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LATE TESTIMONY

April 5, 2017

TO: COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR
SENATOR GILBERT KEITH-AGARAN, Chair Committee on Judiciary and Labor
SENATOR KARL RHOADS, VICE-CHAIR Committee on Judiciary and Labor

FR: Chrystn Eads 

RE: JC 7 - Judicial Nominee Trish Morikawa, hearing April 5, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. - **Support**

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice-Chair Rhoads, and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

I am writing to express my support for the confirmation of Trish K. Morikawa district court judge. She has a broad range of background experiences and skills that will be an asset to the district court. Her legal experience as a private attorney representing corporate clients and individuals in state and federal courts, as a county prosecutor, and as a state deputy attorney general will provide her with a well-rounded perspective from which to approach disputes before her. She has served for two years as a per diem family court judge providing her with valuable adjudicatory experience.

Aside from her legal credentials, she has been an active member of our island community volunteering her time to improve the lives of island residents. I worked with her in the Carlisle administration. I can attest to her strong work-ethic, her thoughtful consideration of issues, her organization, leadership, and her ability to relate to people from all walks of life. As the County Housing Coordinator, she quickly learned the relevant law, developed relationships with stakeholders, and made positive progress on a difficult issue. She was often relied upon to be the Mayor's interface with the housing community. She would effortlessly go from speaking with a homeless person to a CEO and always exhibited the same level of respect and aloha to everyone.

Her impressive resume, her commitment to our community, and her temperament will make her an excellent district court judge. I hope you will agree with me and provide her with a positive recommendation. Thank you for considering my comments.

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LATE TESTIMONY

April 4, 2017

Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
And Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: **JC 7 – Judicial Nominee Trish K. Morikawa**
District Court of the First Circuit
Hearing – April 5, 2017 at 9:30 am

Aloha, Chair Keith-Agaran and Members:

I apologize for my late submission of testimony in support of Trish K. Morikawa to the District Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawaii.

Most recently, Ms. Morikawa has set an outstanding example as a per diem family court judge. In my opinion, Ms. Morikawa is the ideal candidate to handle the rigorous demands of the O'ahu district court system. She has an excellent demeanor, strong sense of compassion, and outstanding practical sense. She knows how the district courts run. I have no doubt she would be fair to all parties who appear before her. She would leave the public with a positive impression of the Judiciary. I am delighted to commend her to you in writing.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "DC", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Doug Chin

LATE TESTIMONY

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [JDL Testimony](#)
Cc: Jared204@aol.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for JC7 on Apr 5, 2017 09:30AM
Date: Tuesday, April 4, 2017 5:29:01 PM

JC7

Submitted on: 4/4/2017

Testimony for JDL on Apr 5, 2017 09:30AM in Conference Room 016

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jared Redulla	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I have known Trish Morikawa for over ten years. She is an extremely capable and talented attorney. I believe that she would be an extremely good District Judge As the City's homeless coordinator, she understood the needs of the underserved, the underprivileged and the little guy. Our justice system needs more people like her. I urge you to confirm her nomination and make our community better now.

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Letter of Support: Trish MORIKAWA

Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing this letter of support for Trish MORIKAWA, whom I have had the honor of knowing since 2011.

First of all, I would like to introduce myself. My name is Kevin Nakano and I am a Honolulu Police Sergeant who has served the Department for approximately 20 years. I first came to know MORIKAWA in 2011 when I was a part of the Community Policing Team in Central Honolulu. Due to the numerous public complaints within some of the areas in Central Honolulu regarding the residentially challenged, the City formed a Task Group to address this problem to help resolve some of the issues and problems that members of the public shared concerns.

Trish MORIKAWA was part of the City's Department of Facility Management which enforced the Stored Property Ordinance (SPO). Due to the fact that I was a member of the Community Policing Team, we teamed up and went out on a weekly basis to the areas of concern where the public had voiced their concerns.

Immediately, MORIKAWA caught my attention by her professionalism in dealing with such a sensitive issue. She was able to communicate effectively with the people whom we came into contact with, showing both compassion and fairness in explaining the reasons why we were out there addressing this issue of homelessness. She never just stood back and let others do the work, she got her hands dirty and stood her ground, even though she was confronted with a lot of resistance and obscene behavior. MORIKAWA always kept her cool and tried her best to understand the hardships that these people faced, and gave alternative solutions to living on the streets whether dealing with mental illness, substance abuse, or just hardship.

Not only during this time was I able to get to know her on a professional basis, but I got to know her as a person. I learned that she was a very involved parent in her children's lives and also a caretaker to her mother. MORIKAWA is a very down to earth person with a very confident demeanor about herself.

From both the perspective of a person in Law Enforcement and a parent, I fully endorse MORIKAWA with great confidence that she would make a great District Court Judge and serve the people of Honolulu with integrity, respect, and fairness.

Respectfully,

Kevin NAKANO

LATE TESTIMONY

From: Richard Stacey
To: JDL Testimony
Subject: JC 7 – Judicial Nominee Trish Morikawa, hearing April 5, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.
Date: Tuesday, April 4, 2017 8:08:43 PM

Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads, and Members of the Committee

I am writing in support of Trish Morikawa, nominee for a spot on the bench of the District Court of the First Circuit. I have known Trish since she started just after me at the Honolulu prosecutor's office in the mid-1990's. I worked with her for many years, and again after she returned from working as a deputy attorney general in her second stint with us. Trish has also worked at a private law firm and also for the city, handling some of the more challenging assignments. As a prosecutor, Trish handled many of the tougher cases, and had the intelligence, fearlessness and work ethic to do so in an outstanding manner. She is very smart, very efficient, and has handled a large volume of cases in her career, including her time coming up through the district courts as a young prosecutor, all of which will enable her to be an excellent judge in the district court. In addition to her fearlessness in court, Trish also possesses a great sense of humor and is a people person. She would treat the people, attorneys, witnesses and court staff in a fair manner, and would make a fine representative for the Judiciary in any court where she might serve as judge.

I would be happy to answer any questions or provide further information if necessary. I can be reached at 586-1203.

Sincerely,

Richard Stacey, Bar No. 6419
425 Queen St.
Honolulu, HI 96813

April 4, 2017

TO: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

LATE TESTIMONY

RE: Nomination of Trish K. Morikawa for District Court Judge

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice-Chair Karl Rhoads, and Members of the Committee:

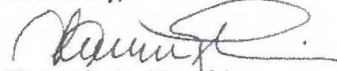
I strongly support the nomination of Ms. Trish K. Morikawa for the position of District Court Judge. I have known Ms. Morikawa, both professionally and personally, for over 20 years and truly believe she will be an excellent addition to the bench.

I met Ms. Morikawa while working at the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney. She was a first year prosecutor at the time, but I was impressed with her enthusiasm for the law. That same enthusiasm led her to take a position in 2003 as the lead prosecutor for the Internet Crimes Against Children Unit and the High Technology Crimes Unit with the Department of the Attorney General's Criminal Justice Division. She charged and prosecuted criminals who preyed on children via the computer, and she educated the community about the dangers of the internet. I was thankful to have someone with her integrity and skill lead the charge in this evolving field. In 2006, Ms. Morikawa returned as a seasoned attorney to the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, in the Career Criminal Unit, to prosecute the complex felony cases in Circuit Court. In 2012, she left public service and went into civil litigation where she continues to practice today.

Ms. Morikawa has the judicial temperament to be an excellent judge, as proven by her current duties as a Per Diem District Family Judge. Her work experience has taught her to hold her composure, even when faced with adversity. She has criminal and civil law experience, has been on both sides of the bench, and has the ability to make respectful, fair decisions. Her involvement with the Hawaiian Homes Commission and with the Alignment Hawaii Initiative Steering Committee reflects her "kuleana," her responsibility, to her community.

I know that if confirmed, Ms. Morikawa will fulfill all the responsibilities and duties of a judge. If you have any questions, please contact me at tammie.u@hotmail.com.

Sincerely,



Tammie U. Uyechi



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ATTORNEY AT LAW

LATE TESTIMONY

The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran
Senate District 5
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 221

RE: Trish Morikawa, Nominee District Court of the First Circuit
JC 7
4/5/17 Hearing at 9:30 a.m.

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran and JDL Members:

I am writing to support the confirmation of TRISH MORIKAWA, Esq. for District Court Judge.


I have known and worked with Ms. Morikawa for many years. As a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, Ms. Morikawa was fair, hard working and honest. She was always prepared and up to date on relevant case law. She has earned the respect and admiration of the Court, Court staff, and opposing counsel.

She also has the perfect judicial temperament. She is a calm and well-reasoned person by nature. Even under fire, I believe she is able to rationally and reasonably weigh through a complicated issue, and find a remedy.

I truly believe that she will be an asset to the Judiciary, and the State of Hawaii. Trish Morikawa will win praise for our Court system and the State of Hawaii. I believe that the opportunity to have such a qualified candidate for the position of District Court Judge should not be passed up.

Please feel free to call upon me if you have any questions or concerns.

Aloha,



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