

GM 745
PONO SHIM

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Statement of
Hakim Ouansafi
Hawaii Public Housing Authority
Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

Monday, April 22, 2019
1:00 PM
Room 423, Hawaii State Capitol

In consideration of

G.M. 745

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, Pono Shim, for a term to expire 06-30-2023.

Honorable Chair Chang, and Members of the Senate Committee on Housing, thank you for the opportunity to provide you with testimony in support of Governor's Message 745, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, Mr. Pono Shim, for a term to expire June 30, 2023.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) supports the confirmation of Mr. Shim to the HPHA Board of Directors. Mr. Shim has been a welcomed addition to the HPHA Board of Directors and has served admirably as Chairman over the past four years. As Executive Director of the HPHA, I have had the privilege of working with Mr. Shim, and I have particularly appreciated his no-nonsense approach to getting things done, community-minded compassion for the people we serve, and the sense of urgency he brings to improving the performance of the agency. Mr. Shim's years of economic development experience in low-income communities in Hawai'i will continue to make him a great asset to the HPHA Board of Directors.

The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the Senate Committee on Housing with the agency's position regarding G.M. 745. We respectfully request the Committee to confirm Mr. Shim to the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority Board of Directors.



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Statement of
MIKE MCCARTNEY
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before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

Monday, April 22, 2019
1:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 423

in consideration of
GM 745
**Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors
of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee,
PONO SHIM, for a term to expire 06-30-2023.**

Chair Chang, Vice Chair Kanuha and Members of the Committee.

I **support** the appointment of **Pono Shim** to serve on the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA).

Pono has the conviction, compassion and the experience to serve on the board of the HPHA. As the current board chair of the HPHA he has served alongside other civic minded citizens to address issues on developing affordable rental and public housing and fair housing services. The board has brought people together to work for the common good. Since 2009 he has led the Oahu Economic Development Board (OEDB) and worked in partnership with private and public organizations to support a healthy economy and workforce for the future of the State. Most of all he knows how to strategically apply the provision of HRS 5-7.5 (b) to help create a better Hawaii.

For these reasons, I urge his confirmation as Board of Director of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

DAVID IGE
GOVERNOR



CHRISTINA KISHIMOTO
SUPERINTENDENT

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Date: Monday, April 22, 2019
Time: 1:00 PM
Location: 423
Committee: Senate Housing

Person Testifying: Derek Minakami, NBCT, Principal of Kāneʻohe Elementary School
Re: Consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i
Public Housing Authority - Pono Shim

Position: SUPPORT

For the past four years, Pono Shim served as a mentor to me, shaping my leadership so that I may nurture a healthier culture at Kāneʻohe Elementary. Given my experiences collaborating with him, I've come to better understand Pono's mission of cultivating a better Hawai'i. It is for this reason that I fully support his re-appointment to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority. His knowledge coupled with proven actions make Pono Shim the apt candidate for this position:

- Through his application of the Aloha Response and E 'Ohana Hou, Pono shifts our thinking. He helps us to reframe the challenges our community faces so that we can more effectively address these problems.
- Pono mentors leaders both established and emerging to guide them in finding the greater leader within. He then helps them more strongly embrace their kuleana in lifting others up out of the circumstances that weigh them down.
- Pono advances cultural knowledge as a means of solving the problems of today. He re-visions the ike passed onto us by the kupuna that made Hawaii one of the most sophisticated and productive societies. Through his counsel, he is helping our community to reinvigorate the relationships that once made the ahupua'a system thrive.

Mahalo for considering this letter of support. I am confident, should Pono be re-appointed, he will continue to help the Public Housing Authority grow and transform so that it may better serve the people of Hawai'i.

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STATE OF HAWAII
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April 18, 2019

TO: The Honorable Stanley Chang, Chair
Committee on Housing

The Honorable Dru Mamo Kanuha, Vice Chair
Committee on Housing

FROM: Merton Chinen, Executive Director

SUBJECT: GM 745 – BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY

Hearing: Monday, April 22, 2019, 1:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 423

I strongly support the confirmation of Pono Shim to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority. In varied and significant ways, Pono has assisted and empowered the Office of Youth Services (OYS) to better serve the community and strive to meet its mandate; he provided assistance that was educational, practical and inspirational. Pono speaks to the truth of a matter that is embedded in servant leadership. His sharing and embracing of the Aloha Spirit, as codified in Hawaii Revised Statutes §5-7.5, clearly provides a platform that reflects a deep understanding and sensitivity to the need for relationships and connections that underlie and are critical to successful and effective programs and services. His professional expertise and personal commitment to making Hawaii a shining example of Aloha that he reverently embraces as a way of life benefit our staff, providers, and our community in meaningful and tangible ways.

Because of Pono's being and sharing, OYS has made positive changes in our service framework that incorporate the values of Aloha and, more importantly, live these values in our operations and services for the community. With the Aloha Spirit guiding our way, youth at-risk and ohana are helping to build a safer community for all. Likewise, the Hawaii Public Housing Authority will continue to be empowered to fulfill its mandate of providing affordable rental and supportive housing and the efficient and fair delivery of housing services to the people of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Housing
Monday, April 22, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

By

Vassilis L. Syrmos, Vice President for Research and Innovation
University of Hawai'i System

WRITTEN ONLY

GM 745 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, PONO SHIM, for a term to expire 06-30-2023.

Chair Chang, Vice Chair Kanuha and Members of the Committee:

It is with great pleasure that I submit this testimony for Mr. Pono Shim in strong support of his nomination to the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority Board.

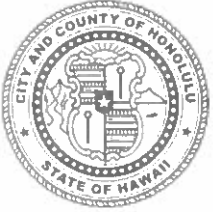
As vice president for research and innovation for the University of Hawai'i System and as a board member of the O'ahu Economic Development Board (OEDB), I have had the distinct honor and privilege of working closely with Mr. Shim for a number of years through his role as president/chief executive officer of OEDB. With his insightfulness on a broad range of social issues at home and abroad, and most importantly – his ability to bring people together in a common cause, I can think of no one more qualified to help address the challenges of public housing in Hawai'i.

As my office has been actively engaged with the local business community on an innovation-based economic stimulus initiative to help diversify the state's economy, I have been extremely fortunate to have a person of Mr. Shim's qualifications and character leading OEDB and as a confidant. Through his inclusive style and influence in the community, Mr. Shim has established OEDB as a critical partner to the success of this initiative.

In 2012, Mr. Shim successfully led the efforts of Punawai 'O Pu'uhonua's New Market Tax Credit Application that resulted in a \$40 million allocation for economic development in low-income communities in Hawai'i. His core values are further illustrated by his unselfish donation of time and leadership training to various state departments, including: human services, public safety, human resources, judiciary, and welfare services. He continues to serve on the directory boards or as an advisor to numerous organizations.

It is with strong support that I recommend that Mr. Pono Shim be reappointed as a board member of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony.



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TESTIMONY OF ANN KOBAYASHI
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On

GM 745, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, PONO SHIM FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2023

Committee on Housing
Monday, April 22, 2019
1 P.M.
Conference Room 423

Dear Chair Chang, Vice Chair Kanuha, and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on Governor’s Message 745, in strong support of the consideration and confirmation of Pono Shim to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

For the past four years, Pono Shimn has not only served as member on the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority, but with the votes of his colleagues, served as the Chairman. It is because of his hard work, dedication, and fairness as Chairman that he is being re-nominated to serve a second term.

In addition to his work on the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority, Mr. Shim has served as the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Oahu Economic Development Board (OEDB) since 2009. In his role as President and Chief Executive Officer of OEDB, Mr. Shim has made a significant impact in every sector of Hawaii’s economy, which includes job creation and providing an environment in which local businesses thrive and grow.

I am confident that Mr. Shim’s commitment and experience make him more than qualified to once again serve as a member on the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

Thank you again for the opportunity submit testimony in support of Mr. Shim and for your consideration of his nomination.

Sincerely,


Ann H. Kobayashi, Councilmember
District V

GM-745

Submitted on: 4/16/2019 1:19:21 PM

Testimony for HOU on 4/22/2019 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
De MONT R. D. CONNER	Testifying for Ho'omanapono Political Action Committee (HPAC)	Support	Yes

Comments:

WE STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS NOMINEE. PONO LIVES UP TO HIS NAME & IS A TRUE ASSET TO ANY TEAM. HIS WORK IN THE COMMUNITY HAS EARNED HIM MUCH ALOHA. WE STAND SOLIDLY BEHIND PONO SHIM! ALOHA!



WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF JAN SULLIVAN
IN SUPPORT OF THE NOMINATION OF
PONO SHIM
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE TO THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY (GM745)

Before
The Senate Committee on Housing
April 22, 2019
1:00 p.m.
Conference Room 423

To: Senator Stanley Chang, Chair; Senator Dru Mamo Kanuha, Vice Chair; and
Members of the Senate Committee on Housing

From: Jan N. Sullivan, Executive Vice President/Chief Operating Officer

Re: **Testimony in Support of Pono Shim (GM745)**

This testimony is being submitted to express my strong support for the nomination of Pono Shim to serve on the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

I have known Pono personally, as well as professionally, for many years. He is a unique leader that will bring a passion to assisting the underserved, along with a level of strategic thinking and professionalism that is difficult to find in public service.

His time is in high demand from many sectors of the community, so I am pleased that he is willing to continue to serve on the Housing Authority for another term.

I believe that he will continue to be a critical contributor to this Board, and sincerely request your support in allowing him to continue his tenure for another term.

Thank you for your consideration.



THE QUEEN'S HEALTH SYSTEMS

To: The Honorable Stanley Chang, Chair
The Honorable Dru Mamo Kanuha, Vice Chair
Members, Committee on Housing
Paula Yoshioka

From: Paula Yoshioka, Vice President, Government Relations and External Affairs, The
Queen's Health Systems

Date: April 17, 2019

Hrg: Senate Committee on Housing Hearing; Monday, April 22, 2019 at 1:00 PM in Room
423

Re: Support for GM 745 Gubernatorial Nominee Pono Shim to the Hawai'i Public Housing
Authority

The Queen's Health Systems (Queen's) is a not-for-profit corporation that provides expanded health care capabilities to the people of Hawai'i and the Pacific Basin. Since the founding of the first Queen's hospital in 1859 by Queen Emma and King Kamehameha IV, it has been our mission to provide quality health care services in perpetuity for Native Hawaiians and all of the people of Hawai'i. Over the years, the organization has grown to four hospitals, 66 health care centers and labs, and more than 1,600 physicians statewide. As the preeminent health care system in Hawai'i, Queen's strives to provide superior patient care that is constantly advancing through education and research.

Queen's appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Pono Shim's nomination to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority. Mr. Shim has been the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Oahu Economic Development Board since January 2009 and his responsibilities include strategic planning, budget and budgeting oversight, and managing the Board of Directors. In 2012, Mr. Shim successfully led the efforts for Punawai O Puuhonua, a Community Development Entity, in their application for a New Market Tax Credit and was awarded a total of \$95 million for economic development in low-income communities for Hawaii.

Given his extensive experience, we strongly support Pono Shim's gubernatorial nomination to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority.

The mission of The Queen's Health Systems is to fulfill the intent of Queen Emma and King Kamehameha IV to provide in perpetuity quality health care services to improve the well-being of Native Hawaiians and all of the people of Hawai'i.



Email: communications@ulupono.com

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING
Monday, April 22, 2019 — 1:00 p.m. — Room 423

Ulupono Initiative Supports GM 745, Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, Pono Shim, for a Term to Expire 06-30-2023

Dear Chair Chang, Vice Chair Kanuha, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Murray Clay and I am Managing Partner of Ulupono Initiative, a Hawai'i-based impact investment firm that strives to improve the quality of life for the people of Hawai'i by working toward solutions that create more locally produced food; increase affordable, clean, renewable energy; and better manage freshwater and waste resources. Ulupono believes that self-sufficiency is essential to our future prosperity and will help shape a future where economic progress and mission-focused impact can work hand-in-hand.

Ulupono supports GM 745, which reappoints Pono Shim to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority for another term.

Ulupono has worked with Pono for many years on a myriad number of issues. He has been an excellent partner in moving Hawai'i toward a more sustainable future as Chief Executive Officer of the O'ahu Economic Development Board and through his work with Hawai'i Green Growth. I know him to be a deeply thoughtful and caring leader that routinely makes personal sacrifices for the benefit of the organizations he works with, as well as the community more broadly. He has also demonstrated a keen ability to bring folks with very different views together for productive dialogue.

We are confident in Pono Shim's abilities to serve well in this role and look forward to continuing our work with him in the future.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,

Murray Clay
Managing Partner

Investing in a Sustainable Hawai'i



WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF DR. PATRICK K. SULLIVAN
IN SUPPORT OF THE NOMINATION OF
PONO SHIM
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE TO THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY (GM745)

Before
The Senate Committee on Housing
April 22, 2019
1:00 p.m.
Conference Room 423

To: Senator Stanley Chang, Chair; Senator Dru Mamo Kanuha, Vice Chair; and
Members of the Senate Committee on Housing

From: Dr. Patrick K. Sullivan, Founder & Chairman

Re: **Testimony in Support of Pono Shim (GM745)**

This testimony is submitted in strong support for the nomination of Pono Shim to serve on the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority for a second term.

I have known Pono both personally and professionally for many years. He is a unique leader who exemplifies the true spirit of Aloha in his interactions with all whose paths he crosses. Pono is extremely passionate about his commitment to the community and he is gracefully empathetic to those struggling to find their way. These attributes coupled with his savvy business acumen and innumerable connections stand him in good stead to continue to serve on the Hawaii Public Housing Authority Board.

With his thoughtfulness and grace, I believe Pono will continue to be a big contributor to the challenges of Public Housing. I hereby humbly request your support in allowing him to continue his tenure for another term.

Thank you for your consideration.



TO: Chair Chang, Vice Chair Kanuha, and Members of the Senate Committee on Housing

FROM: Ryan Kusumoto, President & CEO of Parents And Children Together (PACT)

DATE/LOCATION: Monday, April 22, 2019; 1:00 p.m., Conference Room 423

RE: GM 745 TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF PONO SHIM FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY

We provide testimony in support of Pono Shim, gubernatorial nominee, for the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority. Pono continues to serve as a valuable member of the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority – bringing valuable community development experience, keen discernment over tough issues, a problem-solving mindset and a heart for the people and communities of Hawaii. His dedication to helping to create healthy individuals, organizations and communities exemplifies an upstream view with a willingness to think outside the box to create systemic solutions for challenging social issues.

Pono is a story teller who inspires change and is an active change agent himself with boots on the ground involvement as a committed business leader, advisor and community collaborator. His experience working with various sectors of our community ensures his commitment to the people of Hawaii and to Hawaii's cultural roots, values and our unique spirit of "aloha". As Hawaii struggles to keep residents in our State and faces an affordable housing crisis, it is important to have leaders who have a deep understanding of our communities' needs and a sincere commitment to ensuring a sustainable future for Hawaii and its residents.

Founded in 1968, Parents And Children Together (PACT) is one of Hawaii's not-for-profit organizations providing a wide array of innovative and educational social services to families in need. Assisting more than 18,000 people across the state annually, PACT helps families identify, address and successfully resolve challenges through its 16 programs. Among its services are: early education programs, domestic violence prevention and intervention programs, child abuse prevention and intervention programs, child and adolescent behavioral health programs, poverty prevention and community building programs.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support of Pono Shim**, please contact me at (808) 847-3285 or rkusumoto@pacthawaii.org if you have any questions.



ELEMENTAL
EXCELERATOR

**Written Letter of Support of Aki Marceau for Pono Shim before the Senate Committee on
Housing**

Monday, April 22, 2019

In consideration of GM 745

Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority

**Aloha Chair Chang, Vice-Chair Kanuha, and Members of the Senate Committee on
Housing:**

I **submit strong support** for GM 745, for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, Pono Shim, for a term to expire 06-30-2023.

As the managing director of policy & community for Elemental Excelerator, I've worked with Mr. Shim, a valued partner of Elemental Excelerator. In particular, he employs an adaptive approach to technical challenges, as seen through his development of the Aloha Response framework. Mr. Shim will continue to provide a thoughtful perspective on the Board of Directors for the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority and fulfill the authority's mission to provide Hawai'i residents with affordable housing and shelter without discrimination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Aki Marceau'.

Aki Marceau
Managing Director, Policy & Community- Hawai'i

GM-745

Submitted on: 4/19/2019 10:52:11 AM

Testimony for HOU on 4/22/2019 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Heather Pierucki	Testifying for ChangeWorks, LLC	Support	No

Comments:

Pono has proven to be a man of conviction, clarity, kindness, and strength. His presence on the board of HPHA and in our community has served to provide strong guidance, steadfast faith, and a commitment to the foundation of building relationships on trust, honor, and grace. His continued service on the board will provide a lasting, honorable state of continuing to prioritize the needs of our community and especially, the lower income population. I strongly encourage you to honor his continued pledge and commitment.



1809 Bachelot Street
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Friday, April 19, 2019

Testimony of the
LANAKILA PACIFIC (LP)
In Support of GM 745
Relating to the Appointment of
PONO SHIM

Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee
COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

Senator Stanley Chang, Chair
Senator Dru Mamo Kanuha, Vice Chair
Monday, April 22, 2019
1:00 P.M. Conference Room 423
State Capital
415 South Beretania Street

Aloha Chair Chang and Vice Chair Kanuhua,

Please accept this letter of support for the appointment of Pono Shim as a member of the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority.

Decent, affordable housing units does not exist in a vacuum; they affect all of us, wherever we live in our state. How do we establish positive affordable housing policies and practices that build, not break down, community? It is crucial that we seek to recruit as well as retain highly motivated, compassionate and highly connected leaders who understand what it takes to foster community and quality of life factors within communities. Few leaders match the caliber and compassion that Pono brings to this important matter of statewide interest. Pono is an exemplary leader who has my support.

Sincerely,

Mariko Miho, Executive Director of Foundation and Vice President

Lanakila Pacific Board
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Rona Fukumoto





**Testimony in support of GM 745: Pono Shim
nomination to the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority**

Hawai'i State Legislature, Room 016

1pm April 22, 2019

Submitted by Amy Agbayani, co-chair
Hawai'i Friends of Civil Rights (HFCR)

Chair Chang, Vice Chair Kanuha and members of the committee

Hawai'i Friends of Civil Rights (HFCR) supports civil rights, diversity and inclusion. HFCR strongly supports GM 745 nomination of Pono Shim to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority. My strong recommendation is informed by my decades of professional and community service in the area of civil rights and multicultural issues. I was honored to serve as the founding chair of the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission and am an Emeritus Assistant Vice Chancellor for student diversity at UH Manoa. Mr. Shim has earned a local and national reputation for being an influential thought leader as well as a competent executive of a multimillion dollar non-profit organization.

Pono Shim has a deep understanding of cultural, economic and historical issues facing Native Hawaiians as well as other under-served and marginalized communities. His extensive experience working with policies, programs and institutions will benefit the work of the Public Housing Authority. I am impressed with his integrity, knowledge, professionalism, executive administrative experience and ability to collaborate and communicate effectively. He is pragmatic yet visionary.

I want to take this opportunity to publically thank him for his willingness to share his time on this board and for his commitment to equal access and social justice. If re-appointed, I am confident he will continue to be a responsible member of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority. HFCR respectfully request you approve GM 745 nomination of Pono Shim.



**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Housing
Senator Stanley Chang, Chair
Senator Dru Kanuha, Vice Chair
Monday, April 22, 2019, 1:00 p.m.
Conference Room 423
GM 745**

Dear Chair Chang, Vice-Chair Kanuha and members of the Senate Housing Committee:

I would like to express **support of Mr. Pono Shim in his reappointment to the Hawaii Housing Authority Board of Directors – GM 745.**

I have known Mr. Shim for 7 years as a friend and colleague. In his personal work as a Kahu and professional work with the Oahu Economic Development Board, he coaches and challenges many in this community to see outside of our traditional contexts and frameworks that sometimes unintentionally result in “siloes” work and divisiveness. He asks us to embrace a reframing of the notions of our work - of community prosperity where there are no sides; of resource distribution and leveraging; and in how we engage with one another to do the challenging but rewarding work of strengthening our communities.

Mr. Shim calls upon the Aloha Response framework, shared with him by his Aunty Pilahi Paki, which reminds of the literal, figurative and spiritual values of *Aloha*:

Akahi - Grace, kindness to be expressed with tenderness

Lokahi - Unbroken, unity to be expressed with harmony

Olu`olu - Gentle, agreeable to be expressed with pleasantness

Ha`ha`a - Empty, humility to be expressed with modesty

Ahonui - Waiting for the moment, patience to be expressed with perseverance

These values informed his leadership approach as HHA board chair for his first term, as the entity met its mission through some of the most intractable social issues of our time.

A community and servant leader like Mr. Shim has the best interests of the State of Hawaii in mind, and is well positioned for continued service. His contributions inspire the work of Hawaii’s nonprofits in meeting their diverse missions across the State.

The Hawai'i Alliance of Nonprofit Organizations (HANO) is a statewide, sector-wide professional association of nonprofits. Our mission is to unite and strengthen the nonprofit sector as a collective force to improve the quality of life in Hawai'i. Our member organizations provide essential services to every community in the State.

We strongly support Mr. Shim’s reappointment to the Hawaii Housing Authority Board of Directors. Mahalo for the opportunity to provide written testimony.

Lisa Maruyama
President and CEO

GM-745

Submitted on: 4/16/2019 12:32:22 PM

Testimony for HOU on 4/22/2019 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Scott Nishimoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I'm writing in support of Pono Shim's reappointment to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority. I've had the privilege to learn from Pono over the years, and I can't imagine a person better suited to lead this important board. Pono's expertise in storytelling, building community, and facilitating difficult conversations is so necessary for this position. I have peace of mind knowing that Pono plays a role in leading such an important group for our community.

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Testimony for HOU on 4/22/2019 1:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

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Testimony for HOU on 4/22/2019 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Patty Kahanamoku-Teruya	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Patty Kahanamoku-Teruya

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Testimony for HOU on 4/22/2019 1:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am writing to support the nomination of Pono Shim to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority, Pono is an extremely thoughtful leader in our community and he will serve the Commission and the State of Hawaii very well.

Michael P Hamnett

UH Social Science Research Institutel

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Submitted on: 4/16/2019 1:54:33 PM

Testimony for HOU on 4/22/2019 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jerris Hedges	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please note my personal support for the continuation of Pono Shim on the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority. He is a strong supporter of the community. He builds consensus and champions fairness.

Jerris Hedges, MD

Dean, John A. Burns School of Medicine

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Submitted on: 4/16/2019 1:58:15 PM

Testimony for HOU on 4/22/2019 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Charles Morrison	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Since I know he cannot be there in person for his hearing, I want to send this message of support for the nomination of Pono Shim to serve another term on the board of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority based on his previous record and experience as a member and chair, his dedication, his leadership skills, and his communication skills. I have known Mr. Shim for a number of years and have been deeply impressed by his ability to have impact and achieve results. Confirmation of his nomination will provide continuity for an entity critical to providing homes for lower income residents and ameliorating our homeless crisis. Through this position and also his work heading the Oahu Economic Development Board, Mr. Shim has shown his dedication to the advancement of the people of our state. His spirit of aloha shows through in the way he relates to people in all walks of life; he has unique communications and story-telling abilities to motivate, incentivize, and empathize that are the keys to his success as an entrepreneur, a leader, and a doer. Charles E. Morrison

GM-745

Submitted on: 4/16/2019 1:58:27 PM

Testimony for HOU on 4/22/2019 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Linda Venenciano	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

GM-745

Submitted on: 4/16/2019 2:16:58 PM

Testimony for HOU on 4/22/2019 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cleota Brown	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I offer my strong support for Pono Shim to be reappointed to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

I can't think of a better person to appoint than Pono Shim based on his superior community engagement, integrity and compassionate understanding of Hawaii's people and the needs of our communities.

I consider affordable housing to be one of the most critical issues facing our people and government. It will require critical thinkers with the courage to make a difference.

I have participated in various discussions with Pono Shim and I know him to be a critical thinker who has the courage to dig into complicated issues, pull the community together to take bold action for long-term benefit.

Reappoint Pono Shim and empower the Board to take bold action and make changes for the long-term.

Respectfully,

Cleota Brown

Community Advocate

GM-745

Submitted on: 4/16/2019 2:31:37 PM

Testimony for HOU on 4/22/2019 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Louis R. Kauakahi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

April 16, 2019

To Whom This Letter May Concern:

I believe whole-heartedly that there is no other person who should be extended for another term than PONO SHIM. The Hawai'i Housing Authority deals with people as a whole and Pono is definitely a people-person. Let me explain:

"Hawai'i" encompasses all nationality, both native to our homeland as well as those who have chosen to make Hawai'i their home. Pono realized this even before assuming this position and has more than just insight as to what his "kuleana" is when he took the position - he has the common sense to think and feel "we" rather than "me."

"Housing" is definitely an issue or concern for a lot of our people here in the islands. Realizing this fact, Pono felt and continues to feel that it is in this direction that he would follow, his "cause" in order to "effect" a positive outcome.

"Authority" is something that Pono has somehow redefined in me what the word actually means - to empower the many rather than the few in order to cause change among and within the community and, ultimately, individual and extended families.

Finally, what Pono possesses is the patience and awareness to wait for the right time to effect change, the humility to listen carefully to all the issues without any predetermination or pre-conceived judgement, the kindness to be mindful of sharing our best, keeping our worst to ourselves, a gentle spirit in knowing how to respond in the right way at the right time especially during uncomfortable situations, and finally, he has the ability to connect and inspire others to make this connection, with purpose and meaning.

This, I humbly submit.

GM-745

Submitted on: 4/16/2019 2:47:02 PM

Testimony for HOU on 4/22/2019 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Omar Sultan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

GM-745

Submitted on: 4/16/2019 3:22:10 PM

Testimony for HOU on 4/22/2019 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Julie Ford	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

April 16, 2019

TESTIMONY RE: GM745 (REAPPOINTMENT OF PONO SHIM TO HPA BOARD.

Dear Chair Chang, Vice Chair Konuha, and members of the Senate Committee on Housing,

I am pleased to recommend Pono Shim for a second term to the Board of Directors. His reputation speaks for itself. His commitment to making Hawaii a better place is carried out through this leadership position on the HPA Board as well as in countless other causes which intersect with HPA's mission. He collaborates with thought leaders -- and brings their visions and resources to the table -- in a way that continually exemplifies ALOHA.

Hawaii will benefit from his continued membership to the Board of Directors.

Sincerely,

Julie Ford (Kakaako)

GM-745

Submitted on: 4/16/2019 3:38:52 PM

Testimony for HOU on 4/22/2019 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Miki K. Tomita	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

GM-745

Submitted on: 4/16/2019 4:18:53 PM

Testimony for HOU on 4/22/2019 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ronald Weidenbach	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Knowledgeable, experienced, and history of well reasoned decision making.

GM-745

Submitted on: 4/16/2019 5:16:24 PM

Testimony for HOU on 4/22/2019 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Justin Gerard Simcock	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Friends,

I enthusiastically support and recommend the nominee, Pono Shim, for Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority. The way he touches lives is significant for our communities and we need more people like him in public service.

Sincerely,

Justin Gerard Simcock

GM-745

Submitted on: 4/16/2019 8:08:59 PM

Testimony for HOU on 4/22/2019 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Burt Lum	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chair Chang, Vice Chair Kanuha, and Members of the Senate Committee on Housing.

I am submitting this testimony as an individual in support of the confirmation of Pono Shim to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority. Pono brings to the HPHA his well respected experience in the community and keen knowledge of what Hawaii needs to be sustainable for future generations. He would be a valuable addition to the board of HPHA.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

GM-745

Submitted on: 4/17/2019 5:04:31 AM

Testimony for HOU on 4/22/2019 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mark E. Jensen	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I have had the opportunity to follow Pono Shim's work over the years, and have been absolutely impressed by the innovation and quality Pono and his team have consistently produced.

The people of Hawaii have benefitted greatly by his work, and I fully support his confirmation for the BOD of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority.

Mahalo for this opportunity. Mark E. Jensen

GM-745

Submitted on: 4/17/2019 7:28:43 AM

Testimony for HOU on 4/22/2019 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tyler Tokioka	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am fully support for the reappointment of Pono Shim to the Board of Directors of teh Hawaii Public Housing Authority. Pono is a dear friend and colleague for whom I have the utmost respect and admiration. He is a person who has the ability to bring people and parties together in ways that can not be fully understood. He allows all to think beyond themselves to be able to relate to others through the telling of stories. I believe that these abilities in these times are of critical need and again reiterate my full support for Pono's reappointment.

Thank you,

Tyler Tokioka

GM-745

Submitted on: 4/17/2019 8:40:13 AM

Testimony for HOU on 4/22/2019 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nelson Lau	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am providing this letter to support the nomination of Pono Shim to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority. I have known Pono for over 10 years in both a personal and professional capacity. Pono is an outstanding leader in the community with a high level of integrity and a substantial interest in the public good. I believe Pono would be an objective and fair member of the Board of Directors and that his background would serve the public well. Pono is generous with his time helping others.

GM-745

Submitted on: 4/17/2019 10:18:36 AM

Testimony for HOU on 4/22/2019 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Leilani Williams-Solomon	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Leilani Williams-Solomon and I STRONGLY support the nomination of Pono Shim to the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority. From the time I first met Pono some 12 years ago, I knew him to be some very special. That realization has been reinforced on both the professional and personal level, ever since.

There is no question that Pono has the knowledge to serve this organization well. But even more importantly, he has an incredible ability to bring people together and inspire them by speaker. He leads in a uniquely Hawaiian way, as a servant leader using aloha and other Hawaiian values as his guide. His success using these values speaks for itself, in his leadership of the O'ahu Economic Development, as chair of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority, and in all of his community work.

Pono is the right person for this position.

Mahalo piha, Leilani Williams-Solomon

GM-745

Submitted on: 4/17/2019 11:36:41 AM

Testimony for HOU on 4/22/2019 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Priscilla Texeira	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

GM-745

Submitted on: 4/17/2019 1:32:31 PM

Testimony for HOU on 4/22/2019 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Deanna Espinas	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

GM-745

Submitted on: 4/17/2019 4:03:16 PM

Testimony for HOU on 4/22/2019 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joyce Yamada	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

April 17, 2019

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, PONO SHIM, for a term to expire 06-30-2023 (GM745).

Dear Sir/Madam,

It is a distinct privilege and my pleasure to provide this letter of support for Mr. Pono Shim for the appointment to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Housing Authority.

I first met Mr. Shim at a professional development conference on Maui where he impressed me with his generosity and open heart. He is unpretentious yet a powerful force that promotes goodness and working collaboratively. He is an artful storyteller who shares "lessons" that move people to think through the cultural values lens of Hawaiians and all people. He is inclusive, inspiring and genuine. These characteristics are so needed and beneficial to the important work of the Hawai'i Housing Authority.

Mr. Shim has shared his talents with the faculty and staff at the University of Hawai'i Maui College, Waihe'e School faculty and other community members. He has guided us in the lifelong pursuit to "live" the values of aloha. This practice has brought an increase in asset-based perspectives and respectful communication.

Mr. Shim is committed to the welfare of our community and is an asset to all he pursues. Thank you for your kind consideration of Mr. Pono Shim.



My best regards,

Joyce Yamada

UH Maui College Professional Development Coordinator

Associate Professor

GM-745

Submitted on: 4/17/2019 7:30:36 PM

Testimony for HOU on 4/22/2019 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mark Fox	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Like so many in Hawai'i, I'm fortunate and grateful to know, work with and learn from Pono Shim. His truly caring approach, and how he blurs and even erases lines between business, community and individual health and well-being are a model we can all seek to emulate.

I've never had someone who I have gotten to know in a professional setting call me just because they were thinking about me, that we hadn't seen each other in a while and they were wondering how I was doing. That call came from Pono a few months ago while he was on a business trip to the Bay Area and riding the Golden Gate Ferry. There was no specific reason for him to call me, he just wanted to check in on me. Interestingly, I had just thought of Pono a few hours earlier because I had been talking with another friend about a kidney donation, which had reminded me of Pono donating his kidney to his friend in 2013. That's just a small example of the effect Pono has on people, how he conducts himself and how he treats his relationships with people.

We're all better off for what Pono does for Hawai'i as a business leader, community leader, volunteer, teacher, and friend. I'm further grateful that he's willing to continue his service to the important mission of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority.

18 April 2019

Dear Chair Chang, Vice Chair Kanuha, and members of the Committee on Housing:

Please accept my full support and recommendation for Pono Shim to serve on the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority (HPHA). Mr. Shim is a highly capable communicator, a well-recognized community leader and exemplifies compassionate service to the people of Hawai'i.

Mr. Shim's approach to community engagement is a marked departure from traditional outreach programs. Where the latest discussions seek to build trusting relationships with communities, Pono is able to listen first, and then provide healing guidance that will not only meet a community's needs but enhance their way life. In a sense, Pono is able to inspire and lead transformation within our local neighborhoods.

As a native Hawaiian and advocate for housing that all Hawai'i residents can afford, I appreciate Mr. Shim's thoughtful and sustainable relationship building that, given the right circumstances, can yield remarkable positive community impact in a relatively short amount of time. I believe this quality he possess is one of many that Mr. Shim will, and should, continue to employ as a Board member guiding the HPHA. It is for this reason that I again provide my recommendation for Pono Shim to the HPHA Board of Directors.

Mahalo for your time.

Aloha,
Ramsey

Statement of
Mary Alice Evans

before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

Monday, April 22, 2019
1:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 423

in consideration of
GM 745
**Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Board of Directors of the
Hawaii Public Housing Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee,
PONO SHIM, for a term to expire 6-30-2023.**

Chair Chang, Vice Chair Kanuha and Members of the Committee.

I respectfully urge your **support** for the confirmation of Pono Shim to serve on the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

I am very grateful for the opportunity over the years to work with Pono Shim. Pono's empathy for all of Hawaii's people is very deep. His understanding of how people can work together to achieve challenging goals, like ensuring low-income families homes, will be very valuable to the HPHA board.

I respectfully urge you to recommend advise and consent to the nomination of Pono Shim to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

GM-745

Submitted on: 4/19/2019 9:41:21 AM

Testimony for HOU on 4/22/2019 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Denis Isono	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am submitting this brief testimony in support of Pono Shim who is being considered for a Board seat for the Hawaii Public Housing Authority. I have know Pono for several years as a member of the Oahu Economic Development Board. In my experience with Pono he has always done the right thing and done so with the highest level of integrity. Without regard to the issue and its consequence, he will always do what is right, there is never a personal bias. I am confident that Pono has and will continue to do his best serving on the Hawaii Public Housing Authority Board.

Denis Isono

GM-745

Submitted on: 4/19/2019 9:45:25 AM

Testimony for HOU on 4/22/2019 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sarah Guay	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

To Whom It May Concern,

I humbly submit this letter of support for the confirmation of Pono Shim to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

Pono has demonstrated fearless leadership and steadfast commitment to the betterment and sustainability of Hawaii for today and future generations. The House Authority faces huge challenges as they work to ensure safe and affordable housing for our communities and Pono's unique ability to quietly challenge "status quo" thinking is critical to further the mission of the Housing Authority.

This is big work that cannot be done alone or in a vaccum and benefits from collaboration among a varied group of stakeholders. Pono's boad network of influence allows him to bring all voices to the table in the hopes of developing solutions that genuinely address the deep needs of Hawaii--not settling for short-term band aids or easy solutions.

In short, Pono's leadership is critical to further the important work of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority and I can't recommend him more highly for the Board.

Mahalo for the opportunity to voice my strong suport for this outstanding leader in our community.

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GM745: NOMINATION OF PONO SHIM TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-22**

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

TO: Senator Stanley Chang, Chair, Committee on Housing
Senator Dru Mamo Kanuha, Vice Chair, Committee on Housing

FROM: Jan Harada

Hearing: Monday, April 22, 2019, 1:00pm; CR 423

Chair Chang, Vice Chair Kanuha, and Committee members:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony **in support** of GM745 and the nomination of Pono Shim, as Board member of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority, for a term expiring on June 30, 2022.

I have known Pono Shim since 2010 and over the years we have worked together on numerous occasions in professional spheres. I have also during that time, gotten to know him well personally as a good friend. In all my years of engaging with him in conversations and action steps around homelessness, poverty, hunger, ALOHA, conflict resolution, economic development and growth, and so many other related matters, I have directly observed his singularly unique ability to navigate the complexities of all of these areas with the kind of Aloha and humility as well as skill, that's needed in order to help Hawaii move the needle on a number of pressing challenges facing our State.

The strength and voice Pono brings to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority, and has brought over his first term on the Board (all 4 of those years as Board chair as voted on by his colleagues), has been a community and cultural voice, that serves as sort of a community conscience about choices and decisions that impact many of Hawaii's most vulnerable. He has ensured that conversations around actions and choices of the HPHA, include consideration of community, culture, values, and what's best for Hawaii, not what's best for individual interests or agendas. I believe he has also built a good and positive relationship with the management of the HPHA so that it is not adversarial and is instead a positive working relationship built on trust and mutual respect. The Board needs members who have the capacity to do that if they are to overcome the challenges facing Hawaii's public housing system over the coming years.

Perhaps most importantly, Pono serves not because it furthers his own interests, ego or agenda, but because he truly desires to help those who struggle with poverty and housing. He is not serving for his own benefit, but instead for the opportunity to help others. He is a true servant leader, and the HPHA would be fortunate to retain him as a Board member.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of Pono Shim for the position of Hawaii Public Housing Authority, Board of Directors – Member.

TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF GM 745: Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority

TO: Senator Stanley Chang (Chair), Senator Dru Mamo Kanuha (Vice-Chair), and Members of the Senate Committee on Housing

FROM: Jason Espero, Board of Director (HPHA, 2011-present)

Hearing: **Monday, April 22, 2019 (1pm), Conference Room 423**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in **strong support of GM 745.**

I've served on the HPHA board with Director Pono Shim for the past 4 years. I consider Director Shim a robust, compassionate, intelligent leader who fully understands the needs of our community and public housing tenants. Director Shim is a valuable asset to HPHA and always advocates for the best interest of HPHA tenants.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Espero".

Jason Espero, MPA

GM-745

Submitted on: 4/19/2019 11:25:01 AM

Testimony for HOU on 4/22/2019 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dylan P. Armstrong	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Esteemed Members of the Housing Committee,

I am writing in support of the nomination of MR. PONO SHIM for the Board of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority. Mr. Shim is a respected community-leader, who knows how to work with diverse groups and arrive at solutions together. He has publicly and privately served on a number of boards. In our shared capacity as volunteers for the Blue Zones Project, I have seen how he is able to work with the private and public sectors effectively.

Mr. Shim provides invaluable assets to the HPHA. He has lifelong experience leading large organizations. He understands the impact such organizations have on the public welfare. His knowledge of policy and government is deep. Mr. Shim is thus well-regarded, with working relationships throughout our state.

The HPHA faces daunting challenges in coming decades, with an aging and expansive portfolio, amidst one of the greatest housing crisis in the United States. Mr. Shim is an even-keeled leader we need for these kinds of challenges, and I hope he will continue to serve the public on the Board of the HPHA.

Please vote to confirm. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Dylan P. Armstrong,
indiv.

GM-745

Submitted on: 4/19/2019 6:59:48 PM

Testimony for HOU on 4/22/2019 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Peter Kirk	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Yes, please reappoint Pono.

April 22, 2019
1:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Room 423

GM745
**CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HAWAI'I PUBLIC
HOUSING AUTHORITY**

Senate Committee on Housing

Aloha Senate Committee on Housing,

I write this testimony in full support of Mr. Pono Shim's nomination for his second term as the Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority (HPHA).

As a concerned private citizen of my community, it is my strong belief that the HPHA's leadership is the core that effectively engages and applies its resources to the areas that positively impact our communities in the most efficient manner.

Providing adequate and affordable housing, economic opportunity and a suitable living environment for low income families and individuals that is free from discrimination is paramount in addressing our housing needs here within our communities.

Mr. Shim is and has been the perfect leader to shoulder the kuleana of our affordable housing needs here on Oahu.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Rob Lee, HNL Station Leader
Southwest Airlines

GM-745

Submitted on: 4/20/2019 3:50:04 PM

Testimony for HOU on 4/22/2019 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ian Kitajima	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Chang and Vice Chair Kanuha. I am writing in SUPPORT for Pono Shim. I've known and have worked with Pono for over a decade. He is a man of integrity and courage, and will continue to do what is best for all stakeholders involved. Mahalo for the opportunity to support Pono. Ian Kitajima

GM-745

Submitted on: 4/20/2019 7:06:58 PM

Testimony for HOU on 4/22/2019 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ben Trevino	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Honorable Senators of the State of Hawaii,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support of Pono Shim's appointment to the Board of Directors for the Public Housing Authority. I have had the amazingly good fortune and extreme privilege to have been the recipient and beneficiary of Pono's generosity, his philosophy, and witness to his deep love for Hawaii and its people. Pono is a healer. Professionally, I consider myself a public servant, seeking out opportunities to work in the public sector, and currently employed by the City and County of Honolulu (though I testify today as a citizen, not as a representative of my agency). In my personal opinion, so much more of the work of the public sector needs to be healing -- healing those who have not been heard, those who have been marginalized, those who have been hurt, however inadvertently. In the area of housing, where the experience is so personal, so existential, and so stressed, I feel much more optimistic and hopeful about solving these seemingly intractable problems, with Pono at the table, bringing his rare and incredible gift of seeing people and within those people the solutions that will move us forward.

Every board should be so lucky to have Pono serving on it, but on an issue as vital to our communities as housing, we are incredibly fortunate. I cannot overstate my support for Pono in this position.

Sincerely and with Aloha,

Ben Trevino

GM-745

Submitted on: 4/21/2019 10:09:49 AM

Testimony for HOU on 4/22/2019 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sylvia Yuen	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Pono Shim is a well respected community leader whose decisions are based on what is best for Hawaii and her people. He is competent, wise, and fair and balances economic vitality with individual and community well being. I support his nomination without reservation.

LATE

April 21, 2019
Senate Committee on Housing
Hearing April 22, 2019
GM 745 Public Housing Authority

TESTIMONY

Chair Chang and Vice Chair Kanuha:

I am submitting testimony as a private citizen in support of Pono Shim's nomination to Board of Directors for the Public Housing Authority (PHA) . I am aware of Pono Shim's work through his work on an economic planning strategy project. He is a consensus builder and will be an asset to this body.

Mary Lou Kobayashi
Private citizen

LATE

GM-745

Submitted on: 4/22/2019 7:53:22 AM

Testimony for HOU on 4/22/2019 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Darryll Wong	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I fully support the nomination for Mr. Pono Shim to the Board of Directors of the Public Housing Authority and without any reservations. I normally do not submit written testimony. But in this case I feel strongly about his leadership and nomination and therefore submitting this written testimony in support of Mr Pono Shim.

Darryll Wong

LATE

April 20, 2019

Hawaii State Senate Housing Committee
c/o Senator Stanley Chang, Chair
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: HOU GM 745 – SUPPORT for PONO SHIM's reappointment and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority

Dear Chair Chang, Vice Chair Kanuha, and Committee Members,

I am writing in strong support of Pono Shim's reappointment by Governor Ige and Senate confirmation for a second term on the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority. Mr. Shim has provided key leadership to this important Board in his first term. His fellow Board Members recognized his skills and elected him to serve as their Board Chair. We are grateful for Mr. Shim's continued dedication and willingness to serve an additional term.

I have had the pleasure of working with Mr. Shim to further the statewide mission of the Economic Development Alliance of Hawaii (EDAH) for nearly a decade. He is committed to strengthening our economy, to building new career pathways for our young people, and creating shared prosperity and security for our residents. His personal values and life's work make him uniquely qualified for this appointment. Thank you for your confirmation of this exemplary public servant.

Sincerely,



Leslie Wilkins, President & CEO
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LATE

GM-745

Submitted on: 4/22/2019 10:21:56 AM

Testimony for HOU on 4/22/2019 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
john kapanui	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

To the Honorable Chair:

I have a deep respect for Pono Shim. The Aloha Spirit philosophy handed to him by his insightful Aunt and carried on by him to myself and the hard working employees of the Dept. of Human Services (DHS) has affected me greatly. Everything he says has a greater meaning not only to myself or Hawaiians but the world in general. I hope to emulate him in my work with DHS and my pesonal life. Mahalo for your consideration.

LATE

GM-745

Submitted on: 4/22/2019 11:23:49 AM
Testimony for HOU on 4/22/2019 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Celeste Connors	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

Kindly find the attached letter for support for Pono Shim, nominated by Governor Ige to serve on the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (GM 745).

Mahalo,

Celeste Connors