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June 28th, 2020

Hawaii State Senate Committee on Human Services Hawaii State Capitol Honolulu HI 96813 ATTN: Senator Russel Ruderman, Chair	Hawaii State Commission on Fatherhood Department of Human Services 1390 Miller Street Honolulu, HI 96813 ATTN: Kawika Mattos, Chair
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RE: GM 824

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Commission on Fatherhood, Gubernatorial Nominee, ALLEN CARDINES, JR.

Aloha Chair Ruderman
and Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Human Services:

Thank you for the opportunity to write a letter in **TOTAL SUPPORT** of the nomination of Pastor Allen Cardines to serve on the Hawaii State Commission on Fatherhood. As part of this deliberation is in recognizing the mission of this esteemed body to promote healthy family relationships and the role that fathers play in the upbringing of the children.

As the Senator for the Westside District and Wai'anae Coast, I have known Pastor Cardines for a number of years as a member of Nānāikapono Protestant Church congregation and as a life-long member of the Nānākuli community. When determining qualifications for such appointments, it is easy to see how the core Hawaiian values of Aloha and 'Ohana are key critical factors in cultural guideposts to building healthier families where the keiki can flourish.

Pastor Cardines realized long ago that "it takes a village to raise a child" and, as such, has built an extensive collaborative network of various church, community, public, and private entities in supporting his many worthy endeavors in building healthy relationship inside and outside the family unit. He has worked with the Department of Education with interventional programs to reduce teen suicide. Pastor Cardines strengthen westside foster care programs through the Hui Ho'omalua of Partners in Development Program. Through the Honolulu Community Action Program (HCAP), he continues to effectuate optimal outcomes and positive gains in parenting vulnerable children.

Appointment to this commission will only be an enhancement to his lifelong efforts to make Hawai'i families stronger and more robust. It is for that reason that, without reservation, I provide my complete support for the confirmation of Pastor Allen Cardines to the Commission on Fatherhood.

Sincerely,



Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro

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June 29, 2020

The Honorable Ronald Kouchi, President
And Members of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Hawai`i State Capital, Room 409
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Re: GM 848, Gubernatorial Nominee, DAVID LUNCEFORD, for Appointment
to Commission on Fatherhood

Dear Senate President Kouchi and Members of the Senate:

I am not a member of any formal organization; however, I am a father living and raising his children in Hawai`i, and in that personal capacity I am writing to offer enthusiastic support for David Lunceford's proposed appointment to the Commission on Fatherhood ("Commission"). For approximately a decade, I have had the privilege to know Mr. Lunceford as a friend, and my children have had the privilege to know Mr. Lunceford as Uncle Dave.

On paper, I am sure that Mr. Lunceford's resume – which demonstrates increasing responsibility and steady dedication to social work, along with his steady pursuit of education in the field – must recommend him on its own. The basis for my recommendation is more simple, but I hope it is at least equally important. Mr. Lunceford is always the person that I list as the emergency contact for my children when I fill out forms. I do that because I know – and so will the Commission, if it allows him to serve – that when my children need him, he will be there for them, however they need, with whatever they need, without any questions asked. That is how he treats his children, and he treats mine just like he does his own. My children and I take great comfort in that.

I think that we need more men like Mr. Lunceford in the world, this county, our state, our community, and our government; accordingly, I believe that the State of Hawai`i would benefit greatly from having him on the Commission. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

J.D. Ferry

Tuesday, June 30, 2020

Ashley-Jaye Maldonado

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Support in David Lunceford Commission on Fatherhood, Gubernatorial Nominee

Writing this testimony gives me great joy. I have known David for about 14 years now and he is not one to ask for much at all but here he is asking me to write this special testimony about him. So here I am hours before the deadline because the world deserves to hear about this amazing man who I am lucky enough to call my bonus dad.

My mom and David met in AA back in 2006 I believe. I feel like he has been around my whole life. To know him and myself you would think he birthed me all on his own. I can honestly say with an open heart he is the only man I have seen stay and not leave. David has no blood relation to me or my siblings, but he treats us all as if we were his own. Also, I would like to state for the record my mom and David were never more than the best of friends. He chooses to step up for us kids and we all will be forever grateful for that love and support he provides for us and our mom.

Over these last few years David has seen me at my lowest. Again, he never left. He was not afraid to tell me when I was making a mistake but also was not shy of making it known to me and others when he was proud of me. He gives me enough space but always makes it known he is there. Like the good man he is he will drop anything to make sure I am okay. I never had that as a kid as much as I would like to and within the years of knowing David, he is made up for all of it. Even if it was not his making up to do, he did it. As an adult I feel confident knowing my bonus dad will always be there. Rain or shine I can count on him. That is something I will always hold near my heart.

To know David is to love him. He is like an onion. He has many layers and with each one exposed you just love and adore him that much more. He is raw and real. I have never met anyone like him.

In closing I would like to thank everyone for this opportunity to give my bonus dad the public recognition that he deserves. Thank you, David, for changing my life. I will forever be grateful for you.

GM-848

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Testimony for HMS on 7/1/2020 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Janet Hochberg	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Ruderman & Vice-Chair Rhoades and members on the committee on Human Services:

I am so pleased to see the nomination of Allen Cardines Jr. for the Commission on Fatherhood.

I am in strong support of Allen's nomination and know from working with him in the community for many years with Hawaii's precious keiki, youth and ohana his heart and passion is incredible pure and authentic.

He will continue to be a bright pillar of strength and love for our kiddos, encouraging them that they can do and be all they want to aspire to. Allen is the perfect nominee for this highly important position.

Mahalo nui loa,

Janet Grace



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June 24, 2020

The Hawaii State Commission on Fatherhood:

This is written in support of Pastor Allen Cardines for the appointment to the Hawaii State Commission on Fatherhood. I have known Pastor Cardines since 2012 when I became the Complex Area Superintendent of the Nanakuli-Waianae DOE public schools. He has been a visible and committed partner in our efforts to change the social, emotional, behavioral and mental health wellness of our students, families and the community.

He has always believed that healing the heart and leading with compassion will change the lives of our children and support maximizing their learning and academic performance in school. He coordinated a meeting with our complex area staff with all of the ministry leaders on our Leeward coast to share the message about trauma and the effects on the brain. We made a commitment then to create a partnership to battle these issues through community education and engagement.

Compassion Summits were held in the Waianae Moku to engage families in the discussion of trauma in the homes, he has presented at local and national conferences, has shared his mission on the importance of Fathers in the lives of their children through gatherings in our community and has organized volunteers for our school events always being a positive role model and example to all.

Allen Cardines will be a great asset to the Hawaii State Commission on Fatherhood as I believe he will be able to provide perspectives on issues from his experience in our community, as well as his leadership in expanding the partnerships to address and support the vision and mission of this commission.

Sincerely,

Ann A. Mahi
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Nanakuli-Waianae Complex



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June 24, 2020

Hawaii State Commission on Fatherhood
Department of Human Services
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Attn: David "Kawika" Mattos, Chairperson

RE: Allen Cardines Nomination

Aloha e Chair Mattos,

Thank you for the opportunity to write a letter in support of the nomination of Pastor Allen Cardines to serve on the Hawaii State Commission on Fatherhood. I have known Pastor Cardines for a few years as a member of Nānāikapono Protestant Church congregation and as a life-long member of the Nānākuli community. I also serve as this district's State Representative to the Hawaii State Capitol.

It has been my experience that Pastor Cardines strongly believes in creating safe, healthy and hopeful environments where families, especially children can flourish. His commitment to Hawaiian values, the power and presence of Aloha, and his dedication to reducing and treating childhood abuse, neglect in trauma-impacted families is inspirational.

Additionally, Pastor Cardines is a collaborator. He brings together local, state and national organizations from the public and private sectors by providing high energy trainings that result in greater empowerment and transformation for all people of Hawai'i.

Through the Nā Leo Kāne Advisory Team, he builds healthy relationships with boys as well as Fathers in promoting resources and best practices. His partnership with the Nānākuli -Waianae Complex for the Department of Education in transforming our model for social-emotional well-being is a model for the state.

I recommend with enthusiasm the nomination of Pastor Allen Cardines as a Commissioner for the Hawaii State Commission on Fatherhood.

Sincerely,

Stacelynn K.M. Eli
Representative District 43
Hawaii State Legislature

GM-848

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Testimony for HMS on 7/1/2020 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ami Akeo	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I have worked with Allen Cardines on various projects in the community and witnessed his commitment to the keiki of this land! His strong leadership skills help to rally the community to support those in need. His commitment to youth is like no other, always putting them at the front and center of everything he does. I am confident that he has the skills, attitude and heart to make Hawaii proud. I fully support his consideration and confirmation to the Commission on Fatherhood.