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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Peter Sit	Testifying for Pono Kai Resort Owners Association	Support	No

Comments:

I am in support of Dennis Neves as the next Kauai DHHL Kauai Commissioner. I have the pleasure to be on the RCCA BOD for 10 years with Dennis, he was then the Lihue Airport Manager. I find Dennis to be a man of great integrity and can be trusted for all he does. I strongly support his nomination and will be glad to testify for him in person if need to?

Peter Sit

General Manager

Pono Kai Resort

Kauai, Hawaii 96765

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Submitted on: 4/1/2019 9:02:49 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/9/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gerald Taber	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Kahele and Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs,

I am submitting testimony of SUPPORT to confirm Dennis Neves to the Hawaiian Homes Commission, Kauai as recommended by Governor Ige. As you can see by the resume submitted, Dennis Neves has quite an extensive employment history that is an asset to any organization, company or community that has been privileged to work with him. There are many others that can share about his supervisory and managerial experiences but I will be speaking from a more personal perspective. If appointed, I can assure you that my father will certainly hold himself, his coworkers and the entire organization to a higher standard to further the mission of Prince Kuhio and assist Kanaka returning to the 'aina. He is and always has been a great example of hard work, diligence and pride in his work, ensuring that the public was serviced with excellence no matter what capacity he worked in. As a child, I remember my father wearing a suit to supervise the airline facility and change into jeans and tshirt to lump bags in the back because someone called in sick or the workers were overloaded. Coworkers became ohana, chili and rice shared at the station for the crew and employee morale was always a priority along with serving the public. As a Kanaka Maoli, beneficiary and current Hawaiian Homes lessee, you will have someone that is experienced in ALL aspects of the Hawaiian Homes process. Our ohana has been integral in the early beginnings of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act as our Molokai ohana were among the first homesteaders in Ho'olehua and that same hard work, drive to succeed and kokua the community continues today, through him. A descendant of Hansens disease patients from Kalawa'o, a son of 15 children, his parents, Manuel Fernandes Neves Sr. and Agnes Kaina Mano Kea Neves, are the examples that continue to guide us generations today. Please confirm my father Dennis Neves as Kauai Hawaiian Homes Commissioner, there is no finer example to serve Kauai, the Hawaiian people and further the mission of Prince Jonah Kuhio. Mahalo nui for your time, Ke Akua be with you all... Submitted with Aloha from Theresa Keohunani Taber, eldest daughter

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Submitted on: 4/2/2019 8:19:20 AM

Testimony for HWN on 4/9/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Donna K Santos	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I am a Native Hawaiian from Kaua'i and I support this nomination. I ask for your support too.

Donna Kaliko Santos

LÄ«hu'e, Kaua'i

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Submitted on: 4/3/2019 2:28:22 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/9/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carol Lovell	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am a native Hawaiian from the Koolau Moku, Ahupua'a of Anahola. This letter is in support of the appointment of Dennis Neves to the Hawaiian Homes Commission, Island of Kaua'i. I have known Dennis for some time through his involvement with the community in multiple capacities.

His past experiences in the field of executive management will be an invaluable addition to the Kaua'i Commission position. He is currently retired and willing to devote his time in serving as the Kaua'i Commissioner.

On Apr 8, 2019, at 5:23 AM, William Lemn <wmnlu17@gmail.com> wrote:

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR DENNIS L. NEVES TO REPRESENT KAUAI AS THE DHHL COMMISSIONER

It is encouraging to hear that Dennis Neves is willing to serve the beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act as the commissioner from Kauai. I am asking for your support by confirming his nomination.

My family and I first met Dennis as the manager of the Lihue Airport and later became friends. His experiences acquired through life, as well as his occupations, has enabled him to make necessary decisions for successful solutions. His decision-making ability would be an asset to that position as he brings diverse knowledge in many aspects of life.

I have also seen him as very personable and caring. Being approachable to the people he will be serving is also in his favor. In talking with him, I know that he wants to serve his people. I also see a good man who would do his homework.

I am hopeful that this letter of support will help convince you that confirming Dennis Neves would be "pono".

Mahalo nui loa,

Luella H. Lemn
William K. Lemn
Anahola

On Apr 6, 2019, at 10:07 AM, Erna K. <ernaann1@hotmail.com> wrote:

SUPPORT

Dear Chairman Maile Shimabukuro and members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs:

I am please to submit my email of support for Governor Ige's nomination of Dennis Neves to the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Mr. Neves is a beneficiary of the Hawaiian Homes Trust and lives on the homestead in Anahola, Kauai. As a beneficiary he experiences the daily challenges Native Hawaiians face. I believe his experiences in life has prepared him to represent the vision and purpose of the trust as Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole desired to preserve for future generations of kanaka maoli.

I ask you for your sustaining support of his nomination.

Me Ke Aloha,

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