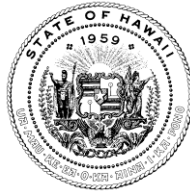


GM593

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Real Estate Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, RUSSELL KYONO, for a term to expire 06-30-2022.

Report Title: Real Estate Commission

Current Referral: CPH



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TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2018

Thursday, March 29, 2018
9:30 A.M.

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 593, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, RUSSELL KYONO, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2020.

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 testify in support of Governor's Message No. 593, nominating Mr. Russell Kyono for membership on the Real Estate Commission ("Commission") for a term to expire June 30, 2020.

Mr. Kyono has nearly four decades of continuous experience in real estate on Kauai, since obtaining his real estate sales license in 1981. He has been with Kauai Rentals & Real Estate since 2010 and is presently the owner and principal broker. Mr. Kyono has a lengthy history of serving on various boards, including as Director of the Kauai Board of Realtors from 2014 to 2016. He understands the commitment involved and his responsibility to attend and prepare for the Commission's monthly meetings.

Given Mr. Kyono's wealth of experience and leadership in Hawaii real estate, the Department believes that he is in a good position to positively contribute to the Commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Mr. Kyono's nomination to the Real Estate Commission.



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March 8, 2018

Aloha Ladies & Gentlemen:

The Board of Directors of the Kauai Board of REALTORS® would like to submit this letter in support of Russell Kyono as the Kauai Real Estate Commissioner of the Department of Commerce & Consumer Affairs.

Mr. Kyono is an active REALTOR® member in good standing with the Kauai Board of REALTORS® since July 1, 1981. He currently serves on the Property Management Committee of the Kauai Board of REALTORS®. He served on the Board of Directors of the Kauai Board of REALTORS® from January 2014 through December 2016. He also served as a member of the Grievance and Professional Standards and Arbitration Committees.

He continues to serve the REALTOR® Association locally and on the State level.

We highly recommend that you consider and approve Mr. Kyono as the next commissioner.

Mahalo, for allowing us the opportunity to submit a letter of recommendation.

Sincerely,

KAREN ONO  
Executive Officer

Board of Directors approval: February 9, 2018



March 7, 2018

State of Hawaii  
Real Estate Commission

Dear Sirs:

It is my honor to recommend Russell Kyono to the Hawaii Real Estate Commission. Russell has been on our New Hope Kauai church council for many years and has been the Chairperson for most of those years.

He is a reputable real estate agent and business owner on Kauai. Russell has gone above and beyond to help my family and I attain a home that we thought was impossible to acquire. Because of his expertise and integrity we were able to achieve the home of our dreams.

All through our purchase process, he was clear in following all rules and regulations. His knowledge of the real estate guidelines was impeccable.

Russell is also concerned for his community and strives to make affordable properties available to the people of Kauai. His many years of experience in Hawaii real estate will be an asset to the Hawaii Real Estate Commission.

I can be reached at 808-652-0536 if you should need to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matt Higa". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "M".

Matt Higa  
New Hope Kauai  
Sr. Pastor  
Kauai Foursquare District Superintendent  
Hawaii Pastors Roundtable Board of Directors



January 29, 2018

Honorable Governor David Ige  
415 S. Beretania st. #5  
Honolulu, Oahu Hawaii 96813

Re: Russell Kyono -Appointment for Real Estate Commission

Dear Governor Ige,

It is a real pleasure to write you in support of Russell Kyono for the Real Estate Commission.

Russell has the intellect, knowledge and ability to be a good Commissioner. He is well known on Kauai as a fair and honest man. A humble man who does what he says he will do. He fulfills his commitments.

Russell also possesses a quality which is becoming very rare, Russell actually cares about people.

Thank you for all of the good hard work you do for the people of Hawaii. Russell's appointment will be a continuation of your good work. He is a superlative example of putting the right person in the right job.

Please feel free to contact me if you or your office needs any examples of Russell's good works.

MahaloNui Loa

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