

GM814

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Advisory Commission On Drug Abuse, gubernatorial nominee, KENNETH TANO, for a term to expire 06-30-2018.

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Testimony SUPPORTING GM814
Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Hawaii Advisory Council on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances, Gubernatorial Nominee, Kenneth Tano, for a term to expire 6-30-2018.

SENATOR ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH
Hearing Date: April 13, 2016, 9:30 a.m. Room Number: 229

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health supports the nomination and confirmation
3 of Kenneth Tano to the Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances
4 (HACDACS) for a term to expire 6/30/2018.

5 HACDACS appointees represent a cross-section of the community, including, but not
6 limited to pharmacological, medical, community and business affairs, youth action, educational,
7 legal defense, enforcement and corrections segments of the community, pursuant to Chapter 329-
8 2 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes.

9 Mr. Tano is a retired major of the Honolulu Police Department, Narcotics/Vice Division.
10 He is currently the Hawaii Law Enforcement Coordinator for the Western States Information
11 Network, which is one of six regional projects with federal funding to provide adaptive solutions
12 and services that facilitate information sharing, support criminal investigations, and promote
13 officer safety. Mr. Tano also serves as an Executive Board Member of the Hawaii High Intensity
14 Drug Trafficking Area. He regularly meets with and provides orientation and training to local
15 chiefs of police, sheriffs, district attorneys, task force commanders, and operative officers. Mr.

1 Tano's expertise in narcotics enforcement and experience working in law enforcement and with
2 law enforcement personnel will be assets to the Commission. His appointment will ensure
3 representation of the enforcement segment in Commission deliberations.

4 We respectfully request your expeditious and favorable consideration for the nomination
5 of Kenneth Tano to serve on HACDACS.

6 Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of a volunteer whose
7 appointment adds to the cross-section of community interests represented on the Commission.

8 **Offered Amendments:** None.



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April 8, 2016

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Honorable Senator Rosalyn Baker
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Baker

My name is Michael West, I am the Resident Agent in Charge for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Honolulu Field Office, and I am writing you in support of the candidacy of Mr. Kenneth Tano, to the Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances.

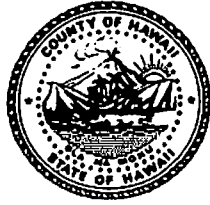
During my tenure here in Hawaii, I have had the pleasure of working alongside Mr. Tano on the Hawaii High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Executive Board, as well as in his capacity as the law enforcement coordinator for the Western States Information Network. Mr. Tano has demonstrated that he is truly committed to combatting the scourge of drug abuse in our State. Not only in his current professional capacity and his past work as a Honolulu Police Officer, but as a private citizen, Mr. Tano places the wellbeing of the citizens of Hawaii as a prominent focus in his life.

I believe Mr. Tano is an excellent candidate to serve on the Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances, and wholly support his nomination to the commission and its endeavors. Please do not hesitate to contact me via phone (808) 566-4800 or email Michael.West@atf.gov should you have any questions regarding this letter of support.

Sincerely,

Michael J. West
Resident Agent in Charge
Honolulu Field Office

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Mayor



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Police Chief

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April 12, 2016

Governor David Y. Ige
Executive Chambers
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Attn: Senator Rosalyn Y. Baker, Chair
Committee on Commerce, Consumer
Protection and Health
Hawaii State Legislature

Subject: Letter of Support for Mr. Kenneth Tano to the Hawaii Advisory Commission on
Drug Abuse and Controlled Substance (HACDACS)

Dear Senator Baker:

It is truly an honor for me to write this letter of strong support for the selection of Mr. Kenneth Tano in his appointment to serve as a member of the Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances (HACDACS).

My name is Harry S. Kubojiri and I have been a member of the Hawai`i Police Department for approximately thirty-seven (37) years, the last seven (7) years as its Police Chief.

I have known Mr. Tano both professionally, as well as in a personal capacity, for 25+ years and during this time he has always placed the interest of safer communities as a priority. Whether through his support to rid communities of illicit drugs, establishing drug-free educational programs for our children, providing up-to-date training for law enforcement personnel or assisting in the apprehension of criminals, Mr. Tano has a proven track record of success. He exhibits a fair and impartial attitude while maintaining a compassionate understanding of the needs of those inflicted with the misfortune of substance abuse/addiction, but also that of the communities they impact.

Of the many attributes Mr. Tano has demonstrated over the years, I think his strongest is that of leadership and impartiality. He possesses the gift of effectively bringing people and agencies together; working collaboratively in furtherance of establishing safer communities.

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Mr. Tano has and continues to be an active community advocate for safer communities. The life experiences he has attained through his former career as a law enforcement officer, and now as a member of the Western States Information Network (WSIN), have allowed him to effectively work on the impacts of substance abuse with various medical fields, businesses, educational institutions, youths, and communities to collaboratively address the issues associated with substance abuse by looking at causation, prevention, education, treatment and enforcement in an effort to find a balanced solution to overcome the abuses of illicit, as well as legal, substances that are destroying the core fabric of our communities.

Mr. Tano has always exhibited an overwhelming ability of organization, leadership, teamwork spirit and an excellent harmonious relationship with all those that he comes into contact with. I know Mr. Tano will exceed all expectations with his humble dedication and commitment as a member of the Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances.

It is for these reasons I strongly recommend Mr. Kenneth Tano to serve on the Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances.

Sincerely,



HARRY S. KUBOJIRI
POLICE CHIEF

From: [Darryl Perry](#)
To: [baker4 - Haley](#)
Cc: [KEN TANO](#)
Subject: Mr. Ken Tano Candidate HACDACS
Date: Friday, April 08, 2016 10:16:45 AM

Aloha Senator Baker,

My name is Darryl Perry, Chief of Police for the County of Kauai, and I am in support for the appointment of Mr. Kenneth Tano to the Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Control Substance (HACDACS).

I have known Mr. Tano for over twenty-five years as a counterpart while we were both employed with the Honolulu Police Department. Throughout our police careers we took parallel assignment paths whereby we were both—at different periods—assigned as commanders of the Narcotics/Vice Division.

During our tenure, we learned about the destructiveness of drug abuse and the challenges facing communities in addressing these issues. I believe Mr. Tano will bring a unique perspective in contributing to solutions related to substance abuse and controlled drugs.

Please contact me directly if you have further questions, or need clarity of specific concerns.

Thank you again for this opportunity to provide supportive testimony on behalf of Mr. Tano.

Mahalo.

Darryl D. Perry
CHIEF OF POLICE
COUNTY OF KAUAI

From: [Dinlocker, Robin L.](#)
To: [baker4 - Haley](#)
Subject: HACDAC support Letter-Kenneth Tano
Date: Friday, April 08, 2016 12:08:25 PM

Dear Senator Baker,

It is my pleasure to write a letter in support of Kenneth Tano for a position on the Hawaii Advisory Commission of Drug Abuse and Control Substance (HACDAC) board. I have had the professional pleasure of working in conjunction with Mr. Tano for approximately 15 years and I can state with confidence that Mr. Tano is a motivated and hard working person with a high degree of integrity. As such, I expect that he would be a positive addition to the HACDAC. As the Chairperson of the Hawaii High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) board, I feel that I know Mr. Tano quite well. Mr. Tano and I have been working together on the HIDTA board for approximately six years. He has repeatedly shown his grasp of the drug problem affecting the communities in Hawaii and he has tirelessly tried to effect positive change. In his position on the HIDTA board, Mr. Tano has exhibited strong communication skills and the ability to inspire respect and cooperation in others. He often takes the initiative to identify problems and devise solutions. Based on my observations, he clearly has a proactive interest in the mission of the HACDAC and I therefore highly recommend him to a position with the HACDAC. If you need any further information about Mr. Tano, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Robin L. Dinlocker
Assistant Special Agent in Charge
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From: KEN TANO [mailto:ktano@wsin.riss.net]
Sent: Thursday, April 07, 2016 4:00 PM
To: Dinlocker, Robin L.
Subject: FW: HACDAC support Letter

Robin Dinlocker
Assistant Special Agent In Charge
Hawaii Field Office
Hello Robin,

I've been recommended by Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair of the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health as a candidate for a position on the Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Control Substance (HACDACS). I have attached the duties and responsibilities of the commission under section 329-(2),(3),(4) for your review. I have already completed the preliminary application and in-person interview with Senator Baker today at the senator's office at the State Capitol.

The hearing for consideration and confirmation is scheduled for April 13, 2016 at 9:30am, Wednesday, conference room 229, State Capitol, 415 Beretania Street. I am asking if you could please submit a short letter of recommendation in the form of a simple email to baker4@capitol.hawaii.gov Senator Baker informed me that an email is acceptable especially considering the short notification of my hearing.

Support letters (emails) need to be received at least 24 hours prior to the hearing date.

If confirmed I will serve as a conduit between HACDACS and our Hawaii law enforcement, HIDTA and WSIN partners. I believe a position on this commission can provide law enforcement valuable informational exchange, sharing and collaboration with the HACDACS commission membership whom all have a hand and responsibility, based on their individual representation, designation and discipline, in addressing drug abuse within the state of Hawaii.

Mahalo-Ken

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Kenneth Tano
04-06-2016
HACDACS Questions

(1) Why do you want to be a member of the Board?

I want to be part of addressing substance abuse in Hawaii.

(2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board? Finding solutions to the issues and problems of substance abuse in a collaborative and informational exchange approach taking advantage of the different fields of expertise of the board.

(3) In what ways do you feel that you can help protect the consumer?
I have an interest in addressing substance abuse through a multi-faceted approach with an understanding that law enforcement is but one of the components that needs to work alongside with treatment, prevention, educations. I want to give our children the best opportunity to be successful and have productive lives that contribute to our society.

(4) Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a Board member, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise and knowledge that would aid you as a member of the Board. I believe the role is to improve our response to substance abuse in the state of Hawaii. In the 30 years of my police career I was assigned as a Lieutenant, Captain, and then the Major of the Honolulu Police Narcotics/Vice Division. Since retiring from the Police Department I have been an Executive Board Member of the Hawaii High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Program. The board is comprised of all the heads of the major Hawaii federal, state, and county law enforcement officials. Since retiring from the Honolulu Police Department I have been the Hawaii law enforcement coordinator for the Regional Information sharing System (RISS) which is a federally funded Bureau of Justice Assistance Program.

(5) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service? I want to be able to say that I participated in an effort that had some positive results in addressing substance abuse in Hawaii.

- (6) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Board. Committed, enjoy people, hard working. I will make for a pleasant board member that will not be afraid to put a shoulder to the wheel to help move a project or concept forward.
- (7) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board member. In my second career as the law enforcement coordinator for the RISS Project we established in 2002 a 24/7 watch center process for deconflicting drug cases on behalf of the Hawaii HIDTA program. This involved MOUs with all of the HIDTA member agencies.
- (8) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the Board? How would you overcome conflicts of interest? I do not foresee any issues with conflicts of interest. However should they arise the first thing is to be honest and accurate to the facts of the conflict. Secondly if it's a simple conflict that could be resolved by abstaining from a committee vote, for instance, then I would take the necessary course of action. If it's something serious that could damage the advisory committee then I would be compelled to resign.