

GM 743/744

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GOVERNOR OF  
HAWAII



**STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

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**Testimony of  
SUZANNE D. CASE  
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on  
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Monday, April 18, 2016  
1:15 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 016**

**In consideration of  
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 743  
SUBMITTING FOR THE CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE ISLAND  
BURIAL COUNCIL, ISLAND OF OAHU, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, NORMAN  
CACERES FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2016**

**The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports Governor's Message 743, nominating Mr. Norman Caceres to the Island Burial Council, Island of Oahu expiring June 30, 2016.**

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Mr. Caceres has a B.A. in Communication from the University of Hawaii-Hilo. He is currently employed by 'Oiwī Cultural Resources as a Cultural Monitor Assistant. As such, he has obtained much knowledge and experience as it relates to the treatment of human skeletal remains. He is familiar with State and Federal statutes, regulations, and administrative rules relevant to the disposition of skeletal remains within the state. More importantly, Mr. Caceres possesses protocols and skills relating to the care of native Hawaiian traditional, cultural, and historic properties.

Senate confirmation will ensure that Mr. Caceres' knowledge, experiences and perspective informs the deliberations of the Island Burial Council until June 30, 2016.

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**From:** [David Shideler](#)  
**To:** [HWNTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Testimony in favor of Mr. Mana Caceres nomination to the O'ahu Island Burial Council  
**Date:** Monday, April 18, 2016 8:12:55 AM

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To whom it may concern:

I am writing in support of Mr. Mana Caceres nomination to the O'ahu Island Burial Council.

I have worked with Mr. Caceres for many years in his capacity as a recognized cultural descendant on several projects and have observed his attendance and testimony at the O'ahu Island Burial Council (OIBC) on more than twenty occasions.

I believe Mr. Caceres brings substantial knowledge of *iwi kupuna* history and issues to the OIBC and that his sagacity would be a valuable addition to that Council.

I request that you support Mr. Caceres nomination to the OIBC.

Aloha.

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15 April 2016

Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair  
Senator J. Kalani English, Vice Chair  
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs  
Senate, State of Hawai'i


RE: **GM 744--Support for confirmation to the Island Burial Council Island of O'ahu, Gubernatorial Nominee, NORMAN CACERES, for a term to expire 06-30-2020.**

Dear Chairperson Shimabukuro and Committee Members:

I represent the cultural resource management firm Cultural Surveys Hawai'i, Inc. (CSH). We specialize in providing archaeological, historical, and cultural studies that support projects' state and federal historic preservation review. Our studies assess a planned development project's impacts on historic properties and cultural practices and, if needed, develop mitigation measures to alleviate any project impacts on these cultural resources.

A key component of this work is documenting Native Hawaiian burial sites and facilitating the appropriate consultation with Native Hawaiian stakeholders, agencies, and project proponents to ensure appropriate burial treatment, pursuant to Hawai'i State burial laws (Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 6E-43 and Hawai'i Administrative Rules Chapter 13-300). Based on a two and half decade working relationship with the various Island Burial Councils, CSH has a deep working understanding of the importance of the Island Burial Councils, and how the council members fulfill a critical role in Native Hawaiian burial treatment decisions. Based on this past experience, CSH strongly supports Mr. Norman "Mana" Caceres' confirmation to the O'ahu Island Burial Council.

CSH, and myself in particular, have worked with Mr. Caceres for the last five years on historic preservation issues in general and specific Native Hawaiian burial treatment. I've worked with him extensively on the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation's Honolulu Rail Transit Project, and on many development projects in Kaka'ako and Waikiki. Mr. Caceres is a respected Native Hawaiian cultural practitioner who understands Native Hawaiian culture and beliefs. He has many years' experience caring for *iwi kūpuna* (Native Hawaiian ancestral remains), facilitating their proper treatment and protection. Mr. Caceres is an experienced Native Hawaiian cultural monitor who understands development issues and the related construction industry. He also understands archaeology and the historic preservation review process, as well as Hawai'i State burial law. This understanding will serve him well on the burial council, where so many decisions revolve around development, construction, and archaeology. As a recognized Native Hawaiian cultural descendant, Mr. Caceres has many times assumed the *kuleana* (responsibility)



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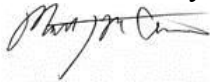
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of caring for Native Hawaiian burial sites. His past actions demonstrate his deep commitment to *mālama nā iwi kupūna* (care for ancestral Native Hawaiian remains).

Mr. Caceres is uniquely suited to fulfill his responsibility as an O‘ahu Island Burial Council member. He is great to work with, reasonable, responsible, and committed. I wholeheartedly recommend him for the position and ask the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs to confirm his nomination.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (808) 262-9972 on O‘ahu or toll free at 1-800-599-9962. You may also reach me by e-mail at [mmcdermott@culturalsurveys.com](mailto:mmcdermott@culturalsurveys.com).

Sincerely,  
Cultural Surveys Hawai‘i, Inc.



Matt McDermott  
Project Manager



THE SENATE  
THE TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2016

COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS  
Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair  
Senator J. Kalani English, Vice Chair

DATE: Monday, April 18, 2016

TIME: 1:16 – 2:45pm

PLACE: Conference Room 016 Room 423, State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street

**Re: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Island Burial Council Island Of O'ahu, Gubernatorial Nominee, NORMAN CACERES, for a term to expire 06-30-2016**

Aloha Honorable Chair Shimabukuro and members of the Committee:

Mahalo for the opportunity and privilege of expressing our strong support for the confirmation of Norman “Mana” Kaleilani Caceres to the O’ahu Island Burial Council (OIBC). I am Nico Schultz, Director, Development for The Taubman Company, developers of the new International Market Place (IMP) in Kaluaokau, Waikiki.

As this was our first project in Hawai‘i, executing this project in the most appropriate and respectful manner was very important for us. We are grateful that Mana and his family became recognized cultural descendants to iwi kūpuna found on our project early on. Mana and the other Recognized Cultural Descendants’ involvement has been very helpful. We’ve learned over the past years that taking on the responsibility of caring for and making decisions regarding iwi can be a very difficult and emotional burden. Mana and his family embraced this kuleana with aloha, respectful care, and level heads combined with passion.

I can’t express enough how fortunate I feel to have had the opportunity to meet and work with Mana on our project. Mana is a humble, intelligent person of the highest integrity and character. He is very well respected on the jobsite by ownership as well as the workers who come from many different backgrounds. Mana leads by example and he ensures that proper respect is adhered to especially around the burial areas, regardless of one’s lineage or rank. On a personal note, he has taken the time to educate me and others from Taubman about the IMP site, Hawaiian cultural practices and traditions. Most of all, he exemplifies aloha and deep respect for the land and the ancestors.

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It has been a true privilege having Mana work on our project and the new Waikiki IMP is a much better project because of his care and involvement.

Mana is committed to the proper care of nā 'iwi kūpuna and I know that he will honor this responsibility and do what is right in the difficult considerations that come before the Council. We feel he is extremely well qualified to serve as a Council member and the community is fortunate that he is willing to dedicate himself to this important work.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide this testimony in strong support of Mana's appointment to the OIBC.

Sincerely,  
The Taubman Company

Nico Schultz  
Director, Development



**From:** [CHARLES EHRHORN](#)  
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**Subject:** Testimony in support of Norman "Mana" Caceres, confirmation to the Island Burial Council of Oahu, GM 743 and GM 744  
**Date:** Sunday, April 17, 2016 12:51:20 PM

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To: Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair  
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

I wish to submit testimony to support the confirmation of Mr. Mana Caceres to the Island Burial Council of Oahu.

Mr. Caceres and his ohana have consistently, over the years that I have known him, been diligent and consistent in preserving and protecting na iwi o kupuna.

Mana and his ohana have successfully worked closely with a variety of developer interests throughout the Kona District. In so doing he has gained their respect while helping them understand the importance of protecting na iwi o kupuna.

I look forward to serving with him on the Oahu Island Burial Council.

I am a long time member of the OIBC, now serving as the Council's interim vice chair. I also represent the "large landowner/developer" interests on the council.

Thank you for your consideration and confirmation of Mr. Norman "Mana" Caceres.

Charles A. Ehrhorn, AIA  
Interim Vice Chair, Oahu Island Burial Council.

April 11, 2016

TESTIMONY OF DANNA HOLCK

VICE PRESIDENT & GENERAL MANAGER OF TURTLE BAY RESORT

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 743 & 744

GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, NORMAN CACERES  
O'ahu Island Burial Council

The Honorable Senator Maile Shimabukuro and Members of the O'ahu Island Burial Council:

I strongly support the nomination of Norman Caceres for the appointment to the O'ahu Island Burial Council. I have known Mr. Caceres since joining the O'ahu Island Burial Council four years ago.

Mr. Caceres has been an active member of the Hawaiian community and a dependable attendee of the O'ahu Island Burial Council meetings long before four years ago. He has dedicated himself to ensuring iwi kupuna is handled in the most respectful and honorable way. He is not afraid to speak up and offer his opinion of how to handle iwi kupuna and delivers his thoughts in a confident yet humble manner.

Over the years on the council, I have gained an immense amount of respect for Mr. Caceres. He dedicates his personal time to attend meetings both as a cultural descendent and a concerned Hawaiian man. His delivery is consistently honest and straight forward. He rarely misses an OIBC meeting and also dedicates his time sharing his mana'o with developers, community members and OIBC members.

I respectfully ask that Norman Caceres receive the consent of your committee and be forwarded to the full Senate for confirmation. I appreciate the opportunity to provide comment on Mr. Caceres's nomination.

Respectfully submitted,



Danna Holck



April 12, 2016

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

TESTIMONY OF DAWN N.S. CHANG, PRINCIPAL OF KU'IWALU CONSULTING

**GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 744**

**GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, NORMAN CACERES**

Island Burial Council, Island of O'ahu (OIBC)

The Honorable Maile Shimabukuro and Members of the Committee:

I support the nomination of Norman "Mana" Christopher Moore Kaleilani Caceres for appointment to the Island Burial Council Island of O'ahu. I have known Mr. Caceres for over 5 years working on projects such as The Howard Hughes Corporation, General Growth Properties, HART and MK Development.

Mr. Caceres has a deep sense of cultural sensitivity concerning iwi kūpuna yet realizes the importance of timely decisions in the context of development projects. He regularly and consistently volunteers to attend consultation meetings with developers and many times brings his 'ohana to the meetings to pass down the kuleana. His participation in these consultation meetings has been invaluable. His expertise within the Hawaiian community makes him an asset to serve on the OIBC that is constantly faced with challenging issues.

I respectfully ask that Norman Caceres' nomination receive the consent of your committee and be forwarded to the full Senate for confirmation. I appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on Mr. Caceres' nomination.

Respectfully submitted,

DAWN N.S. CHANG  
Principal

April 18, 2016

Re: Oahu Island Burial Council – Norman “Mana” Kaleilani Caceres

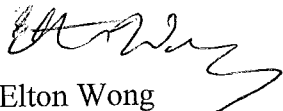
To whom it may concern,

I would like to support Norman Caceres’ nomination to the OIBC. His experience and back ground will be an asset to the Council and will well serve the people of Hawaii. His cultural sensitivity is much needed where so many Hawaiian issues become controversial and fairness and understanding is needed to make important decisions.

I full support Mr. Caceres to the OIBC.

If you have any questions or need more information, please call me at 284-5734.

Sincerely,



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**Date:** Monday, April 11, 2016 1:08:42 PM

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### Greetings

I am expressing my strongest support to Mr. Mana Caceres for appointment to the O`ahu Island Burial Council. I have known Mana for many years as a colleague in numerous archaeological projects undertaken on O`ahu including Waikiki, Kaka`ako and central Honolulu and other places on O`ahu. Mana has from the beginning displayed great leadership in all of these projects showing deep understanding through his cultural beliefs and practices and a deep grasp of the practices of archaeology and its role in land permitting and development. He has taken leadership in issues related to treatment of iwi kupuna in many projects, including complex multi year projects involving long periods of construction monitoring. Many people on all sides of these projects turn to him for advise and guidance. He has great natural wisdom born of his ancestors, his family, and his own foresight. He is humble and considerate in his devotion to this calling.

For these reasons I very enthusiastically support the appointment of Mana Caceres to membership in the O`ahu Island Burial Council.

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**GM744**

Submitted on: 4/17/2016

Testimony for HWN on Apr 18, 2016 13:16PM in Conference Room 423

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kaanohi Kaleikini	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha pumehana I SUPPORT the nomination of Mr. Norman Caceres to the Island Burial Council, Island of Oahu. The Council determines whether to leave burials in place or relocate it. The Council recognizes lineal and cultural descendants to native Hawaiian burials that have been impacted and provide counsel and advice to the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Mr. Norman Caceres has extensive knowledge of these processes and more. Mr. Caceres has dedicated his life's work to the care and perpetuation of Hawaii's culture, peoples, values, traditions, history and more recently, the kuleana, responsibility, to care for iwi kupuna, the remains of native Hawaiians. Mr. Caceres has more than the necessary knowledge, commitment, energy and competence to be a reasonable and thoughtful representative on the Council and to properly consider and balance sometimes competing objectives in a way that considers the needs of the living while respecting the kupuna of the past. Understanding the issues and needs of this Council, matched with my association and knowledge of his ability to handle situations the Council will definitely encounter in the near future, I give my full support, faith and trust in Mr. Norman Caceres as a member of this Council and urge your confirmation of his nomination to the O'ahu Island Burial Council. ola na iwi P. Kaanohi Kaleikini

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**Subject:** Testimony Supporting Confirmation GM743 & GM744 of Norman "Mana" Kaleilani Caceres to Oahu Island Burial Council  
**Date:** Monday, April 11, 2016 12:54:10 PM

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Aloha,

I first met Mana over four years ago as Oahu's burial sites specialist for the State Historic Preservation Division. He had a strong passion for preservation and protection of iwi kupuna. Over the years, I would see Mana and his ohana at various project meetings cautioning developers to be aware and sensitive to ground disturbing activities.

As a planner with HART, I can attest that Mana and his ohana has continued to be involved with consultation meetings pertaining to the protection and proper treatment of iwi encountered during HART's archaeological inventory survey.

Mana is a dedicated and committed towards the protection and proper treatment of all inadvertently discovered human skeletal remains. Confirmation to the Oahu Island Burial Council will help ensure his commitment.

Mahalo,

Kawika

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**GM743**

Submitted on: 4/15/2016

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mark Kawika McKeague	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha mai kakou- I stand firm on my testimony and unequivocal support of GM 743 and 744 for Mr. Norman "Mana" Kaleilani Caceres's appointment to the O'ahu Island Burial Council. I have known Mr. Caceres for almost 8 years when first introduced to him as a family descendant during my time and tenure as the OIBC Vice Chair and Chairman. I have found Mr. Caceres to be astute in equal measure as to his knowledge and compassion as a cultural practitioner and descendant that has invoked his kaumaha and kuleana to malama iwi kupuna. In my continued involvement today as a cultural resource manager, I continue to learn both 'ike Hawai'i as it pertains to care of our kupuna as well as contemporary best management practices from the wisdom that is availed to Mr. Caceres and his 'ohana through their daily invocation and dutiful attendance to the care of iwi kupuna. Mr. Caceres would be a tremendous asset to the OIBC, who I believe are in a critical juncture and nexus to uphold their mandated responsibilities. I implore each of you as Senate Committee members to avail your fullest consideration to this nomination. I can also be contacted at your discretion for further comment and discussion. Ola na iwi. Na'u me ka ha'aha'a a me ke aloha, Kawika McKeague 808-265-7901

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**From:** [Matthew Pennaz](#)  
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**Subject:** Support of Mana Caceres Nomination to OIBC  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 12, 2016 11:23:54 AM

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Dear Sir or Madam,

Please accept my utmost support for the nomination of Mana Kaleilani Caceres to the Oahu Island Burial Council.

In working with Mana on several archaeological and cultural projects in Honolulu, he has been thorough, professional, and has always maintained reverence and respect for iwi kupuna. OIBC will be fortunate to have him.

Mahalo,

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**Matthew Pennaz (B)**  
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April 18, 2016

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ola na iwi

P. Kaanohi Kaleikini



April 16, 2016

Hawai'i State Legislature  
Senate Committee Hawaiian Affairs  
Monday, April 18, 2016  
1:15 – 2:45 p.m.

**Re: GM 743 for consideration and confirmation of Norman Caceras to the Island Burial Council Island of O'ahu**

Aloha Honorable Chair Shimabukuro and members of the Committee:

Mahalo for the opportunity to strongly support the consideration and confirmation of gubernatorial nominee, Norman "Mana" Kaleilani Caceras for the O'ahu Island Burial Council (OIBC).

My name is Lani Ma'a Lapilio, attorney and cultural consultant and I have been attending meetings before the Island Burial Councils for the past fifteen years. I am so pleased that Mana is willing to serve on the OIBC as he offers the unique perspective of one who lives the kuleana and kaumaha of caring for na iwi kupuna on a daily basis.

Together with his family, the Caceras 'ohana is formally recognized as cultural descendants to nā iwi kūpuna found on several projects on O'ahu. Mana and his 'ohana make time to attend regular meetings to proactively educate developers regarding the important and delicate process of caring for iwi kupuna. As descendants, they carry a heavy burden when burials must be relocated and reinterred.

Mana serves as a cultural monitor on certain projects, working alongside of the archaeologists and ground crew. In the event that iwi kūpuna is encountered, he is there to provide spiritual and cultural guidance and to advise the developer on treatment options. He is very well respected by the development community, and his advice and counsel are always factored into the critical decisions that must be made in the field.

Mana exemplifies the highest qualities of leadership and as a native speaker and cultural practitioner, he will be an outstanding resource person for the OIBC. I ask for your favorable consideration and confirmation of Mana Caceras to the OIBC. Mahalo nui loa!

*Lani Ma'a Lapilio*

April 15, 2016

Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair English and Committee Members,

We are writing in support of the appointment of Mana (Norman) Caceres to the Island Burial Council of O'ahu for the terms provided in Governor's Messages 743 and 744.

As recognized cultural descendants within the Kaka'ako District, Mana and his 'ohana have helped to oversee the development in the region, including our Ward Village 60-acre master plan. Our efforts have been to act as true stewards of the lands that we have been entrusted with, and our success can only be achieved with the help of those like Mana who have shown great care for the land and those who were here before us. We have appreciated all that he has done to guide us towards ensuring that our work is pono.

Based on our experiences with Mana, we believe he will be a wonderful asset to the Island Burial Council of O'ahu by providing his expertise and knowledge to more sites and projects throughout our island. We are in full support of Mana's appointment to the Council.

Aloha,  
The Howard Hughes Corporation  
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