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TESTIMONY OF WILLIAM J. AILA, JR, CHAIRMAN
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
HEARING ON MAY 13, 2020 AT 3:00 PM IN CR 016

IN SUPPORT OF

GM623

for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaiian Homes Commission,
Gubernatorial Nominee, **RUSSELL K. KAUPU**,
for a term to expire 06-30-2023

May 13, 2020

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 Russell Kaupu to the Hawaiian Homes Commission (HHC). Mr. Kaupu has been serving on the Commission since his appointment in January.

Mr. Kaupu's background and professional credentials evidence extensive legal experience in several practice areas, and presently in land development projects as corporate counsel for The MacNaughton Group. He is also a small business owner who is active in the Hawaiian community and his church as a trustee, deacon, and treasurer. Mr. Kaupu is a father of four who enjoys his family, youth sports, and coaching high school football. He listens quietly, is reflective, and gives thoughtful consideration during all aspects of Commission interactions and decision-making.

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

Senator Maile S. L. Shimabukuro, Chair
Senator Kaiali'i Kahele, Vice-Chair
COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

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HEARING DATE: Wednesday, May 13, 2020
TIME: 3:00 p.m.

Support for:

GM 621 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaiian Homes Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, MICHAEL KALEIKINI, for a term to expire 06-30-2021.

GM 622 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaiian Homes Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, ZACHARY HELM, for a term to expire 06-30-2024.

GM 623 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaiian Homes Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, RUSSELL KAUPU, for a term to expire 06-30-2023.

GM 624 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaiian Homes Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, RANDY AWO, for a term to expire 06-30-2023.

Dear Senator Shimabukuro, Chair
and Senator Kahele, Vice-Chair

I am Pauline Nakoolani Namuo, a current Hawaiian Homes Commissioner. I have had the privilege of serving with all of these individuals and I strongly support their nominations to the Hawaiian Homes Commission. Their varied ages and backgrounds lend a diverse perspective to our conversations and I believe our discussions will be much more lively as we push to find action oriented solutions to our current economic situation. We need to have a stable and courageous Commission now, and we need to work with YOU to do that.

I humbly ask for your support in supporting these outstanding individuals.

Mahalo,

Pauline Nakoolani Namuo
Hawaiian Homes Commissioner

GM-623

Submitted on: 5/10/2020 11:20:54 AM

Testimony for HWN on 5/13/2020 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gary Slovin	Testifying for SanHi Government Strategies	Support	No

Comments:

I am pleased to submit this testimony in strong support of the nomination of Russell Kaupu to be a member of the Hawaiian Homes Commission. Russell is a person of the highest character. He is a model of what it means to be a positive contributing member of the community. I first came to know Russell when we worked together on complex projects while we were both employed at the Goodsill firm. I also worked with him in his present position with the MacNaughton Group. Russell is highly competent, able to assess complex issues and work toward resolutions that inspire confidence and cooperation. He is a problem solver, not a problem maker. He has a wealth of experience in dealing with land-related issues. He is a person of exceptional integrity. He will serve admirably if confirmed.

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Submitted on: 3/13/2020 9:34:28 AM

Testimony for HWN on 4/7/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Doreen Gaspar	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

EVERETT R. DOWLING

March 16, 2020

Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro
Chair
Hawaiian Affairs Committee
The Senate of the State of Hawaii
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: Gubernatorial Nominee to the Hawaiian Homes Commission

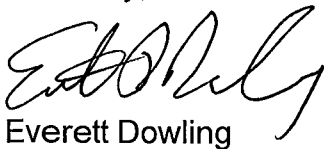
Dear Chair Shimabukuro and Members of the Senate Hawaiian Affairs
Committee,

I am writing in support of the nomination of Mr. Russell Kaupu, to serve on the
Hawaiian Homes Commission. Mr. Kaupu shares a strong desire to serve the
beneficiaries of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. His experience will
enable him to offer valuable input and guidance to the director and staff of DHHL.

DHHL's beneficiaries and the State of Hawaii as a whole are fortunate that
Russell is willing to serve on the commission. I wholeheartedly support the
nomination of Mr. Russell Kaupu to serve on the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this matter.

Sincerely,


Everett Dowling

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Submitted on: 5/8/2020 12:50:38 PM

Testimony for HWN on 5/13/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

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Submitted on: 5/12/2020 9:42:19 AM

Testimony for HWN on 5/13/2020 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Leatrice Burrows-Nuuanu	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/16/2020 8:19:46 AM

Testimony for HWN on 4/7/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rayne	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: