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Tuesday, April 12, 2016

2:45 p.m.

Room 225

STRONG SUPPORT for GM 868

Aloha Chair Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair Brickwood Galuteria and Members of the Committee,

My name is JoNina Rivera and I am a student at the University of Hawaii at Manoa apart of the Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work. I am writing in strong support for GM 868 regarding Lisa Darcy's nomination for the Board of Directors The Hawai'i Public Housing Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee.

Living in a beautiful place such as Hawaii is a dream come true, but unfortunately just like everywhere else, it has its downfalls. Many will say that this place is truly paradise and people long and dream to be able to live and retire here. But many who call this place home would argue that it is almost impossible to live here. With the high cost of living, harsh regressive taxes, and low wages, it makes it nearly impossible for many residents to survive, living from paycheck to paycheck and barely being able to afford a place to stay. But even with low income housing available, there are still areas that need to be address such as availability and other factors. I believe that Lisa Darcy will be a great asset to the public housing discussion and participations, because she can use her experience and knowledge to bring forth change within in the community. It is understood that everything about affording housing is complicated and always changing, but allowing Lisa Darcey to be a part of improving the system of public housing will be of great benefit for the people, and the State of Hawaii.

Thank you for your time.

April 12, 2016

Sunny Chuang
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To: Representative, Senate President Kouchi
And members of the Senate

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

Hello, my name is Sunny Chuang, I am a student at the University of Hawaii at Manoa and this is going to be my first testimony that I ever submitted so please take it easy on me. I am writing to ask that you consider Lisa Darcy to be member of the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority. Lisa will be the great fit for this position because of her experience working with the homeless population in Maui.

Thank you for taking your time to read my testimony and I hope this will help you choose the right person for this position.

Sincerely,
Sunny Chuang
4/12/2016



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Senator Breene Harimoto
Chair, Committee on Housing
Senator Brickwood Galuteria
Vice Chair, Committee on Housing
Hearing on GM868
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

Aloha Chair Harimoto, Vice Chair Galuteria, and Senate Members,

My name is Pono Shim and I am the Chairman of the Board of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority. I stand in strong support of the reconfirmation of Lisa Darcy to represent Maui as a member of the HPHA Board. For the past 8 months I have had the opportunity to experience Lisa's strength and love for the most vulnerable in Maui and all of Hawaii and she's a great teacher and inspiration for me.

She's thorough in her examination and true to looking for pathways to continually improve the work of HPHA for Maui and the State.

Mahalo for allowing me to testify and I would be glad to address any considerations or concerns.

Pono Shim



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