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RODERICK K. BECKER, COMPTROLLER
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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM AND TECHNOLOGY
ON

FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 2018
1:15 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 414

G.M. 688

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE STADIUM AUTHORITY, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, ROSS YAMASAKI, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2022.

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on G.M. 688. I support the nomination of Mr. Ross Yamasaki to the Stadium Authority.

Mr. Yamasaki currently serves as the Chair of the Stadium Authority. He is a registered architect and an established design strategist who has worked on both public and private projects in planning and design. Currently, Mr. Yamasaki serves as Vice President of Capitol Consultants of Hawaii where he is responsible for the firm's operations and development, and leads activities in the areas of sustainability, environmental quality, and green technology.

Prior to joining Capitol Consultants, Mr. Yamasaki was a partner at KYA Design Group where he worked extensively on public projects, led the development of the green building industry, and founded one of Hawaii's first sustainability consultancy firms. As a former member of University of Hawaii's football team, he is involved with Hawaii's sports community and founded a sports marketing firm that focused on Hawaii-Japan relations.

Mr. Yamasaki's extensive background in architectural planning and design along with his passion for sports make him well-suited to continue in his leadership role with the Stadium Authority.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this measure.

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Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Stadium authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, Mr. Ross I. Yamasaki for a term to expire 06-30-22.

Chair Wakai and members of the Committee on Economic Development, Tourism and Technology, we are excited and support Mr. Ross I. Yamasaki's nomination to serve as a Stadium Authority board member for an additional four (4) years. As current Chair of the Stadium Authority, he has displayed exceptional leadership skills and has provided the necessary all-inclusive guidance to address the major challenges concerning the future of Aloha Stadium.

Mr. Yamasaki's extensive and in-depth professional architectural background, coupled with his legislative experience, will prove to be invaluable in guiding the Stadium Authority toward achieving its future goals and objectives.

In summary, we support the appointment of Ross I. Yamasaki to the Stadium Authority board and look forward to working with him in the near future.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on behalf of Mr. Ross I. Yamasaki.

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April 4, 2018

Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair
Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair
Committee on Economic Development, Tourism and Technology
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: G.M. No. 688, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the
Stadium Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, Ross Yamasaki

Dear Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and Committee Members:

I would like to express my strong support for the nomination of Ross Yamasaki, GM No. 688, to continue to serve as a member of the State of Hawai'i Stadium Authority.

I believe that Mr. Yamasaki has the vision, experience and leadership needed for the Stadium Authority to move forward at this critical juncture, as the Stadium Authority considers redevelopment of the stadium, transit oriented development and affordable housing issues.

For the foregoing reasons, I hope that you will favorably consider Mr. Yamasaki's nomination for reappointment to the Stadium Authority.

Very truly yours,



Peter J. Hamasaki

Committee on Economic Development and Technology

Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair

Senator Brian Taniguchi, Vice Chair

Re: GM688, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Stadium Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, ROSS YAMASAKI, for a term to expire 06-30-2022.

Aloha Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi and members of the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Technology. My name is Charles Toguchi and I'm providing written testimony in strong support of Ross Yamasaki, gubernatorial nominee to serve on the Stadium Authority.

I have had the privilege and pleasure of serving with Ross Yamasaki on the Stadium Authority Board. With his background in sports, and his professional experiences as an architect, design strategist, and government operations consultant, Ross comes to us with the necessary skills, foundation, and work experiences to provide strong support and guidance at the Stadium Authority. Ross has done an excellent job as chairman of the Stadium Authority...providing leadership and fostering teamwork among the Board members and with Stadium staff.

Ross Yamasaki is a tireless worker and he has impressed me with his genuine commitment and dedication to his role as Stadium Authority Chair. Leadership is action...and Ross Yamasaki has proven with his positive actions...forward thinking vision...and team building concepts...that he can get the job done. I strongly support the nomination of ROSS YAMASKI to the Board of the Stadium Authority. Mahalo for the opportunity to present this written testimony.

Aloha,

Charles T. Toguchi

TESTIMONY
OF
ROSS I. YAMASAKI
TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE
ON
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM AND TECHNOLOGY
ON
APRIL 6, 2018
GM 688

Submitting for your consideration and confirmation to the Stadium Authority,
Gubernatorial Nominee, ROSS I. YAMASAKI

Chair Wakai and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today.

First of all, I would like to thank Governor David Ige for nominating me. It is truly an honor and a privilege to be considered for re-appointment to the Stadium Authority.

Secondly, thank you to everyone who submitted letters of support on my behalf and to everyone here in attendance lending me their support and aloha.

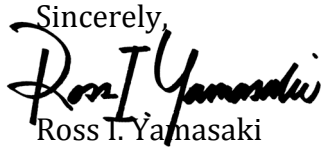
I believe Hawai'i is a special place with its rich culture and natural capital, and I feel very blessed to have been born and raised here. I was taught that to whom much is given, much is required. Therefore, I feel a great sense of responsibility toward this place that I call home. These values are at the center of everything I do and it has shaped my family, career and community engagement throughout my life. Having the privilege to serve on the Stadium Authority will give me another opportunity to honor my belief.

Service on the Stadium Authority will also be meaningful for me, because the Aloha Stadium has been a part of my life growing up. I recall attending Hawai'i Islander games, Hula Bowls, summer concerts, fairs and shows at the venue. I also remember playing on the field from my pop-warner championship games, through high school, to my last game as a University of Hawai'i Rainbow Warrior against Michigan State in the Aloha Bowl.

I believe that my professional background in architecture, sustainability and marketing, my community interests in sports and the visitor industry, and my personal history with the venue have been an asset to the Authority in my current term as it addresses matters of the Stadium's future. I look forward to continuing my service as member and current chair if approved.

In closing, I would like to thank this Committee for the hard work you do for the State of Hawai'i . Thank you for considering my nomination.

I'll be happy to answer any questions that you may have.

Sincerely,

Ross I. Yamasaki