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9:30 A.M.

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 682, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, ARCHITECTS, SURVEYORS, AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, BRIAN FUJIWARA, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2022.

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. 682, nominating Mr. Brian Fujiwara for membership to the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects ("Board") for a term to expire June 30, 2022.

Mr. Fujiwara has more than 30 years of experience in architecture since first earning his associate's degree from Honolulu Community College in 1986 and working as a draftsman. He later earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Hawaii School of Architecture and, in 2000, became a licensed architect in Hawaii. Since 2003, Mr. Fujiwara has been running his own architectural firm in Hawaii, BKF & Associates, LLC. He understands the responsibility to attend and prepare for the Board's monthly meetings.

Given Mr. Fujiwara's strong experience in architecture in Hawaii, the Department believes he is in a good position to positively contribute to the Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Mr. Fujiwara's nomination to the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects.



April 3, 2018

Honorable Senator Rosalyn Baker
c/o Ms. Veronique Jenkins
Via email: baker3@capitol.hawaii.gov

RE: Mr. Brian Fujiwara Nominee to State Board of Professional Engineers,
Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects

Dear Senator Baker,

We are writing to express our support for the appointment of Brian Fujiwara to the State Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects. Our company, Palekana Permits LLC has worked with Brian for many years and we have gotten to know him both professionally and personally and he is an outstanding individual both professionally and as a human being.

Brian is a very good architect. He is a very good designer and understands the applicable codes and regulations and gets the job done for his clients.

He is an extremely hard worker and very ethical and fair in his dealings.

Brian will be an excellent board member and will bring a high level of professionalism and ethics to the Industry.

Thank you for your consideration of Brian for this appointment and for allowing us to comment on his appointment.

Sincerely yours,

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Jonn Serikawa, Principal

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Dennis Enomoto, Principal

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Darren Lee, Principal



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Senator Rosalyn Baker
C/o Veronique Jenkins
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808-586-6071 (fax)

April 2, 2018

RE: Brian K. Fujiwara, AIA--Nomination to the State Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects.

Dear Senator Rosalyn Baker, I hope this letter finds you and your staff well. I am writing on behalf of Mr. Brian Fujiwara with confident support of his nomination to the State Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects.

I have known Mr. Fujiwara for approximately twenty two (22) years, not only as a friend but also as a consultant on projects that required his expertise in architecture. Mr. Fujiwara is an effective communicator dealing with clients, contractors and subcontractors. His ability in planning projects and following through till completion is an example of his dedication to the field. Mr. Fujiwara is not only known for his creative and design abilities, but also for the amount of caring and soul he is willing to put into his projects. These qualities make him an excellent service member to the board and I know with confidence that he will uphold with integrity the mission of the board in servicing its members.

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me at 808-227-0789.

Best Regards,



Keith D. Pedro, Psy.D
Licensed Clinical and Forensic Psychologist



April 3, 2018

Office of Senator Rosalyn H. Baker
Commerce, Consumer Protection and Affordable Housing Committee
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 230
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI – 96813

Re: Nomination of Brian Fujiwara, AIA
GM – 682

Dear Senator Baker:

It is my distinct honor to recommend Mr. Brian Fujiwara to serve as a member of the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects (EASLA). I have known Brian since 2000 and have worked with him directly on several projects ranging from retail shops, housing, restaurants, among others and I know him as an outstanding individual committed to the success of the projects he worked on and the team he worked with. His background and commitment to the practice of architecture when it comes to addressing the health, safety, and welfare of the public is second to none.

With his expertise, I am sure he will be a great addition to the EASLA Board. Your support of his nomination is honorably appreciated.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Roberto B. Yumol, AIA, LEED-AP
Architect/Owner RB YUMOL ARCHITECT

March 30, 2018

Senator Rosalyn Baker
Hawaii State Senate
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
415 S. Beretania Street, #213
Honolulu, HI 96813

Subject: Letter of Support for the Nomination for Brian Fujiwara
State Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors
and Landscape Architects

Dear Senator Baker:

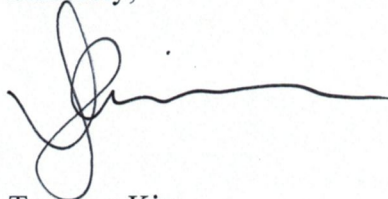
I would like to provide you and your committee with my unequivocal support for the nomination of Brian Fujiwara to the State Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects.

I have known and worked with Mr. Fujiwara since 1990 and have watched his progression from draftsman to Owner and Principal of one of Hawaii's leading commercial architectural practices. The depth of his experience with both clients and government officials is very effective and I feel that he would bring a very high level of professionalism to any oversight authority that he works for.

Mr. Fujiwara is eminently practical and direct in an industry that can sometimes be obfuscated by conflicting interest and constantly changing regulations. I believe that the applications of his skills, institutional history and management skills will greatly serve this Board, and ultimately the residents of Hawaii.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (808) 528-4661.

Sincerely,

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Taeyong Kim
Environmental Communications, Inc.