

GM629

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, MELE ELENA CORDEIRO, for a term to expire 06-30-2018.

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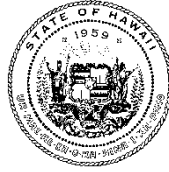
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TESTIMONY OF
RODERICK K. BECKER, COMPTROLLER
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TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND THE ARTS
ON
THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2017
2:45 P.M.
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G.M. 629

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE KING
KAMEHAMEHA CELEBRATION COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,
MELE ELENA CORDEIRO, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2018.

Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair English, and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify before you on the confirmation to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission, gubernatorial nominee Mele Elena Cordeiro. The Department of Accounting and General Services recommends that Ms. Cordeiro be confirmed.

Hawaii Revised Statutes Section 8-5 requires that the Commission shall have one member from the Hale O Na Ali'i O Hawai'i Ahahui Po'o. Ms. Cordeiro is a member of the Hale O Na Ali'i O Hawai'i Ahahui Po'o, and her appointment fulfills the statutory requirement for representation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

Letter of Support for Mele Elena Cordeiro to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission

Senator Brian Taniguchi

Senator Kalani English

Members of the Senate Committee on International Affairs and the Arts

Aloha mai kākou!

I wish to submit written testimony in full support of the Governor's nomination of Mele Elena Cordeiro to fill the vacancy on the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission; representing the Hale O Nā Ali'i O Hawai'i, 'Ahahui Po'o. Senators I lift the name of Mele Elena Cordeiro before you with high esteem. I have known Mele for nearly 40 years, since I played baseball with her sons in Wai'anae. My paternal grandparents, who raised me, made it known to me that our families link back many years to Lahaina, Maui. Like that of nominee Stacy Kealoha Clayton, Mele's kupuna was Rebecca Kauahi Likua 'Ōpūnui who taught hula to my grandaunt, Emma Farden Sharpe. Beyond familial connections, Mele has worked in a leadership role for many years at the Wai'anae Store. In this said role, Mele has secured a strong capacity to forge many positive partnering relationships with the community in Wai'anae.

Regarding Mele's commitment to, and knowledge of Ali'i; she has been an active member of Hale O Nā Ali'i O Hawai'i, 'Ahahui Po'o, Hālau 'O Wahīka'ahu'ula, Helu 'Ekahi (Honolulu Chapter, Number 1) since May 5th, 1991 and rarely misses meetings. Mele has served this 'Ahahui and Chapter as its Assistant Marshall and Auditor, and now sits among the Papa Hālau Ali'i Members (Unit of retired officers in the 'Ahahui) whose kuleana it is to assist and provide valued advice to the President and Board when called upon. Her selection is supported by the Hale O Nā Ali'i O Hawai'i, 'Ahahui Po'o who has held membership on this commission for several decades. Hale O Nā Ali'i O Hawai'i was reestablished on April 7, 1918, and newspaper pictures depict the members of our 'Ahahui standing on the palace steps in 1914. It is understood that the Hale O Nā Ali'i O Hawai'i derives its progeny to the Hale Nauā of King Kalākaua's time. As a retired President of the Chapter and Retired State President and current Ikū Nahalani (Premier) of the overall 'Ahahui, Hale O Nā Ali'i O Hawai'i, I firmly support Mele Elena Cordeiro's nomination to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission; and ask the Senate Committee on International Affairs and The Arts to do the same.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hailama VKK Farden

Ikū Nahalani (Premier)

Hale O Nā Ali'i O Hawai'i

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Comments: I support the confirmation of Mele Elena Cordeiro to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission for a term to expire 06-30-18. Mele has served in various leadership capacities as an officer of the Hale O Na Alii O Hawaii'i. She has demonstrated that she is a committed leader.

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Jacob Bryan K. Aki	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Kako'o wau i keia pila

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HALE O NA ALI'I O HAWAI'I, 'AHAHUI PO'O

Testimony in support of GM 629

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Hearing, Thursday, April 6, 2017, 2:45p.m., Room 229

Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
Senator J. Kalani English, Vice Chair
Members, Committee on International Affairs and the Arts

Aloha mai kakou. Hale 'O Na Ali'i O Hawai'i, 'Ahahui Po'o wholeheartedly supports the selection of its member, Mele Elena Cordeiro, to represent this organization on the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.

Ms. Cordeiro has served as Lala Aha Kuka (Phone-tree), Iku Laau and Iku Laau Hope (inner & Outer guards), Iku Aho (assistant Sergeant-at-arms) in our organizations. She has demonstrated outstanding ability to motivate our members, complete tasks that are put in front of her in a timely manner no matter how challenging the task may be.

We believe Ms. Cordeiro can provide the administrative guidance to the commission regarding public relations. Her background as fundraiser chair in numerous organizations in her community and in our halau has equipped her with the skills to do this.

We are honored to have Ms. Cordeiro as the representative of the Hale 'O Na Ali'i O Hawai'i, Ahahui Po'o on the Commission, and urge your passage of GM 629.

Respectfully,

Iku Hai Renee U. Favares