

May 13, 2020

Aloha Senator Taniguchi and the Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts,

I have been nominated to serve a second term on the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board for a term to expire in 2024. I have been honored to serve on this board for the past 3 years, and recognize the responsibility placed on our board to evaluate historic sites and place those that are qualified onto the State Historic Register in order to help preserve Hawaii's diverse significant historic sites.

I have worked as a historic architect and architectural historian in Hawaii for nearly 30 years and appreciate the multifaceted and fascinating history of Hawaii. The significant sites from this history help connect us to the past as well as the present, and there is much to be learned from them. Preservation of these historically significant resources means figuring out how to protect them as well as passing along an appreciation for what was saved to the next generation.

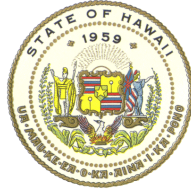
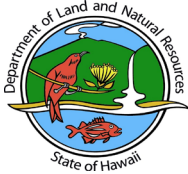
I hope to have the opportunity to continue to serve on the Historic Places Review Board and help to provide our future generations with these buildings and sites to connect with.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Katharine Stephens". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Katharine (Katie) Stephens

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



**STATE OF HAWAII
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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
LABOR, CULTURE AND THE ARTS**

**Friday, May 15, 2020
1:00 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 229**

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 615
SUBMITTING FOR THE CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE
HAWAI'I HISTORIC PLACES REVIEW BOARD,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, Katharine Stephens
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2024**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports Governor's Message 615, nominating Ms Katharine Stephens to the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board for a term expiring June 30, 2024.

The Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board is established under Section 6E-5.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes. This Board orders and enters historic properties into the Hawai'i Register of Historic Places and evaluates and recommends nominations of places to the National Register of Historic Places administered by the National Park Service.

Ms Stephens earned a Master of Architecture and Graduate Certificate in Historic Preservation from the University of Hawai'i, Mānoa. She has worked for over 20 years in the preservation and restoration of Hawai'i's historic buildings. Ms. Stephens brings in-depth knowledge of architecture and historic preservation to the Board.

Senate confirmation will ensure that Ms. Katharine Stephens's valuable knowledge and perspective continues to inform the deliberations of the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board until June 30, 2024.

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HISTORIC HAWAII FOUNDATION

TO: Sen. Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
Sen. Les Ihara Jr., Vice Chair
Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts

FROM: Kiersten Faulkner, Executive Director
Historic Hawaii Foundation

Committee: Friday, May 15, 2020
1:00 p.m.
Conference Room 229

RE: GM 615 Appointing Katharine Stephens to the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board

On behalf of Historic Hawaii Foundation, I am writing in support for GM 615, appointing Katharine Stephens to the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board for a term to expire June 30, 2024.

The Historic Places Review Board is responsible for maintaining and adding historic properties to the Hawai'i Register of Historic Places, nominating historic properties to the National Register of Historic Places, and reviewing the state's inventory of historic properties and the content of the statewide preservation plan.

The composition of the Review Board is required to include professionally qualified members in the fields of archaeology, architecture, history and sociology, as well as knowledge of traditional Hawaiian society and culture. The state board is also required to meet the qualifications in federal law (see HRS §6E-5.5) and to conduct its meetings and hearings in compliance with open government and fundamental fairness procedures.

Ms. Stephens is imminently qualified for this position. Her experience and knowledge in historic architecture and design is well known. She is the recipient of several Historic Preservation Honor Awards from Historic Hawai'i Foundation and has also been a guest instructor for HHF's historic preservation educational seminars.

Ms. Stephens is nominated for a second term on the Board. During her first term, she has executed her responsibilities diligently. She brings both subject matter expertise and a collegial spirit to the board. She is collaborative in deliberations and applies standards fairly to all participants. She has a professional demeanor and is a thoughtful and courteous participant in the Review Board's discussions and determinations.

Since 1974, Historic Hawai'i Foundation (HHF) has been a statewide leader for historic preservation. HHF works to preserve Hawaii's unique architectural and cultural heritage and believes that historic preservation is an important element in the present and future quality of life, economic viability and environmental sustainability of the state.

Therefore, HHF is pleased to support the confirmation of Katharine Stephens to the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board.