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TESTIMONY OF JAMES J. NAKATANI
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND
ENVIRONMENT

Friday, April 13, 2018
1:15 PM

GM 684 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee, MARGARITA HOPKINS, for a term to expire 6-30-2022.

Aloha Chair Gabbard and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. The Agribusiness Development Corporation (“ADC”) supports Ms. Margarita “Dayday” Hopkins appointment as a member to the ADC Board of Directors.

Ms. Hopkins was appointed to the ADC Board of Directors in 2014 and has served with distinction. She is the former economic development specialist at the County of Hawaii’s Department of Research and Development and was responsible for preparing and updating the County’s agricultural development plan. During her tenure, she established a county-based agriculture program in cooperation with Big Island Resource Conservation and Development Council and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resource Conservation Services. Ms. Hopkins previously served as Hawaii County’s director of research and

development and was a lecturer at the University of Hawaii at Hilo College of Business and Economics.

As the Hawaii Island representative, Ms. Hopkins' appointment will continue to expand the depth and broad representation of member attributes already on the Board and would be a welcomed asset. For these reasons, we respectfully ask for your support of Ms. Hopkins' appointment to serve as a member of the ADC Board of Directors.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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SCOTT E. ENRIGHT
Chairperson, Board of Agriculture

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**TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE**

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT

**APRIL 13, 2018
1:15 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 224**

**GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 684
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF
THE AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, GUBERNATORIAL
NOMINEE, MARGARITA HOPKINS, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2022**

Chairperson Gabbard and Members of the Committee:

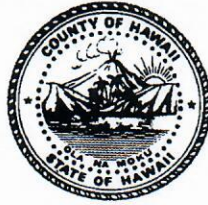
Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on Governor's Message No. 684. This measure seeks to confirm Margarita Hopkins to the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC) Board. The Department of Agriculture strongly supports this measure.

Ms. Hopkins has a long professional history with Hawaii agriculture and provides a critical perspective on the ADC Board. Ms. Hopkins is seeking her second term on the ADC Board. Her experience in important roles, such as the Lecturer for UH Hilo and her various roles at the Department of Research and Development at the County of Hawaii, provides an in-depth knowledge that the State of Hawaii will benefit from in her role on the ADC Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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SUSAN L.K. LEE LOY
25 Aupuni Street, Hilo, Hawai'i 96720

April 09, 2018

The Honorable Senator Mike Gabbard
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

**Re: GM 684: Nomination of Margarita Hopkins to the Board of Directors of the
Agribusiness Development Corporation**

1:15 p.m. April 13, Conference Room 224

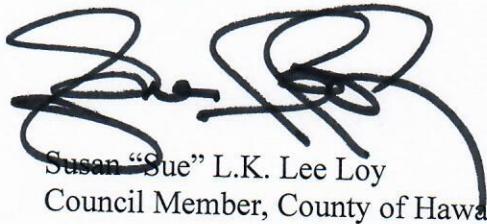
Dear Senator Gabbard and Members of the Committee on Agriculture and Environment:

I am writing this letter in support of the nomination of Ms. Margarita Hopkins to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Ms. Hopkins brings to the Commission a wealth of experience and institutional knowledge having served as Economic Development Specialist and Director of Research and Development, County of Hawai'i.

I have every reason to believe Ms. Hopkins will provide effective contributions to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation, and the State of Hawai'i will benefit from her experience and leadership.

Aloha Piha,



Susan "Sue" L.K. Lee Loy
Council Member, County of Hawai'i



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April 13, 2018

HEARING BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

TESTIMONY ON GM 684
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS OF THE AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, MARGARITA HOPKINS, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-
2022.

Room 224
1:15 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and Members of the Committee:

I am Randy Cabral, President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau (HFB). Organized since 1948, the HFB is comprised of 1,900 farm family members statewide, and serves as Hawaii's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate and advance the social, economic and educational interests of our diverse agricultural community.

The Hawaii Farm Bureau strongly supports the confirmation and reappointment of Ms. Margarita Hopkins to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Ms. Margarita Hopkins has an extensive agriculture background and skill set that has been serving the ADC well. As the former economic and agriculture professor and at the University of Hawaii at Hilo and Agriculture Disaster Assistance Coordinator, just to name a few, Ms. Hopkins remains engaged in important agricultural issues and process at the State and County level.

HFB respectfully requests your support of Ms. Hopkins to the ADC Board of Directors.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide our support for Ms. Hopkins.

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April 8, 2018

To:

[COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT](#)

Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair
Senator Gil Riviere, Vice Chair

DATE: Friday, April 13, 2018
TIME: 1:15 p.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 224
State Capitol

From: Ron Weidenbach, Co-Owner, President
Hawaii Fish Company Inc.

Re: GM684 - Nomination of Margarita Hopkins to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness
Development Corporation

Dear Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and Members of the Committee:

As Co-Owners of Hawaii Fish Company Inc., Hawaii's oldest commercial food fish farm, my wife, Lita, and I are honored to offer our unqualified strong support for your consideration and confirmation of Margarita Hopkin's nomination to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC) for a term to expire on June 30, 2022.

Margarita is exceptionally well qualified to serve on the ADC Board of Directors given her extensive education and experience in agriculture and economic development in Hawaii County Government and nationally and internationally.

I have had the pleasure to know Margarita through her support of the Hawaii and global aquaculture industry and in her prior Hawaii County Economic Development administrative and leadership capacities over approximately two decades. During this time, I have always found Margarita to be a strong advocate for the local farming community and a well informed and thoughtful decision maker.

Lita and I believe Margarita has the personal and professional qualities and experiences needed to continue serving effectively on the ADC Board of Directors as our State seeks to support and expand local food production, enhance food safety, and embrace the modernization of Hawaii agriculture. This will require the support of increased technological innovations and the transition to a more diversified growing sector comprised primarily of small and mid-sized farms.

Given the above, we strongly support the nomination of Margarita Hopkins to the ADC Board of Directors.

GM-684

Submitted on: 4/7/2018 10:02:19 AM

Testimony for AEN on 4/13/2018 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ken Love	Testifying for Hawaii Tropical Fruit Growers	Support	No

Comments:

Ms Hopkins would be an excellent addition to the board and is well known for assisting growers and facilitating ag business in Hawaii.



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HAWAII STATE SENATE
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

Friday, April 13, 2018
1:15 p.m.
Conference Room 224

RE: Testimony in Support of GM 684

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere and members of the Committee,

I am Chris Manfredi, President of Hawaii Coffee Association.

The Hawaii Coffee Association's (HCA) mission is to represent all sectors of the Hawaiian coffee industry, including growers, millers, wholesalers, roasters and retailers located throughout the State of Hawaii. The HCA's primary objective is to increase awareness and consumption of Hawaiian coffees. A major component of HCA's work is the continuing education of members and consumers. According to the USDA's National Agriculture Statistics Service, (NASS), the Hawaiian Coffee industry is conservatively ranked as the second-highest value crop in Hawaii - not accounting for retail sales.

The HCA strongly supports MARGARITA HOPKINS as a nominee to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Margarita, or as we know her as 'Day Day' has the knowledge, background, sensibilities and work ethic to be an effective leader on the ADC Board. The Hawaii Coffee Association strongly supports the nominee.

Thank you for your support of MARGARITA HOPKINS.

From: [Yarrow Flower](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 684
Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 3:03:22 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the committee:

I SUPPORT GM 684, which nominates Margarita Hopkins to serve on the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Mahalo!

From: [bob_helstrom](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 684
Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 3:11:47 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the committee:

I SUPPORT GM 684, which nominates Margarita Hopkins to serve on the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Mahalo!

From: [Dawn Bicoy](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 684
Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 3:09:47 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the committee:

I SUPPORT GM 684, which nominates Margarita Hopkins to serve on the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Mahalo!

From: [Miles Hakoda](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 684
Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 3:15:33 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the committee:

I SUPPORT GM 684, which nominates Margarita Hopkins to serve on the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Mahalo!

From: [Randall Francisco](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 684
Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 3:08:19 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the committee:

I SUPPORT GM 684, which nominates Margarita Hopkins to serve on the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Mahalo!

From: [Winifred Marcos](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 684
Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 3:20:24 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the committee:

I SUPPORT GM 684, which nominates Margarita Hopkins to serve on the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Mahalo!

From: [Tom Menezest](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 684
Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 3:44:00 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the committee:

I SUPPORT GM 684, which nominates Margarita Hopkins to serve on the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Mahalo!

From: [Betty Spence](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 684
Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 3:51:37 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the committee:

I SUPPORT GM 684, which nominates Margarita Hopkins to serve on the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Mahalo!

From: [Barry Kim](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 684
Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 3:53:16 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the committee:

I SUPPORT GM 684, which nominates Margarita Hopkins to serve on the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Mahalo!

From: [Esket Padeken](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 684
Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 4:01:56 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the committee:

I SUPPORT GM 684, which nominates Margarita Hopkins to serve on the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Mahalo!

From: [Clyde Fukuyama](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 684
Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 4:06:26 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the committee:

I SUPPORT GM 684, which nominates Margarita Hopkins to serve on the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Mahalo!

GM-684

Submitted on: 4/12/2018 10:00:37 AM

Testimony for AEN on 4/13/2018 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brian Miyamoto	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

From: [Alvin Tsuruda](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 684
Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 7:57:45 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the committee:

I SUPPORT GM 684, which nominates Margarita Hopkins to serve on the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Mahalo!

From: [Blake Rabe](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 684
Date: Thursday, April 12, 2018 9:35:06 AM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the committee:

I SUPPORT GM 684, which nominates Margarita Hopkins to serve on the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Mahalo!

From: [David Schell](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 684
Date: Thursday, April 12, 2018 6:17:32 AM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the committee:

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Mahalo!

From: [Derek Kurisu](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 684
Date: Thursday, April 12, 2018 6:56:46 AM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the committee:

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Mahalo!

From: [Diane C](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 684
Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 8:50:26 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the committee:

I SUPPORT GM 684, which nominates Margarita Hopkins to serve on the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Mahalo!

From: [Dianne Girard](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 684
Date: Thursday, April 12, 2018 4:53:59 AM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the committee:

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Mahalo!

From: [Gary Greive](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 684
Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 4:19:26 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the committee:

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Mahalo!

From: [Grayson Inouye](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 684
Date: Thursday, April 12, 2018 8:01:56 AM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the committee:

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Mahalo!

From: [GLENN TOYAMA](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 684
Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 5:13:48 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the committee:

I SUPPORT GM 684, which nominates Margarita Hopkins to serve on the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

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Mahalo!

From: [John Gordines](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 684
Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 5:31:08 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the committee:

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Mahalo!

From: [Joy Kono](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 684
Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 6:44:55 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the committee:

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Mahalo!

From: [Laila Jayyousi](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 684
Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 8:52:02 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the committee:

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Mahalo!

From: [melvin kunitake](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 684
Date: Thursday, April 12, 2018 9:02:22 AM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the committee:

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Mahalo!

From: [Mark Phillipson](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 684
Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 6:38:57 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the committee:

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Mahalo!

From: [Phil Becker](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 684
Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 5:12:18 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the committee:

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Mahalo!

From: [Robert Paull](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 684
Date: Thursday, April 12, 2018 6:28:59 AM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the committee:

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Mahalo!

From: [Stacie Sasagawa](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 684
Date: Thursday, April 12, 2018 6:49:01 AM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the committee:

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From: [Stephanie Whalen](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 684
Date: Thursday, April 12, 2018 10:07:54 AM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the committee:

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Mahalo!

From: [Thijs Peekstok](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 684
Date: Thursday, April 12, 2018 3:59:54 AM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the committee:

I SUPPORT GM 684, which nominates Margarita Hopkins to serve on the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Mahalo!

From: [Wayne Katayama](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 684
Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 5:16:09 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the committee:

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Mahalo!

GM-684

Submitted on: 4/12/2018 11:26:01 AM

Testimony for AEN on 4/13/2018 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
J Ashman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

From: [mike hughes](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 684
Date: Thursday, April 12, 2018 11:01:12 AM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the committee:

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Mahalo!

From: [Shawn Steiman](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 684
Date: Thursday, April 12, 2018 11:34:15 AM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the committee:

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From: [Blaine Grassman](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 684
Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 5:03:22 PM

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From: [Isaac Miller](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 684
Date: Thursday, April 12, 2018 7:43:48 AM

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From: [paul Kaneshiro](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 684
Date: Thursday, April 12, 2018 12:22:47 AM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the committee:

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From: [Stefanie Delmont](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 684
Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 6:05:15 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the committee:

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Mahalo!

From: [Thomas Greenwell](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 684
Date: Thursday, April 12, 2018 11:44:04 AM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the committee:

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Mahalo!

From: [David Bateman](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 684
Date: Thursday, April 12, 2018 1:19:39 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the committee:

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Mahalo!

From: [adam killermann](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 684
Date: Friday, April 13, 2018 6:26:15 AM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the committee:

I SUPPORT GM 684, which nominates Margarita Hopkins to serve on the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Mahalo!

From: [Donald Lau](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 684
Date: Thursday, April 12, 2018 5:36:35 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the committee:

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Mahalo!

From: [Donna Woolley](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 684
Date: Thursday, April 12, 2018 5:31:54 PM

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Mahalo!

From: [Michelle Starke](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 684
Date: Thursday, April 12, 2018 5:52:04 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the committee:

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Mahalo!

Response to Information Request - Margarita L. Hopkins
Confirmation Hearing

- (1) Why do you wish to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation?

My professional career was focused on assisting all types of farmers, with particular emphasis on small-scale farms that are commonly not well represented in the halls of power. Serving on the ADC Board is just a natural continuation of my life's work.

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

I strongly believe that the ADC needs to have pragmatic visionaries on its board that can see viable long-term opportunities for agricultural development in Hawaii. Most people do not think about where their food comes from unless it is not available nor affordable. But ADC has to (think about agriculture). It has the opportunity and responsibility to be an integral part of developing an industry that provides food and supports Hawaii's economy.

Like most corporate boards of directors, ADC's board sets goals, policies and strategy and provides general oversight of the Corporation. Further, it reviews all projects and releases of resources (use of government land, money, etc.). Board members have a fiduciary responsibility to the taxpayers of Hawaii to ensure that any approved use of resources is fair to all concerned and sustainable.

- (3) 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 am a trained agricultural economist with over 40 years experience in agricultural development around the world. For the last 23 years of my career, I was the County of Hawaii's economic development specialist responsible for agriculture on the Big Island. I am a current member of the ADC Board.

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

I want to see ADC have a significant impact of agriculture development in Hawaii with new projects on all islands.

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

I know agriculture; I am honest; and I help people. These are the key qualities needed by Board members when evaluating proposals for agriculture development.

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

I oversaw the funding and development of the Kau Agricultural Water Project. Further, I have been a member of the ADC Board for several years.

(7) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the Board? How would you overcome conflicts of interest?

Probably not. My immediate family owns and operates some small farms (orchids, awa, and fish). Further, our personal company (Day2 Resources LLC) provides consulting services related to aquaculture. Although we have talked to ADC about the possibility of working with it to expand our farms, those talks lead nowhere given the limited funding of ADC. We have no intention of working with ADC on any activity that will benefit our personal farms and will not do so during my term on the Board.