

STATE OF HAWAII



**KING KAMEHAMEHA
CELEBRATION COMMISSION**

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May 11, 2020

**The Honorable Chair
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi Committee on Labor, Culture
and The Arts Conference
Room 229 State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813**

Aloha e Honorable Chair and Committee,

I am writing in support of Gerry Miyamoto (Daughters of Hawai'i), who is being considered for confirmation to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, for a term to expire 06/30/2021.

As Executive Director of the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission I strongly support the appointment of Gerry Miyamoto to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission. Gerry has already been attending our Commission meetings and has provided valuable input and will be a great asset to the Commission.

I in favor of her appointment.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amy Hammond".

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lu Ann Faborito	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

Absolutely, Ms. Miyamoto brings strong mana'o supporting the commission in her previous and current memberships with the royal societies, She's a keeper,

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Friday, May 15, 2020

Support in favor of confirmation of appointment of Geraldine Miyamoto to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission

Aloha Chairman Taniguchi and Members of the Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts:

On behalf of the Daughters of Hawai'i, thank you for this opportunity today, to come before all of you and submit testimony in favor of confirmation of appointment of Geraldine Miyamoto to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.

My name is Patricia Morgan and I serve as the Regent of the Daughters of Hawai'i. The Daughters of Hawai'i was established in 1903 with the mission "to perpetuate the memory and spirit of old Hawai'i and of historic facts, and to preserve the nomenclature and correct pronunciation of the Hawaiian language." The Daughters was one of the first to recognize the importance of historic preservation in Hawai'i and took action to preserve and commemorate countless historic sites, traditional place names, key events in Hawai'i's history, and the heritage and traditions of Hawai'i. Most notable of our accomplishments are the saving and preserving of two of the three royal palaces in the nation: Hānaiakamalama in Nu'uaniu, known today as the Queen Emma Summer Palace, built in 1848, and Hulihe'e Palace in Kailua-Kona built in 1838. Today, we are a professionally staffed nonprofit 501(c)(3) with a volunteer Board of Directors and approximately 1,200 active members throughout the world. Majority of our members continue to live here in Hawai'i, as we have for many generations.

This testimony is in support of confirming the appointment of Geraldine Miyamoto to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission. Mrs. Miyamoto has been deeply involved in the history and culture of Hawai'i her entire life. Her formal involvement started with attaining a Bachelor of Arts in History from the University of Hawai'i, and continued with a Master of Arts in 19th Century Hawaiian – American Relationships. Mrs. Miyamoto's career includes working with the Queen Emma Summer Palace and the Hawaiian Mission Houses. Her deep commitment to Hawai'i and our culture continues in her personal time. She has been an active member of the Ahahui Ka'ahumanu for 31 years, including two years as the Pelekikena or leader of the society. She also served on the Aha Hipu'u for four years. Mrs. Miyamoto has been an active Daughter of Hawai'i for 25 years, regularly volunteering and holding various positions on the Board of Directors, including Regent for three years. While Regent she co-authored a grant to travel to Midway to gather feathers in the traditional manner, to repair and restore kahili belonging to ali'i and members of Hawai'i's royal family. Mrs. Miyamoto actively participated in the gathering and cleaning of hulu. Being awarded the Kalani Ali'i award for Lifetime Achievement in 2018 is

testimony of her legacy of commitment to Hawai'i. She currently serves as Historian on the Daughters' Board. On behalf of the Daughters, we are humbled and honored to have a designated seat on the Commission, and it is with great pride and aloha for Geraldine Miyamoto to represent the Daughters and fulfill this role for Hawai'i. We respectfully submit this testimony in favor of confirmation of appointment of Geraldine Miyamoto to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission. Mahalo a me ka ha'aha'a for this opportunity to testify today.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia Morgan". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and legible.

Patricia Morgan
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May 14, 2020

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Aloha e,

For your consideration, please accept my testimony on behalf of Mrs. Geraldine Miyamoto's appointment to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.

Although my personal experience with Mrs. Miyamoto is limited to the past four years, we have spent a great deal of time together in service of our community via the Daughters of Hawai'i. In that condensed period, I have been witness to Mrs. Miyamoto's genuine and passionate dedication to the values of both Old Hawai'i and new. With an understanding that our needs as a community must align with our traditions as a people, Mrs. Miyamoto has very delicately maneuvered through community service and proven her effectiveness in the varying roles I have seen her assume so gracefully.

My characterization of Mrs. Miyamoto is that she is a woman of integrity that feels a great sense of purpose and responsibility where her heritage is concerned. It is my experience that she approaches every situation with an open heart and an open mind. Her flexibility and willingness to evolve for the sake of progress is a benefit to any organization she chooses to commit herself to.

Our Kona contingent wishes the Commission and Mrs. Miyamoto well. If I can elaborate at all, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Mālama Pono,



Manu Powers, Chair
King Kamehameha Day Celebration Parade, Kailua-Kona

May 13, 2020

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GERALDINE 'GERRY' MIYAMOTO
(by Kēhau Pe'a – Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs)**

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, CULTURE AND THE ARTS

**Friday, March 15, 2020
1:00 P.M.
ROOM 229**

**GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 581
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE KING KAMEHAMEHA
CELEBRATION COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, GERALDINE 'GERRY'
MIYAMOTO, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2021.**

Chairperson Taniguchi and Members of the Committee,

**I humbly submit my testimony of support on Governor's Message 581 for the
consideration and confirmation of GERRY MIYAMOTO to the King Kamehameha
Celebration Commission. I strongly support GERRY MIYAMOTO'S nomination and
confirmation to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.**

**GERRY MIYAMOTO is also an active participant in the local community as a current
member of the Daughters of Hawai'i.**

**Based on GERRY MIYAMOTO'S experience, community involvement, and solid track
record in the community, The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs strongly supports the
consideration and confirmation of GERRY MIYAMOTO to the King Kamehameha
Celebration Commission.**

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Me ke aloha,



**Kēhau Pe'a – King Kamehameha Celebration Commissioner representing the
Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs**