

GM609

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, EN YOUNG, for a term to expire 06-30-2019.

Report Title: Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority

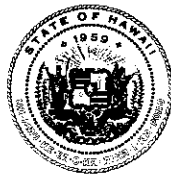
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April 5, 2016

Testimony of Rep. Clift Tsuji
Before the Senate Committee on Housing
Thursday, April 7, 2016, 2:45 p.m. State Capitol, Room 225
RE: GM609

Aloha Chair Harimoto and Committee Members:

Please accept my support for En Young's nomination to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority. With his extensive work history, I believe Mr. Young is someone who will bring significant benefit to this Board.

Mr. Young served for five years with the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, first as a Program Specialist and then as a Contract, Performance, and Evaluation Administrator.

At present, he has served as the Executive Director of The Food Basket for three years, developing policies and implementing programs resulting in community-based outcomes to improve food access and decrease hunger.

Within the community service sector, he is a Six-gallon Blood Donor, a volunteer with Ohia Productions, and a volunteer tax preparer with the Internal Revenue Service's VITA program. In addition, he sits on the Community Council on the Purchase of Health and Human Services, the Board of Directors for the Hawaii County Economic Opportunity Council, and the Mayor's Active Living Advisory Council.

With this appointment to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority, Mr. Young will focus on improving services for housing and making a difference in the State of Hawaii.

This individual has distinguished himself in his profession and community. The prospect of what he could further accomplish serving on the Board is a point worthy of consideration. I humbly ask that you give positive consideration to Mr. Young's nomination.

Sincerely,

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TO: The Honorable Breene Harimoto, Chair
Senate Committee on Housing

FROM: Rachael Wong, DrPH, Director

SUBJECT: GM 609 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, EN YOUNG, for a term to expire 06-30-2019

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Conference Room 225, State Capitol

Department's Position: The Department of Human Services supports the nomination of En Young to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

I am writing in strong support of the confirmation of Mr. En Young for the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA). Mr. Young is a community leader who brings a much-needed perspective from the West/Northwest (Kohala, rural) Hawaii Island, food systems, non-profits, and county government. His work with the Hawaii Food Basket is collaborative and he recognizes the challenges and opportunities to improving systems.

The Department's mission and multi-generational approach, 'Ohana Nui, are focused on serving children, families, and individuals in our community and empower Hawai'i residents with support and services to expand their capacity for self-sufficiency, self-determination, independence, healthy choices, quality of life, and personal dignity.

Access to secure, stable, and affordable housing is essential. Public housing is an integral part of our mission, and DHS appreciates partnering with the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to provide access to homes in our community.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony to this committee.