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Alan L Eyerly	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I've known Jennifer since 2003 and I'm very impressed with her intelligence, dedication and resourcefulness. She has distinguished herself in the government and nonprofit sectors.

She would make an excellent addition to your community service commission. Mahalo!

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Comments:

Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Senate Higher Education Committee

Re: Testimony in support of confirmation for Ms. Jennifer Dotson to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service

Dear Honorable Chair Mercado Kim and Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Higher Education Committee:

I am pleased to endorse the gubernatorial nomination of Ms. Jennifer Dotson for the Hawaii

Commission on National and Community Service.

I have known Ms. Jennifer Dotson for 6 or more years.

I have observed and consulted Ms. Jennifer Dotson when I worked in a leadership role of a Hawaii non-profit and private educational institution. Specifically, I hoped to learn about fundraising, "friend"raising, community outreach in Hawaii and hiring a development team. Ms. Dotson's advice and counsel proved invaluable and she went way beyond the call by meeting with me and my team and, ultimately, mentoring the development director we hired. Ms. Dotson and members of my development team then went on to form a development professionals roundtable group and regular presentations

Ms. Dotson was extremely intelligent, very collaborative but approachable and relatable at once. She was the perfect person for me to discuss development and fundraising strategies in Hawaii. If I were leading any significant development or community outreach effort in Hawaii, then I would start with Ms. Dotson. I'm so pleased to hear about her nomination to this important post and I'm honored to submit testimony on her behalf.

For these reasons, Ms. Jennifer Dotson would be an excellent addition to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service. Thank you for the opportunity to submit

testimony in support of the nomination for Ms. Jennifer Dotson. If you have any questions

regarding my testimony, please contact me at 808-754-1998. Thank you!

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Capsun M. Poe	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

May 11, 2020

To: Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Senate Higher Education Committee

Re: Testimony in support of confirmation for Ms. Jennifer Dotson to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service

Dear Honorable Chair Mercado Kim and Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Higher Education Committee:

I am pleased to endorse the gubernatorial nomination of Ms. Jennifer Dotson for the Hawaii Commission on National and Community Service.

I have known Ms. Jennifer Dotson for many years because her daughter was a student of Queen Emma Ballet, a school I have run for the last 30 years.

During that time, Ms. Dotson was a caring and involved parent, volunteering to help the school with publicity and fundraising in a myriad of ways. She did this with enthusiasm and efficient expertise, even while juggling her organizational hats at work. Though her daughter is no longer a ballet student of ours, I have remained in contact with Ms. Dotson as she has continued to provide help to our organization in support of the arts.

I truly feel Ms. Dotson is dedicated to helping others and is an effective communicator and advocate for those organizations in our community that strive to do the same.

For these reasons, Ms. Jennifer Dotson would be an excellent addition to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of the nomination for Ms. Jennifer Dotson. If you have any questions regarding my testimony, please contact me at 808-754-7529. Thank you so much for your careful consideration in your applicant choice.

Sincerely,
Suzanne Lai Rowland
Managing Director
Queen Emma Ballet

May 11, 2020

Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Senate Higher Education Committee

Re: Testimony in support of confirmation for Ms. Jennifer Dotson to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service

Dear Honorable Chair Mercado Kim and Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Higher Education Committee:

I am pleased to endorse the gubernatorial nomination of Ms. Jennifer Dotson for the Hawaii Commission on National and Community Service.

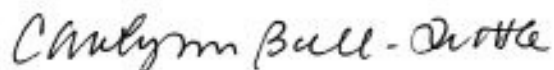
I have known Ms. Jennifer Dotson since the early 2000s when we were both active members of the Junior League of Honolulu, an organization of women who are committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.

I have observed Ms. Jennifer Dotson exuding much joy while volunteering in the community and enjoying the interaction with those whom she met through these opportunities.

I have been involved with Ms. Jennifer Dotson through the Junior League of Honolulu. In 2006-2007, we served on the Board of Directors for the Junior League of Honolulu. Jennifer was a an active member of the Junior League and often looked for ways that the League could further its involvement in the community.

For these reasons, Ms. Jennifer Dotson would be an excellent addition to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of the nomination for Ms. Jennifer Dotson. If you have any questions regarding my testimony, please contact me at 808-778-4226. Thank you!

Sincerely,



Carolynn Bell-Tuttle
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Honolulu, HI 96821

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Byron Riddle	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

May 5, 2020

Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair

Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

Senate Higher Education Committee

Re: Testimony in support of confirmation for Ms. Jennifer Dotson to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service

Dear Honorable Chair Mercado Kim and Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Higher Education Committee:

I am pleased to endorse the gubernatorial nomination of Ms. Jennifer Dotson for the Hawaii Commission on National and Community Service.

I have known Ms. Jennifer Dotson for over 20 years and have worked together on a several of projects. I have found that she has always been very professional in every aspect of her work. She is very open, honest and detailed oriented. She also has strived for the highest expectation and resolution of all projects that she is involved.

For these reasons, Ms. Jennifer Dotson would be an excellent addition to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of the nomination for Ms. Jennifer Dotson. If you have any questions regarding my testimony, please contact me at 808-372-8741. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Byron Riddle

Sales Consultant

JPG Hawaii

May 11, 2020

Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Higher Education

Re: Testimony in support of confirmation for Ms. Jennifer Dotson to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service

Dear Honorable Chair Mercado Kim and Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Senate Committee on Higher Education:

I am pleased to support the nomination of Ms. Jennifer Dotson for the Hawaii Commission on National and Community Service.

Over the past 5 years I have had the opportunity to work with and get to know Ms. Jennifer Dotson through the Wilson Elementary School Parent Teachers Association and Girl Scouts of Hawaii Troop 967. Her diligent work, dedication to public service and community empowerment, breadth of knowledge and experience, are a few of her many assets.

Ms. Dotson has gained my trust and respect as someone that will uphold the highest levels of leadership, and there is no question that she will greatly contribute and apply her passion, knowledge and experiences to the work of the Hawaii Commission for National Community Service. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of the nomination for Ms. Jennifer Dotson. If you have any questions regarding my testimony, please contact me at 808-386-3329. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Debra Mendes

Wilson Elementary School PTA Board Member (2015-2017)
Girl Scouts of Hawaii Troop 967 Treasurer (2017-present)

May 11, 2020

Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Senate Higher Education Committee

Testimony in Support of confirmation for Ms. Jennifer Dotson to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service

Dear Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair, Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair, and Members of the Senate Higher Education Committee. I submit this testimony as an individual and an expert in my field. I am please to support the gubernatorial nomination of Ms. Jennifer Dotson for the Hawaii Commission on National and Community Service.

Community service and volunteerism are key commitment and human resources at youth and senior levels that now, more than ever, need to be sustained and mobilized by having commission members able to understand our local multiethnic and economic situation and able to access resources that are at the national level for the benefit of Hawai'i.

Pertinent priorities areas for the Commission are disaster service, economic opportunities, education, environmental stewardship, healthy future and veteran and military families.

I read Ms. Dotson's letter dated May 5, 2020 addressed to you and I sense that her extensive background in the planning, management, financing of community based and voluntary organizations in Hawai'i (including young, women, school, university organizations, and disaster preparedness) give her a very credible stand to serve in the Commission to move forward the State Service Plan that needs updating as we are shaken by the social and economic distress due to Covirus-19.

I have known Ms. Jennifer Dotson since 2018 as a member of the Hawai'i Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights of the U.S. Department of Justice. I can attest that she understand the state and federal regulatory interface and she collaborates and contributes very well to committee work, receive public testimony from underrepresented groups, suggesting information to consider and process and working on editing committee output. (We contributed to the 2019 report entitled Micronesians in Hawaii: Migrant Group Faces Barriers to Equal Opportunities).

I am confident that Ms. Jennifer Dotson would be a productive addition to the Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support the nomination of Ms. Jennifer Dotson. If you have any questions regarding my testimony please contact me at 808-9555406. Thank you very much.

Sincerely



Luciano Minerbi, Dr. Arch, MUP
Professor Emeritus, Dept. of Urban and Regional Planning, University of Hawai'i
Member, Hawai'i Advisory Committee U.S. Commission on Civil Rights
Former Member C&C of Honolulu Commission on Housing & Community Development
Former Member Board of Director Moiliili Community Center
Former Vice Chair Moili'ili Neighborhood Board No. 8

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May 12, 2020

Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Senate Higher Education Committee

Re: GM 798 & 799 - Consideration of Gubernatorial Nominee Jennifer Dotson to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service

Dear Chair Mercado Kim, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Higher Education Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in support of gubernatorial nominee Ms. Jennifer Dotson for the Hawaii Commission on National and Community Service.

I have known Jennifer for over ten (10) years as we were members of the Junior League of Honolulu (JLH), a non-profit organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Both Jennifer and I were presidents of this organization and continue to support JLH in initiating significant change, building partnerships, and inspiring shared solutions that strengthen the community.

Jennifer's professional background in such powerhouse community organizations as the National Kidney Foundation, American Red Cross, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, and Muscular Dystrophy Association combined with her extensive community engagement in various organizations makes her a qualified and exceptional candidate for this Commission. Moreover, she has an infectious enthusiastic personality and I have no doubt that she will devote her skills and talents for the betterment of this Commission.

For these reasons, I respectfully recommend that you approve her nomination to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Kristin E. Izumi-Nitao

May 11, 2020

Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Senate Higher Education Committee

Re: Testimony in support of confirmation for Ms. Jennifer Dotson to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service

Dear Honorable Chair Mercado Kim and Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Higher Education Committee:

I am pleased to endorse the gubernatorial nomination of Ms. Jennifer Dotson for the Hawaii Commission on National and Community Service.

I have known Ms. Jennifer Dotson since August of 2012 when I joined the Junior League of Honolulu. During my tenure as an active member of the Junior League of Honolulu, Ms. Dotson and I worked on many initiatives together and I got to know her well.

I have observed Ms. Jennifer Dotson in many leadership roles, including as Vice President, Committee Chair, and, President of the Junior League of Honolulu. Ms. Dotson is highly effective in implementing objectives and moving the needle on initiatives that support and impact the community. She is also a highly motivating individual whom has had much success in organizing volunteers toward a unified goal.

For these reasons, Ms. Jennifer Dotson would be an excellent addition to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of the nomination for Ms. Jennifer Dotson. If you have any questions regarding my testimony, please contact me at 808-212-5445. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Kelly Holden, PhD Candidate
Faculty Instructor
Shidler College of Business, Marketing Department
University of Hawaii, Manoa

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tessa Ng	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair

Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

Senate Higher Education Committee

Re: Testimony in support of confirmation for Ms. Jennifer Dotson to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service

Dear Honorable Chair Mercado Kim and Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Higher Education Committee:

I am pleased to endorse the gubernatorial nomination of Ms. Dotson for the Hawaii Commission on National and Community Service.

I have known Ms. Dotson since I returned home to Hawaii in 2012. Ms. Dotson was one of the first people I met through my college alumni organization, the Georgetown University Alumni Association, Club of Hawaii. Ms. Dotson has served as the Vice President of our local alumni association chapter for many years and immediately welcomed me into the organization. Ms. Dotson volunteers many hours to ensure that every event put on by the organization is a success and has a knack for developing personal connections with everyone she interacts with. I have observed first hand Ms. Dotson's commitment to community service through our work together with the Georgetown Club of Hawaii. Every year she organizes an annual alumni community service event as a way for Georgetown University alumni to connect and give back to the community.

Ms. Dotson would be an excellent addition to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of the nomination for Ms. Dotson. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Tessa Munekiyo Ng



May 12, 2020

Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Senate Higher Education Committee

Re: Testimony in support of confirmation for Ms. Jennifer Dotson to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service

Dear Honorable Chair Mercado Kim and Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Higher Education Committee:

I would like to endorse the gubernatorial nomination of Ms. Jennifer Dotson for the Hawaii Commission on National and Community Service.

I have known Ms. Dotson for over five years, collaborating in the nonprofit sector at various with our organizations and in the community. Her commitment and creativity has made a positive impact on the communities of Oahu for years. She has been not only a great colleague but a delight to work with because of her endearing spirit and passion for the work.

She would be an excellent addition to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of the nomination. If you have any questions regarding my testimony, please contact me at 808-538-7070. Thank you!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Jim Murphy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jim Murphy
Executive Director
Honolulu Habitat for Humanity

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Submitted on: 5/12/2020 8:49:19 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Steve Novak	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

May 12, 2020

Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair

Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

Senate Higher Education Committee

Re: Testimony in support of confirmation for Ms. Jennifer Dotson to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service

Dear Honorable Chair Mercado Kim and Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Higher Education Committee:

I am pleased to endorse the gubernatorial nomination of Ms. Jennifer Dotson for the Hawaii Commission on National and Community Service.

I have known Ms. Jennifer Dotson for many years and worked with her in various capacities. I have seen her passion for community service in action and know her abilities and capabilities. She has the knowledge, skills, and expertise needed for a role such as this.

For these reasons, Ms. Jennifer Dotson would be an excellent addition to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of the nomination for Ms. Jennifer Dotson. If you have any questions regarding my testimony, please contact me at 808-780-7911. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Steve Novak

President

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TO: Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Senate Higher Education Committee

11 May 2020

RE: Testimony in support of confirmation for Ms. Jennifer Dotson to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service

Aloha Honorable Chair Mercado Kim and Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Higher Education Committee,

I am happy to endorse the gubernatorial nomination of Ms. Jennifer Dotson for the Hawaii Commission on National and Community Service.

It was three years ago, while searching for my role in community service, I had the good fortune of meeting Ms. Jennifer Dotson. She has helped me discover how to effectively give back to our community, helping to make connections with others and access important resources. It was with her support, and through sharing her professional experience, I was able to establish the workforce development nonprofit, Work Now Hawaii.

I have also had the pleasure of knowing Ms. Jennifer Dotson in her roles at American Red Cross, where she promoted me to become a volunteer, and the National Kidney Foundation of Hawaii in her role of Vice President of Philanthropy. She has also encouraged my participation in the Association of Fundraising Professionals of Aloha Chapter.

From our first meeting, and through these past years, she has brought enthusiasm and encouragement to our conversations as it relates to the Commission's focus areas of Disaster Services, Economic Opportunity, Education, Healthy Futures, Veterans and Military Families. I am grateful for the guidance she has selflessly given to me, and for all of the wonderful things she does for our community.

For these reasons, Ms. Jennifer Dotson would be an excellent addition to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of the nomination for Ms. Jennifer Dotson. If you have any questions regarding my testimony, please contact me at 808-202-2310. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Patrick Gartside
Executive Director
Work Now Hawaii

GM-798

Submitted on: 5/12/2020 10:49:16 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gaye Miyasaki	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I have known Jennifer Dotson for many years here in Honolulu as a fellow alum of Georgetown University in Washington DC. Jennifer has been a liaison for the Georgetown University Club of Hawaii and it is through this that I have spent some time with her. She has done some marvelous work for our Club and we do community service project every year as well as meet with incoming and current students. We have also raised scholarship money for the students here to attend Georgetown University. I highly recommend Jennifer Dotson. Mahalo Gaye Miyasaki

GM-798

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Beverly Munson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Beverly M. Munson

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Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair

Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

Senate Higher Education Committee

Re: Testimony in support of confirmation for Ms. Jennifer Dotson to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service

Dear Honorable Chair Mercado Kim and Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Higher Education Committee:

I am pleased to submit this testimony in favor of the gubernatorial nomination of Ms. Jennifer Dotson for the Hawaii Commission on National and Community Service.

Over recent years Ms. Dotson has been a valued member of AAUW Honolulu's Work Smart Team. This team (of which I am Team Leader) is responsible for managing

Hawaii's salary negotiation and career advancement training for women. Our goal through these programs is to close the gender pay gap by helping women develop salary negotiation and career advancement skills. As a member of this team, Jennifer has made critical contributions in the design, development, marketing and delivery of ***Wahine Working Smart Forum***, a free workshop offered to local women through AAUW Honolulu. Although she has excelled at all assignments, she is an especially good communicator and has dynamic, engaging public speaking and training skills.

Working with Ms. Dotson on AAUW Honolulu programs I have found that she is SMART, creative, and applies excellent problem-solving skills to quickly find practical, easy-to-implement solutions for societal challenges. She utilizes her stellar education and work experience to help others advance; and functions equally well as a leader or a team member. She approaches her work with focused energy and enthusiasm. She has the unique ability to define desired outcomes, obtain group consensus, and implement action plans that get results – all with efficiency in a timely manner. She gets the job done!

As the Vice Chair of the Honolulu Committee on the Status of Women, I know firsthand the unique skill set required for public committees and commissions. Based on my experience working with Ms. Dotson's, I believe that she will be a true asset to the Hawaii Commission on National and Community Service

I have greatly enjoyed working with Ms. Dotson and based on my experience, believe that she will be a notable contributor to the Commission's work.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of the nomination for Ms. Jennifer Dotson. If you have any questions regarding my testimony, please contact me at 808-218-4136 or via email at: Beverly.Chance.Munson68@gmail.com. Thank you for considering my support for Ms. Dotson's nomination.

Sincerely,

Beverly M. Munson

AAUW Honolulu, Work Smart Team Leader

Vice Chair, Honolulu Committee on the Status of Women

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Submitted on: 5/12/2020 2:22:43 PM

Testimony for HRE on 5/14/2020 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gerald Ohta	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

May 12, 2020

The Honorable Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair

The Honorable Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

Senate Higher Education Committee

Dear Honorable Chair Mercado Kim, Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Higher Education Committee:

I, without hesitation, endorse the nomination of Ms. Jennifer Li Dotson for the Hawaii Commission on National and Community Service.

Ms. Dotson and I served together on the Language Access Advisory Council. She was an active, energetic and focused member of the council taking on responsible roles such as being chair of our Language Access Conferences at places such as the East West Center.. I have seen how she worked with tact and direction in achieving our multifaceted and sometimes multilingual activities. She worked with many agencies, both public and private and coordinated both speakers, exhibitors, and myriad administrative details. We were happy to have her mana'o and her attention to task.

She will be a Plus Plus Plus part of the commission as she was in our council.

Mahalo for this opportunity to support Ms. Dotson.

Gerald Ohta

Affirmative Action Officer (retired)

Hawaii State Department of Health

Language Access Advisory Council (past Vice-Chair)

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May 12, 2020

Re: Testimony in support of confirmation for Ms. Jennifer Dotson to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service

Dear Chair Kim, Vice Chair Kidani, and members of the Senate Committee on Higher Education,

I am writing to you to endorse the gubernatorial nomination of Ms. Jennifer Dotson for the Hawaii Commission on National and Community Service.

I have known and observed Ms. Jennifer Dotson since January 2019 through the work she has done as a volunteer for AAUW Honolulu's salary negotiation workshops and leadership development committee. Ms. Dotson's passion for equity, justice and community service is contagious. Her intelligence, experience, and reliability make her one of my favorite volunteers with whom I had a privilege to work. For these reasons, Ms. Jennifer Dotson would be an excellent addition to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of the nomination for Ms. Jennifer Dotson.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Y Overly', written in a cursive style.

Younghee Overly
American Association of University Women (AAUW) Honolulu Branch
Chief Finance Officer
yoverly@gmail.com

May 12, 2020

Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Senate Higher Education Committee

Re: Testimony in support of confirmation for Ms. Jennifer Dotson to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service

Dear Honorable Chair Mercado Kim and Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Higher Education Committee:

I am pleased to endorse the gubernatorial nomination of Ms. Jennifer Dotson for the Hawaii Commission on National and Community Service.

I have known Ms. Jennifer Dotson both personally and professionally since 2013. During this time I have witnessed her leadership in the non-profit sector and had the privilege of partnering with her on fundraising when she was the President of the Junior League. Jennifer brings a wealth of experience to the table, as well as deeply rooted relationships throughout the local community. She is a highly-regarded leader who balances her drive for success with her passion and compassion for others.

For these reasons, Ms. Jennifer Dotson would be an excellent addition to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of the nomination for Ms. Jennifer Dotson. If you have any questions regarding my testimony, please contact me at 808-225-9676. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Trisha Takehara

GM-798

Submitted on: 5/12/2020 6:54:15 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Daniel M. Gluck	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Chair Kim, Vice Chair Kidani, and Committee Members:

In my personal capacity, I write in strong support of Jennifer Dotson's nomination and confirmation to the Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service. Jennifer has a deep and longstanding commitment to public service in Hawai'i, and she will be a dedicated commission member. I am a former AmeriCorps volunteer, and I am confident that Jennifer has the skill and passion to help lead HCNCS.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Very truly yours,

Daniel M. Gluck

Honolulu, HI

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dominic Inocelda	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

In full support of Jennifer Dodson's nomination to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service

My name is Dominic Inocelda, recently retired social worker with the Susannah Wesley Community Center for more than 30+ years. I was formally a member of the Office of Language Access Advisory Council and a co-member with Ms. Jennifer Dodson. In the years that we served together I found Ms. Dodson to be an energetic, organized, creative, resourceful, and supportive member of the Advisory Council. Her willingness to provide well thought out input and also her direct support of projects was a real asset to the OLA Advisory Council. Her active participation in the Council helped us to accomplish many of the projects and activities in support of OLA's mission.

Based on my working relationship with Ms. Dodson, I know that she will be an asset and positive resource for the work of the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service. Thank you very much for the opportunity to write in support of Ms. Jennifer Dodson's nomination.

Dominic Inocelda, LCSW

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Testimony for HRE on 5/14/2020 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
amy agbayani	Testifying for Hawai'i Friends of Civil Rights (HFCR)	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Amy Agbayani, Chair Hawai'i Friends of Civil Rights (HFCR). HFCR is dedicated to justice, equality and civil rights for all. We are in strong support of the nomination of Jennifer Li Dotson to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service (GM798 and GM799).

I worked directly with the Commission and Ms. Dotson in my capacity as a community civil rights advocate and before my retirement from the University of Hawai'i as an administrator of student service diversity programs (serving Native Hawaiians, Filipino and other underrepresented groups, women, LGBT students, child care and students with disabilities). I am familiar with the Commission's objectives and work in the state and am confident that Ms. Dotson will be a valuable contributing member of the Commission.

I first met Ms. Dotson a few years ago when we were both members of the State Advisory Committee to the US Civil Rights Commission. This advisory commission held hearings on O'ahu on select critical civil rights policy issues (eg language access, Micronesian citizens, and Native Hawaiians in the justice system). I appreciate Ms. Dotson's understanding of community issues and commitment to equal access, inclusion and civil rights. Ms. Dotson's service as a member of the advisory committee was exemplary. She regularly attended meetings, read all the written materials, asked thoughtful questions and worked collaboratively with fellow members of the committee.

Dotson has extensive professional and community work in Hawaii's non profit sector. She has relevant academic training, experience working in the community and ability to work with diverse individuals and groups. She cares about vulnerable populations. She is articulate, intelligent strategic thinker who also pays attention to details and open to different perspectives. She will be a valuable addition to the Commission.

HFCR, thanks Ms. Dotson for her consistent support for social justice, equal access and community engagement. We strongly endorse Jennifer Li Dotson (GM 798 and GM 799)

Amy Agbayani, Chair Hawai'i Friends of Civil Rights

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May 11, 2020

Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Senate Higher Education Committee

Re: Testimony in support of confirmation for Ms. Jennifer Dotson to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service

Dear Honorable Chair Mercado Kim and Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Higher Education Committee:

I am pleased to endorse the gubernatorial nomination of Ms. Jennifer Dotson for the Hawaii Commission on National and Community Service.

I have known Ms. Dotson through her involvement with AAUW Honolulu, a non-profit organization that seeks to close the gender pay gap, advance the cause of professional development for women and encourage young girls to pursue STEM in higher education.

In my capacity as public relations coordinator for AAUW Honolulu, Ms. Dotson can be counted on for her insightful input and enthusiastic support of core missions. She is also ready and able to help in any way possible. For example, she has facilitated free salary negotiation workshops for women in the workplace and served as spokesperson for a PSA on Olelo. Given her additional involvement with other community groups, she is to be congratulated for her dedication to making our State a better place through her endless capacity to serve others.

For these reasons, Ms. Jennifer Dotson would be an excellent addition to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service. I cannot imagine a more qualified candidate and I submit her name to this commission without reservation.

I appreciate the opportunity to submit testimony in support of the nomination for Ms. Jennifer Dotson. If you have any questions regarding my testimony, please contact me at 818-264-4655.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Wayne Akiyama
Public Relations Coordinator
AAUW Honolulu

May 13, 2020

Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Senate Higher Education Committee

Re: Testimony in support of confirmation for Ms. Jennifer Dotson to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service

Dear Honorable Chair Mercado Kim and Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Higher Education Committee:

I am pleased to endorse the gubernatorial nomination of Ms. Jennifer Dotson for the Hawaii Commission on National and Community Service.

I have worked with Ms. Jennifer Dotson for over four years as a member of the Hawaii Advisory Committee and support confirmation of her appointment.

For these reasons, Ms. Jennifer Dotson would be an excellent addition to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of the nomination for Ms. Jennifer Dotson. If you have any questions regarding my testimony, please contact me at 808-522-5133. Thank you!

Sincerely,



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May 13, 2020

The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim, Chair
The Honorable Michelle Kidani, Vice-Chair
And Members
Senate Committee on Higher Education

Re: Testimony in Support of confirmation for Ms. Jennifer Dotson to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service

Dear Committee on Higher Education,

I am please to write this letter of testimony supporting the nomination of Ms. Jennifer Dotson to join the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service.

I have known her for approximately ten years. Over the years I have seen her in a professional environment and gotten to know her as a mentor and as a collaborator to not only myself but to those around her- whether they be staff or acquaintances through her work with Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Network Enterprises, and the Red Cross. Those two traits have proven effective in her ability to bring people together and instill a common vision and sense of purpose to all people participating in any activity or initiative that she was taken the lead of.

Aside from her abilities as a mentor and collaborator, I have observed her and it became apparent to me early on that her passion for community service and promoting the betterment of the community is embodied in her actions. She has the ability to think on a macro level about what needs to be done to reach a final outcome but also can think on a granular level to ensure that outcomes are achieved both timely and accurately.

I can confidently say that having Ms. Dotson serve on the Commission will not only be a benefit to the Commission and the furtherance of their mission, but also to the state as a whole.

Respectfully submitted,

/Christopher Lum Lee/

May 12, 2020

Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Senate Higher Education Committee

Re: Testimony in support of confirmation for Ms. Jennifer Dotson to the Hawaii
Commission for National and Community Service

Dear Honorable Chair Mercado Kim and Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Higher
Education Committee:

I am pleased to endorse the gubernatorial nomination of Ms. Jennifer Dotson for the
Hawaii Commission on National and Community Service.

I have known Ms. Jennifer Dotson for over 15 years.

I have observed Ms. Jennifer Dotson excel in continuously motivating and energizing
volunteers. She recruited one of our largest groups of volunteers through her endless
energy and high spirits. Volunteers came together and wanted to serve under her
creative direction. She was always an active and engaged board member and a
selfless president.

I have been involved with Ms. Jennifer Dotson with the Junior League of Honolulu, a
non-profit organization that is committed to promoting volunteerism, developing the
potential of women and improving communities through the effective action and
leadership of trained volunteers.

For these reasons, Ms. Jennifer Dotson would be an excellent addition to the Hawaii
Commission for National and Community Service. Thank you for the opportunity to
submit testimony in support of the nomination for Ms. Jennifer Dotson. If you have any
questions regarding my testimony, please contact me at 808-226-1372. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Avis Takamatsu, Realtor RS-73290
Coldwell Banker Pacific Properties
Former JLH President and Board member

May 12, 2020

Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Senate Higher Education Committee

Re: Testimony in support of confirmation for Ms. Jennifer Dotson to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service

Dear Honorable Chair Mercado Kim and Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Higher Education Committee:

I am pleased to endorse the gubernatorial nomination of Ms. Jennifer Dotson for the Hawaii Commission on National and Community Service.

I have known Ms. Jennifer Dotson since approximately 2003. We got to know one another as we served together as members of the Junior League of Honolulu.

I have observed Ms. Jennifer Dotson's commitment to our community and to voluntarism as a way to improve communities. She exhibits determination, enthusiasm and an optimism to the belief that working together we can make Hawaii a better place to live for all of us.

I have been involved with Ms. Jennifer Dotson when we worked together in training new members of our organization. Our goal was to increase community impact by developing skill sets utilized in effective volunteer leadership. We served on a team together to accomplish this goal. Jen was committed, responsible and a team-player.

For these reasons, Ms. Jennifer Dotson would be an excellent addition to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of the nomination for Ms. Jennifer Dotson. If you have any questions regarding my testimony, please contact me at 808-497-6602. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Martha Balkin
Community Volunteer