chin as Attorney General, State of Hawaii. My wife and I have known Doug for over 16 years through both a professional and personal relationship. My wife first met Doug when they worked together in the City and County of Honolulu Office of the Prosecuting Attorney. They shared a common background as Stanford and William S. Richardson School of Law graduates and mainland transplants and we came to know his wife and two children very well. I worked for Doug when he was the Managing Director in the Carlisle administration and I was the Mayor's Agricultural Liaison.

Throughout the years we have seen him grow professionally as he assumed greater responsibility in the Prosecutor's office, serving as the First Deputy, and then joining Carlsmith Ball and quickly gaining the respect and acceptance of the other associates and partners. His work at the City and County as Managing Director was exemplary; he earned a reputation as a problem solver and consensus builder among the administration and City employees and general public. While I was at the City, I was always impressed by the way that he recognized people for their contributions, whether large or small, and shared credit for successes and took responsibility for disappointments, even when he had little or no involvement. When he returned to private practice, he became Managing Partner of Carlsmith Ball, a clear indication of the confidence in Doug's administrative and legal abilities held by the senior partners of the firm.

I believe Doug will be an outstanding Attorney General. He has the legal intellect, administrative knowledge and experience, and personal and political skills that make him an ideal nominee. He also has a strong moral and ethical sense that allows him to make tough decisions. In every position he has filled, he has excelled without losing his humility and sense of humor.

I respectfully urge you to approve his nomination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Duane K. Okamoto". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial "D".

Duane K. Okamoto

From: [Edward Cruickshank](#)
To: [JDL Testimony](#)
Subject: Nomination of Doug Chin as the Attorney General:
Date: Thursday, February 12, 2015 7:05:41 AM

I totally support the nomination of Doug Chin as the new Attorney General.

I have known Doug for over four years and worked for him at the City and County of Honolulu, handling military affairs. Doug is extremely smart, personable, and a leader in every way. As we all know Doug served as the Managing Director for the City, and was respected by his entire staff. We simply loved working for him. He demanded performance, but that was never the issue, because you simply didn't want to let him down. He is a man of honor and integrity, and will be a wonderful Attorney General.

Sincerely Yours,

Edward R Cruickshank

From: [Erin Lee](#)
To: [JDL Testimony](#)
Subject: Re: GM513 - Nomination of Douglas Chin for Attorney General, State of Hawaii
Date: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 10:04:15 PM

The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair and Committee Member
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Room 221, State Capitol

Dear Chair and Committee Members:

This email is sent in support of Governor Ige's nomination of Douglas Chin for Attorney General, State of Hawaii.

I have known Douglas Chin for nearly 10 years, on both a personal and professional basis.

As someone who has worked in the legal community for over three decades, I have encountered many types of attorneys and administrators. Douglas Chin possesses the perfect combination of intelligence, professionalism, and civility. He knows how to effectively and efficiently solve problems. He is respectful and fair in his dealings with everyone. To add to this list of impressive traits, he's a extremely hard worker.

I firmly believe that Douglas Chin will be an exceptional Attorney General for the State of Hawaii. The State of Hawaii will be well served by Mr. Chin.

Thank you for receiving this communication and for considering my comments concerning Douglas Chin.

Thank you.

Erin O'Donnell Lee

February 9, 2015

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
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Committee on Judiciary and Labor
State Capitol, Room 221
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
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SUBJECT: GM513 - Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas Chin as Attorney General, State of Hawaii

I strongly support the nomination of Douglas Chin as the Attorney General of the State of Hawaii.

He is intimately familiar with government and the many challenges it faces, having served as the Managing Director of the City and County of Honolulu. Mr. Chin possesses qualities that I think are very important for this position, integrity, sound judgment, willingness to make difficult decisions, and a dedication to serve our State.

Respectfully, I request that you pass this nomination on for consideration by the Senate.

Sincerely,

Ernest Lau



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Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair &
Members of the Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Room 221
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Governor David Ige's appointment of Douglas Chin as Attorney General

Dear Senator Keith-Agaran, Senator Shimabukuro & Members of the Senate:

I am submitting this letter in support of the Governor's appointment of Douglas Chin to serve as Attorney General for the State of Hawaii. I have known Mr. Chin for a number of years, from when he served as First Deputy Prosecuting Attorney to then-Prosecutor Peter Carlisle. I continued to have opportunities to work with Mr. Chin when he was Managing Director under then-Mayor Carlisle. I have worked with Mr. Chin on areas of mutual interest to state and federal prosecutors. I have found him to be an excellent attorney, with a reputation of unquestioned integrity and civility, and he is fair and conscientious.

I have always been impressed with Mr. Chin's knowledge and command of the issues, the applicable law, the facts, and his sincere, collaborative manner—on legal, legislative or financial issues. He was always very effective in representing his previous offices and the people of the City and County of Honolulu.

I believe that given Mr. Chin's background, skills, experience and leadership, he will be an outstanding Attorney General for our State. I consider him a valued friend and colleague. I am honored to write on his behalf and look forward to working with Mr. Chin in our shared mission of ensuring safe and healthy communities in our great State of Hawaii. Thank you for considering my letter. Please contact me if you require additional information.

Very truly yours,


FLORENCE T. NAKAKUNI
United States Attorney

From: [Forest Frizzell](#)
To: [JDL Testimony](#)
Subject: ("RE:") LINE: GM513 - Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas Chin as Attorney General, State of Hawaii
Date: Tuesday, February 10, 2015 10:39:12 AM

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran,
Chair and Committee Members Committee on Judiciary and Labor
State Capitol, Room 221
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Aloha,

I would like to offer my full support for Douglas Chin as Attorney General for the State of Hawaii.

Doug is a brilliant true leader who understands the complexities of how government operates. He is able to lead with a moral compass that allows him to make complex and difficult decisions. He is also someone who is not afraid to work through issues with multiple stakeholders, often times with competing agendas.

I've personally seen him inspire and lead as Managing Director for the City and County of Honolulu. He made it a point to understand the issues and goals for every department that rolled up to him.

I believe Doug left the City and County of Honolulu a better place, and he would bring that same enthusiasm and duty to the state as the Attorney General.

Mahalo,
Forest Frizzell
Former Deputy Director of IT, City and County of Honolulu

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"Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth."
~[Muhammad Ali](#)



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Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
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Re: GM513 – Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee
Douglas Chin as Attorney General, State of Hawaii
Hearing: Friday, February 13, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.;
Conference Room 016, State Capitol

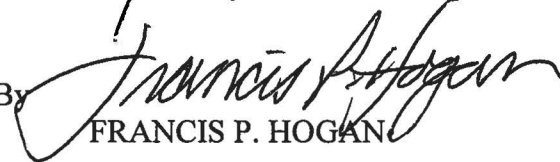
Dear Senator Keith-Agaran and Members of the
Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee:

The purpose of this letter is to express my strong and unequivocal support of Douglas Chin to be the next Attorney General for the State of Hawaii.

I have known Mr. Chin on a professional basis for many years. He and I serve together on the Board of Managers of the Nuuanu YMCA. I have observed him in many different contexts. Mr. Chin is very intelligent, ethical, organized and knowledgeable. He demonstrated those traits while serving as Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for the City and County and as Managing Director for the City and County. He is a serious professional who has not lost his sense of humor and approachable demeanor. Perhaps the strongest quality that he possesses, though, in terms of qualifying him to be Attorney General for the State of Hawaii, is his unfailing integrity. I never once heard anyone question his good judgment and his honesty.

I respectfully urge the Committee and the Senate to confirm Mr. Chin's appointment to be the next Attorney General. Thank you for this opportunity to present my views.

Sincerely,
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Letter of Testimony In Support of Douglas Chin as Attorney General

I write this letter in support of Douglas Chin for the position of Attorney General for the State of Hawaii.

My name is Gail Cosgrove. I am a partner at the law firm of Goodsell Anderson Quinn & Stifel. I have been in private practice for 34 years. My practice consists of litigation, including the defense of hospitals and healthcare providers, complex litigation and product liability litigation. During the course of my career, I have also represented the City & County of Honolulu and the State of Hawaii on various matters in litigation. I am a member of the Judicial Arbitration Commission, which oversees that Court Annexed Arbitration Commission, and a past member of the Hawaii Supreme Court's Rule 19 Committee on Judicial Performance. I am a Lecturer-in-Law for the William S. Richardson School of Law where I teach Pretrial Litigation to second and third year law students. I am a past President and current Director of the Hawaii Women's Legal Foundation which is a nonprofit organization that is dedicated to improving the lives of women and children in need. I am also listed in Hawaii Super Lawyers and as a Super Professor as recognized by Faculty Row. I have been a speaker in numerous legal education seminars and workshops on a wide variety of topics, including medical liability, tort law, civil motions practice, experts, evidence, insurance coverage, and professionalism and civility.

I have known Doug Chin for several years. My first contact with Doug was during his tenure as First Deputy Prosecuting Attorney with the City & County of Honolulu. I had been retained to defend and represent a former employee in an employment/whistleblower case, which was a high profile case involving public officials

and thousands of pages of documents spanning over at least a decade. Doug assisted the defense team in many ways, from coordinating meetings and interviews, assisting in document retrieval, and helping with overall strategy and case management issues. I thought Doug was not only an experienced and savvy litigator, but that he was also very thoughtful and personable to everyone.

As the Managing Director for the City & County of Honolulu, Doug took on an even tougher job, and really showed his ability to oversee and manage many departments and people, all while remaining professional and courteous to everyone he encountered. I heard nothing but praise for Doug and the work he did for the City.

I understand that Doug is currently the managing partner at Carlsmith Ball LLP. For most of us in private practice, we are well aware that the job of being the managing partner in a large law firm is difficult, and you are often called upon to find solutions or strategies which allow the firm's attorneys and staff to perform at the highest level, while making sure that the business runs smoothly. It takes a special type of person to do this successfully, and partners of the firm must have full confidence and trust in their leadership.

I was very happy to hear that Doug was being nominated and considered for the position of Attorney General for the State of Hawaii. Doug has the leadership abilities to run this very important State agency, and he will bring the same skillset that helped him to succeed in his prior jobs, both in the public and private sector. He is a smart and collaborative person, who always acts with professionalism and courtesy.

I support this nomination enthusiastically and invite any and all questions you might have about Doug. The State of Hawaii would be fortunate to have him as its next AG.

**Testimony of
Gary M. Slovin / Mihoko E. Ito**

DATE: February 12, 2015

TO: Senator Gilbert Keith-Agaran
Chair, Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Submitted Via JDLTestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov

RE: **GM 513 – Confirmation to the Attorney General of the Department of the Attorney General, Gubernatorial Nominee, Douglas Chin**
Hearing Date: Friday, February 13, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.
Conference Room: 016

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee:

We submit this testimony in **strong support** of Confirmation to the Attorney General of the Department of the Attorney General, Gubernatorial Nominee, Douglas Chin.

We have worked closely with Doug over the past several years, both in his role as Managing Director of the City and County and as a private attorney at the Carlsmith firm. We believe that Doug is an excellent choice to be the next Hawaii Attorney General and strongly support his confirmation. We believe Doug will measure up to the requirements of the position.

Doug's integrity is unquestioned. We have had the opportunity to observe the way he conducts himself in this regard and believe he meets the highest standards.

We have worked together with Doug on client matters and have found him to be diligent, thorough, hardworking, very on top of things and extremely conscientious when it comes to keeping clients and other involved counsel informed. He is particularly respectful to other counsel, a quality that is critical to being a successful Attorney General where the confidence of the bar in the actions of the Attorney General is key.

Doug served as the managing Director of the City and County for two years. We had the pleasure of working with Doug while he occupied that position. He learned the job quickly and performed admirably. He treated people with respect and made

decisions substantively. He also learned the workings of government. While the role of the Attorney General is certainly different, having learned how government works will be a great asset to Doug. And while performing the role of Managing Director, Doug earned the community's respect. This will also hold him in good stead.

Doug is a solid individual, a very responsible person. He is trustworthy and he is a good listener and a compassionate person as well. We are fortunate as a community that he has been selected as the gubernatorial nominee for attorney general, and are in strong support of his confirmation.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
JUDICIARY AND LABOR

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2015

Friday, February 13, 2015
9:00 a.m., Conference Room 016

**TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 513, NOMINATING DOUGLAS CHIN AS
ATTORNEY GENERAL, STATE OF HAWAII**

TO THE HONORABLE GILBERT S.C. KEITH-AGARAN, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Gary Takeuchi. I am writing in strong SUPPORT of the nomination of Douglas Chin as Attorney General for the State of Hawaii.

I worked with Mr. Chin during his time as Managing Director of the City and County of Honolulu. I know him to be a person of unblemished integrity, keen intellect, and excellent judgment. His calm demeanor and abiding commitment to do what is right, coupled with his exceptional legal skills, make him an outstanding choice to be Attorney General. He has managed large organizations and he has wide-ranging experience as an attorney, including civil and criminal litigation. He is certain to be an exceptional Attorney General. I urge you to confirm his nomination.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

GARY TAKEUCHI

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
and Committee Members
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
State Capitol, Room 221
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

February 9, 2015

SUBJECT: GM513 - Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas Chin as Attorney General, State of Hawaii

Please accept this testimony in strong support regarding Governor Ige's nomination of Doug Chin as Attorney General.

I had the pleasure of working with Mr. Chin when he was the Managing Director for the City and County of Honolulu. I found him to be of the highest integrity, diligent, forthright, honest, detail oriented and a strong leader. The State of Hawaii will be in good hands with Mr. Chin as the Attorney General.

Respectfully;

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gordon J. Bruce", is written over a circular stamp or seal.

Gordon J. Bruce
Former CIO and Director of Information Technology
City and County of Honolulu

The Yamanakas

Honolulu, Hawaii 96822

February 11, 2015

VIA EMAIL: JDLtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
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Committee on Judiciary and Labor
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RE: GM513 - Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas Chin as Attorney General, State of Hawaii

Dear Honorable Chair and Committee Members:

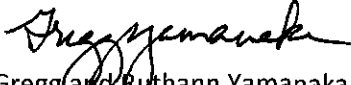
We wholeheartedly support the nomination of Douglas Chin as Attorney General.

We have known Doug Chin for many years and throughout that time, have experienced him to be a man of professionalism, integrity, and action. He is exceptionally smart both in intellect and his people skills, achieving results through excellent relationships with a wide spectrum of people. He does not ignore tough issues; instead, he forges ahead in a collaborative and constructive manner.

When I was the CEO and President of APEC 2011 Hawaii, I had the opportunity to work closely with Doug as Managing Director, City & County of Honolulu. Doug had the vision to embrace what APEC meant to Hawai'i, the drive to facilitate a myriad of issues to successfully hold APEC in Hawai'i, and always acted with an even-keeled and approachable, reasonable manner. He was a role model for all of us.

We believe that Doug would be an excellent Attorney General due to his intellect, experience in both public and private sectors, and his ability to work exceptionally well with people.

Sincerely,


Gregg and Ruthann Yamanaka

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January 30, 2015

Senator Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Chair
Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair &
Members of the Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Room 221
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Support for Douglas S. Chin's Nomination to be Attorney General

Dear Chair Agaran, Vice Chair Shimabukuro and
Members of the Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee:

I am pleased to offer my highest recommendation in support of Doug Chin's nomination to be attorney general. Doug Chin possesses the attributes required to be an outstanding attorney general.

Unquestioned Integrity and Fairness. To be effective, the chief legal officer for the State of Hawaii must be a person who enforces the law impartially and fairly. Additionally, the chief legal officer must be a person who can be trusted by his clients the Governor, the members of the legislature, and the directors of the respective State departments; and also by the courts, members of the bar, judiciary employees and the general public. Doug Chin is such a person who possesses unquestioned integrity and fairness.

Good Judgment. The attorney general must possess good judgment in all official matters such as when to advance transparency and when to preserve confidentiality. Doug Chin possesses excellent judgment.

Strong Administrative Skill. Significant administrative skill is required to effectively manage the state's largest organization of lawyers with related support staff. Doug Chin's excellent record as managing director for the City and County of Honolulu demonstrates his administrative ability to manage the office of the attorney general.

Excellent Legal Ability. The clients of the attorney general are entitled to sound legal advice and representation from their chief legal officer. I am confident that Doug Chin, if confirmed, will provide excellent legal advice and representation for the clients of the attorney general.

Senator Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Chair
Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair &
Members of the Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee
January 30, 2015
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Capacity for Hard Work. Doug Chin is a hard and efficient worker. He is at an age at which he is still young with a lot of energy and sufficiently mature to deliver wise advice and effective services.

It is my genuine belief that, if confirmed, that Doug Chin will serve with great distinction as Hawaii's attorney general. Thank you for considering my recommendation.

Aloha ke Akua,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ivan M. Lui-Kwan". The signature is stylized with a horizontal line and a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Ivan M. Lui-Kwan

TESTIMONEY IN SUPPORT: GM 513 – DOUGLAS CHIN FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL

February 9, 2015

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
and Committee Members
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
State Capitol, Room 221
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: GM 513
Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas Chin as Attorney General, State of Hawaii
Testimony IN SUPPORT

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

This letter is in strong support of DOUGLAS CHIN's appointment as Attorney General (AG) for the State of Hawaii.

I am a member of the Hawaii Bar and have had the pleasure of knowing Mr. Chin from the days of his service to the City and County of Honolulu as First Deputy Prosecutor to the days he served as Managing Director and later, his return to private practice. He was very accessible and practiced transparency. His duties as First Deputy Prosecutor were not only to prosecute cases for the County but he also handled administrative and public outreach tasks. When I coordinated a visit for visiting law students from Japan and they requested a visit to study law enforcement in Hawaii, Mr. Chin, despite his busy schedule, spoke to the group and built bridges with this demographic that provides many visitors to the State. It is important for foreign visitors to know that law impacts them as well as those who live here.

Mr. Chin continued to be accessible, open, reasoned, and measured in his discharge of duties as Managing Director of the City. In government as in business, there is a chain of command and protocol in place so that the organization can function as one. It is sometimes a delicate line but I have observed Mr. Chin to be a man of high integrity and good moral character. He is intelligent, and while deliberative, he is also a man of action. He has the skills, the experience, and a temperament that is well suited to the office of the Attorney General. Attorneys are trained to argue from all sides, to study and anticipate issues and to be prepared for what is in that client's interest. His past positions have given him a breadth of experience, enriched him, and broadened his views but do not necessarily define him. He has his own moral compass.

As Attorney General, Mr. Chin will put his vast legal experience to work in representing the State of Hawaii and his integrity and character will guide him to do the right thing. Your favorable consideration of his nomination to the office of the Attorney General will be appreciated.

Yours very truly,



Iris R. Okawa

Dear Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith –Agaran

Chair and Committee Members

Committee on Judiciary and Labor

State Capitol Room 221

415 South Beretania St 96813

Dear Senators.

I support the nomination of Doug Chin for Attorney General of the State of Hawaii.

I worked directly with Doug Chin for more than 12 years, initially when he was Deputy Prosecuting Attorney in the Career Criminal Unit at the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney at the City and County of Honolulu. Dedication to his cases and unswerving commitment to the victims gained him respect from his peers and trust from Prosecuting Attorney Peter Carlisle who ultimately selected him for First Deputy. While some may have questioned Mr. Carlisle judgment, in short time Doug's skills as a manager and attorney validated Peter's wise choice. During those years at the Prosecutor's office I spent considerable time with Doug in court, conference meetings and countless interactions with others.

He was always respectful of others' opinions and perspectives even if he did not think that those opinions would produce positive results. Doug was prepared for every assignment and was most respectful of defendants, defense attorneys, court staff and everyone involved in the judicial process.

He also understood when he went into a meeting or discussion what the purpose was.

He is honest and straight forward and possesses an exceptional ability to understand complex matters and articulate them in a simple, concise manner.

As a First Deputy there was incredible amount of writing involved with the job. His skill as a writer and editor always amazed me he would take my written work and make it better. But his best attribute is that he LISTENS. He listen and is willing to take council from many and hear what needs to be said and then make the best decision based on that input.

I continued to work with Doug when he was select to be Managing Director of the City and County of Honolulu, again there we doubters. As Managing Director he had different responsibilities to the City and County and the citizens of Honolulu. He had to serve all the people. Doug adapted to thrived in the process of running the city with Mayor Carlisle.

Doug Chin as the Attorney General of the State of Hawaii will uphold the law and serve the people of the State.

James Fulton

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RE: GM513 - Confirmation of Gubernatorial
Nominee Douglas Chin as Attorney General,
State of Hawai'i

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran and Committee Members:

I write to strongly support the nomination and your confirmation of Douglas Chin, Esq. as Attorney General of the State of Hawai'i. It is a pleasure and honor for me to do so.

I have known Mr. Chin for the past eight or nine years and have worked alongside him as a fellow member of the board of directors of the Hawai'i Chapter of the American Judicature Society ("AJS"). Mr. Chin is not only a scholar and consummate practitioner of the law, he is an extremely personable and humble person, a truly deadly combination for a professional.

Specifically, along with all of the other work we do as board members, I worked with Mr. Chin on an AJS committee that proposed amendments to the Hawai'i Code of Judicial Conduct, the ethics code governing Hawai'i's judges and justices. As you can well imagine, this was no small undertaking and involved substantial and diligent effort on the part of every committee member. Each one was tasked with reviewing particular provisions of the Code and proposing, as needed and appropriate, possible amendments thereto, in light of

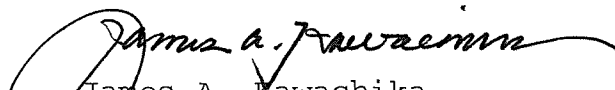
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Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
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what the American Bar Association had just done in amending its Model Rules of Judicial Conduct (the Hawai'i rules are, by and large, modeled after the ABA Model Rules). Each member thus had to not only know the rules, inside and out, but had to stand by his or her convictions and defend why a particular rule should be changed. Mr. Chin never missed and always came prepared to the meetings of the committee, which lasted over a period of several months. His analysis and comments were always spot-on and helpful and his insights into the nuances of the Code truly impressive. His inquiring questions always made us think twice about what we were doing. I would dare to say that most, if not all, of us at that point had not worked significantly with the Code in our day-to-day practices and so a lot of this was new and unplowed ground. In light of that, Mr. Chin's work was thus truly exemplary and contributed significantly to our committee being able to complete our project on a timely basis.

I have since then been so impressed with Mr. Chin's abilities that when the Martindale-Hubble Law Directory, a national lawyer-rating service, asked me to rate his legal abilities and ethics, I unequivocally gave him an "AV" rating (the highest rating possible in both categories). I am sure others did as well.

I therefore respectfully ask for and commend to you the confirmation of Mr. Chin as Attorney General. Hawai'i can ask for no smarter, more diligent, or more down-to-earth and personable public servant.

Very truly yours,


James A. Kawachika

JAK:as

February 13, 2015, 9 a.m., Conference Room 016, State Capitol

To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair,
Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair

From: Jan A. Kobayashi

Re: GM513 – Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas Chin as Attorney General, State of Hawaii

In Support

Senator Keith-Agaran, Senator Shimabukuro, and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

I support GM513 and the nomination and confirmation of Mr. Chin as Attorney General of the State of Hawaii. I have known Mr. Chin for over 8 years. He has very broad and extensive legal knowledge and experience by virtue of the many years he has spent as a prosecutor and as a private practice attorney. Further, Mr. Chin has a very long history of community and public service. He has a very strong work ethic and is very diligent. In my experience, I have found Mr. Chin to be honest and straightforward in all of his dealings; he possesses the highest integrity.

I have spent the last year working closely with Mr. Chin and other volunteers preparing for a huge community event this past weekend. The event was extremely successful due in part to volunteers like Mr. Chin who worked tirelessly for months before the event and worked 12 plus hours each day this past Friday and Saturday.

Mr. Chin will be an excellent Attorney General for the State of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

From: [Ito, Jason](#)
To: [JDL Testimony](#)
Subject: Support For Douglas Chin as Attorney General, State of Hawaii
Date: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 5:14:11 PM

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran
Chair and Committee Members
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
State Capitol, Room 221
415 South Beretania Street
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Aloha Senator Keith-Agran,

I have had the pleasure of working with Doug Chin and support his nomination to the position of Attorney General for the State of Hawaii.

As a volunteer board member and chair of the Honolulu Zoo Society's Board of Directors and its Staff, my interactions with Doug have been very positive and solution-oriented. I appreciated Doug's receptivity and willingness to listen and work collaboratively to jointly resolve issues to benefit the Zoo and the animals. I was deeply humbled by the priority that Doug gave us and it reinvigorated our sense of mission for the Zoo and renewed our optimism to more effectively work in partnership with the City.

Respectfully submitted,
Jason Ito
President
Honolulu Zoo Society

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Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
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Re: GM 513, Confirmation of Douglas Chin as Attorney General, State of Hawai'i

Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and Honorable Members of the
Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

I offer my written testimony in strong support of the confirmation of Douglas Chin as Attorney General for the State of Hawai'i.

I have known Mr. Chin for nearly a decade and am confident that he possesses the moral character, legal knowledge, and leadership ability to effectively serve the people of Hawai'i as our next Attorney General.

I had the opportunity to work for Mr. Chin when he became First Deputy at the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney. I recall that his door was always open – he never turned away questions from Deputy Prosecuting Attorneys regardless of his busy schedule and followed-up promptly to make sure all concerns were properly addressed. He led with thoughtfulness, integrity and humility, was firm but fair in his decisions, and at all times was available and accessible to his staff and subordinates.

Even after I left the Prosecutor's office to enter private practice, Mr. Chin remained open and available to share his thoughts and experiences and asked for nothing in return. He is trustworthy, reliable, and above all guided by what is right, not necessarily what is popular. I have no doubt that he will serve our community with dignity and honor as Attorney General.

Thank you for considering my testimony. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I may provide any further information.

Mahalo,

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Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran
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VIA EMAIL: JDLtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov

RE: GM513 – Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas Chin as
Attorney General, State of Hawaii

Dear Mr. Keith-Agaran and Committee Members:

I would like to submit this written testimony in support of the gubernatorial nomination of Douglas Chin as the next Attorney General for the State of Hawaii.

I served as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for the City and County of Honolulu from 2006 through 2010. I joined the Prosecutor's Office near the time Mr. Chin was tapped to serve as First Deputy under Peter Carlisle.

I can say without reservation that Mr. Chin has all of the qualities to be a great Attorney General. His professional integrity, diligence, legal knowledge, ability, and experience are second to none. I can attest that under his and Mr. Carlisle's leadership the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney was run as a well-oiled machine logistically, administratively, and professionally. As deputies, we were always reminded that our duty was not to mindlessly "win" at any cost, but to provide justice for the people of Honolulu. I always felt that Mr. Chin was approachable and that I could always count on him. The proudest moments of my career thus far are from my time at the Prosecutor's Office and that is in no small part due to Mr. Chin's contributions during my time there.

I have no doubt that Mr. Chin's experience as an administrator, his management style, professional and personal integrity, and his unquestionable dedication to public service are all characteristics that Mr. Chin will be able to call and rely upon as he serves the people of Hawaii to best of his ability.

Thank you for taking the time to read my brief testimony in support of Douglas Chin's nomination as the next Attorney General for the State of Hawaii and I look forward to his confirmation.

Thank you,



Jason Woo

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February 9, 2014

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair and Committee Members
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RE: SUPPORT FOR DOUGLAS CHIN APPOINTMENT AS ATTORNEY GENERAL

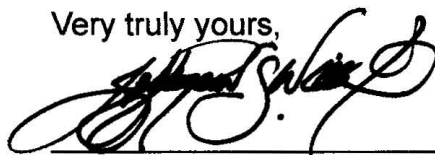
Chair and Members,

I write in strongest support of Gov. Ige's appointment of Mr. Douglas Chin to the position of Attorney General. Mr. Chin is a gifted administrator and I can think of no one more qualified for that position.

When I was a junior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, Mr. Chin's integrity and leadership were a shining light for the rest of us. The State would benefit greatly from Mr. Chin's experience and character.

Thank you for your time.

Very truly yours,



JEFFERSON S. WILLARD, Esq.
Urbanc Willard Park & Kim, LLLC

10 February 2015

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
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SUBJECT:

GM513: Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas S. Chin, Attorney General, State of HI

Senator Keith-Agaran and Committee Members:

I strongly support the nomination of Douglas Chin to be confirmed as Attorney General for the State of Hawaii. Doug has proven himself to be a great advocate for the people of Hawaii. I worked closely with Doug his period of service as Managing Director for the City and County of Honolulu. He was very effective in working with private sector to facilitate improvements in the Waikiki area and City infrastructure. He oversaw 23 municipal government agencies and approximately 10,000 employees with an annual operating budget of \$2 billion. During his term in private practice at the prestigious Carlsmith Ball law firm, Doug served a varied client base, including our family, with excellent legal representation.

Douglas Chin has the intelligence, experience, character, and tested leadership skills to tackle the State's legal challenges.

Mahalo,

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

Jeffrey H. Overton

Honolulu, HI 96822

February 12, 2015

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Re: GM513 – Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas Chin as
Attorney General, State of Hawaii: Testimony in Support

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee:

I submit this testimony in strong support of the gubernatorial nomination of Douglas Chin as the Attorney General for the State of Hawaii.

Given his past experience and background in civil litigation, criminal prosecution, and management in government and private sectors, I believe that he is the perfect fit for Attorney General. I've known Doug for many years and have tremendous respect for him. I worked for Doug as a deputy prosecutor when he was the First Deputy Prosecutor for the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, City & County of Honolulu. I consider him an excellent trial prosecutor and skilled communicator, as well as an outstanding leader, manager, and motivator. I truly enjoyed working with Doug, and learning from him.

Doug has a genuine passion for public service, and helping people. He is ethical, extremely intelligent, professional, honest, hard working, tactful, and committed. His character and integrity are beyond reproach. As a leader, I found that he invited and considered other's opinions and input. I am honored and privileged to write this letter in support of his nomination.

I am writing this letter in support in my personal capacity. Thank you for your consideration of my testimony.

Sincerely,
Jennifer R. Sugita

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RE: GM513 - Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas Chin as Attorney General,
State of Hawaii

I write to fully support the Committee's recommendation to the Senate to confirm Douglas Chin as Attorney General, State of Hawaii.

I am a partner at Carlsmith Ball LLP and have been in private practice for almost 20 years. I have known Doug since I was a 2L and he was a 1L at the William S. Richardson School of Law. When Doug joined Carlsmith after working at the Office of the Prosecutor, I worked on a number of client matters with him, and have continued to work with Doug on client matters and internal firm matters since Doug's return to Carlsmith after serving as Managing Director for the City & County of Honolulu.

Doug is well-qualified to serve as our State's Attorney General. He has a wealth of experience in civil litigation, criminal matters, and transactional deals. He understands how the government works. He is intelligent, ethical, and hard-working. He has a calm and professional temperament, is open-minded, considerate, and respectful of diverse viewpoints. He is a proven and effective leader who can successfully manage people and prioritize multiple projects. He is humble despite his many accomplishments, and he maintains a great sense of humor.

Doug has demonstrated his commitment to public service, and he will ably and competently represent the people of Hawaii. The State of Hawaii will be well-served by this Committee's recommendation to confirm the nomination of Douglas Chin as Attorney General. Thank you very much.

Respectfully submitted,


Joanne L. Grimes

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Honorable Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
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Re: GM513 - Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas S. Chin as Attorney General, State of Hawaii, February 13, 2015, 9:00 a.m., Room 016

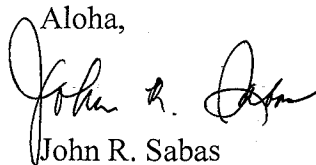
Aloha Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Shimabukuro and members of the Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee:

I write to fully support the Governor's Nomination of Mr. Douglas S. Chin to the Office of the State Attorney General.

I have had the pleasure of working with Doug Chin for the past two years. He is smart, honest and nice. His people and management skills are exemplary. He listens well, is a hard worker and has the remarkable ability for finding fair and workable solutions to complex issues.

Doug possesses the skills, intellect and integrity to be a great State Attorney General.

Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to submit testimony in support of Doug Chin.

Aloha,


John R. Sabas
Director of Public and Governmental Affairs

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**Testimony of John M. Tonaki,
State Public Defender to the Senate Committee
on Judiciary and Labor**

February 13, 2015

Re: GM 513 Nominee Douglas Chin to be Attorney General, State of Hawaii

Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee:

I am honored to support the nomination of Doug Chin to be Attorney General for the State of Hawaii. I have known Mr. Chin on a professional basis for about fifteen years in his professional capacity as a member of the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney for the City and County of Honolulu, the Managing Director for the City and County of Honolulu and as a private attorney with the Carlsmith, Ball law firm. We have worked together on a number of issues as administrators for our respective offices. Throughout the years, I have developed the utmost respect for Doug's legal skills and professionalism.

He was always very knowledgeable on the issues and how resolutions impact the legal system as a whole. He has an analytical mind and always thinks his positions through thoroughly. I very much came to respect the positions that he took even though we did not always agree. As Managing Director for the city, Doug oversaw an enormous city administration and always did so with fairness, a calm demeanor and grace.

I worked together with Doug on a number of committees established by the American Judicature Society (AJS) to study various issues which affect the local judiciary. We are currently fellow board members of AJS. At meetings, Doug's opinions are always highly valued by our fellow board members which include a number of current and former judges as well as highly respected members of the bar and community leaders.

Doug's most exceptional quality, in my opinion is his commitment to ethics and fairness. He is not extreme in his views and is always reasonable. These are characteristics which, I believe, will serve him well in his new position. Given the many problems and issues which will face him daily as the Attorney General, you can count on Doug to be very deliberate and fair in his decisionmaking.

I believe that, in Doug Chin, you have a person of unquestioned integrity, intellect and work ethic. I support his nomination without any hesitation.

Thank you for the opportunity to be heard on this matter.

February 10, 2015

Via Email Only (JDLtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov)

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**RE: GM513: Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee
Douglas Chin as Attorney General, State of Hawaii
Hearing: February 13, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.**

Dear Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran and Committee Members:

I appreciate the opportunity to submit this letter **in support of** Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas Chin as Attorney General, State of Hawaii. I cannot think of a more qualified individual for the position. For a moment, consider the experience and qualities sought in a perfect candidate for Attorney General. Ideally, one would have (1) trial experience, (2) criminal and civil law experience, and (3) managerial experience. Mr. Chin not only has all of the above, but he has excelled in all of them.

1. Mr. Chin is a highly-skilled trial attorney who has first-chaired over 40 criminal jury trials as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney. As the First Deputy Prosecuting attorney, Mr. Chin prosecuted some of the most challenging cases in the office, often involving the sexual assault of infants, children and the elderly. He is a strong advocate for victims and victims' rights.

2. Mr. Chin is the managing partner of Carlsmith Ball LLP, which is one of the largest and most prestigious full-service civil law firms in Hawaii.

3. Mr. Chin has extensive experience managing large governmental organizations. He served as both the First Deputy Prosecuting Attorney and the Acting Prosecuting Attorney for the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney; and, as the Managing Director of the City and County of Honolulu.

The mere fact that, several times during his legal career, Mr. Chin has chosen to walk away from lucrative private sector jobs to serve the City and County of Honolulu, and now the State of Hawaii, is indicative of what is important to him. He is a true public servant, and will exceed all expectations of him.

If you have any questions whatsoever, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Jon S. Jacobs

From: [Judy Komatsu](#)
To: [JDL Testimony](#)
Subject: LINE: GM513 - Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas Chin as Attorney General, State of Hawaii
Date: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 11:04:19 PM

To whom it may concern,

I am **IN SUPPORT** of Douglas Chin as Attorney General for the State of Hawaii.

I have enjoyed my relationship with Doug Chin through my personal interactions at Punahou School as fellow parents. Most recently, I am proud to say that Doug has served as a great mentor, leader and trainer at the Punahou Carnival as Co-Chair Members for Script Sales. Doug has impressed me with his highest degree of integrity and character. Thanks to his stellar leadership, knowledge and communication skills, the daunting task of managing \$1.7M in script sales for the entire Punahou Carnival was effortless!

It's with great pleasure that I whole heartily, fully support Douglas Chin as Attorney General for the State of Hawaii.

Mahalo,

Judy Komatsu

February 11, 2015

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
and Committee Members
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RE: Governor's Message 513 - Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee
Mr. Douglas Chin as Attorney General, State of Hawaii

To The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee on
Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in ***strong support of Mr. Douglas Chin*** confirmation as the next
Attorney General for the State of Hawaii.

I am confident that Mr. Douglas Chin has the ability to perform his responsibilities
with excellence and grace. I had the opportunity to serve in Mayor Carlisle's
cabinet with Doug. He had a decisive nature in dealing with difficult city matters
and weighed both pros and cons to systematically work towards a suitable
decision. He skillfully led the city and had a calm, confident manner in contentious
circumstances. I enjoyed working with Doug and feel privileged to call him a
personal friend.

As the chief legal and law enforcement officer of Hawaii, I have no doubt in his
legal expertise, education and experience. Doug spent 12 years at the Honolulu
Prosecuting Attorney's office where he was the lead attorney in more than 40 jury
trials including high-profile cases and helped victims find justice. This experience
has will serve our state well in advising the various departments and agencies of
the state.

I thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Kai Nani Kraut", written in a cursive style.

Kai Nani Kraut
President
QRSE, Inc.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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GM513

Submitted on: 2/12/2015

Testimony for JDL on Feb 13, 2015 09:00AM in Conference Room 016

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Karen Chun	Individual	Oppose	No

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Re: GM513 - Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas Chin as Attorney General, State of Hawaii

Dear Senator Keith-Agaran and Committee Members:

As the Chair of Carlsmith Ball LLP and as Doug Chin's immediate supervisor, I submit this testimony in strong support of his nomination to be the next Attorney General. (My apologies for this late submittal as I just returned from a visit to our Guam office last night.) In October 2014, I appointed Doug to serve as one of two managing partners for the firm. I selected Doug for the Managing Partner position based upon many of the same criteria that you and the Governor are looking at, in connection with whom can best serve the State of Hawaii as our next Attorney General.

As you may know, as one of the larger firms based in the State of Hawaii, the Carlsmith firm has a large variety of practices and tremendous diversity in terms of our attorneys, their backgrounds, and their cultural roots. (Besides Hawaii, our firm stretches from Guam to Los Angeles.) Additionally, Carlsmith Ball is currently in the process of identifying its next generation of leaders as our firm plans for our future. Doug was selected as our Managing Partner with these over-arching considerations in mind. My specific comments are as follows:

1. Integrity

I do not believe that you will find another candidate with a higher level of integrity than Doug. I think part of this comes from his great desire to always do the right thing and his strong

sense of ethics and fair play. Although I know that he can be a strong advocate, I do not believe that he would ever sacrifice his integrity just to win. As the Managing Partner and as an attorney in private practice, I asked him to handle several matters in which he had to gain the trust and confidence of parties with differing interests and viewpoints. Not surprisingly, because of his integrity, he is able to gain the respect and trust of such parties.

2. Diligence

After I appointed Doug as a Managing Partner, the matters assigned to him were always handled with great diligence, notwithstanding that Doug continued to have a heavy practice load in addition to performing his management responsibilities. I believe that he handled both extremely well, always providing a thoughtful work product and meeting our internal deadlines. Prior to his appointment as the Managing Partner, I also worked with Doug on several client matters over the years and have always found his work to be very thorough and timely notwithstanding the competing demands various clients placed upon him.

3. Legal Knowledge and Ability

I rate Doug's legal knowledge and ability as high in his areas of practice (e.g., criminal litigation, civil litigation, and administrative/regulatory law). Ultimately, I believe that his high legal knowledge and ability relates to the fact that he has very good judgment. He is able to objectively look at a variety of factors without losing sight of the ultimate goal in providing advice to his clients. He is the type of lawyer who does not forget the "big picture".

4. Professional Experience

Doug has outstanding knowledge of our courts given his vast court room experience, including many jury trials. Additionally at Carlsmith, as noted above, he has had significant experience in civil litigation and regulatory/administrative agency matters. He is an extremely versatile lawyer whose legal skills have been enhanced by having served in high level managerial and quasi-legal positions such as the City's Managing Director and the First Deputy Prosecuting Attorney.

5. Public Service

Doug is one of our lawyers who has committed himself to serving the public. Although he never talks about it, he has made what I believe are significant financial sacrifices to serve in government. He has had two stints at the Carlsmith Ball law firm. After his first tour of duty with us, he was asked to become the First Deputy Prosecuting Attorney under Peter Carlisle. After Mr. Carlisle was elected as the Mayor, he asked Doug to serve as a Managing Director for the City. After his time in government, Doug returned to our firm, and now he is returning to the public service. We are extremely sad to lose someone as talented as Doug, but I have always thought there was a chance that he would be drawn away from us by public service because of

his strong desire to serve the public. My hats off to him for making a sacrifice that many of us in the private sector would be reluctant to do even once.

6. Ability To Fulfill The Responsibilities And Duties Of The Position

For all the foregoing reasons: integrity, diligence, legal knowledge and ability, professional experience, and public service, I believe that there is no better person to serve as the next Attorney General. Doug will have the ability to serve as the lead lawyer in litigation matters and in providing advice and counsel to State agencies. But he also has the somewhat rare ability because of his past experiences to lead and manage what I understand is, in essence, the largest law firm in the State of Hawaii. We recognized Doug's talent as a manager and a future leader of our law firm, and, thus, we appointed him to serve as one of our Managing Partners. As I told Doug after he informed me of his nomination, the door is always open for him to return to Carlsmith. We would welcome him back at any time with extreme enthusiasm and with open arms. The State of Hawaii is getting one of our best, and we wish Doug all the best as the next Attorney General. I personally recommend Doug for this position, without any qualification.

Very truly yours,



Karl K. Kobayashi
Chair

From: [Kenneth Wong](#)
To: [JDL Testimony](#)
Subject: GM513 - Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas Chin as Attorney General, State of Hawaii
Date: Tuesday, February 10, 2015 8:50:35 PM

To: Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
and Committee Members
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
State Capitol, Room 221
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

I am submitting this email letter IN SUPPORT of Doug Chin for Attorney General of the State of Hawaii.

I have known Doug for approximately 6 years. I first met Doug professionally when I represented a very difficult and emotional disabled military veteran client who had a claim against the City and County of Honolulu when Doug was the Managing Director. My client claimed that he had gotten the run around from the City for a number of years, unable to resolve the matter. In just one meeting with Doug, we were able to settle the matter in a win win manner due to Doug's practical approach to the problem and his ability to genuinely convey to my client that he was sincerely interested in listening to his concerns and solving the problem. It left a lasting impression in my mind of Doug's genuineness and skill.

Doug was a pastor before, I believe, he went into the practice of law. My older brother had told me of a person he had met around 1994 that literally gave him a new lease on life. I recently learned at my older brother's funeral this past December, that the person he was referring to was Doug. Doug has a deep caring for people, a quality which is important for an Attorney General, because the decisions he will make will affect people's lives. Because of this, I believe the decisions Doug will make as an Attorney General will be well thought through and be in the best interests of the people of Hawaii.

Finally, Doug is highly ethical, has the utmost of integrity, respects people and his word is his bond. These are all attributes that will make him a terrific Attorney General and I recommend him without any reservations.

Ken Wong

Kenneth Wong, Esq.

The Honorable Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
and Committee Members
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Re: Nomination of Douglas Chin

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Senate Committee on
Judiciary and Labor,

I strongly support the confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas Chin as Attorney General, State of Hawaii. I have had the pleasure of serving the City & County of Honolulu with Doug when he was the Managing Director. As a member of the Cabinet I was very impressed with his dedication and determination.

Having worked for State and City Government for the past 46 years, I have not met anyone more passionate about his work, and understanding and caring about the people of Hawaii. He has the qualities of commitment and integrity that an Attorney General of our State should have.

In closing, thank you for allowing me to testify in support of Governor Ige's nomination of Doug Chin as Attorney General.

Keoki Miyamoto

From: [Kerry Lezy](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: GM513 - Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas Chin as Attorney General
Date: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 9:01:31 PM

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
and Committee Members
Committee on Judiciary and Labor

I strongly support Douglas Chin's nomination. I have previously worked with him for several years while at the Prosecutor's Office. I found him to be smart, knowledgeable, capable and with high integrity. He is a diligent worker and dedicated to his job. Additionally, he is personable and always works with the best of his abilities. I believe he will, without a doubt, fulfill the duties of this demanding position.

Thank you for allowing me to show my support.

Very truly yours,

Kerry-Ann Lezy



February 10, 2015

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair and Committee Members
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RE: GM513 - Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas Chin as
Attorney General, State of Hawaii – Testimony in Support
Hearing: February 13, 2015, 9:00am, Room 016

Dear Senator Keith-Agaran, Chair and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of the nomination of Douglas Chin as Attorney General for the State of Hawaii. I had the opportunity to meet Doug on a professional level when he served as the Managing Director for the City and County of Honolulu in the Carlisle administration. At the time EAH Housing was interested in purchasing the City's affordable housing inventory. I found Doug to be very engaging, open, honest and professional in our discussions. After Doug left office EAH invited him to become a member of our Advisory Council, a group of seven local residents whom we meet with on a quarterly basis to review our Hawaii operations including potential opportunities for the acquisition, preservation and development of affordable rental housing. Doug accepted our invitation and we got to know each other on a more personal basis as a result of his involvement on the Council.

We know that Doug will have to resign from our Advisory Council upon approval of his nomination. This is a huge loss for EAH but a big win for the State of Hawaii. I believe that Doug will make an excellent Attorney General and will carry out his responsibilities honestly and faithfully in the best interests of the State. EAH strongly encourages your committee's support of his nomination.

Sincerely,

Kevin R. Carney, (PB), NAHP-E
Vice President, Hawaii

February 9, 2015

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran
Chair
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Re: GM13-Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas Chin as Attorney General,
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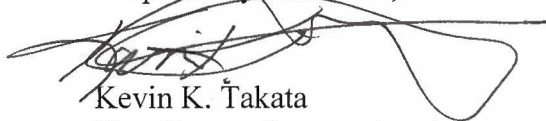
Dear Senator Keith-Agaran and Committee Members:

With great enthusiasm, I support the nomination of Douglas S.G. Chin as Hawai'i's Attorney General because he possesses that rare combination of being eminently qualified as a civil and criminal attorney based on experience and accomplishments, with a strong ethical compass and unwavering commitment to justice. Having worked with Mr. Chin at the Honolulu Prosecutor's office for about 12 years, I know him well and offer this recommendation without hesitation or equivocation.

The position of Attorney General ideally demands someone with great intellect to handle the myriad of issues and decisions that come before that department, guided by a vision of a better Hawai'i, and a love for the people and land. If you are fortunate, this person will also be a joy to work with and for. Mr. Chin is that person. In the years that I've known him, if he had a bad day, and I'm sure he must have, he never showed it. He put in long hours to prepare his cases for trial, ensured that victims were well represented, that defendants were treated fairly, and that justice was done.

Mr. Chin is a good and decent man who has stepped forward to serve the people of Hawai'i. Leaving private practice will undoubtedly mean a pay cut for he and his family, yet he is willing to make that sacrifice. We are fortunate that he is willing to do so. I know he will be an outstanding Attorney General and urge the Committee to recommend the approval of his nomination to the full Senate.

Respectfully submitted,



Kevin K. Takata
First Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
Kaua'i Office of the Prosecuting Attorney

KRISTIN E. IZUMI-NITAO

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February 10, 2015

The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
The Honorable Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
415 South Beretania Street
State Capitol, Conference Room 016
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: G.M. 513 - Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas Chin as Attorney General, State of Hawaii

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice-Chair Shimabukuro, and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

I am respectfully writing in strong support of gubernatorial nominee Douglas Chin as Attorney General, State of Hawaii.

I have known Doug for at least fifteen years as a colleague and a friend. I first met Doug at the City & County of Honolulu Prosecutor's Office when we both were Deputy Prosecuting Attorneys. He was always considered an exemplary prosecutor and a steward of justice. When I moved over to the Department of the Attorney General, I was fortunate to work with Doug in his managing capacity and was reminded of his work ethic and commitment to improving our community. I currently serve at the Hawaii Campaign Spending Commission where I have found our paths cross again, and in true form, Doug continues to be an outstanding and effective advocate.

Doug is an honorable, intelligent, dependable, resourceful, and respectful individual who has excelled in his positions. I believe he has the proper demeanor and integrity to do well as the Attorney General, State of Hawaii, and therefore, appreciate the opportunity to write in support of his nomination.

Thank you for your kind consideration in this matter.

Very truly yours,



Kristin E. Izumi-Nitao

From: [Kristine Yoo](#)
To: [JDL Testimony](#)
Subject: GM513 - Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas Chin as Attorney General, State of Hawaii
Date: Thursday, February 12, 2015 9:04:16 AM

Dear Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair, and Committee Members of Committee on Judiciary and Labor

I strongly SUPPORT the nomination of Douglas Chin as Attorney General for the State of Hawaii.

I've had the pleasure of working with Mr. Chin as Deputy Prosecuting Attorney. As you already know, he was the First Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, and an Acting Prosecuting Attorney. I had personal interactions with Mr. Chin when he was in those roles. He was always very conscientious and rational in his decisions. He had an open door policy where he would explain his reasonings if we didn't agree on an issue. He is an excellent communicator and trial attorney. He was organized and was a good manager. He never let files sit on his desk for a long period of time.

As a person, he is very warm and friendly. He is always smiling and very approachable.

When I had heard that he was nominated by Governor Ige, I sincerely thought that he couldn't have picked a better person.

I sincerely support the nomination and would be happy to answer any questions. I can be reached via email at [@yahoo.com](#).

Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kristine Yoo Nakamatsu

From: [L. Kawaiiani Ono](#)
To: [JDL Testimony](#)
Subject: Confirmation of Gubenatorial Nominee Douglas Chin as Attorney General, State of Hawaii
Date: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 8:47:57 AM

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair and Committee Members
Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I support the nomination of Douglas Chin as Attorney General for the State of Hawaii. On many occasions, Mr. Chin has proven to be an excellent leader and enables his team to be proficient in all aspects of their lives, both on and off the job. Mr. Chin's positive, can do attitude continues to inspire by finding solutions to challenges as they arise. Quick to lead by example, Mr. Chin will continue to do his utmost best to serve the people of Hawaii as its next Attorney General.

From: [Landon Murata](#)
To: [JDL Testimony](#)
Subject: GM513 - Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas Chin as Attorney General, State of Hawaii
Date: Thursday, February 12, 2015 9:31:57 AM

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair, and Committee Members:

I am writing in support of Governor Ige's nomination of Douglas S. Chin. I have known Mr. Chin my entire career. I first met him while I was working as a law clerk in the Circuit Court of the First Circuit and I have always been impressed with his sincerity and professionalism. I am also a former deputy prosecuting attorney for the City and County of Honolulu. Mr. Chin served as First Deputy in that office for the majority of my time there. As one of the deputy prosecutors assigned to the Career Criminal Division, handling a good number of serious or high profile cases, I had rather regular contact with Mr. Chin over the years. While it may go without saying that he is an excellent attorney, I can tell you from personal experience that he is also an excellent manager. These two skill sets are not related and being good at the former is no guarantee you will be good at the latter. During the time I was personally affected by his conduct, I can tell you without question that Mr. Chin performed admirably at both. I am confident that in his time as managing director for the City and County of Honolulu he has only gotten better. Again, I strongly support Governor Ige's nomination of Mr. Chin for Attorney General of the State of Hawaii.

Sincerely,

Landon M.M. Murata

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2015

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2015
9:00 A.M.

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 513 – SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND
CONFIRMATION TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE
ATTORNEY GENERAL, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, DOUGLAS CHIN, FOR A
TERM TO EXPIRE 12-3-2018.

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee:

My name is Lane Tsuchiyama and I write in strong support of Mr. Douglas S. Chin to
serve as the next Attorney General for the State of Hawaii.

For many years Mr. Chin has served the community of this state well as a deputy
prosecuting attorney, and later managing director, for the City and County of Honolulu.
As a law clerk to the Honorable Richard K. Perkins many years ago, Mr. Chin always
treated me with kindness and respect as he went about his business with the court.
With his experience in managing the affairs of the Department of the Prosecuting
Attorney and the City and County of Honolulu, Mr. Chin is well positioned to lead a
department that provides crucial advice and services to the many agencies that do good
work on behalf of the State. I strongly recommend that the Committee approve Mr.
Chin's nomination to serve as Attorney General for the State of Hawaii.

Thank for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Lane Tsuchiyama

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TESTIMONY FOR GM 513

Consideration and confirmation to the Attorney General of the Department of the Attorney General, Gubernatorial Nominee, **DOUGLAS CHIN**, for a term to expire 12-3-2018.

TO: SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

Friday, February 13, 2015 at 9:00 am
Conference Room 016

FROM: Laura Maeshiro *Laura Maeshiro*

Position: IN STRONG SUPPORT

Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and Members of the Committee:

I worked under Douglas Chin for several years at the Honolulu Prosecutor's Office while he was the First Deputy Prosecutor there. Mr. Chin was very knowledgeable and an experienced trial attorney and a good role model for all of us. I admire his pleasant demeanor and style of management, and am in strong support for his confirmation to be the Attorney General for our state.

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February 10, 2015

VIA E-MAIL | JDLtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov

Committee on Judiciary and Labor
The Senate | State of Hawaii
Hawaii State Capitol | Room 221
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Attention: Senator Gilbert S. C. Keith-Agaran, Chair

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee:

Re: GM513 - Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee
DOUGLAS S. CHIN as Attorney General of the State of Hawaii

I have no hesitation in writing this letter in support of the appointment and confirmation of Douglas S. Chin for the position of the State's Attorney General. I am a partner at Carlsmith Ball LLP and have worked closely with Doug at our firm. Doug first joined the Carlsmith Ball law firm in May 2005 and, following service at both the Honolulu Prosecuting Attorney's Office as First Deputy and Acting Prosecutor, and with the City as Managing Director and Acting Mayor, returned to the firm in January of 2013. Based on my working with Doug at this firm, I thought that I could best comment on four areas, which impact the foundation of a successful attorney general and over which I had the opportunity to observe: ethics and integrity, management, legal ability, and energy.

ETHICS AND INTEGRITY: Particularly in government service, these traits are both necessary and admired. While working with us and in the law practice, Doug exemplifies some of the best of these qualities, which have become and are naturally ingrained in his character. He has already demonstrated his high standards of ethics and integrity in highly visible positions with the Prosecutor's and Mayor's offices.

MANAGEMENT: With his demonstrated management skills, honed while with the Prosecutor's Office and then the City and County of Honolulu, he was an easy choice to become

a managing partner of this firm. As a member of our firm's Executive Committee, I was able to observe his managerial ability and skills demonstrated while overseeing the operations of this firm, which has 6 offices spread from Los Angeles to Guam. He has the ability to see the big picture in furthering the goals of the firm, yet deal with the many day-to-day issues of a 185-person firm. He has a pleasant and positive demeanor and personality, makes good decisions based on careful thought, and manages people and operations well. We will miss his management at our firm.

LEGAL ABILITY: I have worked on several projects with Doug, many of which required a high level of legal skills and understanding. I have found him to be perceptive and intelligent in his understanding of the law and smart and efficient in how he applied it. He could quickly see the relevant legal issues, analyze it in light of the evidence and articulate it well, whether in writing or orally.

ENERGY: A characteristic of Doug that I found to be highly admirable is his level of energy that he puts in everything he does. He will invariably gets things done and done well, no matter how many assignments or projects he may have at the same time. His seemingly even and moderate demeanor does not accurately reflect his considerable ability and potential to get much done, no matter what the circumstances. It's important for him to accomplish his work and his projects in a timely manner. His level of energy is infectious and stimulates others around him to always know that he is always working as hard or even harder than they. For the position of Attorney General, which involves so many subjects and so many lawyers, governmental clients and staff, such levels of energy will be important and helpful.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to lend my unqualified support to the appointment and confirmation of Douglas S. Chin for Attorney General of the State of Hawaii.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lawrence S. Okinaga", with a stylized, flowing script.

Lawrence S. Okinaga

Lawrence D. Rodriguez, LLC

Honolulu, HI 96821

February 12, 2015

The Honorable Gilbert S. C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
and Committee Members
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
State Capitol, Room 221
415 S. Beretania St.
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: GM513 – Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas Chin as Attorney General, State of Hawaii

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran:

I am providing this testimony in support of Douglas (Doug) Chin, who is seeking appointment as the Attorney General for the State of Hawaii.

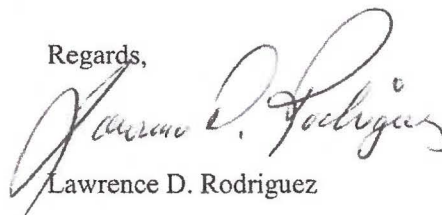
I have known Doug for at least ten years and have worked with him in a professional capacity when I was the Managing Partner of the Hawaii operations for Ernst & Young, LLP, and also in my prior position as the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer for Central Pacific Bank. I have always found Doug to be an individual of very high integrity. He is very intelligent, decisive but very collaborative in his approach to problem resolution. These are his major strengths. I initially met Doug through my CPA business, but in recent years have served with him as an advisor to EAH Housing.

Even though he maintains an active business career, Doug continues to be a supporter of our charitable and civic organizations. As I mentioned above, he has been an advisor of EAH Housing and the Mediation Center of the Pacific. He is a long time advocate of other community activities.

I believe he will do an excellent job as the Attorney General and I support his appointment to the position of Attorney General.

I am available for any additional questions. Please feel free to contact me at the above address or through my cell phone 222-1665.

Regards,



Lawrence D. Rodriguez

**LEA HONG'S TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GM 513 – CONFIRMATION OF
NOMINEE DOUGLAS CHIN AS ATTORNEY GENERAL, STATE OF HAWAII**

**Senate Committee on Judiciary & Labor
Thursday, February 12, 9:00 a.m., Rm. 221**

Aloha Chair and Committee Members:

I am testifying in my personal and individual capacity in strong support of the confirmation of Douglas Chin as Attorney General, State of Hawai'i.

In my professional capacity as State Director of the The Trust for Public Land, I have had the pleasure of working with Mr. Chin while he served as Managing Director of the City and County of Honolulu under former Mayor Peter Carlisle. Mr. Chin was balanced, fair, humble, and honest in his work on behalf of the County. He is intelligent and hard-working. In my work with the County relating to land conservation, Mr. Chin was able to quickly understand real estate and land conservations concepts that were new to him. He displayed excellent management and people skills, and was able to accomplish much during his tenure. He also testified frequently before City Council, remaining calm under fire.

I believe Mr. Chin would bring these strengths to the job of Attorney General and give him my strongest endorsement. Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.

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Lea Hong

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February 9, 2015

Via E-Mail (JDLtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov)

Chairman Sen. Gilbert Keith-Agaran
Vice Chairman Sen. Maile S.L. Shimabukuro
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Hawaii State Capitol
415 S. Beretania St., Room 221
Honolulu, HI 96813

**Re: GM513 – Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas Chin
for Attorney General – In Support**

Dear Senators Keith-Agaran and Shimabukuro:

Please consider this letter my testimony in support of Douglas Chin's confirmation as the Attorney General, State of Hawaii.

I have been a licensed attorney since 2002 and worked in private practice as an attorney specializing in litigation. Since 2009, my practice has focused almost exclusively on employment litigation with the Marr Jones & Wang law firm, where I am a partner.

For the past several years, I have had the pleasure of working alongside Doug at Robbins & Associates where we both handled civil litigation matters for various corporate entities, individuals and municipalities. At the time, Doug was a seasoned criminal trial attorney who was trying his hand in the civil practice. Although he had very little civil experience, he was able to utilize the skills he gained at the Prosecutor's Office to bridge the gap. He immediately made a positive impression with our clients and gained their trust and respect. I was impressed at how quickly Doug was able to not only absorb, but become highly proficient in the various subject matters we practiced in, including medical malpractice, and insurance defense matters.

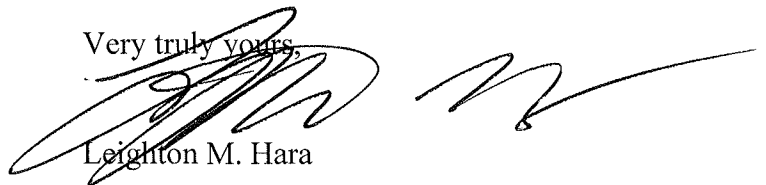
Here at Marr Jones & Wang, I was fortunate enough to work with Doug where he demonstrated his managerial expertise as the Managing Director for the City & County of Honolulu.

Chairman Sen. Gilbert Keith-Agaran
Vice Chairman Sen. Maile S.L. Shimabukuro
February 9, 2015
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Doug has always been hard working, fair, civic minded, and compassionate. As longtime public servant, Doug has spent his career assisting the public. He has also tried numerous jury trials to verdict and has successfully argued before Hawaii's courts in both the civil and criminal arena. Moreover, he gained managerial experience from managing the City & County of Honolulu as well as being the managing partner at one of Hawaii's largest and oldest law firms. Doug's experience, personality, and demeanor will serve the public well and are qualities which will make for an excellent Attorney General.

It is with great pleasure that I submit this testimony in support of Douglas Chin. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Leighton M. Hara', written over the typed name.

Leighton M. Hara

2/8/2015

TO: JDL TESTIMONY

I support Douglas Chin's nomination as Attorney General, State of Hawaii. Doug has been an excellent attorney and will serve the people of Hawaii well.

Best Regards,
Lena M. Cullison

From: [LOUISE ING](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: LINE: GM513 - Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas Chin as Attorney General, State of Hawaii
Date: Thursday, February 12, 2015 8:33:49 AM
Attachments: [ATT00001](#)

Dear Senator Keith-Agaran and members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor,
I write in support of the nomination of Douglas Chin as Attorney General. I have met and learned of Doug professionally because he worked closely with a colleague while with the City & County and interviewed for a position at our firm (we extended an offer). Doug will serve the State and community well as Attorney General because:

- 1) He has a professional, cooperative and approachable demeanor.
- 2) He has years of public service experience as one of the lead prosecutors in the Honolulu office. As AG, he will have had trial experience and would thus understand the pressures, pros and cons of litigation.
- 3) His experience as City & County Managing Director has demonstrated his administrative skills. Such skills are critical for managing the large AG's office, which has approximately 200 deputy attorneys general.
- 4) He has high ethical and moral character. This trait is important for the position of Attorney General, who serves as the state's lead legal enforcement official.

Mahalo for your Committee's consideration.

Sincerely,
Louise Ing



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From: [Louise Kim McCoy](#)
To: [JDL Testimony](#)
Subject: GM315 - Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas Chin as Attorney General, State of Hawaii
Date: Thursday, February 12, 2015 1:15:54 PM

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair

Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair

[Friday, February 13, 2015](#)

[9:00 am](#)

Room 016

Aloha Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Shimabukuro and Members of the Committee.

My name is Louise Kim McCoy and I thank you for this opportunity to submit written testimony in strong support for Douglas Chin as the next Attorney General for the State of Hawaii.

I have had the honor and pleasure of working with Doug Chin during the administration of Honolulu Mayor Peter Carlisle when he was the City's managing director and I was the Mayor's press secretary. He is a no-nonsense leader with a brilliant legal mind, but he's also smart enough to care about people and how policymakers affect everyday citizens.

Doug Chin is a man of strong character, integrity and quiet resolve. I have always admired his zen-like demeanor, fairness and compassion. He epitomizes authority and professionalism.

I ask you to confirm Doug Chin. He will be an excellent Attorney General for the people of the State of Hawaii.

Thank you,
Louise Kim McCoy

From:

To: [JDL Testimony](#)

Subject: Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas Chin as Attorney General, State of Hawaii

Date: Thursday, February 12, 2015 8:52:07 AM

Aloha Committee on Judiciary and Labor

I strongly support nominee Doug Chin as the Attorney General, State of Hawaii. He and I both serve on the board of the non-profit low income housing developer EAH, Inc. His legal expertise, experience on both the public and private sides and impeccable character qualifies him well for this position and I respectfully ask that he be confirmed.

Mahalo

Lucien Wong

President

Lucien Wong & Associates LLC

February 11, 2015

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
and Committee Members
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
State Capitol, Room 221
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: GM513 – Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas Chin as Attorney General, State of Hawaii

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair and Committee Members,

I am writing in support of the nomination of Douglas Chin as Attorney General.

I have had the pleasure of knowing and working with Douglas Chin for over 10 years at the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney. During that time, Douglas was both a colleague, working as a fellow Deputy Prosecuting Attorney and my supervisor when he returned to the office as First Deputy Prosecuting Attorney.

Douglas' commitment to public service was evident from the start and over the years his dedication and commitment has not diminished. Douglas is a very experienced and respected trial attorney in the legal community. He has proven his ability to handle complex legal issues and his advice and knowledge was often sought by everyone in the office. I believe his impeccable integrity and legal knowledge makes him well suited for the position of Attorney General for the State of Hawaii.

I wholeheartedly recommend and support Douglas Chin as Attorney General for the State of Hawaii. I hope you will confirm Douglas so that he may continue to serve the State of Hawaii.

Sincerely,

Lynette Lau

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Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
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RE: **GM513 - Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas Chin as Attorney General, State of Hawaii**

POSITION: IN SUPPORT

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran & Members:

I am writing in full support of Douglas Chin as the State of Hawaii's Attorney General.

Besides being a very competent attorney, he has extensive experience both in the public and private sector, including having served as Managing Director for the City & County of Honolulu.

Mr. Chin has made and continues to make a tremendous, positive impact in our community through his involvement in numerous professional and community service organizations. He would be an excellent Attorney General.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 808-244-6042.

Sincerely yours,



Lynn A.S. Araki-Regan
Attorney at Law

February 10, 2015

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran
Chair and Committee Members
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
State Capitol, Room 221
415 South Beretania Street
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Re: GM513 – Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas Chin as
Attorney General, State of Hawaii.

Dear Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith Agaran and Committee Members:

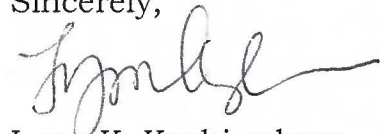
I support the confirmation of Nominee Douglas Chin as Attorney General,
State of Hawaii.

I've known Mr. Chin for seventeen years, working with him directly for five of the early years in his legal career. During those years, I admired him as a diligent and sharp litigator. We worked together on the front lines as Deputy Prosecuting Attorneys and despite the rough treatment he may have endured; in return he treated everyone fairly and with the utmost respect. While I left for private practice, Mr. Chin stayed in government for many years after me and steadily worked his way up, proving himself as a legal mind and excellent leader and manager.

Years later, when I heard Mr. Chin was appointed the City Managing Director, I asked him, "Why in the world would you want to take that position? Why not private practice?" He smiled and chuckled a bit and stated simply, "to help." It was a simple statement from an understated; at times underestimated; dedicated; and loyal civil servant, yet it spoke volumes about Mr. Chin.

In my opinion, Mr. Chin possesses the characteristics, work ethic, demeanor, experience and attitude requisite for our next Attorney General, State of Hawaii.

Sincerely,



Lynn K. Kashiwabara



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February 12, 2015

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Senator Gilbert S>C> Keith-Agaran, Chair
And Committee members on Judiciary and Labor
State Capitol , Room 2221
415 South Beretania Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Support of nominee Doug Chin for Attorney General

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran and Committee Members:

As the Director of Weed and Seed, it is my pleasure to endorse the appointment of Doug Chin as the Attorney General for the State of Hawaii.

We have had a good working relationship while he was the Deputy at the Prosecutor's office as well as the Managing Director of the City and County of Honolulu.

Mr. Chin's strong leadership has been crucial to the success of the Weed and Seed Program. He has set the standard for a government agency utilizing collaborative skills to work with all sectors of the community.

He was a major force in bringing about change through the Weed and Seed program in working with communities helping them to design their own strategies to deter crime, promote economic growth, to enhance the quality of life.

He has served with integrity and distinction.

It is without qualification that I support Mr. Chin's appointment as the Attorney General. Thank you for your consideration.

If there are any questions, I may be contacted at mailek@weedandseedhi.org

Respectfully Submitted,

Maile Kanemaru

Maile Kanemaru
Director weed and Seed

The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran
Chair
State Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee

RE: Testimony in Support of Douglas Chin for Attorney General, GM 513

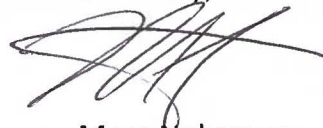
Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and members of the Judiciary and Labor Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in STRONG SUPPORT of Attorney General nominee Douglas Chin. I worked as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney under Mr. Chin at the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney while he served as the First Deputy Prosecuting Attorney. Mr. Chin is a highly capable trial attorney who successfully prosecuted high profile criminal cases in state court while balancing his administrative responsibilities. It was both refreshing and heartening to not only see Mr. Chin in the courtroom and arguing in front of a jury, but also staying late and working weekends prepping for trial and providing important trial advice for other attorneys. In short, Mr. Chin leads by example which motivates those under him to work just as hard.

In addition to his legal skills, Mr. Chin is a humble and self-effacing individual who is the first to accept difficult tasks without complaint and generously shares credit for his accomplishments with others.

I believe that Mr. Chin possesses the legal skills, administrative experience, and personality to succeed as Attorney General and respectfully request that the Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee recommend his nomination for confirmation by the State Senate. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this nominee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marc Nakamura', with a stylized, flowing script.

Marc Nakamura

The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran
Chair and Committee Members
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
State Capitol, Room 221
415 South Beretania Street
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Dear Senator Keith-Agaran and Committee Members,

SUBJECT: GM513 – Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas Chin as
Attorney General, State of Hawaii

I support the nomination of Douglas Chin as Attorney General for the State of Hawai'i.

Having had the privilege of working at the prosecuting attorney's office when Douglas served as the deputy, and closer when I worked with him at the city's managing director's administrative office. I could go on and on about the achievements obtained during his tenders, however we all know that he is knowledgeable about the laws, has vast experience in the legal system and trials, is a good mediator and negotiator, and proven office and organization administrator and leader, however I'm here to share my observations of him at the office and in the public. How he is able to communicate with people from all levels, he is approachable, listens well, his ability to see the bigger picture and each parties sides of an issue quickly, his communication style that gets the point across without harsh words. His understanding of teamwork and how he somehow makes you perform better.

The perfect candidate the Honorable Governor Ige nominated. I urge you to support the nomination of Douglas Chin as Hawaii's next Attorney General.

Faithfully yours,
Marilyn Helfenbein

From: [Mark Goodrowe](#)
To: [JDL Testimony](#)
Subject: GM513 - Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas Chin as Attorney General, State of Hawaii
Date: Tuesday, February 10, 2015 2:13:11 PM
Attachments:

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
and Committee Members
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
State Capitol, Room 221
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Agaran:

It is my pleasure to write this letter in support of the upcoming nomination of Doug Chin for Attorney General. I have known Doug for several years on both a personal and professional level. I believe that Doug is an inspired leader with the skills necessary to be an outstanding Attorney General.

Aloha,

Mark Goodrowe

MARK A. ROSSI
VICE CHAIRMAN

TESTIMONY TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

Friday, February 13, 2015
Conference Room 016
State Capitol Building

**TO: The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
The Honorable Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee**

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF CONFIRMATION OF DOUGLAS CHIN AS ATTORNEY GENERAL (GM513)

I am Mark Rossi, General Counsel and Chief Administrative Officer for Bank of Hawaii, testifying in strong support of Doug Chin for Attorney General. I have known Doug for approximately seven years and have had the pleasure of serving with him as a member of the Hawaii Chapter of the American Judicature Society.

I have found Doug to be nothing but professional at all times, conducting himself with the highest degree of integrity. He is thoughtful in his approach to legal matters and willing to consider various points of view and actions. He is known for his soft-spoken personal demeanor and effectiveness at collaborating and building consensus on issues.

He brings the positive benefit of both public and private sector experience to the job. I am glad he is willing to return to the public sector and serve our state in this broader capacity.

I respectfully encourage the Committee to vote favorably on his confirmation. Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



Mark Rossi

From: [Mark Yuen](#)
To: [JDL Testimony](#)
Subject: GM513-Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas Chin as Attorney General, State of Hawaii
Date: Tuesday, February 10, 2015 4:18:58 PM

The Honorable Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran
Chairman, Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee
State Capitol, Room 221
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Mr. Douglas S. Chin's Confirmation Hearing (February 13, 2015 at 9:00 A.M.)

Dear Honorable Senator Keith-Agaran and other Senate and Labor Committee Members:

I address this letter to you in order to **support** strongly Mr. Douglas S. Chin's nomination as Attorney General, State of Hawaii. I first met Mr. Chin in law school at the University of Hawaii, Richardson School of Law from where he graduated one year ahead of me in 1995. After graduating from law school, I became a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney at the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, City and County of Honolulu, which is where Mr. Chin also became a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney and subsequently, the First Deputy Prosecuting Attorney.

I highly recommend Mr. Chin as the Attorney General for the State of Hawaii for the reasons as stated below:

Mr. Chin is a highly intelligent and well-rounded attorney whose flawless experience makes him a much worthy candidate as our State's next Attorney General. As a partner in one of the more well known and established civil law firms in Honolulu, as the Managing Director of the City and County of Honolulu, and as the second-in-command at the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, Mr. Chin has displayed excellent legal and managerial skills in high ranking government and non-government positions involving both criminal and civil matters. His resume simply speaks for itself-he has excelled in very high positions and in my humble opinion, is more than qualified to be the next Attorney General of this State.

Mr. Chin is also a man of integrity. As a co-worker and later as one of his employees, I always found Mr. Chin to be transparent, straight-up and trustworthy. He always treated me and others fairly and I always knew that he would keep his word. Those are intangible qualities that I always appreciated about Mr. Chin.

In addition to his experience, the thing that always strikes me about Mr. Chin is his outgoing and friendly demeanor and his deep sense of humility. As Mr. Chin rose through the ranks as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney and then later became the First Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, Mr. Chin never changed. He was always extremely humble, hard working and very likeable. Mr. Chin never once acted like he was better than others, always put the interests of the office first, and always made the time to find

out how the line deputies were. In fact, to this day, on the rare occasions when I see him on the street downtown, he is always quick to give me a big smile and ask how I am doing.

In summary, although Mr. Chin's outstanding resume simply speaks for itself, I wanted to make it clear to this Committee that Mr. Chin's impressive resume does not also take into consideration and reflect his outstanding personality and character. If you select Mr. Chin to be the Attorney General for the State of Hawaii, I believe he would do an outstanding job of which our community will be proud.

Yours sincerely,

//signed//

Mark Yuen

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To: Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
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From: Melissa H. Lambert

Date: February 12, 2015

Subject: GM513 - Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas Chin as Attorney General, State of Hawaii

Hearing: Friday, February 13, 2015 at 9:00 am in Conference Room 016, State Capitol

Dear Honorable Senators:

I am writing in support of the nomination of Douglas Chin as Attorney General of the State of Hawaii.

I am an attorney at Carlsmith Ball LLP. I have known Doug since 2005, when he first joined the firm. Following service at the Honolulu Prosecuting Attorney's Office and as the City of Honolulu's Managing Director, Doug returned to the firm in January 2013. During this time, I have had the opportunity to work with Doug on multiple cases. In addition, I consider him a friend and mentor.

As a lawyer, Doug is highly accomplished, has super work ethic, and has extensive courtroom experience in both criminal and civil matters. But, to me, what stands out most about Doug is his upstanding character. He has the highest ethical standards and integrity, both professionally and personally. He is a natural leader who is thoughtful and fair, sensitive to the feelings of others, discreet, and intelligent. These characteristics make him exceptionally qualified to serve as the State's Attorney General.

In conclusion, I urge you to favorably consider Doug's appointment as Attorney General for the State of Hawaii. I will miss working with Doug, but the State of Hawaii will greatly benefit from his service.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Melissa H. Lambert', with a stylized, flowing script.

Melissa H. Lambert

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Melissa Pavlicek	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Doug Chin is an outstanding community leader, dedicated public servant and highly respected attorney. I have personally known Mr. Chin for more than 20 years, beginning when we were law students at the University of Hawaii. He is an outstanding volunteer with the Hawaii Procurement Institute where I have had the opportunity to observe first hand his dedication to community service. Please confirm his appointment.

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Mia Obciana	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am writing in strong support of Doug Chin's nomination for attorney general. I have worked for Doug and know first-hand that he cares about all the people who work for him. He is honest, fair-minded and knowledgeable.

He has the experience, temperament and dedication to be an excellent attorney general and he will make the people of Hawai'i proud.

February 9, 2015

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
and Committee Members
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
State Capitol, Room 221
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran,

I write in strong support of the nomination of Doug Chin to the office of Attorney General.

I have known Doug for a number of years. He appeared before me when I was a Family Court Judge, and we also worked together on YMCA matters when Doug was the Managing Director of the City.

Based on my personal experiences with Doug, I can say, without reservation, that he is bright, honest, fair, conscientious, articulate and thoughtful. I believe that he would be a terrific Attorney General, and carry out his responsibilities in a way that would make us all proud.

Doug has my unequivocal support.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michael Broderick". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michael" being more prominent than the last name "Broderick".

Michael Broderick
President & CEO
YMCA of Honolulu

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Attention: Senator Gilbert S. C. Keith-Agaran, Chair

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee:

Re: GM513 - Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee
DOUGLAS S. CHIN as Attorney General of the State of Hawaii

I am very pleased to write this letter in support of the appointment of Douglas S. Chin for the position of State Attorney General. I serve as the Co-Managing Partner of the Carlsmith Ball law firm. In that capacity, I have worked closely with Doug and have been greatly impressed with his legal work and the many contributions he has made to the firm and to its clients. Doug first joined the Carlsmith Ball law firm in May 2005 and, following service at both the Honolulu Prosecuting Attorney's Office and with the City as Managing Director, he returned to the firm in January of 2013.

Doug is highly accomplished and possesses an outstanding legal mind. He has great insight into the community and is sensitive to the issues that concern its businesses and residents. Doug consistently provides his clients with excellent and well-thought through legal analyses and work product. Most importantly, Doug's management style is fair and thoughtful. He is sensitive to the feelings of others, is a good listener, remains calm in the most stressful of situations and is an optimistic and positive leader. He is a very personable and caring individual and respects, and is respected by, all who have had the pleasure of working with him. He consistently demonstrates a superb work ethic, positive attitude, and persistence. Doug is open to new ideas and to discussing positions that differ from his own. He is and has been, without doubt, one of the young leaders of our law firm.

Doug has also demonstrated the highest ethical standards and integrity in both his professional and personal lives. He is discreet, intelligent, a strong leader and exceptionally qualified to serve as the State's Attorney General. The loss of Doug will be difficult for our law firm; however, the State of Hawaii will greatly benefit from his service, and I am confident that he will serve all of us well in that position.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to lend my unqualified support to the appointment of Douglas S. Chin for Attorney General of the State of Hawaii.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michelle C. Imata", written over a horizontal line.

Michelle C. Imata

From: [Michelle Puu](#)
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Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
and Committee Members

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I author this letter in support of Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas S. Chin, Esq. as Attorney General for the State of Hawai'i.

I have been practicing law for 12 years now. I pursued a legal career with the sole intention of serving as a Prosecuting Attorney for the City and County of Honolulu. It was in that role, that I had the pleasure of working for Doug while he managed the office as First Deputy Prosecuting Attorney under Peter Carlisle.

Most consider the Prosecutor's Office as a training ground or stepping stone for lawyers seeking development of litigation experience. Certainly experience there does yield that result. Others, like Doug, view our time there as an opportunity to serve the greater good of the community. Prosecutors are public servants who work to ensure community safety.

Doug's leadership within the Prosecutors office afforded me a working environment where I felt supported and inspired on a daily basis. His impeccable credentials and extensive work experience leave little room to question his opinions or guidance, even in the most contentious adversarial proceedings.

The 2010 election derailed the career plans of many individuals within the Prosecutor's Office, mine included. Through some good fortune however, since my departure from the Prosecutor's Office, I have taken up residence in the Attorney General's Office. I was elated to learn of Doug's nomination to this Department. I look forward to the opportunity to work for Doug again. He would be a remarkable asset to this Department. Admittedly, I know him only as a Criminal Prosecutor, but I know he brings a wealth of experience to this new endeavor. Accordingly, I have full faith in Doug in serving as our Attorney General.

Should you require any further information in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Michelle M.L. Puu

Michelle M.L. Puu

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Washington, D.C. 20001

February 12, 2015

By Email

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran,
Chair and Committee Members
Committee on the Judiciary and Labor
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RE: *GM513 - Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas Chin as Attorney General, State of Hawaii*

Dear Senator Keith-Agaran:

I write to express my support for the confirmation of Douglas Chin as Attorney General of Hawaii.

I worked with and came to know Doug during my time as an associate at Carlsmith Ball LLP. Others can speak to Doug's adept management of the Prosecuting Attorney's Office, supervising over one hundred attorneys charged with enforcing the law and keeping Honolulu residents safe. I can speak, at least in part, to Doug's time in private practice.

Though I only worked with Doug for a short period, he made a considerable impression on me as precisely the sort of attorney I aspire to be—thoughtful, approachable, and always respectful of everyone and their views. I recall hearing, when Carlsmith Ball was recruited Doug, that he was sought after not only for being such a talented lawyer, but also due to his unblemished reputation for fair-mindedness. And it quickly became apparent, once he joined the Firm, that Doug's reputation was earned. Doug is not only a brilliant and skilled lawyer, but also the consummate professional. He is universally liked and admired by his colleagues. It is a testament to Doug that he was selected to be Carlsmith Ball's Managing Partner after only approximately a year in the Firm's partnership.

I enthusiastically and without qualification encourage the Senate to approve Governor Ige's nomination of Doug Chin as Hawaii's next Attorney General.

Sincerely,



Mitchell D. Webber
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NATHAN J. SULT

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February 11, 2015

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Re: GM513 - Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas Chin as
Attorney General, State of Hawaii

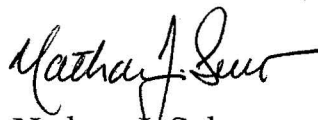
Dear Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee,

I appreciate the opportunity to lend my support to the nomination of Douglas Chin to be the next Attorney General of the State of Hawaii.

I have known Doug for a number of years, and have found him to be that rare lawyer who is smart, fair, firm and well-mannered at the same time. His experience in criminal and civil trials, as well as in the administration of government offices, make Doug well-suited for the diverse responsibilities of the Attorney General's job.

It is my hope that, after hearing from Doug and the other people testifying about his nomination, you will find that he is highly qualified by ability and temperament to be our next Attorney General. Should you have any questions about this testimony, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,


Nathan J. Sult

Noel T. Ono
650 S. King Street, 10th Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

February 13, 2015

The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
and Committee Members
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
The Senate
State Capitol, Room 221
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee:

Subject: Testimony on GM 513 for Consideration and Confirmation of
Gubernatorial Nominee DOUGLAS CHIN as Attorney General,
State of Hawaii

I strongly support the confirmation of Mr. Douglas Chin to the position of Attorney General, State of Hawaii.

As a former Director of the Department of Human Resources, City and County of Honolulu, I have had the pleasure and honor to work with Mr. Chin in his former positions as First Deputy Prosecuting Attorney and Managing Director. Mr. Chin is a man of great integrity and forthrightness. As the Managing Director, Mr. Chin was held in high esteem by the Cabinet of the Carlisle Administration, the managers, supervisors and employees of the City and County of Honolulu. Besides displaying his managerial skills and quick ability to learn and address the myriad of problems of the City and County of Honolulu, Mr. Chin's people skills, strong work ethic, compassion, sincerity, and sense of humor earned him the respect and support during his tenure.

I believe Mr. Chin is well-qualified to serve as the Attorney General of the State of Hawaii. As such, I urge your confirmation of Mr. Douglas Chin.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

Sincerely,



Noel T. Ono

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Vince S. Kanemoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am writing to express my full support of Doug Chin for the position of Attorney General. I have known Doug for about twenty years and have the utmost respect for him as an attorney and an individual. Doug is very intelligent and possesses the highest degree of integrity. He is experienced in both the civil and criminal arenas of law and has a considerable amount of administrative experience as the former managing director of the City and County of Honolulu. I firmly believe that Doug Chin will be an excellent Attorney General for the State of Hawaii and strongly recommend his confirmation for that position.

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Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
and Committee Members,

I wholeheartedly support the nomination of Douglas Chin for the position as Attorney General, State of Hawaii.

I have known Douglas Chin for twenty-five years. I have personally watched his journey from law student, attorney, & Managing City Director for Honolulu under Mayor Peter Carlisle. Doug has approached every career change with careful consideration, honesty and Integrity. He is a tireless worker, an admirable public servant with applaudable work ethics. Doug is a man who is more interested in "what's right" not "who's right". He is approachable, thoughtful, intelligent and articulate. I have watched as he has spoken before the media, always presenting professionally, with a cool and calm demeanor. He carries himself with poised confidence and represents his office and position well. I have watched him, on TV, in situations where he is bombarded with reporters and questions. He engages well with his audience and listens well, taking his time with responses. On a personal level, he is a compassionate man, dedicated to his family and his faith. He is a good friend and a better public servant.

Please consider this man of such high integrity for such a worthy role in our State, for such a time as this.

Respectfully,

Patricia Camero
Executive Director
Pohai Nani



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February 12, 2015

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair
and Committee Members
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
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Senator Keith-Agaran and Committee Members:

I support the appointment of Douglas Chin as the next Attorney General for the State of Hawaii. Mr. Chin and I first worked together for several years at the City and County of Honolulu, Department of the Prosecuting Attorney starting in 1998. In 2010, with the election of Peter Carlisle as the Mayor of City and County of Honolulu, I served the City while Mr. Chin was in the position of Managing Director.

Through the years, whether as a peer or my superior, Mr. Chin has always let me call him "Doug." It might seem like a minor point to some, but I think it tells a lot about the kind of person Doug is. He is a humble man. He is never condescending to anyone. Respect is given to everyone he talks to. To put this in perspective, never once has he bragged that he is a graduate of Stanford University. Never once has he ever told anyone how much smarter he is than the other guy. Truthfully, he probably is smarter than 99% of the population, but he never made me feel small. This quality will surely serve him well as our next Attorney General.

Doug has the highest standards of integrity. When faced with a problem, he will invariably choose to do what is right. He is also a man of his word. Whenever Doug says something will be done, he is always good to his word. He has never lied to me or shaped the truth. Sometimes the truth can be hard to take, but he has never shied away from being truthful.

As a manager and prominent representative of the City, Doug has served with honor. He is extremely detail oriented. When someone has a meeting with him, they better be prepared because Doug always reads the material. He also expects any person attending those meetings to do the same. Doug is not afraid to tell someone that he isn't happy with his or her work, but I've never seen him embarrass anyone in public or in front of co-workers. Problems are always handled objectively and with no drama.

I urge the Committee on Judiciary and Labor to rate Douglas Chin as an exceptional attorney, accomplished manager, and highly recommended appointee for the position of Attorney General. His nomination should be recommended to the Senate without reservation. I am sure that he will serve our state with honor and be among the very finest of our public servants.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul R. Mow". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "P" and "M".

Paul R. Mow

February 12, 2015

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Chair and Committee Members on Judiciary and Labor
State Capitol, Room 221
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Subject: Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas Chin as Attorney General,
State of Hawaii

Dear Senator Keith-Agaran:

It is with great honor that I am writing this letter of recommendation to you. I have known Doug Chin both personally and professionally for the past 25 years, therefore, I feel that I can offer a balanced perspective of his character. I first met Doug in 1989 at the Oahu Church of Christ where he serves as the Director of the Music Ministry. What impresses me about Doug is that he has voluntarily served in that ministry for the past 25 years with dedication and passion.

In 2011, I retired from the Honolulu Police Department (HPD) after 32 years of service. I spent most of my career as a Detective in HPD's Criminal Investigation Division. For the past 4 years I have been currently employed as an Investigator with the U.S. Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS). As a result, I, along with my colleagues, have a close working relationship with the City and County of Honolulu Prosecutor's Office. During his time as a criminal trial attorney, Doug developed an excellent reputation amongst detectives and special agents within the local, state, and federal law enforcement arena. He is intelligent, articulate, organized, and thorough. As the First Deputy Attorney, Doug established himself as a worthy leader. He is a humble man. I have known him to be honest, open, and approachable, in his career and within the church's music ministry, possessing the quality to unify and direct teams of people.

In closing, Doug Chin is a man of great faith. He is very hard-working, dependable, reliable, and personified by excellence. He is a loving husband and father. I am grateful to call him a friend and a colleague.

With deep respect,

Philip V. Camero
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The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
The Honorable Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair
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Re: Testimony in Support of GM 513: Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee
DOUGLAS CHIN as Attorney General, State of Hawaii

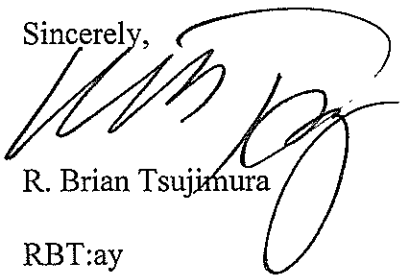
Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and members of the Senate Committee on
Judiciary and Labor:

I am writing in support of the nomination of Douglas Chin. There are certain things one learns while working for certain government offices, and the department of the Attorney General is no different. As an alumnus and former supervising attorney general for what was then the Regulatory Division, I have had the pleasure of working with Ron Amemiya and Wayne Minami. I learned a lot from both of them. First and foremost the Attorney General must have integrity and the outlook of serving the public good. The latter is somewhat amorphous. What is the public good? We all differ in the definition of the term, depending on our world view, our preferences, our prejudices, our life experiences. The Attorney General must empathize with all of these differing points of view with an eye towards the preservation of the core of our civil society, the law and statutes which govern our social interactions.

In this regard I can vouch for Douglas Chin. I first met Doug when he was the Managing Director for the City. He was thoughtful, constructive, helpful, yet steadfast in his advocacy for the City. One cannot ask more from those in government. It is inevitable with our differences that we will disagree; but we should not let such disagreements devolve into divisions which pit one part of society against another. Our society is premised on compromise; and in compromise we don't obtain all we want; nor does the other side. A fair arbiter is all we can ask of the attorneys for the State. More than that, we seek attorneys who advocate for the truth. In this the Attorney General candidate, I believe excels.

I respectfully ask for your support of Doug's nomination. Hawaii will be well served.

Sincerely,



R. Brian Tsujimura

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RE: GM513 - Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas Chin as Attorney General, State of Hawaii

Dear Senator Agaran,

I write this letter in strong support of Governor Ige's nomination of Douglas Chin as the Attorney General of the State of Hawaii. Doug has been an active member of the Nu'uano YMCA's Branch Board of Managers, regularly attending Board and Committee meetings, as well as participating at our annual Board retreat.

His thoughtful questions and counsel have helped guide the Nu'uano YMCA in a challenging environment and I am confident that he will do the same for the State of Hawaii.

Sincerely,

Randal Ikeda
Executive Director
Nu'uano YMCA

February 11, 2015

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
and Committee Members
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
State Capitol, Room 221
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Re: GM513 – Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas Chin as Attorney General,
State of Hawaii
Hearing: Friday, February 13, 2015, 9:00 a.m.

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this letter in strong support of the nomination of Douglas Chin as Attorney General.

By way of background, our paths first crossed when we were both deputy prosecutors for the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney. Although Mr. Chin left the prosecutors office to pursue civil litigation, I had the privilege and pleasure of working for Mr. Chin when he returned as the First Deputy Prosecutor. I served as the Chief of the Misdemeanor and Traffic Division of the office. More recently, I was the Administrative Deputy for the Department of the Corporation Counsel when Mr. Chin served as the Managing Director. I submit this testimony in strong support in my personal capacity based upon my work experience with Mr. Chin.

As a litigator prosecuting criminal cases, Mr. Chin was a highly skilled trial attorney with an outstanding work ethic. A leader by example, he challenged and motivated the deputy prosecutors to be well-prepared in prosecuting their cases. As the First Deputy Prosecutor, Mr. Chin provided insightful trial strategies and guidance on many legal issues and handled all administrative duties, including training, the budget, and personnel matters as well. He was fair and respectful to everyone – the deputy prosecutors, investigators, counselors, staff, opposing counsel, the judiciary, victims and witnesses. More recently, as the Administrative Deputy for the Department of the Corporation Counsel, I was able to observe and interact with Mr. Chin as the Managing Director. Again, as Managing Director, he was highly effective because of his ability to not only analyze complex issues and appreciate divergent points of view, but also to listen and communicate effectively. In multi-agency meetings, his respectful, pragmatic, and diplomatic approach kept the participants honest and focused. He is dedicated, fair, open-minded, humble, and compassionate.

In addition to fulfilling his professional responsibilities, Mr. Chin is dedicated to his family. I have often seen him attending and volunteering at school functions as our children have attended the same schools. Mr. Chin is humble, so one may not immediately recognize the success he has earned as a litigator, manager, advocate, and mentor. However, his track record and work experience speak volumes about him.

Chair Keith-Agaran and Committee Members

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Simply put, he cares. He possesses the rare perfect balance of mind and heart. As he has proven through his work experience and dedicated public service, Doug Chin is an excellent candidate for Attorney General. He is dedicated and highly skilled, will perform his duties fairly and effectively, and is committed to serving the public.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support.

Sincerely,

Renee R. Sonobe Hong

Richard W. Stacey
Email: 2015LEGGrws

February 8, 2015

Senate Committee on Judiciary & Labor
State of Hawaii
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: GM 513, Gubernatorial Nominee DOUGLAS CHIN for position of Attorney General, for a term to expire 12-3-2018.

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice-Chair Shimabukuro, and Members:

I am writing in my personal capacity in STRONG SUPPORT of the nomination of DOUGLAS CHIN for Attorney General.

I have known Doug Chin since he first started as a deputy prosecuting attorney at the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney for the City and County of Honolulu well over a decade ago. He was known as a bright, efficient, hard working deputy, who rose quickly within the office. He eventually left to go into private practice, but returned as the First Deputy of the office, the second in command of the entire office, which typically consisted of approximately one hundred attorneys with additional staff. As the First Deputy, he tackled many different administrative duties within the office, while carrying his own felony trial cases. I was a supervisor for much of that time period, so dealt with him directly on numerous occasions. Doug was a quick study, a very good listener, and was able to make smart decisions in trying circumstances in areas ranging from high profile criminal cases to staffing and personnel matters.

I believe that many attorneys who work for or with the Department of the Attorney General are pleased that Governor Ige has nominated Doug Chin for this position, since he is definitely well-qualified. Doug has a very pleasant demeanor and is easy to talk to, and is a consensus builder who is still willing to make the right call even if it is unpopular. I am sure these traits served him well in his subsequent job as managing director for the city of Honolulu, and I am quite certain that his intelligence, experience, decision-making capability and ability to treat others with respect will make him an excellent Attorney General for the State of Hawaii.

Sincerely,



Rich Stacey

**RINA C.Y. CHUNG
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February 11, 2015

Senate Committee on Judiciary & Labor
State of Hawaii
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: GM 513, Gubernatorial Nominee DOUGLAS CHIN for position of Attorney General, for a term to expire 12-3-2018.

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice-Chair Shimabukuro, and Members:

I am writing in STRONG SUPPORT of the nomination of DOUGLAS CHIN for Attorney General.

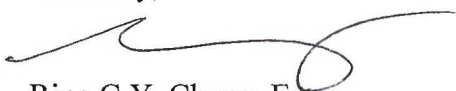
I have known Mr. Chin for about eight years. I was employed at the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney for the City & County of Honolulu during Mr. Chin's service as its First Deputy under former Honolulu Prosecutor Peter Carlisle's administration.

As the First Deputy, Mr. Chin showed his commitment to the office and willingness to do heavy lifting by personally taking on some very difficult cases for prosecution, in addition to his administrative duties. One of his duties was to review, and approve if appropriate, potential plea agreements between the prosecution and the accused. During such interactions, I found him to be open and approachable, knowledgeable about applicable judicial precedents, and firm in upholding office policies and best practices, while being fair in balancing the benefits and detriments of settling a case without going to trial.

Based on my personal observations and experiences, I am confident that Mr. Chin has the integrity, temperament, legal expertise, and management skills needed to competently lead the Department of the Attorney General and serve as our State's chief legal officer.

Thank you very much for considering this testimony.

Sincerely,



Rina C.Y. Chung, Esq.

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Senator Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Chair
Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair &
Members of the Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Room 221
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

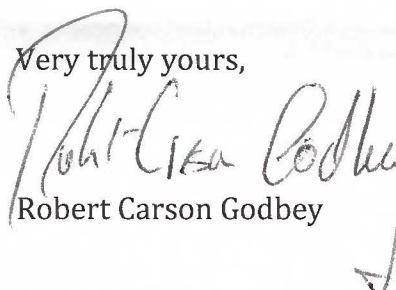
Re: Appointment of Douglas S. Chin as Attorney General

Dear Senator Keith-Agaran, Senator Shimabukuro, and
Members of the Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee:

I write in support of the appointment of Doug Chin as Attorney General. I had the privilege of working with Doug when I was the Corporation Counsel for the City and County of Honolulu. Doug is an extraordinary individual: he is a fine lawyer, a person of great integrity, and one of the hardest-working people I know.

Doug will be an excellent Attorney General. I recommend him to you without reservation.

Very truly yours,



Robert Carson Godbey

ROBERT J. FISHMAN
700 Richards Street, Honolulu, HI 96813

February 10, 2015

Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair and Members
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Hawaii State Senate
State Capitol, Rm 221
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Letter of Support for Confirmation of Douglas Chin for Attorney General

Dear Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee,

It is a pleasure to offer this letter of support for confirmation of Douglas Chin to be Hawaii's Attorney General. Over past years during which I served as Senior Advisor to the City and County, I have known and worked closely with Doug who was Honolulu's Managing Director. Throughout this time, he has invariably impressed me as an executive and leader with the very highest standards of integrity and professionalism.

Doug has steadily built a solid reputation in the legal profession over many years as a practicing prosecutor, as First-Deputy City Prosecutor, and Acting City Prosecutor. In private practice, he served as an associate, later rising to Managing Partner of one of Hawaii's most prestigious law firms. In each of these challenges he excelled, earning the admiration and respect of peers, clients, and the community at large. Clearly, he has a solid foundation in both the criminal justice and litigation aspects of the role of the Attorney General's office. As the Carlsmith Ball Managing Partner, he mastered the skills of managing a major law firm.

Doug has a very down-to-earth style of management. He makes it his business to strengthen the level of teamwork around him. In government, on one occasion after another, this has resulted in both efficiencies and resolution of complex governmental challenges. People really enjoy working for Doug Chin, who treated everyone he touched with respect and compassion and who challenged his team members to strive for excellence at every turn.

In my judgment, Doug Chin will serve the people of Hawaii with distinction as Attorney General. Your favorable consideration of his nomination is strongly urged by the undersigned.

Respectfully,

/S/

Robert J. Fishman

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [JDL Testimony](#)
Cc:
Subject: Submitted testimony for GM513 on Feb 13, 2015 09:00AM
Date: Thursday, February 12, 2015 8:01:46 AM

GM513

Submitted on: 2/12/2015

Testimony for JDL on Feb 13, 2015 09:00AM in Conference Room 016

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Robert Harris	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Chair Keith-Agaran and members of the committee: I offer this testimony, in my personal capacity, in support of Douglas Chin. I have had the opportunity to interact with Mr. Chin in his role at the City and County of Honolulu as well as interacted with him on a more social basis thereafter. I have found him to be very open, very considerate, and focused on finding areas of common ground. The Attorney General is required to resolve state disputes. Sometimes this involves aggressive litigation. More often, however, the Attorney General needs to foresee potential problems and steer our government in a better direction. This will require the ability to listen, to interact with diverse groups, and to see solutions to complex problems. I believe Mr. Chin has this ability and would make a terrific Attorney General. For these reasons, I encourage you to find Mr. Chin qualified to serve and recommend that he be confirmed. Thank you for the opportunity to submit these comments in support of Mr. Chin's nomination.

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From: [Robert Lee](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: GM 513 - Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas Chin as Attorney General, State of Hawaii
Date: Tuesday, February 10, 2015 10:54:44 AM

GM 513 Testimony: IN SUPPORT; Hearing Date: February 13, 2015 at 9 am, Conference Room 016, State Capitol

The Honorable Gilbert S. C. Keith-Agaran, Chair and Committee Member
Committee on Judiciary and Labor, Room 221, State Capitol

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in support of the appointment of Douglas Chin as Attorney General for the State of Hawaii. I am a former prosecutor's chief investigator, mayor's senior staff member and acting director at the city Medical Examiner. I have had the privilege of working with Doug extending over many years and have come to know him as a high integrity person and an elite administrator. He inspires and is a role model to many.

At the prosecutor's office and the office of the mayor, Doug, as first deputy prosecutor and city managing director, respectively, ran the day-to-day operations of a department and later a large city. Doug, a gifted leader, is a problem solver, a good listener and an exceptional communicator.

The State of Hawaii will be well served by having Doug serve as Attorney General, and I strongly urge the committee to make a favorable recommendation on his nomination to the Senate.

Thank you for considering my views.

Very truly yours,

/s/

Robert Lee Jr.

Sent from my iPad

From: [Robert Yamamura](#)
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Subject: GM513 - Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas Chin as Attorney General, State of Hawaii
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February 11, 2015

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
and Committee Members
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
State Capitol, Room 221
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator, and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I strongly support Governor Ige's nomination of Douglas Chin as Attorney General of the State of Hawaii. I have known Douglas for over 15 years as a devoted fellow church member of the Oahu Church of Christ. He is a man of the highest integrity. Thank you for your great service to the people of the State of Hawaii.

Sincerely,

Robert Yamamura

2/10/2015

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Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
and Committee Members
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
State Capitol, Room 221
415 South Beretania Street
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Senator Gilbert Keith Agaran and Committee Members,

I am submitting this letter in support of the nomination of Douglas Chin as Attorney General for the State of Hawaii.

I have known Doug personally for over 20 years in both a professional and personal capacity. Catering to the legal needs of our organization, Doug displayed the utmost professionalism and business efficacy. His legal cognition and guidance provided invaluable counsel and service.

Personally, Doug is an incredible man filled with integrity and honor. His love for his family, his church and his community are displayed in how he lives his life. I have spent time with Doug in these life circles and know this to be true. He values truth and honesty and strives to live with the highest of morals and standards.

I believe that he is absolutely the right individual to represent our State as Attorney General.

Respectfully,

Roger Dequina
Executive Director
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February 9, 2015

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
& Committee Members
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 221
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: GM513 – Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee
Douglas Chin as Attorney General, State of Hawaii

Hearing: Friday, February 13, 2015 at 9am
in Conference Room 016, State Capitol

Dear Senator Keith-Agaran and Members of the
Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee:

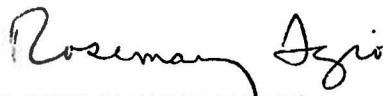
The purpose of this letter is to express my strong and unequivocal support of Douglas Chin to be the next Attorney General for the State of Hawaii.

I have known Mr. Chin on a professional basis for many years. I have observed him in many different contexts.

Mr. Chin is very intelligent, ethical, organized and knowledgeable. While he is serious and always professional, he also has a sense of humor and an approachable demeanor. Perhaps the strongest quality that he possesses, though, in terms of qualifying him to be Attorney General for the State of Hawaii, is his unfailing integrity. I never once had occasion to question his good judgment and his honesty.

I respectfully urge the Senate to confirm Douglas Chin's appointment to be the next Attorney General for the State of Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to present my views.

Very truly yours,


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Hon. Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair,
and Committee Members
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
State Capitol, Room 221
415 South Beretania Street
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Dear Chair Keith-Agaran and Committee Members:

It is my distinct honor to support the nomination of Douglas S. Chin to become the next Attorney General of the State of Hawaii.

During the period Mr. Chin served as the Managing Director of the City and County of Honolulu a few years ago, I represented the Ironworkers Stabilization Fund and certain individuals on the west side on several contentious issues affecting the Waianae Coast. Throughout our dealings, I had found the nominee to be a firm advocate for the city, but, more importantly, that he always strived for what was "right" which he never deviated from.

With his obvious intellect, character, integrity and people skills, I respectfully submit that he would be an excellent choice to be the next Chief Law Enforcement Officer of the State of Hawaii.

Please consider my thoughts when you deliberate on Mr. Chin's confirmation.

Sincerely,

/S/

Ronald Y. Amemiya

February 8, 2015



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Judiciary and Labor

GM 513

In Support of the Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas Chin
as Attorney General, State of Hawaii

Friday, February 13, 2015 at 9:00 am
Conference Room 016

Chair Keith-Agaran and Committee Members:

My name is Ross R. Murakami, partner of KMH LLP, one of the largest public accounting firms in Hawaii. I am submitting testimony **in support** of the confirmation of Douglas Chin as the Attorney General, State of Hawaii.

I have known Doug for approximately five years, both personally and professionally. On a professional level, he has demonstrated outstanding managerial and organizational abilities as the Managing Director of the City & County of Honolulu. On a personal level, I have found him to be a very genuine person who truly cares for and respects individuals. As Attorney General, I am confident that he will bring a tremendous energy and commitment in fulfilling the Department's mission of delivering "excellent legal and public service" to the State of Hawaii.

I truly believe that Doug will be an outstanding Attorney General and submit this notice of my strong support for his confirmation without any reservations.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. R. Murakami', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ross R. Murakami
Partner

From: [Ross Tanimoto](#)
To: [JDL Testimony](#)
Subject: ("RE:") LINE: GM513 - Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas Chin as Attorney General, State of Hawaii
Date: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 10:18:34 AM

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair and Committee Members
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
State Capitol, Room 221
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Keith-Agara and Committee Members;

I support the nomination of Mr. Douglas Chin as Attorney General of the State of Hawaii. I have been with the City and County of Honolulu for over 22 years and during this time have had the pleasure of serving numerous Managing Directors. Mr. Chin stands out as one of the best I have had the privilege to serve. He is intelligence, conscientious, respectful, hard working, and fair. I only regret the time of service was not longer. I am confident the State of Hawaii will be well served and represented with Mr. Chin as the Attorney General.

Again, I fully support Mr. Chin as the Attorney General for the State of Hawaii. If there are any questions, please don't hesitate.

February 11, 2015

The Honorable Gil Keith-Agaran
and Members of the Judiciary and Labor Committee
Twenty-Eighth Legislature, State of Hawai'i
State Capitol, Room 221
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Senator Keith-Agaran and Members of the Judiciary and Labor Committee:

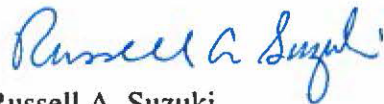
Re: Nomination of Douglas Chin to be Attorney General, State of Hawai'i

I write to wholeheartedly support Governor' Ige's nomination of Douglas Chin for Attorney General for the State of Hawai'i and respectfully urge you to send his nomination to the Senate to vote to confirm his nomination as your earliest convenience.

I have had the privilege of working with Mr. Chin for the past several weeks and have found him to have the legal acumen, strength of character and outgoing personality that make him well-suited to be the next Attorney General. Mr. Chin has expressed a sincere interest in the legal issues that presently confront the State and is eager to work to resolve them. In addition, based on his past experience with the Prosecuting Attorney's office and the City & County of Honolulu, Mr. Chin has the managerial expertise needed to provide leadership to the Attorney General's office.

Mr. Chin is amply qualified to be the next Attorney General and again, I wholeheartedly support his nomination and confirmation.

Sincerely,



Russell A. Suzuki

February 11, 2015

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran,
Chair and Committee Members
Judiciary and Labor Committee Members
State Capitol, Room 221
415 South Beretania Street
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RE: GM 513 – Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas Chin as Attorney General, State of Hawaii

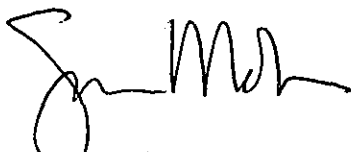
Aloha Senator Keith-Agaran and Judiciary and Labor committee members:

I am in full SUPPORT for the nomination of Douglas Chin as Attorney General for the State of Hawaii. During my service as the Director of Community Services at the City and County of Honolulu from 2010 - 2012, I was honored to have worked alongside Doug as the Managing Director for the City of Honolulu. He fostered a team work environment through his leadership that was conducive to getting the best out of all the Directors and staff.

Doug is resilient and personable but what I valued the most was his high level of integrity and fairness. Doug's decision making always took into consideration what would be best for public interest. These qualities combined with the many years of public service as a City prosecutor and his leadership as the Managing Director for one of the largest cities in the nation makes him more than qualified to lead Hawaii as the next Attorney General.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Sam Moku

From: [Spallina, Scott](#)
To: [JDL Testimony](#)
Subject: GM513 - Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas Chin as Attorney General, State of Hawaii
Date: Thursday, February 12, 2015 8:30:48 AM

I fully support Doug Chin for the position of Attorney General for the State of Hawaii.

I have known Doug for over 10 years. I have seen him in his position as a deputy prosecuting attorney, the First Deputy for the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, and the Managing Director for the City and County of Honolulu. In all that time, in his various positions he has held, I have rarely seen him falter in his duties and have never seen him shirk the responsibilities given him.

When I first met Doug, he was a co-worker of mine when we were both deputy prosecuting attorneys. I saw the effort he put into his cases to ensure that the victims of crimes got any justice the criminal court system could afford them and that the accused were held accountable for their actions in a respectful and timely way. His work in this position demonstrated his drive to do the right thing and his commitment to handle matters in a fair and compassionate manner.

When Doug became the First Deputy for the Prosecutor's Office, he became my immediate supervisor, as I was in charge of the Domestic Violence Team and the Elder Abuse Unit and reported directly to him. In this position, I saw him manage an office of 250 employees that consisted of legal and non-legal personnel alike (similar to the Attorney General's Office). It was during this time period that he showed his ability to listen to all sides of a dispute and reach an equitable resolution. His patience, although tested many times, was never short with anyone, and he made one feel as if he truly was interested in their opinion. His actions in this position were motivated, not by politics, but by trying to do the right thing – a characteristic he constantly demonstrated throughout the time I have known him.

When Doug was a Managing Director for the City and County of Honolulu, I rarely saw him. His efforts in running the 11th largest city in the nation left him little time for socializing. When I did see him, however, he was the same person I had always known: a humble man, working to the best of his abilities to try and do the right thing for all parties involved.

As the Attorney General, Doug will be tasked with representing the State of Hawaii in all legal matters. His position as a criminal and civil lawyer, as well as his administrative experience, gives him the perfect background to perform the tasks necessary for this job.

When taking all the above into consideration, as well as the fact that he is a "good guy" in every sense of the term, Doug Chin is a perfect candidate for this position.

Unfortunately, I will be out of town during the live testimony portion of this process and thus will be unable to convey personally the above sentiments. It is my sincere hope, however, that my written words are sufficient to express my favorable opinion of Doug in this position.

Sincerely,

Scott Spallina
Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
Supervisor, Elder Abuse Justice Unit
Honolulu Office of the Prosecuting Attorney

Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair

Friday, February 13, 2015
9:00 a.m.
Conference Room 016
Hawaii State Capitol

Testimony in Strong Support of Confirmation of Douglas Chin as Attorney General of the Department of the Attorney General.

Sean K. Sanada, Esq.

Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and distinguished members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor, thank you for the opportunity to speak in strong support of Douglas Chin's confirmation as Attorney General for the State of Hawaii.

As you are all very well aware, the functions of the Department of the Attorney General (hereinafter, the "Department") are vital to the legitimacy and trustworthiness of our government operations. The Department is the primary agency responsible for representing and defending the State of Hawaii in virtually all forms of criminal, civil and administrative matters. The Department is also charged with providing necessary advice and counsel to the Governor and other state officials as they make significant decisions that impact the lives of our local residents.

Needless to say, an agency with responsibilities of this magnitude requires the right leadership to operate efficiently and judiciously. I unequivocally believe that Governor Ige found the right leader in Douglas Chin.

In my view, a "right" leader must be intelligent, hard-working, and carry himself/herself with the highest degrees of integrity. Equally important, a "right" leader must be able to genuinely connect with his/her subordinates. Based on roughly five (5) years of direct experience working under Mr. Chin (who was then First Deputy Prosecuting Attorney) as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney ("DPA") for the City and County of Honolulu, I can attest that Mr. Chin possesses these requisites among countless others.

With respect to intelligence, I often sought counsel from Mr. Chin when faced with complex pre-trial or evidentiary matters in my felony cases. On each and every occasion, I left Mr. Chin's office with the confidence that we had thoroughly explored every relevant issue and that the decisions we made were the most reasoned. Mr. Chin's impressive knowledge of the law and ability to identify all key issues made this possible.

In terms of hard work, it is axiomatic that the workload of the First Deputy Prosecuting Attorney is nothing short of heavy; so much so that it is rare for a First Deputy to try

major criminal cases in addition to fulfilling his/her colossal administrative duties. Nevertheless, Mr. Chin accomplished both not only in stride, but also while maintaining a calm composure and positive attitude. His iron-clad work ethic was a true inspiration to the office.

As to integrity, I always viewed the primary goal of the Prosecuting Attorney's office as justice. In order for justice to prevail, both the prosecution and defense must be able to present their best cases so that the triers-of-fact (whether judge or jury) can render the right decisions. To that end, Mr. Chin consistently espoused the importance of candor and fair play in all cases. Having observed Mr. Chin in his many trial endeavors, I can confidently state that he never allowed zealous and effective advocacy to come into conflict with a defendant's Constitutional and other legal rights.

In addition to intelligence, hard-work (diligence), and integrity, I believe that it is imperative for a "right" leader to be able to genuinely connect with his/her subordinates. During my tenure as a DPA, it was clear for all intents and purposes that all DPAs were subordinate to the First Deputy; nevertheless, it rarely ever felt this way. Through his open-door policy, the respect he afforded to all DPAs, and the sincere concern he showed when any issues arose, Mr. Chin truly made us feel that we were working *with* him rather than *for* him. The fact that Mr. Chin could accomplish this in an office of over 100 attorneys is a definite testament to Mr. Chin's effective management style and, quite frankly, to his exceptional character.

In short, it is undisputed that the position of Attorney General is laden with responsibilities of the highest order. Based on my personal experiences working *with* Mr. Chin, however, I have every confidence that he will fulfill each responsibility and tackle any additional challenges in this position with great success. As such, I respectfully request that this Committee recommend Mr. Chin's confirmation as the next Attorney General for the State of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of Douglas Chin.

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February 12, 2015

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
and Committee Members
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
State Capitol, Room 221
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: GM513 - Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas Chin as Attorney General, State of Hawaii

Dear Senator Keith-Agaran and Committee Members:

I write to offer my support for Governor Ige's appointment of Douglas S. Chin for State Attorney General. Mr. Chin has always demonstrated strong ethical and moral character, intelligence, and diligence in all matters with which I have had the pleasure of working with him. I resolutely believe that Mr. Chin is qualified and capable of performing in the highest capacity as State Attorney General and offer my support of his nomination without hesitation.

Sincerely,


Seth T. Buckley

From: [Sharon V. Lovejoy](#)
To: [JDL Testimony](#)
Cc: [Sharon V. Lovejoy](#)
Subject: GM513 - Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas Chin as Attorney General, State of Hawaii
Date: Thursday, February 12, 2015 8:58:25 AM

Dear Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair and Committee Members:

I support the nomination of Douglas S. Chin as attorney general, as nominated by Governor Ige. I am an attorney in Honolulu, and have practiced law for more than 25 years. I have known Mr. Chin for many years, both as a fellow attorney and as a parent of a child that attends my sons' school. He is an ethical and intelligent individual and attorney. In all of my experiences with Mr. Chin he has always been fair, even-tempered, and thoughtful—both in his professional and personal dealings with me. His experience at the City and County of Honolulu provides him valuable perspective and experience in dealing with issues of government that should serve him well as our State's attorney general.

I support Mr. Chin's nomination without reservation.

Sharon V. Lovejoy
Attorney at Law

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To: [JDL Testimony](#)
Subject: GM513-Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas Chin as Attorney General, State of Hawai'i
Date: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 10:07:57 PM

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in support of the nomination of Douglas Chin, Esq. as the Attorney General for the State of Hawai'i. I was a deputy prosecutor for the City and County of Honolulu for thirty years and retired from that position in November 2014. I was Mr. Chin's first supervisor when he began employment as a deputy prosecutor in 1998. I was impressed with his knowledge of the law, integrity, work ethic, and persuasive abilities as an attorney. I was pleased when he returned to the Prosecutor's Office as the First Deputy after a few years in private practice. He was an excellent leader in the office and a good administrator. In spite of his many administrative duties as First Deputy Prosecutor, he still made the time to appear in court and successfully prosecute major cases.

Mr. Chin continued to serve the people of the City and County of Honolulu when he was appointed as the Managing Director of the City and County of Honolulu. He supervised a number of people and departments and helped the city to function smoothly. After leaving the city, he returned to private practice where he continued to hone his legal and administrative skills in civil practice.

In addition to his legal talents and abilities, Mr. Chin is a dedicated father and husband, an excellent singer, and a deeply religious person. He is intelligent, dedicated, and optimistic, and very qualified as an administrator and as an attorney in both criminal and civil law. I strongly support his nomination and hope that you will confirm his nomination as the next attorney general of the State of Hawai'i.

Sincerely,
Sheila B. Nitta, Esq.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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GM513

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Subject: LINE: GM513 - Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas Chin as Attorney General, State of Hawaii
Date: Tuesday, February 10, 2015 10:02:36 PM

To whom it may concern,

I am **IN SUPPORT** of Douglas Chin as Attorney General for the State of Hawaii.

I have enjoyed my relationship with Doug Chin through my personal interactions at Punahou School as fellow parents. Most recently, I am proud to say that Doug has served as a great mentor, leader and trainer at the Punahou Carnival as Co-Chair Members for Script Sales. Doug has impressed me with his highest degree of integrity and character. Thanks to his stellar leadership, knowledge and communication skills, the daunting task of managing \$1.7M in script sales for the entire Punahou Carnival was effortless!

It's with great pleasure that I whole heartily, fully support Douglas Chin as Attorney General for the State of Hawaii.

Mahalo,

Stacy Matsuda



Hawaii Reserves, Inc.
A LAND MANAGEMENT COMPANY

February 11, 2015

Via E-Mail: JDLtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov

Senate Committee on Judiciary & Labor
Sen. Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair

Re: *G.M. 513 (Confirmation of Douglas Chin as Attorney General, State of Hawaii)*
Testimony In Support
Hearing: Friday, February 13, 2015, 9:00 a.m., Conf. Rm. 016

Honorable Chair Keith-Agaran and Committee Members:

Aloha and thank you for allowing me the opportunity to testify in support of the nomination of Douglas Chin to the office of Attorney General for the State of Hawaii on behalf of Hawaii Reserves, Inc., a land management company located in Laie, Hawaii.

We highly recommend Mr. Chin for the position of State Attorney General.

We know Mr. Chin on both a professional and personal level. Our company worked with Doug when he served as Managing Director for the City & County of Honolulu under the Honorable Mayor Peter Carlisle. We found Mr. Chin to be an individual of high professionalism, legal ability, and diligence.

I have also been able to observe Mr. Chin in less formal settings as a former classmate of his at the William S. Richardson School of Law. In that setting, I was thoroughly impressed with Doug's genuine friendliness, integrity, enthusiasm for good, calm demeanor, and his clear thinking.

We have every confidence that Mr. Chin will faithfully execute his responsibilities as the state's highest legal counselor, and recommend that he be confirmed as State Attorney General.

We respectfully request that this committee confirm Mr. Chin and pass out G.M. 513.

Sincerely,

Steve Keali'iwahamana Hoag, Esq.
Vice President, Administration

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair and Committee Members
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
State Capitol, Room 221
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

I am pleased to strongly support the nomination of Douglas Chin as Attorney General. I have known Mr. Chin for several years and serve with him on the American Judicature Society. He is widely respected in the community for his professional and personal qualities. With a bachelor's degree from Stanford University and Juris Doctor from the UH William S. Richardson School of Law, Mr. Chin meets the educational qualifications for the position. He has served as an attorney in both the public and private sectors, has deep knowledge of the law in a broad range of contexts, and exemplifies the highest standards of the legal profession. He possesses unshakeable integrity, a strong sense of justice and equity, and a sharp focus on doing what is best for Hawaii and its people.

As demonstrated by his work as Managing Director of the City and County of Honolulu—which employs 10,000 people and has an annual budget of \$2 billion—Mr. Chin has the experience and skills to successfully direct the programs, activities, staff, and daily operations of the Attorney General's office. He will also be able to communicate effectively with policy makers, unions, activists, the media, and the general public regarding state legal issues. This is because he listens well, has warm rapport with individuals from all walks of life, and is able to speak about complex matters in a way that “ordinary” people can understand.

Mr. Chin will fulfill the duties and responsibilities of the Attorney General—appearing for the State in cases, investigating violations and enforcing the law, preparing legal opinions, advising state officials on legal matters, and defending and representing state officials and employees—with excellence and professionalism. There is little question he would have benefitted financially had he chose to remain in the private sector. The State of Hawaii is fortunate that Mr. Chin values public service and is willing to utilize his considerable talents in the Office of the Attorney General.

Mr. Chin has my highest recommendation, and I urge you to confirm his appointment.

Sincerely,

Sylvia Yuen, Ph.D.

The Attorney General is the chief legal officer and chief law enforcement officer of the State of Hawaii. The Attorney General is appointed by the Governor. 180 attorneys and over 500 professional and support personnel assist the Attorney General in fulfilling the responsibilities of the office.

Personally or through deputy attorneys general, the Attorney General (1) appears for the State in civil and criminal cases when the State is a party; (2) investigates violations of state laws, and initiates civil and criminal actions to enforce the laws or prosecute persons who violate them; (3) prepares legal opinions for the Governor, the Legislature, and the heads of state departments; (4) advises state officials on legal matters so that they may faithfully execute their duties and responsibilities; and (5) defends and represents state officials and employees when they are sued for actions they have taken or are about to take in connection with their state positions.

In addition, the Department of the Attorney General (1) administers the State's Child Support Enforcement program to obtain child support payments for Hawaii's children, and conducts administrative proceedings to establish paternity and adjust support obligations; (2) plans and implements crime prevention programs and activities like McGruff the Crime Dog; (3) secures and disseminates financial and other resources to support law enforcement and the criminal and juvenile justice systems; (4) gathers information, records, and statistics, and maintains information and communications systems to support law enforcement and the criminal and juvenile justice systems; (5) administers the State's sex offender registration system; and (6) commissions notaries public.

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The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
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RE: GM513 – Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas Chin as Attorney General, State of Hawaii

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran and Committee Members:

I strongly support the nomination of Douglas Chin as Attorney General for the State of Hawaii.

Having known Mr. Chin for the past 24 years, I have found him to be a man of great character. His credentials and professionalism speak for themselves, but to understand his strength of character, you would need to see his interaction outside of the office. He is foremost, a dedicated and loving husband and father, and offers only his best to those he serves in his church, community, and circle of friends.

They say behind every great man there stands a great woman. Kathleen Chin is truly an asset that should not be discounted. She brings insight, stability, and grace into their relationship, making Mr. Chin better in every facet of his life.

As a friend and a small business owner, I have tremendous confidence in his ability and judgment to serve the people of Hawaii. He stands before you, unwavering, capable, dependable, hard-working, and respectful. You will not find a candidate with more integrity than Mr. Chin. It is no wonder he is highly favored by many.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Respectfully Yours,

Terri A. Owada
Small Business Owner

February 11, 2015

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
and Committee Members
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
State Capitol, Room 221
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Committee Members:

SUBJECT: Nomination of Mr. Doug Chin

I strongly support the nomination of Doug Chin as the Attorney General for the State of Hawaii.

I had the privilege of working for Mr. Chin during his tenure as the Managing Director for the City and County of Honolulu. During that time, I was the Director for Department of Environmental Services, perhaps one of the most challenging Departments within the city. Whether we were faced with a crisis, operational changes, developing a budget, or reviewing or introducing Ordinances or Resolutions, Doug always provided sound advice and demonstrated qualities of a competent leader.

I would characterize Doug as being very level headed, remaining calm through adversity, fair, and an excellent facilitator. I believe that Governor Ige has chosen an excellent person for this important position and Doug will make an excellent Attorney General.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Tim Steinberger, PE

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
and Committee Members
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 221
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Re: Support for nomination of Douglas Chin as Attorney General

Senator Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

I write in strong support for the nomination of Douglas Chin as Hawai'i's next Attorney General.

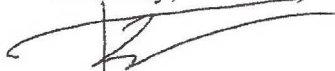
I am a trial lawyer who practices in the Hawai'i civil and criminal justice systems. I first met Doug Chin when he served as a deputy prosecuting attorney. Over the years, Doug and I have been on opposite sides in complex, as well as relatively routine cases. I am intimately familiar with Doug's formidable skills as an attorney. He is extremely bright and hard working. But even more importantly, Doug is a person of integrity. In Hawai'i's legal community your reputation is paramount. Douglas Chin's reputation for integrity is cemented in Hawai'i's legal circles. He is straight up. He is a person who supports his word with action.

Doug also has a well-deserved reputation for capably leading and managing diverse groups and individuals. His tremendous communication, organizational, and interpersonal skills inspire others to succeed. Doug's work as First Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, Managing Director of the City and County of Honolulu, and with his current law firm has provided unique leadership experiences that will serve him well as our state's Attorney General.

Doug Chin is above all a good parent. Our children attend school together. He is an active, devoted father. Despite his busy professional life, Doug never misses an important school event.

Governor Ige has made a wise decision. I cannot think of a more ideal nomination for Hawai'i's Attorney General than Doug Chin. I am thrilled for the state that he has chosen to re-enter public service.

Sincerely,



Todd Eddins

February 7, 2015

TESTIMONY FROM: Tracey S. Wiltgen

TO: Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair and Committee Members
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
State Capitol, Room 221
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: GM513 - Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas Chin as Attorney General,
State of Hawaii

Hearing: Friday, February 13, 2015 at 9 am in Conference Room 016, State Capitol.

Dear Senator Keith-Agaran and Committee Members:

I support Governor Ige's nomination of Doug Chin as Attorney General. I have known Mr. Chin for the past year and a half in his role as a volunteer mediator for the Mediation Center of the Pacific. During that time, he participated in more than 72 hours of mediation trainings and mediated twelve cases involving 30.25 hours on a pro bono basis. 75% of the cases he mediated, resulted in written agreements.

Through his work as a volunteer mediator, Mr. Chin positively impacted the lives of more than 75 people in the cases he handled. Additionally, everyone who interacted with Mr. Chin, from co-mediator, to staff and clients, found him to be consistently committed, professional and thoughtful in his role as mediator. I believe he would continue to exemplify these qualities in his role as Attorney General.

I support Governor Ige's nomination of Doug Chin as Attorney General.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tracey S. Wiltgen', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Tracey S. Wiltgen

February 11, 2015

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and Members of the Committee:

Re: GM 513 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Attorney General, Department of the Attorney General, Gubernatorial Nominee DOUGLAS CHIN, for a term to expire 12-3-2018; WRITTEN COMMENTS ONLY

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **strong support** of Mr. Chin's appointment to Attorney General of the State of Hawaii. My name is Valri Lei Kunimoto and I am a Deputy Attorney General. I write this testimony in my personal capacity.

I recently worked with Mr. Chin in a proceeding before the Supreme court of Hawaii where he represented another party to the case. The case involved the filing of motions within a very short timeframe so our communications were brief. His arguments to the Court were thoughtful, respectful and persuasive. He was supportive of our work and kind to me.

I believe that Mr. Chin is competent and conscientious, and shares a passion for public service. He has experience in criminal law, management experience from the Prosecutor's Office and the City and County of Honolulu, and civil experience in the private sector. It takes a special person to leave the private sector and return to public service. I believe he is a special person and am confident that he will lead our office and represent the State of Hawaii to the best of his ability.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Valri Lei Kunimoto

Valri Lei Kunimoto

From: [Albert Cook](#)
To: [JDL Testimony](#)
Subject: Re: Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas Chin as Attorney General, State of Hawaii
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Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran and Committee Members
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
State Capital, Room 221
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas Chin as Attorney General, State of Hawaii

Dear Senator Keith-Agaran and Committee Members,

I strongly support Douglas Chin and ask you to confirm him as the Attorney General for the State of Hawaii. I worked under Mr. Chin at the Honolulu Prosecutor's Office and have been impressed with Mr. Chin's intelligence, integrity, compassion, and legal acumen. I believe he would serve the State of Hawaii well in the role of Attorney General.

Sincerely,

Valta Albert Cook II

February 9, 2015

Senator Gilbert S. C. Keith-Agaran
Chairperson
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Hawaii State Senate
State Capitol, Room 221
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Aloha Senator Keith-Agaran and Committee members of the Hawaii State Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee,

My name is Victor T. Kimura, Senior Vice President, of Kyo-ya Management Company, Ltd., which is a company doing business in Hawaii primarily focused on the Hospitality/Tourism sector, with properties on Oahu/Waikiki and Maui.

I have had the pleasure and honor of knowing Mr. Douglas S. Chin, and I support Mr. Chin's nomination to the position of the State Attorney General for the State of Hawaii.

I have found Mr. Chin's objectivity and character, to be stellar, in his ability to conceptualize, and effect what is the "pono" way and decision to address issues; particularly when he served as Managing Director for the City and County of Honolulu. His unique qualities, based on his legal background, is refreshing, and his application of knowledge encompassing his strong legal background with our community priorities is excellent. He has demonstrated his ability, as the Managing Director for the City and County of Honolulu, addressing many community areas, including the Homeless population, government efficiency, and a good working relationship between the Administration and City Council of Honolulu. His leadership approach of empowerment, led to increased efficiencies and productivity, in his two years for the City; and his active community involvement and personal family approach is appreciated.

Mr. Chin is a well rounded individual, with a strong sense of prioritization, and I believe that he is an asset for the people of Hawaii.

I encourage, the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to confirm his application to the position of our State Attorney General.

Please feel free to contact me at: 808-931-8622 should any further clarifications be required.

Mahalo and Aloha,

Victor T. Kimura
Senior Vice President
Kyo-ya Management Company, Ltd.
2255 Kalakaua Avenue
Honolulu, Hawaii 96815

From: [Eric Olson](#)
To: [JDL Testimony](#)
Cc: [Vicki Olson](#)
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Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair

and Committee Members

Committee on Judiciary and Labor

State Capitol, Room 221

415 South Beretania Street

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

SUBJECT: GM513 - Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Douglas Chin as Attorney General, State of Hawaii

We strongly support the nomination of Douglas Chin to serve as Attorney General for the State of Hawaii. His broad range of experience in private practice will serve him well as he confronts the diverse challenges that Hawaii's AG must be prepared to face. He is also well grounded in the public sector having served successfully in Honolulu city government in several important capacities.

On a personal level, we have known Doug to be a man of excellent character and high moral standards. He is also a personable and people-oriented individual who has demonstrated his propensity to team play. His involvement and engagement in multiple social and service organizations and activities give him a good feel for the community and the people of Hawaii.

Without reservation we feel that Douglas Chin will be one of the finest public servants in the current State Administration.

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February 11, 2015

The Honorable Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran
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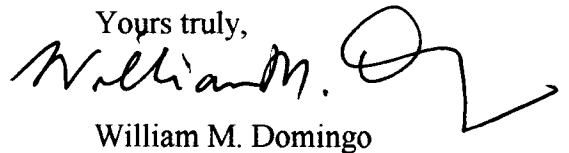
Re: CONFIRMATION OF DOUGLAS CHIN
Gubernatorial Nominee, Attorney General State of Hawaii

Dear Senator Keith-Agaran and members of the Judiciary and Labor committee,

I support the confirmation of Douglas Chin as Attorney General. I have been a licensed attorney in Hawaii for almost 30 years. I am a sole practitioner focusing on criminal defense. I first met Doug when he was Honolulu Deputy Prosecuting Attorney.

I have always been impressed by Doug's professionalism and intelligence. He was always very respectful to me and my clients. As a prosecutor he was firm but fair. I have also followed his career in government particularly as Managing Director/Acting Mayor. He is reasonable and morally and ethically centered.

In closing, senators, the confirmation of Douglas Chin as Attorney General is good thing for the State. His experience in criminal and civil litigation along with his administrative experience makes him a perfect fit for the job. I thank you for the opportunity to share my opinions and please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or concerns. Mahalo and Aloha.

Yours truly,

William M. Domingo

From: [Will Lee](#)
To: [JDL Testimony](#)
Subject: Testimony for Douglas Chin for Attorney General
Date: Thursday, February 12, 2015 10:36:21 AM

Greetings:

I am an attorney and member of the Hawaii State Bar Association. I know Doug because our families attend church together. We have known each other for nearly two decades.

I do not know a more conscientious and diligent person in the legal ranks than Doug Chin. He has already done a superlative job as Managing Director of the City and County and as Lead Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, and I know that he will do even a better job (with much government executive experience now under his belt) in his appointment as the State's Attorney General.

Besides his diligence and attention to detail, he is incredibly approachable, affable and accessible as a person, despite the amount of responsibilities he has had in public and private sector positions. He is able to consistently maintain excellence no matter what his life situation. He also seeks to always be above and beyond reproach in any way (whether in his career or in personal matters), and so that is the kind of person you will be appointing as Hawaii's next Attorney General.

I give my full support to Doug in his appointment, as he is an eminently qualified candidate.

Sincerely,

William Lee, Esq.
HBN: 8610