

March 5, 2021

TO: THE SENATE, THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE, REGULAR SESSION OF 2021
COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
Senator Maile S. L. Shimabukuro, Chair
Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice-Chair
Members of the Committee

FROM: Pauline N. Namuo, Commissioner, Oahu
Hawaiian Homes Commission

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on behalf of these gubernatorial nominees.

Today, I submit my strong support for the consideration and nomination to the Hawaiian Homes Commission, Gubernatorial Nominees:

GM 578 Dennis Neves
GM 576 David Kaapu
GM 577 Michael Kaleikini

I submit this testimony in wholehearted support of these three gentlemen who have dedicated their lives to the enrichment of our Hawaiian people. As the fledgling Commissioner, I am honored to be serving with these men. I am enthralled with their banter, their intelligence, and their never ending knowledge of our culture and people in their respective locales. I am humbled in their company. We may not agree on all matters but we definitely come together for the love of our people. They are extremely worthy of their nominations and will be exemplary if you so agree.

Respectfully submitted,

Pauline N. Namuo, Commissioner, Oahu
Hawaiian Homes Commission

Aloha. I am the President of the Panaewa Hawaiian Home Lands Community Association and I submitted a letter in support of his confirmation to serve the remaining term of the Wallace Ishibashi which will end June 30, 2021. There was a list submitted to the Governor and he appointed Mike. I know there are opponents concerned about his affiliations with several organizations and businesses and his job. He didnt have enough experience or expertise of the DHHL. The picture they describe is accurate. Our questions to them is, if not him who? Should this years session end without a confirmed east hawaii commissioner, east Hawaii again will have NO representation on the Commission. Our Panaewa community has worked with Mike during his appointed term, he returned our calls, he attended our meetings, he voiced support of our community's resolution to our concerns when the Commission disagreed and for that we support his confirmation. Mahalo.

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STATE OF HAWAII

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TESTIMONY OF WILLIAM J. AILA, JR, CHAIRMAN
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
HEARING ON MARCH 9, 2021 AT 1:00 PM VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

IN SUPPORT OF

GM577

for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaiian Homes Commission,
Gubernatorial Nominee, **MICHAEL KALEIKINI**,
for a term to expire 06-30-2025

March 9, 2021

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole, and members of the Committee:

It is an honor to provide this testimony in support of Governor Ige's nomination of Mr. Michael Kaleikini to continue his service on the Hawaiian Homes Commission (HHC). Mr. Kaleikini has been serving on the Commission since his appointment in January, 2020.

Mr. Kaleikini has worked in the power generation field for the past 35 years, having spent six years in the United States Navy and 29 as an employee with Puna Geothermal Venture in Pahoia, Hawai'i Island. His responsibilities have ranged from plant operations to administration to his current role in business development.

Mr. Kaleikini resides in Waiakea, Hawai'i Island. He is active in his community in different organizations. With his extensive experience in renewable energy and business operations, Mr. Kaleikini always asks questions for clarity and information, and gives much consideration to decisions of the Commission.

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

GM-577

Submitted on: 3/3/2021 8:50:24 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/9/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Elizabeth Hansen	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This candidate is not appropriate to meet the needs of his constituents.
Please oppose.
Mahalo

GM-577

Submitted on: 3/4/2021 5:42:54 AM

Testimony for HWN on 3/9/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Susan Bambara	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Please oppose this nomination. Mike has a long history of his words which always only convey FAKE care and have never matched his actual actions and alliance to all things corporate greed. He's an excellent retired Navy man and corporate tasker, but in no way has he shown any real care or concern about the people of Hawaii Nei.

WE, in Puna know him and with whom he is aligned quite well and it isn't to represent Hawaii nei, but to continue to work and represent those corporate interests who pay him well to pretend to care about the people of Hawaii or the aina. He does not care about Hawaii and WE KNOW HIM. PLEASE Oppose this nomination. We will watch your choice carefully as that will show us who YOU are aligned with, too.

Thank you for digging deep and BRAVELY not supporting this nomination.

GM-577

Submitted on: 3/4/2021 7:22:52 AM

Testimony for HWN on 3/9/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mary True	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

As a resident of the Big Island, I strongly oppose this nomination. He has already proven he does not have our island's best interests at heart.

Governor's Message No. 577, Nomination of Michael Kaleikini to the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

This letter is in response to Governor's Message No. 577, regarding your nomination to the Hawaiian Homes Commission. To assist the Senate with its constitutionally mandated responsibility to confirm gubernatorial nominees, submission of the following information is required:

- (1) A description of your experience with respect to the scope of responsibilities for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and the Hawaiian Homes Commission, or any related field;
- (2) An assessment of your strengths and weaknesses;
- (3) An assessment of the department's strengths and weaknesses. Please include an explanation of how the department's strengths may be best utilized, as well as how the department's weaknesses may be improved;
- (4) An overall vision for the department, specifically what goals can be accomplished within the next four years and what types of annual benchmarks can be used to evaluate the department/agency's progress towards those goals;
- (5) The department's top budgetary priority for the biennium;
- (6) An assessment of the department staff's morale, including the turnover rate for personnel; and
- (7) Any foreseeable possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service in the department and how you would overcome them.

Re: Governor's Message No. 577, Nomination of Michael Kaleikini to the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

This letter is in response to Governor's Message No. 577, regarding your nomination to the Hawaiian Homes Commission. To assist the Senate with its constitutionally mandated responsibility to confirm gubernatorial nominees, submission of the following information is required:

(1) A description of your experience with respect to the scope of responsibilities for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and the Hawaiian Homes Commission, or any related field;

My early youth consisted of being raised by my maternal grandparents on Ka'ahu 'ohana homestead properties in Hau'ula, O'ahu. My grandmother, Maraena (Ka'ahu) Kahana provided the essential requirements for all of us children. Love, spirituality, emotional, physical and a sense of calmness through challenging times that we did not know was tough at the time. My grandfather, John Lewis Pao'o Kahana Sr., instilled in me, the tireless work ethic that has carried on with me wherever I go or in everything that I do. When I was growing up, I did not like my grandfather's work ethic. However, in my early and later adulthood years, it was clear that I inherited his work ethic, and to this day, am always appreciative for all of the blessings received from my maternal side of my family.

My paternal side of the Kaleikini 'ohana were beneficiaries and leasees on Hawaiian Homes Land at Ho'olehua, Moloka'i. Myself and my siblings spent numerous summers and Holiday Season's with 'ohana on the island of Moloka'i. This is where we were taught respect for the land, respect for the ocean and practicing prudent stewardship of our natural resources. Taking care of family, friends and neighbors was also instilled in me from my paternal side of our family.

Educational wise, I attended Hau'ula Elementary School, followed by Kamehameha High School till graduation in 1979. I attended college in California and at BYU-Hawaii. I did not earn a college degree. I enlisted in the US Navy for a six-year period as an engineer. My time in the military included events such as the first Space Shuttle disaster in January 1986, the overthrow of Ferdinand Marcos in the Philippine's and Operation Desert Shield in the Persian Gulf during 1990.

Since 1991, I have been employed in the power generation industry. Specifically, in the renewable energy sector, at the geothermal power generating facility located in Puna, Hawai'i. I have held numerous positions in Operations, ranging from entry level operator to Manager of the entire facility. Currently, I am in the Business Development department.

With regards to community and external engagement, my primary professional responsibilities include governmental, private, and public outreach and relations. I have volunteered and continue to be on numerous Boards on Hawaii Island, such as the American Red Cross East Hawaii Advisory Council, Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Hawaii, Hawaii Leeward Planning Conference, Hawaii Island Chamber of Commerce, Hawaii Island Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce and the Mainstreet Pahoia Association. I hope to use these relationships to further the mission of the DHHL and the Hawaiian Homes Act.

(2) An assessment of your strengths and weaknesses;

Work ethic, passion, relationship building and commitment, are strengths that come from the experiences I have been a part of, growing up with family, my formal education experiences, my time spent in the military, raising a family on Hawai'i Island and my professional experience with working at the Puna Geothermal Facility for almost 30 years. The years at the geothermal facility have provided me with many opportunities to establish numerous professional and friendship relationships. My working relationships with various County and State agencies would provide me access to hopefully assist with DHHL initiatives for East Hawai'i, Hawai'i Island and the entire State.

One key weakness, which I have been exposed to in the past year, is not being as up to speed on the many challenges DHHL faces today, along with the history of these challenges. I could say the same for the successes that the Department has experienced over the years. For me personally, trying to do too many projects at the same time is a weakness that I can improve on. Focusing on fewer tasks would result in higher quality results as compared to completing many more tasks at a lower quality level. I am a sucker for a sad story.

(3) An assessment of the department's strengths and weaknesses. Please include an explanation of how the department's strengths may be best utilized, as well as how the department's weaknesses may be improved;

In the fifteen months that I have participated as the East Hawai'i Commissioner, I have confirmed that the staff at DHHL is very committed, with many great people serving for the rehabilitation of DHHL's beneficiaries. There are many challenges throughout the entire State. Examples are illegal use of DHHL land for commercial use, tourism, there's places with many abandoned vehicles, physical occupational challenges on DHHL lands, homesteaders concerned about nearby industrial facilities, homes in a state of disrepair, infrastructure improvements needed, disputes amongst different homestead associations, etc.

From my brief experience with DHHL, Hawai'i island needs more manpower at the East Hawai'i office to accomplish more for our beneficiaries. Having available staff for Planning, Development and Enforcement would greatly improve the status of our beneficiaries on Hawai'i Island and throughout the State.

(4) An overall vision for the department, specifically what goals can be accomplished within the next four years and what types of annual benchmarks can be used to evaluate the department/agency's progress towards those goals;

Fiscal responsibility, reduce the waitlist, improve internal process for beneficiary support. An Overall Vision is something I am committed to closely working on, with fellow Commissioners and the entire Department.

(5) The department's top budgetary priority for the biennium;

Getting beneficiaries off the waitlist is at the top of my priorities. Additionally, I am aware that there are many initiatives related to improving old outdated infrastructure and capital improvement initiatives for new infrastructure and homes for those on the waitlists. With the current pandemic and the downturn in our economy, it will be essential to look for firm sources of revenue generation for the Department.

(6) An assessment of the department staff's morale, including the turnover rate for personnel; and
During the past year, even with the challenges brought forth from the COVID pandemic, it has been my observation that morale is very positive, personnel are very eager to help. There are times however, that I observe frustration. Specifically with how long it takes to resolve illegal activities that take place on DHHL lands. I'm very hopeful that with COVID vaccinations becoming more and more available, I will be able to meet with staff in person.

(7) Any foreseeable possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service in the department and how you would overcome them.

If DHHL ever decides to do a geothermal energy development on DHHL lands, it could pose a potential conflict as I am employed by a company that develops geothermal energy.

If a situation involving any of my family members that are lessee's or on the waitlist appears before the Commission, I may be in a conflicted situation and would recuse myself.

GM-577

Submitted on: 3/4/2021 7:05:11 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/9/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cory Harden	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha legislators,

Please do not support Mike Kaleikini's nomination.

Though Mike is friendly and professional, even with those who oppose him, I am deeply concerned that he has worked furthering the interests of Puna Geothermal Project for years, despite the harm it has inflicted on the community from a blowout, a near-blowout, hazardous hydrogen sulfide leaks, and 24-hour noise from repeated drilling operations.

I have also been told he supports the casino, despite evidence that gambling costs society more money in the long run than it brings in, and in general causes more negative than positive impacts.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Cory Harden, Hilo

GM-577

Submitted on: 3/4/2021 7:59:59 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/9/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Samson Poomaihealani	Individual	Comments	No

Comments:

I am a resident of Hawaii County and I am strongly opposed to Michael Kaleikini nomination to the Hawaiian Affairs committee. His position on issues regarding the beneficiaries such as gaming and development is contrary to the wishes of the beneficiaries. Do not confirm this candidate. Mahalo!

GM-577

Submitted on: 3/4/2021 10:37:38 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/9/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Christine Heath	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am voicing opposition of the nomination of Michael Kaleikini to this Hawaiian affairs committee. I am a resident of Hawaii island

GM-577

Submitted on: 3/5/2021 6:13:36 AM

Testimony for HWN on 3/9/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Harriet Burkholder	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

As a resident of Hawaii State, I oppose this nomination.

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Submitted on: 3/8/2021 7:31:25 AM

Testimony for HWN on 3/9/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sara Steiner	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

RE: GM577

OPPOSITION to Appointment of Mike Kalekini for Hawaiian Homes Commission

TO ALL CONCERNED:

I am opposed to the appointment of Mike Kalekini to the Hawaiian Homes Commission. The reason I oppose is I do not believe he has the best interests of the residents of Hawaii, including Hawaiians, in his heart. He has shown the Puna residents he only cares about money, not the Hawaiian people or the environment.

For over 20 years Mike has worked for Puna Geothermal Ventures as a manager and now public relations. Puna Geothermal Ventures has not been a good neighbor to the people of Lower Puna and Mike has been at the helm making excuses for Ormat. We enact a night drilling ban because we can't handle the 24/7 drilling abuse any longer, and Mike (Ormat) doesn't follow it.

We residents surrounding the plant have been gassed over 70 documented times in the last 30 years, including in 2014 when PGV listened to HELCO instead of their Emergency Response Plan during Hurricane Iselle and did not shut down the plant in the approaching storm. They instead ran the plant until the hurricane winds toppled trees throughout the Puna District and they gassed the residents trapped by fallen trees in Leilani Estates and Lanipuna Gardens. Mike Kalekini should have stood up for safety at that point, he stood for money instead.

Same with the 2018 eruption. According to PGV's Emergency Response Plan, at the start of an eruption in the area, PGV should have drained and removed all the pentane and secured their wells. Mike Kalekini did neither of those things, he shut the plant down on May 3rd and they did nothing at all. The residents had to get the Governor to do something about the pentane and the wells, which happened a week later. Because PGV was doing nothing, a task force to secure the wells was formed - strangely enough, without any scientist from Hawaii Volcano Observatory, but with "geothermal industry experts" from the mainland who obviously knew absolutely nothing about volcanic eruptions.

After a week of eruptions heating up the LERZ, PGV's wells were hot and expanding, the metal was bending. Instead of cementing their wells shut to protect the residents and the environment, around the evening of May 9 (May 10 UT) PGV decided to start cooling and then quenching to save their wells, injecting water (and eventually more explosive salt water) which caused massive underground explosions and 2 days later Fissure 17 broke out along the same fault they were injecting into.

All of this is easily verified by going to the HVO website under Monitoring, you can see how the earthquakes had almost died down by the evening of May 9, but once PGV turned the water on the explosions rocked a whole new part of the landscape around PGV which had prior to that time experienced no earthquakes. We will never know what really would have happened during the 2018 eruption without PGV's interference. For some reason the State or County of Hawaii never thought (or decided not to) investigate PGV and Mike Kalekini has never had to answer for the harm PGV did to the community during the eruption or the decades prior.

Luckily, us residents surrounding the PGV plant have several lawsuits in Environmental Court. Civil Numbers 20-0390, 20-0394 and my case 20-0398, which I have attached the Opening Brief for your information about the failure of the State and County of Hawaii to adequately protect Hawaii from Mike Kalekini and Ormat. I believe Mike has shown that he will go above and beyond safety protocol to protect his employer and cover up harm to Hawaii and that he is not the best available person to represent the well-being of Hawaiians.

I have been working with a geophysicist on the cause and effect of the 2018 Kilauea eruption, which has been obfuscated by various unscientific reports issued by employees of the University of Hawaii and the USGS/HVO who fail to mention PGV's actions during the eruption, or they fail to mention PGV at all. Larry Wood's report actually takes into account PGV and their actions during the eruption as shown by USGS/HVO monitoring, and I have attached that preliminary document for your review as well, which is still being finalized as new information is constantly being released on the subject of geothermal-induced seismicity and monitoring throughout the world.

Sara Steiner

The State and County of Hawaii is worse than a third-world country when it comes to protecting the people and environment from destructive geothermal development, most likely due to royalty money being paid to the State and County to hush them up. Mike Kalekini has been paying to play with our land and he didn't do a good job of stewarding it, he intentionally broke it open in 2018 and let the lava out trying to save his wells!!! A'ole Mike Kalekini, A'ole PGV.

Sara Steiner

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NOTE: I COULD ONLY ATTACH ONE DOCUMENT TO MY TESTIMONY, LARRY WOOD'S REPORT IS AVAILABLE

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Submitted on: 3/8/2021 11:57:39 AM

Testimony for HWN on 3/9/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kaakapua Swain	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I am Ka'akapua Swain. I am a life long resident of Keaukaha. I am in opposition of Mr. Kaleikini's confirmation as a DHHL commissioner. I believe we (the beneficiaries of HHCA) should be represented by someone who is a beneficiary for the same area.

Mahalo,

Ka'aka Swain

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COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Senator Maile S. L. Shimabukuro, Chair

Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice-Chair

Members of the Committee

HEARING DATE: Tuesday, March 9, 2021

Support for Hawaiian Homes Commission, Gubernatorial Nominees:

GM 576 David Kaapu

GM 577 Michael Kaleikini

GM 578 Dennis Neves

Aloha Madame Chair and Senators of the Hawaiian Affairs Committee,

I work for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, but today I am testifying as an individual. I am a native Hawaiian, a beneficiary of the Trust (O'ahu Residential Waitlist #7320), raised on a homestead in Hoolehua, Molokai.

Public service in any area is no small feat, but a volunteer policy-maker for the betterment of native Hawaiians is special. Commissioners are asked to accomplish an almost impossible task, affecting thousands of native Hawaiians and their familial legacies. With limited resources and a growing beneficiary class, the charge is daunting.

All three of these gentlemen have proven worthy advocates of the Trust's beneficiaries and continue to do their best to improve the policies that affect them.

I strongly support the confirmation of David Kaapu, Michael Kaleikini, and Dennis Neves Hawaiian Home Lands.

Leatrice W. Burrows-Nuuanu

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Submitted on: 3/8/2021 5:00:10 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/9/2021 1:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I Strongly In Opposition.

LATE

MARCH-8-2021

COMMMITEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

TO : SENATOR MAILE SHIMABUKURO, COMMITTEE MEMBERS
FROM : RANDY AWO - SUBMITTAL OF WRITTEN TESTIMONY
REGARDING : **GM 577** CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION FOR THE HAWAIIAN HOMES
COMMISSION, **GUBANATORIAL NOMINEE MICHAEL KALEIKINI**

WRITTEN TESTIMONY

Aloha Senator Shimabukuro, Committee Members.

Please accept this document as written testimony in support of **MICHAEL KALEIKINI** to be confirmed to the Hawaiian Homes Commission to serve for a term to expire June 30, 2025.

Mahalo – Randy K. Awo

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GM-577

Submitted on: 3/8/2021 9:32:15 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/9/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Hooululahui Erika Perry	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

To: Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair - Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

From: Ho'oululāhui Erika Perry

Subject: Testimony in strong opposition of Mike Kaleikini's nomination to the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

March 8, 2021

Dear Senators,

I am writing as a Native Hawaiian community member that resides in East-Hawai'i to oppose the nomination of Mike Kaleikini to the Hawaiian Homes Commission. The experience Mr. Kaleikini brings to the duties of commissioner is limited to the business sector and does not reflect a level of public service this position requires. He does not have the support of the homestead associations that will be impacted by the decisions he makes.

Over the past several decades, he has consistently taken a stand with monied interests on the issues that most divide Hawaiians and has demonstrated no ability to consider points of view that run counter to his personal preference for industrial scale developments. His legacy on the commission is likely to be one that foments divisiveness at a time when East Hawaii's homesteaders need to build consensus.

Additionally, please consider that the current process for nominating commissioners does not include the homesteaders or beneficiaries in any way. We are basically shut out except for providing testimony before the senate. We would like to see a process that would allow the community to forward names for consideration.

PLEASE VOTE NO REGARDING THE NOMINATION OF MIKE KALEIKINI TO HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION!

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ho'ouluhui Erika Perry

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To: Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair - Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

From: Cheyenne Hiapo Perry

Subject: Testimony in strong opposition of Mike Kaleikini's nomination to the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

March 8, 2021

Dear Senators,

I am writing as a Native Hawaiian Hawaiian Homes beneficiary that resides in East-Hawai'i, in the moku of Puna ahupua'a Waikahekahe, to oppose the nomination of Mike Kaleikini to the Hawaiian Homes Commission. The experience Mr. Kaleikini brings to the duties of commissioner is limited to the business sector and represents a pro-development ideology, and does not reflect a level of public and selfless service that the position requires. In addition, he does not have the support of the homestead associations that will be impacted the most by the decisions he would make. Isn't it time that the Hawaiian Homes Commission embrace and reflect our modern Hawaiian community and display core Hawaiian values and beliefs; aloha 'aina, malama haloa, and nana I ke kumu to name a few?

Over the past several decades, he has consistently taken a stand with monied interests and development and through his actions does not represent the values that we should ensure we have on the Hawaiian Homes Commission that make decisions with far ranging consequences for the Hawaiian community as a whole. There is also potential to cause irreparable harm to our sons and daughter resources, a land base intended to nurture and protect our Hawaiian community in these turbulent and uncertain times.

Additionally, please consider that the current process for nominating commissioners does not include the homesteaders or beneficiaries in any way unlike beneficiary consultation meetings which have become normal practice for large decisions affecting Hawaiian Home Lands.

Doesn't it make sense that one of the greatest decisions, that of choosing a commissioner, be guided by the voice of the people. We would like to see a process that includes the community to forward names for consideration.

PLEASE VOTE NO REGARDING THE NOMINATION OF MIKE KALEIKINI TO HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION!

mahalo,

Cheyenne Hiapo Perry

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GM-577

Submitted on: 3/8/2021 11:18:28 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/9/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alex Kauhi	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Strongly Oppose

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GM-577

Submitted on: 3/9/2021 9:13:35 AM

Testimony for HWN on 3/9/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Louisa Lee	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am from East Hawai'i and I oppose this measure. East Hawai'i Homesteaders have continuously opposed the confirmation of Mike Kaleikini as the East Hawai'i DHHL Commissioner. Give homesteaders a voice do not confirm Mike Kaleikini.

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GM-577

Submitted on: 3/9/2021 10:31:07 AM

Testimony for HWN on 3/9/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sherri Thal	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose the nomination of Mike Kaleikini. Mike has been non-transparent and a friend of corporations rather than looking after the health and safety of the people of Puna. As a resident of Puna, I ask you to please put people first and oppose this nomination.

Mahalo,

Sherri Thal, Kea'au, HI 96749