

STATE OF HAWAII



**KING KAMEHAMEHA
CELEBRATION COMMISSION**

355 NORTH KING STREET, HONOLULU, HAWAII 96817

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 Members,

I am writing in support of Gubernatorial Nominee, Lyah Kama-Drake representing Kaua`i. She is being considered for confirmation to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission for a term to expire 06/30/2022.

As Executive Director of the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission I strongly support the appointment of Lyah Kama-Drake to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission. Lyah has already volunteered for the King Kamehameha Celebration events on Kaua`i providing valuable input and services. We are thrilled she is willing to represent Kaua`i and has already proven to be invaluable.

I strongly urge you to vote in favor of her appointment.

Mahalo,

**Amy Hammond, Executive Director
King Kamehameha Celebration Commission
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ROYAL ORDER OF KAMEHAMEHA I
KAUMUALII CHAPTER NO 3
PO BOX 1381•LIHUE HAWAII 96766

May 8, 2020

King Kamehameha Celebration Commission
c/o Ms. Amy Hammond, Executive Director
355 North King Street
Honolulu, HI 96817

Aloha kākou e Ms. Hammond,

On behalf of the Royal Order of Kamehameha I, Chapter No. 3, "Kaumualii", I am writing to enthusiastically support the application of Lyah Kama-Drake to the position of King Kamehameha Day Commissioner.

As you know, the Royal Order of Kamehameha I played a lead role in establishing the Kamehameha Day holiday and lobbied to get its recognition as an annual celebration of Hawaiian culture and dynastic tradition. We have been proud participants in the event since its inception and take special responsibility for ensuring its sustainability into the future. With this in mind, we are confident that Lyah Kama-Drake will be a great commissioner for Kaua'i.

Lyah has demonstrated that she has the experience and skills to be an excellent event organizer. This includes taking on – with very short notice and limited resources – the organization and successful implementation of the 2019 event on Kaua'i. She is also well-connected in the community, has a strong family support to assist her, and has similar experience with the Aloha Week Festivities. In short, Lyah is an ideal candidate for this position, and we are fortunate that she is willing to take on the responsibility. We ask that you approve her as Commissioner.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kimo Perry".

Kimo Perry
Kaka'olelo
The Royal Order of Kamehameha I
Chapter No. 3, "Kaumualii"

GM-582

Submitted on: 5/9/2020 9:34:13 AM

Testimony for LCA on 5/15/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
chucky boy chock	Testifying for Kauai Museum	Support	No

Comments:

Lyah Kama-Drake is a perfect fit to lead the Kamehameha Celebration as Commissioner. Her experience as Po'o of Aloha Week Celebration and her Service to the Kaua'i Community is worthy of note. The upside to her Leadership is the unwavering SUPPORT of her OHANA in all that she chooses, they are her backbone along with her strong Faith in Akua! I could go on and on so just appoint Lyah Kama-Drake as Commissioner of Kaua'i/Ni'ihau she'a our choice hands down! chucky boy chock executive director kua'i museum

GM-582

Submitted on: 5/11/2020 4:58:55 PM

Testimony for LCA on 5/15/2020 1:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

May 13, 2020

King Kamehameha Celebration Commission
c/o Ms. Amy Hammond, Executive Director
355 No King Street
Honolulu, HI 96817

Aloha e Ms. Hammond,

I support Lyah Kama-Drake of Kauai for the King Kamehameha Day Commission. She is a member of our King Kamehameha Day Advisory Committee, is very active in our community, and is a hard worker.

Lyah has agreed to take on the Commissioner role, and I believe that with our Advisory Committee and her family supporting her, she will do well.

Please confirm Lyah Kama-Drake as Commissioner for the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.

Me ka mahalo,
Kuulei Ho

Kuulei Ho
King Kamehameha Day Advisory Committee, Kauai

GM-582

Submitted on: 5/14/2020 9:03:48 AM

Testimony for LCA on 5/15/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lu Ann Faborito	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

This is a great step to having a volunteer to fill this role much needed on Kauai.

GM-582

Submitted on: 5/14/2020 10:41:31 AM

Testimony for LCA on 5/15/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
LEILANI KAHOANO	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Elected Officials,

Mrs. Lyah "Kealoha" Kama Drake is an excellent Representative of her community on Kaua'i and beyond. Her ability to calmly and critically handle key decisions, with aloha and inclusivity, elevates her leadership skills. Her mo'okā'āuhau is a lineage of Kahuna Nui Hewahewa and aligns with the type of leadership King Kamehameha later used to bring Hawai'i into a spiritual and peaceful Hawai'i. Kaua'i is an island which continues to foster this strength in her people. The Commissioner of this island requires island style with collaborative efforts of the larger island wide governing body of leaders. Mrs. Kealoha also is from a deeply involved entertainment family on Kaua'i so daily cultural traditions are a strong part of her value system, too. Lastly, as the Outreach Education Director of the Kaua'i Museum makes her an excellent Commissioner because her heart, spirit, wisdom and knowledge will always include every aspect of passing on history to keep our children, kama'āina, malihini, stakeholders and global communities connected to the reasons for perpetuating traditions such as the King Kamehameha Celebration.

May 13, 2020

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF LYAH KAMA-DRAKE
(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 582
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE KING KAMEHAMEHA
CELEBRATION COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, LYAH KAMA-DRAKE, FOR
A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2022.**

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 LYAH KAMA-DRAKE to the King Kamehameha
Celebration Commission. I strongly support LYAH KAMA-DRAKE’S nomination and
confirmation to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.**

LYAH KAMA-DRAKE is new to the commission and will represent the island of Kaua‘i.

**Based on LYAH KAMA-DRAKE’s recommendations from other Kaua‘i Island natives who
are currently members of the Kaumuali‘i Hawaiian Civic Club, The Association of
Hawaiian Civic Clubs strongly supports the consideration and confirmation of LYAH
KAMA-DRAKE 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**

GM-582

Submitted on: 5/14/2020 2:45:55 PM

Testimony for LCA on 5/15/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Luana Kama	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha kakou. Lyah Kealohaonalani "child of heavens love" Kama-Drake. I am privileged and honored to witness even the nomination of my daughter, she, Kealohalani, a true gift of Akua. Raised on the principles of hardwork, compassion for others, values of culture, being proud of your Hawaiian lineage. Trust in Akua first, he will bless you eternally. We are proud descendants of Hewahewa Nui through my maternal grandmother, Kupahu. Descendants of Kalapawai Mahoe, her maternal grandfather of Kailua Oahu. Descendant of Solomon Kamoho'ali'i of Waimea, Big Island, and from her paternal grandparent of Maui. Joseph Emmseley. I am looking to see greater involvement with all of Kauai with this commission. Mahalo, mahalo. Nui.
KAMEHAMEHA DAY CELEBRATION 2021

May 14, 2020

To whom it may concern:

I want to take this opportunity to express my support of Lyah Kealohaonalani Kama-Drake to the Kamehameha Day Commission.

I have known Lyah for her entire life. As her eldest sister, I want to highlight a few of her character or kanaka strengths. Kealoha as she is known to me embodies "aloha." She is very loving, compassionate, grateful, respectful, kind and generous. She commits to any task with aloha from her many years of employment at Kauai Museum, the numerous community events, and to her dedication and love for her beautiful family. She also brings a spirit of excellence, commitment, and a "let's do this" attitude with anything she is asked to do. She is a responsible leader and collaborator when asked to take on any tasks, commits and dedicates her all.

Lyah has the kanaka qualities, valued experience, and commitment to kako'o and kokua this commission. I strongly support Lyah Kealohaonalani Kama-Drake to the commission.

Respectfully,
Lysa Kama-Carr

GM-582

Submitted on: 5/15/2020 6:35:28 AM

Testimony for LCA on 5/15/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael A. Drake	Individual	Support	No

Comments: