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TESTIMONY OF JOBIE M. K. MASAGATANI, CHAIRMAN
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
HEARING ON APRIL 09, 2019 AT 1:15 PM IN CR 016

IN SUPPORT OF

GM714

for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaiian Homes Commission,
Gubernatorial Nominee, **PATRICIA TERUYA**,
for a term to expire 06-30-2023

April 09, 2019

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Kahele, and members of the Committee:

It is an honor to provide this testimony in **SUPPORT** of Governor Ige's nomination of Patricia Teruya to the Hawaiian Homes Commission (HHC).

Ms. Teruya's community service and work experience show a depth of involvement in the community, especially neighborhoods. She has worked at the City and County of Honolulu in community relations at the Neighborhood Commission Office, at the City Council as a legislative aide to Councilmember Gabbard, and in the Mayor's Office, handling events, always dealing with people.

She is an active member of the Nanakuli Hawaiian Homestead community, engaging with DHHL at community meetings, Hawaiian Homes Commission meetings, and beneficiary consultations. She is President of the Wai'anae Coast Community Foundation, a member of the Council of Native Hawaiian Advancement, a member of Hawaii's Native Community Coalition, and a member of the Nanaikapono Protestant Church. She is also an active member of the Nanakuli/Maili Neighborhood Board and volunteer with Food Bank, giving of her time in food distribution to families in need on the leeward coast.

We respectfully ask your committee to advise and consent to this nomination, and we thank you for your consideration of our testimony.



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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF HAWAII
STATE CAPITOL
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

April 9, 2019

Testimony in Support of the Appointment of Patty Teruya to the Hawaiian Homes Commission

Patty Teruya is a highly regarded community activist who has served on the Nānākuli – Mā`ili Neighborhood Board since 1994.

As a beneficiary of the Hawaiian Homes Act, Patty has been a strong voice and advocate for the homestead community.

Patty is a compassionate leader, serving our community by organizing food distribution and events for the homeless keiki along the Wai`anae Coast.

She has organized the Toys for Tots program and parades for our keiki after they have won numerous athletic championships.

She has fought to improve the quality of life for the residents of the Wai`anae Coast organizing Sunset on the Beach for all residents and families to participate in.

Recently, Patty spearheaded a collaboration with other Hawaiian Homes Associations representing communities from Kapolei to Wai`anae in organizing the 99th Anniversary Celebration of the Prince Kūhio Festival in Waianae.

Patty is a mother and kupuna, not just to her own mo`opuna but to the many sons and daughters and their mo`opuna on the Waianae Coast.

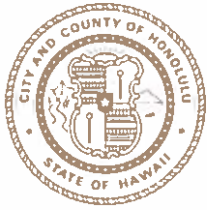
I strongly support her nomination to the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Mahalo.

Representative Stacelynn K.M. Eli
District 43

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April 1, 2019

The Honorable Maile S. L. Shimabukuro, Chair
The Honorable Kaiali'i Kahele, Vice Chair
and Members of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 016
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Subject: **GM 714** – Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Hawaiian Homes Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, PATRICIA TERUYA, for a Term to Expire 06-30-2023

Dear Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Kahele and Members:

Mahalo for the opportunity to share my support for the appointment of Patricia ("Patty") Teruya to serve as a member of the State Department of Hawaiian Homelands Commission.

Patty is extremely knowledgeable about the Hawaiian Homes Act and is an active and engaged member of the Nānākuli community. As a beneficiary of the Hawaiian Homes Act, Patty is intimately familiar with the challenges and accomplishments of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands. She serves as an advocate for the residents and also as a member of the Nānākuli Neighborhood Board since 1994. I am proud to support her appointment and know that she will be an asset to the Commission.

With Aloha,

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Kimberly Marcos Pine
Councilmember, District 1

**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE
COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

GM 714 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaiian Homes Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, PATRICIA TERUYA, for a term to expire at noon on 6-30-2023.

Tuesday, April 9, 2019
1:15 P.M.
Conference Room 016

By Lori Hoo
Director, Community Relations
Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.

Dear Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Kahele, and Members of the Committee,

I am Lori Hoo and I am testifying in strong support of the nomination of Governor's Message 714 and Ms. Patricia Teruya to serve on the Hawaiian Homes Commission. I have had the pleasure of knowing and working with Ms. Teruya for the past fifteen years as the Director of Community Relations for Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc. We have worked together on numerous utility projects on the Waianae coast and community projects such as the Waianae Sunset on the Beach.

The utility projects included a new power plant at Campbell Industrial Park, a proposed wind farm at Kahe, the installation of new fuel lines, major repair and maintenance projects at the Kahe power plant, and the replacement, repair and inspection of hundreds of utility poles along the coastline. With the exception of the wind farm which received substantial community opposition, all of the projects that we have worked on over the last fifteen years along the coast were successfully completed.

Ms. Teruya is ardently protective of the Nanakuli community and is an especially passionate advocate for the kupuna and keiki in the community. She is compassionate and tireless in her efforts to help the most vulnerable in her community as she has

demonstrated through her volunteer work with Toys for Tots, Foodbank, Live and Let Live, Nanakuli Protestant Church, Nanakuli Hawaiian Homestead Association, Waianae Coast Community Foundation, and the Waianae Sunset on the Beach event at Maile Beach Park. Ms. Teruya is also committed to protecting the community's natural and cultural resources. From the mountain to the ocean she has supported efforts to improve the quality and abundance of these resources to ensure that ample resources will be available for future generations to come.

I have nothing but sincere respect and appreciation for Ms. Teruya—for her dedication and compassion, and her unimpeachable integrity. These qualities and her wisdom and true empathy for others make Ms. Teruya well-suited and qualified to serve as a Hawaiian Homes Commissioner. I strongly urge this Committee to approve her appointment. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Governor's Message 714 and Ms. Teruya's appointment to the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

GM-714

Submitted on: 4/6/2019 4:37:37 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dylan P. Armstrong	Testifying for Oahu County Democrats	Support	No

Comments:

The Oahu County Committee of the Oahu County Democrats is proud to support the confirmation of Ms. Patricia Teruya to the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Ms. Teruya is a career public servant who has worked for the City and County of Honolulu and served for an exceptional 24 years with the Neighborhood Board System, the heart of citizen democracy on our Island of Oahu. In addition, Ms. Teruya is highly active in the community with non-governmental organizations, and has shown a dedicated compassion for the well-being of Oahu's people. We wish her great success in doing the work of the Commission, for the betterment and housing of our people across Hawaii.

Please vote in favor of confirming Ms. Patricia Teruya.

Thank you,
Dylan P. Armstrong, Vice Chair
Oahu County Committee, Oahu County Democrats

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

LATE

Tuesday, April 9, 2019
1:15 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 016

Re: GM 714 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaiian Homes Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, PATRICIA TERUYA, for a term to expire 06-30-2023.

Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Kahele and members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs:

We testify in STRONG SUPPORT of the appointment of Patricia Teruya to serve on the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Ms. Teruya has actively served her community in numerous ways. She has served 24 years in the Neighborhood Board system as a member of the Nanakuli/Maili Neighborhood Board, member of the Waianae Neighborhood Board, the Nanakuli/Maili Planning Secretary, and the Planning & Zoning Committee Chair. She also currently serves as the President of the Wai'anae Coast Community Foundation.

Ms. Teruya is also a member of the Nanakuli Hawaii Homestead Association, a member of the Council of Native Hawaiian Advancement (CNHA), and a member of Hawaii's Native Community Coalition.

We believe that Ms. Teruya's years of dedicated service to her community, her extensive professional work experience, and her years of involvement in Hawaiian Homes and Native Hawaiian groups will enable her to serve effectively on the Hawaiian Homes Commission and will benefit beneficiaries.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in SUPPORT of Ms. Teruya's appointment.

Managing Director T. George Paris

TGP: CH



April 8, 2019

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Hearing Date: April 9, 2019

Time: 1:15 p.m.

Location: Conference Room 016, Hawaii State Capitol

Re: GM 714- CONFIRMATION HEARING FOR PATRICIA TERUYA

To the Honorable Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Senate Committee On Hawaiian Affairs:

The Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement (CNHA) strongly supports the nomination and confirmation of Patricia Teruya as a Commissioner to the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Ms. Teruya and I have worked together over the years on issues affecting the Hawaiian community and she is someone I respect because of her willingness to help and serve others, no matter how involved or difficult the task may be.

Ms. Teruya is longstanding member of the Nanakuli-Ma'ili Neighborhood Board and has served for over 24 years with distinction, devoting much of her energies to understanding and providing commentary on changes to land use and zoning laws affecting her west side community. Her experience and background as relates to these development and land use issues will serve her well as a member of the Commission.

Ms. Teruya is extremely active in serving those less fortunate in our community, as exemplified by her work with the Food Bank and her service as the President of the Wai'anae Coast Community Foundation. What is unusual about Ms. Teruya is her ability to not only empathize with those less fortunate but to be able to translate that concern into tangible actions which fosters a sense of self-respect while addressing each individual's personal needs.

Ms. Teruya has a reputation of being a hard and tireless worker who is able to engage with others to build bridges and arrive at mutually agreeable solutions, an attribute which is key for anyone desiring to serve on a board like the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Based on the foregoing, and my knowledge of the Ms. Teruya's background, qualifications, and character, I give her my highest recommendation and fully believe that she will be an asset to the future deliberations and decisions of the Hawaiian Homestead Commission.

Sincerely,

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J. Kuhio Lewis
Chief Executive Officer

GM-714

Submitted on: 4/2/2019 10:22:19 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Geanine Gomes	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

I am submitting testimony in strong **SUPPORT of Patricia Kahanamoku Teruya's** nomination to the Board of Commissioners for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands! It is with great honor that I submit this testimony! Ms. Teruya continues to be a strong leader on the Waianae Coast. Her endless, sacrifices for her beloved community of Waianae shows in everything she does: From Toys For Tots, to Food banks, the 99th year celebration of Prince Kuhio by the Hawaiian Homesteader's associations a couple weeks prior to this hearing at the Nanakuli Public Library, the Waianae Sunset on the Beach, numerous community parades honoring different teams, schools,athletes at the last minute mind you, her jump in go gettum attitude to get things done right the first time, the numerous successful events hosted, planned, and coordinated by Ms. Teruya enjoyed by all along the Waianae coast and beyond!

Ms. Teruya will be an asset to the Commission. Please confirm her nomination!

Sincerely,

Geanine Gomes

Community member Waianae Coast

GM-714

Submitted on: 4/2/2019 11:18:58 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lori Okuda	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Lori Okuda and I had the pleasure of meeting and working with Ms. Teurya in the later part of last year on a political campaign.

Her dedication to her family and community is what immediately struck me. Her hard work, yet the ease that she accomplished multiple tasks is awe inspiring.

She continued to work on community projects while she suffered the tragic loss of her son Ke'o; yet she never missed a beat.

Her tireless work toward the betterment of her community would be an asset the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Thank you.

GM-714

Submitted on: 4/2/2019 1:07:36 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael Kitchens	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Patty Kahanamoku Teruya would be an absolute asset to the HHC. She is a tireless advocate and would be a welcome spokesperson for the community.

April 1, 2019

Honorable Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair
Honorable Kaiali'i Kahele, Vice Chair
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
The Senate
Hawaii State Legislature

Subject: **GM714 – Nomination of Patricia Teruya to the Hawaiian Homes Commission**

Dear Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Kahele and Members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs:

Please accept this letter of testimony in support of the Governor David Y. Ige's nomination of Ms. Patricia Teruya to the Hawaiian Homes Commission for a term to expire on June 30, 2023.

I offer this letter of testimony having known Ms. Teruya both personally and professionally for over twenty (20) years. With respect to her commitment towards public service, as you are well aware of, Ms. Teruya has served on both the Waianae and Nanakuli-Maili Neighborhood Boards since 1994, many of which were in various leadership capacities.

Having myself served in leadership positions, both in the executive and legislative branches of government in the City and County of Honolulu, I have worked with Ms. Teruya on many occasions on issues that were of critical importance to her communities and I can personally attest to the fact that her devotion and passion for the Waianae Coast is unquestionable. Furthermore, she is relentless in her advocacy for equity and fairness for all of her constituency.

Additionally, I know that Ms. Teruya is proud of her Native Hawaiian heritage, with a direct lineage to the legendary Duke Kahanamoku, and I am confident that she will be a tireless, as well as outspoken advocate, for ensuring that the Native Hawaiian community is best served through the programs and opportunities offered by Department of Hawaiian Homelands and the Hawaiian Homes Commission, and as stipulated through the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act.

In closing, I ask for your favorable consideration on the nomination of Ms. Patricia Teruya to the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Respectfully,

ERNEST Y. MARTIN
Chair and Presiding Officer (2011-2016, 2018)
Honolulu City Council



BOARD MEMBER ZACHARY E. ESPINO

Waimanalo Neighborhood Board | Secretary | Representing Sub-District 11 - Hale Aupuni

April 3, 2019

TO: Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair
Senator Kaiali'i Kahele, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

DATE: Tuesday, April 9, 2019
TIME: 1:15 p.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 016, State Capitol

FROM: Zachary Espino, Board Member, Waimanalo Neighborhood Board

Testimony in support of GM 714 Patricia Teruya to Serve on the Hawaiian Homes Commission

Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Kahele, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Zachary Espino and I have served on the Waimanalo Neighborhood Board since August 2017. I am writing in **strong support** of the confirmation of Ms. Patricia Teruya as commissioner on the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Ms. Teruya is an experienced community leader, who will no doubt serve as a respected member of the commission. As a long-time member of the Nanakuli-Maili neighborhood board, she has been a vocal and articulate voice for the community. She is well-liked by members of the community and has been an active participant in various community activities.

The commission serves as a voice for Native Hawaiians to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) and Ms. Teruya will work to advance the best interests of Native Hawaiians as a commissioner. I have had the opportunity to get to know Ms. Teruya through her various participation in community activities and functions. As a board member in my own community of Waimanalo, which serves one of the largest populations of homesteaders, I know that Ms. Teruya will represent the best interests of homesteaders.

It is my honor to submit testimony for Ms. Teruya. She is an exemplar choice to serve as a commissioner on the Hawaiian Homes Commission. She possesses the experience and foresight to help move the commission forward to benefit all Native Hawaiians.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of Ms. Patricia Teruya.

Disclaimer: Any comments or statements reflect my personal view and not the views of the City and County of Honolulu (C&C) and the Neighborhood Commission Office (NCO).

GM-714

Submitted on: 4/4/2019 8:27:38 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dawn Nani Duque	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am supporting Patty Kahanamoku Teruya on her appointment to DHHL. I believe she is the best candidate for this position because she is not only Smart but leads with her heart. I have witness her help so much people, communities, businesses, Personally and the long lasting impact that she has on them is uncomparable. She is known as Aunty Patty for a Great reason Not only because of full respect but because thats exactly how she treats everyone. She will be a good leader & teacher, with her kind heart, her humbleness, and her patience and love for the People. I nominate and submit this testimony because to me she is Real.

GM-714

Submitted on: 4/5/2019 12:29:17 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Leslie	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha my name is Leslie Mckeague and I am a resident of Nanakuli. I had been a Hawaiian language and Hawaiian studies teacher in the immersion schools, Department of Education, and University of Hawaii-Leeward Community College setting for almost ten years. I am an active member in the Democrat Hawaiian Affairs Caucus and a prior committee member for the Nanaikapono Hawaiian Civiv Club. I have taught Polynesian dance and have led oli for various blessings and ceremonies island wide. I have also been under the direction of Kamaki Kanahale and Helen O Conner. I have worked with various groups in the Native Hawaiian community many in which were non profit organizations and main stream organizations.

I support the confirmation of Patricia Teruya for the Hawaiian Homes Commission. She has shown dedication to the community residents of Nanakuli as a neighborhood board committee member. I believe her work will be well utilized as a member of the commission.

GM-714

Submitted on: 4/7/2019 9:38:47 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Randy Akau	Individual	Support	No

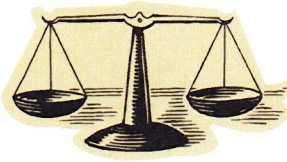
Comments:

Aloha,

I stand in full support of Patricia Teruya, as a gubernatorial nominee on the Hawaiian Homes Commission. I have personally known " Patty " since 2008 and her tireless work and dedication for the residents and native Hawaiians in the Nanakuli and Waianae communities. Her discipline, determination and persistence will be reflected in her work as a commissioner. Her commitment, compassion for others, decision making skills, courage to make things "pono" or right in adverse situations, and a renewed vision she has for the Lahui makes her a well qualified candidate. I humbly ask that you consider and confirm her appointment to a seat on the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Mahalo nui loa,

Randy Akau



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Hearing Date: Tuesday, April 9, 2019

Time: 1:15 p.m.

Place: Senate Conference Room 016

The Honorable Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair

The Honorable Senator Kaiali'i Kahele, Vice Chair

Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Subject: **GM 714** – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaiian Homes Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, **PATRICIA TERUYA**, for a term to expire 06-30-2023.

Dear Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Kahele, and members of the Committee:

I strongly and whole-heartedly support the confirmation of **Patty Kahanamoku Teruya** to the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Patty is a committed and caring leader in the Hawaiian community and community at large, a gifted event organizer, and an enthusiastic hard worker. She is a fundamentally decent person.

Over the past two years, I have gotten to know Patty both professionally and personally through our work on campaigns and in her Westside community.

I cannot think of anyone better to help carry out the mission of the Hawaiian Homes Commission to “manage the Hawaiian Home Lands trust effectively and to develop and deliver lands to native Hawaiians” while “partner[ing] with others towards developing self-sufficient and healthy communities.”

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly by phone at (808) 542-1542 or by e-mail at gordonarakaki@hawaiiantel.net.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Gordon M. Arakaki

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GM-714

Submitted on: 4/9/2019 11:53:43 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kapua Keliikoa-Kamai	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Kahele and Committee Members,

I SUPPORT GM 714 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaiian Homes Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, PATRICIA TERUYA, for a term to expire 06-30-2023.

I've known Patty Teruya for years, many of which at community functions where she was the coordinator, co-coordinator or something having to do with informing, sharing, providing for or empowering our Wai'anae community. I believe her confirmation to our Hawaiian Homes Commission will benefit and further the intentions of our Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole and the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act.

Mahalo for allowing me to provide testimony in SUPPORT of Patty Teruya.

Kapua Keliikoa-Kamai

Waianae Valley Homestead Lessee

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Submitted on: 4/9/2019 1:15:36 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Christopher L. Kuaiwa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit my support for the appointment of Patricia Teruya to serve on the Department of Hawaiian Home lands (DHHL) Commission. As a member of the Hawaiian Community and beneficiary of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, I know first-hand the contributions and relentless advocacy Patricia Teruya has dedicated and performed for Hawaiians and the greater community, statewide. She will be an incredible asset to the Commission and provide the strongest link between the DHHL and beneficiaries. Please confirm her nomination. Mahalo.