

# GM608

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Aloha Senate Housing Committee members,  
We are writing in support of Governor Ige's appointment of Wei Fang to the HCDA Board. Wei has provided great energy and creative ideas to the development of Kakaako. She truly cares about Kakaako and Hawaii and has the enthusiasm, creativity and intelligence to work on all the aspects of HCDA. In particular she has been a great inspiration and help to our fledgling non-profit.

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# HISTORIC HAWAII FOUNDATION

**TO:** Senator Breene Harimoto, Chair  
Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair  
Committee on Housing

**FROM:** Kiersten Faulkner, Executive Director  
Historic Hawaii Foundation

**Committee:** Thursday, April 7, 2016  
2:45 p.m.  
Conference Room 225

**RE:** **GM 608, Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Hawai'i Community Development Authority gubernatorial nominee Wei Fang, for a term to expire 06-30-2018**

On behalf of Historic Hawai'i Foundation, I am writing in support for the confirmation of Wei Fang as a member of the Hawai'i Community Development Authority.

The Hawai'i Community Development Authority has jurisdiction over the land use and development of the Kaka'ako, Kalaeloa and He'eia districts on O'ahu. The HCDA board members have responsibility for ensuring the orderly and appropriate growth, redevelopment and community benefit of these districts, in accordance with the statutes, master plans, laws and regulations, and professional judgment.

HCDA's responsibilities cover three land areas, each with a very different character, history and needs. He'eia is primarily a preservation and conservation area of rural character, while Kalaeloa is a former naval base with a history connected to native Hawaiian, plantation, military, railroad and commercial uses and a suburban development pattern. Kaka'ako is in the center of the urban core, with more intense density and scale, with traditional development patterns, many historic buildings and transitional issues to the adjacent civic center, central business district, waterfront and tourism areas.

Wei Fang has a demonstrated record of listening and being responsive to community concerns about the nature and character of community development. She understands how various components of land use, urban design, financial constraints, legal obligations and community input can and should be considered, balanced and acted upon. Her comportment is respectful of others and she treats them with civility and professionalism.

Ms. Fang has first-hand experience as a small business owner and operator of a non-profit organization in Kaka'ako. She rehabilitated a historic warehouse in an adaptive reuse project, and made an underutilized space available for new activities. The community gathering place is innovative and vibrant, showcasing how old buildings can be put to new uses to support a vibrant redevelopment area.

HCDA will benefit greatly from Ms. Wang's experience, knowledge and demeanor. Therefore, we support her confirmation to the Hawai'i Community Development Authority.

Since 1974, Historic Hawai'i Foundation has been a statewide leader for historic preservation. HHF's members and numerous supporters work to preserve Hawaii's unique architectural and cultural heritage and believe that historic preservation is an important element in the present and future quality of life, economic viability and environmental sustainability of the state.

**From:** [J. Kukui Maunakea-Forth](#)  
**To:** [HOU Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** Testimony in Support of Confirmation of Wei Fang to the HCDA Board  
**Date:** Friday, March 11, 2016 7:03:19 PM

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Aloha kakou!

My name is J. Kukui Maunakea-Forth, current Executive and Program Director of the Wai'anae Community Re-Development Corporation (WCRC), a federally-exempt, nonprofit organization established in 2001 to catalyze youth leadership for and from the Wai'anae community through the operation of social enterprises like MA'O Organic Farms, Searider Productions and Makaha Studios.

On behalf of our organization, we would like to submit this brief letter of support for Wei Fang who is seeking an appointment to the HCDA Board. As you know, this is an at-large, voting position that will require confirmation by the State Senators. We support her nomination and confirmation because not only is she passionate about these issues, she has a wealth of knowledge and expertise that will support the work of the HCDA.

In her role as Social Enterprise Director for our organization in 2009-10, her knowledge and skill sets were invaluable to our expansion as an enterprise. Wei oversaw several projects including business and financial analysis, spearheading a capital strategy and attendant financing, launch of a new business line, and securing financial support for the organization. This exemplifies her ability to review and manage complex projects from planning and coordination to implementation.

We have followed her movements since leaving our organization and continue to be supportive and impressed with the work she is doing in the for profit and not for profit sectors. Along her journey, she continues to build strong relationships between the community and the many departments, businesses, and organizations she has worked and volunteered for. Wei's ability to engage the community and foster strong networks is another invaluable quality that she will bring to the work of the HCDA.

Please feel free to contact me at the contacts below if you have any further questions or concerns.

Mahalo nui for your time and consideration.

Aloha for now,

Kukui

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21 March 2016

Senator Breene Harimoto  
Chair, Senate Committee on Housing  
Senate District 16  
Hawaii State Capitol  
Room 215

RE: Letter of Support for Wei Fang, Hawaii Community Development Authority

Aloha Senator Harimoto:

I offer my highest praise and recommendation for Wei Fang, whom I have known for over 15 years.

Ms. Fang is an outstanding community arts organizer and curator. Through her work with various Hawai'i-based arts institutions, including The Art Gallery at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, the Honolulu Museum of Art (formerly The Contemporary Museum, Honolulu), and Interisland Terminal—an organization which she helped to found—Ms. Fang has demonstrated a long standing commitment and resolve to supporting local artists and cultural producers.

I have volunteered for Interisland Terminal since 2012 and have had many opportunities to serve the community alongside Ms. Fang. As a leader of this organization, I have always been struck by her energy and intelligence, which are equally matched by hard work and excellent follow through.

I hope the Senate looks favorably on Ms. Fang's candidacy to serve on the Hawaii Community Development Authority. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about this letter.

Mahalo,



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March 20, 2016

Senator Breene Harimoto  
Chair, Housing Committee

Subject: Letter of Support for Wei Fang

Dear Chair Harimoto

My name is Burt Lum and I co-host a science and technology show on Hawaii Public Radio called Bytemarks Cafe and am also the Executive Director of Hawaii Open Data. By way of this letter, I would like to express my **strong support** for Wei Fang for an at large position on the full HCDA board.

The best indicator of Wei's qualifications to serve on the HCDA board is exhibited in the work she as done in Kaka`ako. I have known Wei through her excellent work with InterIsland Terminal, R&D and the Kaka`ako Agora. As a fledgling non-profit, Hawaii Open Data depends heavily on Wei and InterIsland Terminal for management advice and fiscal management. I felt Wei's due diligence and shared community philosophy was so critically important that I asked her to serve on the board of Hawaii Open Data as our Treasurer.

In the community work I do as Bytemarks, Code for Hawaii and Hawaii Open Data, Wei has made both R&D and Kaka`ako Agora open and available for us to hold events at. We've used the venues for numerous meetups like Extraordinary Machine, Code Across, Hack to the Future and National Day of Civic Hacking. Her commitment to the community is unwavering.

In my opinion Wei would be an excellent choice to serve on the HCDA board. She is very community minded, culturally enriching and a conscientious person with heart. I highly recommend Wei for the position.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Burt Lum", written over a light gray grid background.

Burt Lum

**From:** [Andrea Nandoskar](#)  
**To:** [Sen. Breene Harimoto](#)  
**Subject:** Letter of Support for the Nomination of Wei Fang to the HCDA - GM608  
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Aloha Senator Harimoto,

I am writing to strongly support Governor Ige's nomination of Wei Fang to the Hawai'i Community Development Authority (HCDA).

I have known Wei in a professional capacity since 2012 and am tremendously impressed with her vision, intelligence and creativity. My organization, Historic Hawai'i Foundation, has partnered with her and her company, R&D Interisland Terminal, on several occasions co-producing successful community events. Wei's knowledge and interest in her local community is exemplary. Her capacity for understanding policy and procedures and how they relate to local issues and concerns in Kaka'ako and the wider community has been demonstrated on numerous occasions. She has been a strong advocate for smart preservation policy and has navigated successfully through fundraising, city zoning and other rules and regulations to steward the building of Kaka'ako Agora. The Agora itself is a visionary example of an altruistic and sustainable model for community building.

I am gratified to see a young, inspired, thoughtful and educated person such as Wei nominated to the HCDA.

Kind regards,

**Andrea Nandoskar**

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To: The Honorable Chair Harimoto and Members of the Senate Housing Committee:

I am writing in full support of Governor Ige's appointment of Ms. Wei Fang to the Board of the Hawaii Community Development Authority. I have known Ms. Fang for approximately two years now in connection with her work on the Hauoli Lofts condominium project. I am representing the developer of this project as legal counsel and I have been impressed with Ms. Fang's thoughtfulness, attention to detail (in the financial and budgeting aspects and in the aesthetic and technical components of the project) and dedication to the success of the project. She is definitely dependable and is a great example of a person who wants to do right for the project, the team and the community and will work hard to ensure those goals are met. I believe the people of Hawaii will be well-served by having Ms. Fang on the Board of the HCDA.

Please contact me if you would like to discuss further. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Very truly yours,

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