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Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board
Mark Baker

(1) Why do you wish to be a member of the Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board?

I have been a part of the elevator constructors for 25 years. I believe I could compliment the board through the experience of responsibilities of holding an Elevator Mechanics License.

(2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board?

Attend meetings, review applications of licenses, ensure the high standard of licensing is upheld. Quality workmanship and disciplines are necessary through licensing. Being a part of the board, we can ensure safe operation of conveyances through licensing.

(3) Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of an Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board member, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise and knowledge that would aid you as a member of the Board

My years of experience, I am also a qualified elevator inspector, and being an elevator adjuster. Having worked at all levels within the industry in all departments.

I also am a national elevator industry educator. Where I instruct for the elevator apprentice. As well as a Joint apprentice committee member.

(4) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service

I hope to be part of a team that ensures and maintains the strength of State licensing laws

(5) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board

I am loyal

I am dependable

I am a hard worker

(6) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as an Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board member

I have experience of working in another state and understand the importance of holding and maintaining licensing

I have participated in court processes in which having a license proved very important

Installing, maintaining and repairing of conveyances the public uses everyday must be performed by licensed individuals.

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(7) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board? How would you overcome conflicts of interest?

I don't foresee any conflicts of interest. I have already discussed the opportunity to be a part of the elevator licensing board with my employer. My responsibilities with my employer and my responsibilities as a leader do not change. I must adjust my work responsibilities to now include the privilege of participating with the board of Elevator licensing. I will do my very best.

Testimony of the Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board

**Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce & Consumer Protection
Wednesday, March 10, 2021
9:30 a.m.
Via Videoconference**

**On the following measure:
G.M. 609, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE ELEVATOR MECHANICS LICENSING BOARD,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, MARK BAKER,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2022**

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Kedin Kleinhans, and I am the Executive Officer of the Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board (Board). The Board supports the confirmation of Mr. Mark Baker to the Board as a licensee member.

Mr. Baker has been licensed as an elevator mechanic in Hawaii since June 5, 1998, and his license is current, active, and in good standing. He is currently employed by OTIS Elevator Company as a lead adjuster and was previously employed by various elevator contractors. In addition to his extensive experience, he serves as an instructor for the National Elevator Industry Education Program, mentoring apprentice elevator mechanics.

Mr. Baker has served on the Board on an interim basis since January 11, 2021, and he has attended all of the scheduled meetings since his appointment. He actively participates in meeting discussions and demonstrates his preparedness for the matters on the Board's agendas.

The Board strongly believes Mr. Baker's experience as a licensed elevator mechanic and evident desire to contribute to the profession continue to make him an exemplary candidate to serve on the Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Robert Greig
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March 1, 2021

Senator Rosalyn Baker
Hawaii State Capitol Rm 230
Honolulu, HI

Elevator Licensing Board recommendation for Mark Baker

Aloha Senator Baker,

Please accept this recommendation for Mark Baker's Appointment to the Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board.

Mark has been in the elevator trade for many years and has held his license for most of that time as well as held a license in another state. His time working in another licensed state could be valuable serving on the State of Hawaii's Licensing board. He is also in leadership roles with the International Union of Elevator Constructors Local 126 serving as the current recording secretary, sits on the local Joint Apprenticeship Committee, and a National Elevator Industry Education Program instructor. Throughout my time knowing Mark Baker, he has proven to have integrity, to be committed, and competent in everything he does.

I believe Mark Baker will be an asset to the Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board and highly recommend his appointment.

Aloha,



Robert Greig

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February 25, 2021

The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker
Chair of the Senate Committee on
Commerce and Consumer Protection
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania St., Room 230
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board Appointment

Dear Senator Baker,

I am honored to write a letter of recommendation for Mark Baker. He has been in the elevator trade since 1995 and has excelled at every step of the way and in the process has become one of Otis Elevator's top mechanics. I have known him for over twenty years and in that time, I have found him to be a person of incredible integrity, humility, intelligence, and honesty.

He is in a constant state of flux, always learning, always challenging himself to not only improve his trade knowledge but to improve the lives of everyone around him. Because of these traits he has developed into a leader within his company as well as within the International Union of Elevator Constructors (IUEC), Local 126, and has garnered the respect of not only myself but the industry as a whole.

Outside of Mark's day to day job as an elevator mechanic he also currently serves as the Recording Secretary of IUEC, Local 126, as a member of the Local 126 Joint Apprenticeship Committee, and as an Instructor in our apprenticeship program where he is able to impart his knowledge and wisdom to the next generation of Elevator Constructors.

Mark is well aware of the responsibilities, duties, and concerns facing the Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board. The passion for his job and the elevator trade has led him to seek this opportunity, where he can share his vast knowledge and present valuable insights, all in the hope that it would help in keeping and maintaining the Board's high standards. Mark has taken it upon himself to become familiar with the issues and concerns that face the elevator industry and the Board because he wants to make a difference. He stands ready to provide the needed input and direction necessary to assist the Board in moving toward the goal of providing well trained and qualified elevator mechanics which in turn will provide a safer conveyance to the riding public.

For all of these reasons I am in strong support of Mark Baker's appointment to the Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board.

Sincerely,

Marc Yamane
Business Representative – Financial Secretary
International Union of Elevator Constructors, Local 126

To whom it may concern,

I have had the honor of knowing Mark Baker since I started in the elevator trade almost 16 years ago. He was already one of the top mechanics at the company and had earned the respect of many of his peers, myself included. His dedication to the craft and his attention to safety for the public and his fellow workers make him an example to follow. I believe his experience on the job and attention to detail will make him a valuable member of the elevator mechanic licensing board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Evan Fong", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Evan Fong

Elevator mechanics licensing board member

March 5, 2001

The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker
Chair of the Senate Committee on
Commerce and Consumer Protection
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania St., Room 230
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board Appointment

Dear Senator Baker,

It gives me pleasure to write this letter of recommendation for Mark Baker. I have known Mark for 22 years. Mark is my brother-in-law.

Throughout these decades I have spent time interacting with Mark on a personal level. As a fellow construction professional I have also shared a little time within the construction community. I have witnessed his advanced level of expertise in successfully communicating to his colleagues and on-site customers. Mark is an excellent technician. He is respected by his peers and mentors others within his industry. He has always maintained his credentials through participating in advanced training..

On a personal level I have always admired Mark's ability to successfully balance a demanding career with his dedication to his wife and children. Mark is a self-motivator and he knows what it takes to deal with the challenging demands of his industry.

I highly recommend Mark Baker as a candidate for the Licensing Board appointment. I am confident that he will approach any new initiative with genuine enthusiasm and discipline to succeed.

Sincerely,

Robert Sommers - ph# 412-716-9261



3/5/2021