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## Senate Committee on Health

### GM 561, Gubernatorial Nominee to the Honolulu Subarea Health Planning Council

#### Testimony of Serafin Colmenares, Jr. SHPDA Administrator

Monday, April 5, 2021  
1:00 p.m.

1 **Agency's Position:** The State Health Planning and Development Agency (SHPDA) supports  
2 the nomination and confirmation of Ms. Tori Abe Carapelho to the Honolulu Subarea Health  
3 Planning Council (HONSAC).

4 **Fiscal Implications:** None

5 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose is for the consideration and confirmation to the  
6 HONSAC, Gubernatorial Nominee, Ms. Tori Abe Carapelho.

7 Ms. Carapelho has a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication from the University of  
8 Hawaii at Manoa and a Master's in Business Administration from Hawaii Pacific University.

9 She is currently president and CEO of Navian Hawaii (formerly Hospice Hawaii) after  
10 serving as Director of Marketing Development and Chief Strategy Officer for the same  
11 company.

12 Prior to joining Hospice Hawaii, Ms. Carapelho served as vice president for business  
13 development for Hawaii Pacific Entertainment, account manager for Destination Marketing  
14 Hawaii, and account manager for KHON-2 Television.

15 She has been active professionally, serving as a member of the board of directors of  
16 Kokua Mau, member of the hospice leadership committee of the Healthcare Association of

1 Hawaii, member of the council of states of the National Hospice & Palliative Care Association,  
2 member of the steering committee of Ad Up Hawaii, and treasurer of the American Advertising  
3 Federation-D13. She is a member of the class of 2018 Pacific Century Fellows, and a  
4 recipient of the Women Who Mean Business Award from Hawaii Business and the Best  
5 Nonprofit Marketing Award from the American Marketing Association. Ms. Carapelho brings a  
6 lot of expertise and leadership to the Council.

7 We ask for your support on the confirmation of Ms. Tori Abe Carapelho to the Honolulu  
8 Subarea Health Planning Council.



March 29, 2021

The Honorable Jarret Keohokalole, Chair  
The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Health

Re: GM 561 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea, Gubernatorial Nominee, TORI CARAPELHO, for a term to expire 06-30-2023.

Dear Chair Keohokalole, Vice Chair Baker, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Medical Service Association (HMSA) appreciates the opportunity to testify in support of GM 561, the confirmation of Tori Carapelho to the Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea.

Ms. Carapelho is a seasoned executive in both the for-profit and nonprofit sectors with a strong understanding of the needs of the people of Hawaii. She is currently the President and CEO of Navian Health (formerly known as Hospice Hawaii) and has worked at Navian Health serving the people of Hawaii in various roles since 2008. Ms. Carapelho is also actively involved in the health care community serving on the Board of Directors of Kokua Mau, on the Hospice Leadership Committee of the Healthcare Association of Hawaii, and the Council of States for the National Hospice & Palliative Care Association.

We believe that Ms. Carapelho's extensive experience coupled with a Masters in Business Administration from Hawaii Pacific University as well as a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Hawaii at Manoa qualifies her for this position.

Thank you for the opportunity to support GM 561. Your consideration for the confirmation of Ms. Tori Carapelho to the Honolulu Subarea of the Health Planning Council is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Jennifer A. Walker  
Senior Vice President

**GM-561**

Submitted on: 4/3/2021 11:00:18 AM

Testimony for HTH on 4/5/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kevin Sakamoto	Testifying for Navian Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Nominating Committee,

Please support Tori Carapelho, CEO of Navian Hawaii - nomination to the Health Planning Council. As the current board chair of Navian Hawaii, I have worked closely with Tori and can testify to her strong leadership capabilities, healthcare industry experience and steadfast belief and demonstration of the highest ethical standards. Tori has done a tremendous job navigating the organization during the pandemic and ensuring it continues to serve its mission.

Thank you for your consideration and your service.

Aloha,

Kevin Sakamoto

Navian Hawaii - Board Chair

**GM-561**

Submitted on: 4/4/2021 11:03:04 AM

Testimony for HTH on 4/5/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Vicki Borges	Testifying for Navian Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

April 4, 2021

Re: Tori Carapelho, Gubernatorial Nominee, Health Planning Council/Honolulu Area

Aloha:

My name is Vicki Borges, a member of the Navian Hawaii Board of Directors. I highly recommend the nomination of Tori Carapelho to the Health Planning Council.

Governor Ige made a very wise choice in nominating Ms. Carapelho. Tori has led the Navian board at Navian Hawaii (formerly Hospice Hawaii) with a consistently smooth and steady hand, with knowledge and expertise that we rely on as directors. She is an executive "par excellence" in guiding the mission of Navian Hawaii with such extreme knowledge of the health care industry, not just hospice services.

I've known Tori since the days of Hospice Hawaii. At the time, my late husband, entertainer Jimmy Borges, chose Hospice Hawaii (now Navian Hawaii) as the organization he trusted to allow his passing to be one of his choosing - one that would allow him a "good death" - and was so comfortable with all that Navian Hawaii offered. The organization...with Tori as it's leader/executive...did not disappoint.

Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony on Tori's behalf.

With aloha,

Vicki Borges

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**GM-561**

Submitted on: 3/30/2021 1:50:01 PM

Testimony for HTH on 4/5/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Benjamin Ancheta Jr	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support Tori Carapelho's appointment to the State of Hawaii Health Planning Council. Tori has been an exemplary leader at Navian Hawaii (formerly Hospice Hawaii) for many years, the last few years as its CEO. Tori and Navian Hawaii are dedicated to the health of our community, and providing health care services to those who are in need, regardless of ability to pay. She is well-positioned to understand the needs of our community, now and into the future.

Sincerely,

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