

GM 805

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Contractors License Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, KENNETH SHIMIZU, for a term to expire 06-30-2021.

Report Title: Contractors License Board

Description:

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Current Referral: CPH

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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2017

Wednesday, April 12, 2017
10:00 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON **GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 805**, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE **CONTRACTORS LICENSE BOARD**, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, **KENNETH SHIMIZU**, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2021.

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Catherine Awakuni Colón, Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Governor's Message No. 805, nominating Mr. Kenneth Shimizu for membership on the Contractors License Board ("Board") for a term to expire June 30, 2021.

Mr. Shimizu is a licensed contractor with substantial experience in general contracting on the island of Maui as the President and General Manager of Shimizu & Sons Construction, Inc., also serving as the company's Responsible Managing

Employee. Through his work, Mr. Shimizu has been a manager and supervisor on many of the larger construction projects taking place on Maui, overseeing and being responsible over the years for the successful completion of work effectively covering all areas of construction.

Also, Mr. Shimizu is aware of what is involved in serving on the Board – including making the time to attend and to prepare for regular meetings and the special considerations involved with being a neighbor island member – and he remains willing and interested in serving on the Board. The Department believes that Mr. Shimizu has the right levels of experience and dedication to be a strong addition to the Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of the nomination of Kenneth Shimizu for membership on the Contractors License Board. I am available to answer any questions the Committee may have.



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Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs
State of Hawaii

To Whom It May Concern:

SUBJECT: Kenneth Shimizu - Contractor's License Board Candidate

I have known Mr. Shimizu for almost 30 years and have had the pleasure to work with him for the past 5 years. As our senior construction inspector, Mr. Shimizu continues to exceed our expectations with every task assigned to him. He is intelligent, organized, reliable and is a great communicator. Mr. Shimizu leads by example with the highest quality of work and is looked up to by all staff. He approaches every obstacle with success in mind.

As a former construction business owner and current licensed contractor, Mr. Shimizu understands what qualifications are needed to be a prudent and ethical contractor in Hawaii. He is well respected in the community as a long standing professional and citizen. Mr. Shimizu has been an invaluable part our team and I know you will be happy to have him as part of yours.

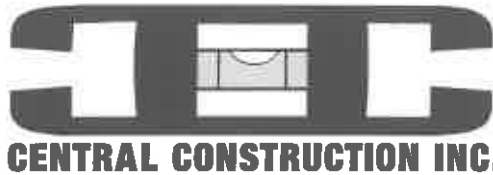
Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have regarding Mr. Shimizu.

Sincerely,

SSFM INTERNATIONAL, INC.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brooks Y. Apki', written over a white background.

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April 10, 2017

Roz Baker's Office

Attn: Loren

Re: Mr. Kenneth Shimizu

Dear Loren,

The following is a Character Reference for Mr. Kenneth Shimizu.

Kenneth Shimizu
Project Manager, Central Construction, Inc.
Project Role: Project Manager

Kenneth Shimizu has been in the construction industry since he graduated from the School of Construction Technology at Los Angeles Community College in 1970. Prior to coming to work For Central Construction, he managed a site work construction firm that specialized in Underground infra-structure work, excavation, grading and road building. He has been a Project Manager with Central Construction, Inc. since 2003.

Project experience featured in Past Performance and Experience: Hawaii/Maui Job Corps 44 Bed Dormitory, Hawaii Job Corps Woman's Modular Dormitory Courtyard, Hawaii Job Corps Culinary Arts Building Addition/Alteration, Dept. of Federal Highways Kealia Pond Boardwalk, Maui Retail Store Upgrade, Longs Drug, University of Hawaii Office Building, and Hale Mahaolu Ehiku in Kihei.

Kenneth left us in September, 2012 due to our slowdown in construction projects.

Sincerely,


Stanley K Matsumoto

President

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Kenneth Shimizu: Contractors License Board

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

I want to see what the Contractors Licensing Board is all about. I understand this body does more than just review and approve contractor license applicants and do investigations into unlicensed contracting activities.

(2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board?

To answer this question for now, would be to abide by the rules and regulations as set forth by the CLB. Not being familiar with the CLB, it's difficult to assume what my role and responsibilities would be on the onset.

(3) In what ways do you feel that you can help protect the consumer?

By being on the Board, I'll have first hand information to advise potential consumers about dealing with a contractor before they award their project or even during it's progress.

(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've been a General Contractor with a General Engineering A and a General Building B license for over thirty (30) years. I have the experience in having to deal with subcontractors, insurance and bonding agents, bankers, State and County Building officials and inspectors, construction related business issues, etc. Presently, I employed by SSFM International, Inc. in their Construction Management sector as Construction Inspector on a part time basis. I believe with my background I can make a sound decision on contractor related issues.

(5) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service

By gaining the knowledge to help consumers in selecting a contractor for their project, during the progress of their project or even when their chosen contractor defaults.

(6) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Board.

My one quality is that I can be open minded, weigh all the facts and make a sound decision.

- (7) **Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board member.**

Sorry, right now, I can't think of one.

- (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?**

For now, my response is No. Should a situation arise causing concerns of conflicts of interest, I can consult with the Chairman for the CLB for advise and action. His decision would be FINAL.