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COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senator Jarrett Keohokaloloe, Vice Chair

RE: Testimony - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Registration of the Island of O'ahu, Gubernatorial Nominee GM 516, DAPHNE BARBEE WOOTEN, for a term to expire 06-30-24

Dear Senator Rhoads:

It is with great pleasure and an honor to submit Sisters Empowering Hawaii's (SEH) testimony to nominate Ms. Daphne Barbee-Wooten to the Board of Registration of the Island of O'ahu for an additional term.

SEH awarded Attorney Daphne Barbee-Wooten with the "Civil Rights Attorney of the Year" Crystal Award at our annual Women Making History Awards Celebration and Book Signing Luncheon. Ms. Barbee-Wooten is honorable and trustworthy.

SISTERS EMPOWERING HAWAII (SEH)

Hawaii's Foremost Women's Empowerment Organization is dedicated to the motivation, advancement, education and empowerment of all women.

The mission of Sisters Empowering Hawaii (SEH)

Provide opportunities for women to change careers, continue education for graduate degrees, and introduce them to women of accomplishment who have achieved success in their chosen profession.

Sincerely,

Sharon Thomas Yarbrough
President
Sisters Empowering Hawaii

GM-516

Submitted on: 3/9/2021 9:16:44 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/12/2021 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mike Golojuch, Sr.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please confirm Daphne Barbee-Wooten to the Board of Registration of the Island of O'ahu. I have had the pleasure to work with her on several committees. I know she will do an outstanding job.

Mike Golojuch, Sr.

GM-516

Submitted on: 3/9/2021 12:24:12 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/12/2021 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Leimomi Khan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha, Support. I had the privilege of meeting and working with Daphne Barbee-Wooten on the Board of Registration during the 2020 elections. She brings excellent background to the Board with her legal background and as a member of the Democratic Party of Hawaii. We are both pledged to uphold the integrity of Hawaii's elections. Mahalo.

GM-516

Submitted on: 3/9/2021 1:41:01 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/12/2021 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lorna Takehara Strand	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

It is with great pleasure that I request confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee DAPHNE BARBEE-WOOTEN as a member of the Board of Registration the Island of O`ahu for a term to expire on June 30, 2024.

Attorney Barbee-Wooten worked as a Public Defender for the State of Hawai`i, practices civil rights law, is a distinguished member of the legal community in Hawai`i. She is the recipient of awards from several organizations, including the NAACP, for her service to our community.

She has been an active member of the Democratic Party of Hawai`i for many years and currently serves as District 25 Chair. From my position as Chair of O`ahu County Democrats, it was my pleasure to recommend her to Governor David Ige for appointment to the Board of Registration.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lorna Takehara
Strand,*
air, O`ahu County Democrats

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March 9, 2021

Committee on Judiciary
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Re: Nomination of Attorney Daphne Barbee-Wooten to The Board of Registration of the Island of O'ahu GM NO. 516, Term to expire 06-30-2024.

Dear Senator Karl Rhoads,

Attorney Daphne Barbee-Wooten has been involved in seeking justice and the election process in Honolulu for several decades, as Convention delegate, District 25 chair, and election volunteer.

She is dedicated to ensuring a fair and open voting process for every citizen under the law and she has given of her time in that effort unhesitatingly.

Atty Daphne Barbee-Wooten has previously participated in the board of voter registration review process in an acting capacity at the request of Lorna Strand, Democratic Party Chair last year and has previously been actively involved in voter registration and information outreach efforts.

The members of the African American Lawyers Association and her Honolulu and Hawaii community and friends strongly support Atty. Daphne Barbee-Wooten's nomination to the Board of Registration for the County of Oahu for the next term.

Sincerely,

Andre' S. Wooten

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March 10, 2021

Senator Karl Rhodes
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Judiciary Committee Members
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RE: Testimony in Support of Confirmation of Daphne Barbee-Wooten
to Board of Registration for Oahu– Hearing, March 12, 2021

Dear Senator Rhodes and Committee Members:

I write in support of confirming Daphne Barbee Wooten to the Board of Registration for Oahu. Attorney Barbee-Wooten has a strong background in advocacy for free and fair elections having served for many years as a poll watcher, voter registration volunteer, District 25 Chairwoman and election official in her district. She has a deep and unwavering commitment to voting rights and participation through registration.

Furthermore, Ms. Barbee-Wooten is highly respected by members of the community and enjoys a reputation for high ethical standards.

I wholeheartedly and unreservedly endorses confirmation of Daphne Barbee-Wooten to the Board of Registration.

Sincerely,

RUSTAM A. BARBEE

Committee on Judiciary
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Re: Nomination of Attorney Daphne Barbee-Wooten to The Board of Registration of the Island of O'ahu, GM NO. 516, Term to expire 06-30-2024.

Dear Senator Karl Rhoads,

I have known Daphne Barbee for 3 decades and can testify to her character as a very intelligent, competent, efficient, dedicated woman of unwavering integrity, conscience and courage during these years. She has been brave and bold in her commitment to justice, equality and true understanding of the law. I heartily offer my support for her candidacy/appointment with no reservations.

I feel extremely qualified and confident in nominating Atty. Barbee to the Board of Registration in Honolulu County. I have been a resident in Hawaii for over 50 years, am a retired University of Hawaii at Manoa Professor, and have been active in teaching and in the community about issues of social justice, equality, and various other values that have earned our islands a national leading reputation of diversity and harmony.

I am cognizant of the national issues of voting rights, and I know that Attorney Daphne Barbee-Wooten has been involved in the rights of citizens and equal access to voting so important to our democracy. In Hawaii, she has been involved through information outreach with promoting all citizens to actively participate in government and our institutions through voting, and their right to be equally protected by our laws. She has served as a trusted leader and role model for Hawaii's citizens, regardless of color, religion, gender and economic status. She is dedicated to ensuring a fair and open voting process for every citizen under the law and she has freely given of her time to that process and effort.

Through the years, I have observed that Barbee-Wooten has generously given her time, creative ideas, and bountiful energy to principles and values, like those of citizenship, that she holds dear. She has served on numerous boards, commissions, committees, community and civil rights organizations. She also has been actively involved in the election process in Honolulu for several decades, as an active supporter of more than a few candidates, a Convention delegate, a District 25 chair, and election volunteer. She has received various awards from a wide vector of society for her contributions. The members of the African American community, local and Hawaiian communities, various organizations and her many distinguished friends strongly support Atty. Daphne Barbee-Wooten's nomination to the Board of Registration for the County of Oahu for the next term.

Last year, Atty. Daphne Barbee-Wooten participated in the board of voter registration review process in an acting capacity at the request of Lorna Strand, Democratic Party Chair.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Waddell Takara, PhD
Professor (ret), author, publisher (Pacific Raven Press, LLC)

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**Committee on Judiciary
Senator Karl Rhodes, Chair
Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair**

Friday, March 12, 2021

Testimony in Support of Daphne Barbee – Wooten

Good afternoon, Chair Rhodes and Vice Chair Keohokalole,

I am Jeanne Schultz Afuvai, a citizen from District 24 and I am testifying in support of Daphne Barbee-Wooten as the gubernatorial nominee to the Board of Registration.

I have known Daphne for over 30 years. We first met when Daphne was a young attorney and I was in Governor Waihee's administration. We had several connections. We were both originally from Wisconsin, alums of the University of Wisconsin – Madison and passionate about civil rights and social justice. And, we had both transplanted our roots into the 'aina of Hawaii.

Daphne's father, Lloyd Barbee was an Assemblyman and civil rights leader in Wisconsin. Mr. Barbee was the seminal figure behind much of the progressive legislation in Wisconsin during the 60s and he finally got the Milwaukee Public Schools integrated in the 1970s. He lived the Wisconsin motto, FORWARD.

This is important to know because Daphne has the same passion, commitment and dedication for the people of Hawaii. During the last 30 years, she has personally helped my family in several moments of crisis. My Hawaii family is Polynesian and we have faced first-hand the vagaries of justice. Daphne never gives up, never. Her mission for my family and for every Hawaii family is that the justice system works for everyone. And that begins with maintaining and expanding voting rights for all eligible people.

Our democracy is so very fragile, as we have seen over the last four years and specifically, after the 2020 elections. I have always said that every state needs Stacey Abrams. Well, we have our Stacey Abrams and her name is Daphne Barbee-Wooten.

We need Daphne on the Board of Registration now, more than ever.

Thank you for the time and for your consideration.