

GM868

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board Of Directors Of The Hawai'i Public Housing Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, LISA DARCY, for a term to expire 06-30-2020.

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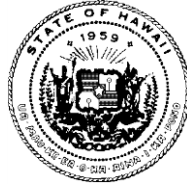
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April 11, 2016

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

FROM: Rachael Wong, DrPH, Director

SUBJECT: GM 868 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, LISA DARCY, for a term to expire 06-30-2020.

Hearing: Thursday, April 12, 2016, 2:45 p.m.
Conference Room 225, State Capitol

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

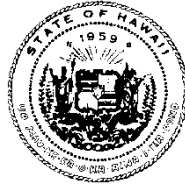
I am writing in strong support of the confirmation of Ms. Lisa Darcy for the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA). Lisa is an active, committed, and collaborative member of the HPHA Board of Directors. She brings an important perspective from Maui County. This perspective is bolstered by her experience in housing, homelessness, and the non-profit community with the Hoomoana Foundation most recently and Hale o Lanakila previously.

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.

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Hakim Ouansafi
Hawaii Public Housing Authority
Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

April 12, 2016 at 2:45 P.M.
Room 225, Hawaii State Capitol

In consideration of

G.M. 868
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HAWAI'I PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, LISA DARCY, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2020

Honorable Chair Breene Harimoto and Members of the Senate Committee on Housing, thank you for the opportunity to provide you with comments regarding Governor's Message 868 (G.M. 868), submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, Ms. Lisa Darcy, for a term to expire June 30, 2020.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) supports the confirmation of Ms. Darcy to the HPHA Board of Directors for a four-year term. Over the past year, as an interim appointee, Ms. Darcy has been an invaluable member to the HPHA Board of Directors who has consistently advocated on behalf of Maui residents, with her recent expertise in assisting homeless families in transition. Her approach to this crisis has been to stress that addressing these needs have to be flexible and in an expeditious manner, as situations change rapidly. Her contributions so far have been insightful enquiries on how neighbor islands may better participate in the planning process so that policy decisions can be made with neighbor island concerns. HPHA expects her contributions to be significant in the upcoming term.

Ms. Darcy brings over 25 years of experience in state government, private sector, and non-profit sectors working with Hawaii's mentally ill population. With homelessness on Maui on the rise, as is on other neighbor islands, her perspective will bring to light those issues that are unique to Maui.

The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the Senate Committee on Housing with the agency's position regarding G.M. 868. We respectfully request the Committee to confirm Ms. Lisa Darcy to the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority Board of Directors.

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COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

Chair: Breene Harimoto
Vice chair: Brickwood Galuteria
Tuesday, April 12, 2016
2:45 p.m.
Room 225

STRONG SUPPORT for GM 868

Aloha Chair and Vice Chair,

My name is Kanoa Lee and I am a student at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. I am in strong support for GM 868 regarding Lisa Darcy's nomination for the Board Of Directors The Hawai'i Public Housing Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee.

On Oahu, from personal observation and experience, public housing affordability and availability are nearly a dream. A dream that many have to find such things but can't due to poverty, lack of resources, and many more factors. Lisa Darcy has the experience in such field to allow positive growth in the public housing discussion but can only do so if given the position to do so.

I have many friends who I am very fond of that are great people but cannot afford the proper housing needed to: 1) raise a family in such conditions deemed suitable for a proper living. 2) don't have the ability to find their resources due to oppression, racialization, and more that involve ethnic background and race.

Lisa Darcy will be able to help relieve some of the burden that many carry in regards to public housing. She will be able to fight for the needs of the underdogs and show everyone a more fair and applicable public housing market.

Thank you for your time.