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GM 622: Questions for KEVIN KATAYAMA for the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects

1. Why do you wish to be a member of the Board?

I wish to continue being a member of the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects (BPEASLA) in order to aid and assist in the process of licensing Hawaii's Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects.

2. What do you perceive the role and responsibilities as a member of the Board?

I perceive the role and responsibilities as a member of the BPEASLA as one of great importance. As an owner of an engineering firm, it is comforting to know that Hawaii has a great pool of qualified Engineers to choose from due to the requirements set out by the BPEASLA.

3. Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities as a member of the Board, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise or knowledge that would aid in your decision-making ability as a member of the Board.

Given my understanding of the role and responsibilities of the Board, I believe I am qualified for the position because in the 33 years of engineering supervision, (23 of those as an owner and 5 as management) I have acquired knowledge of what Hawaii Engineers are expected to know in the mechanical engineering field.

4. What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

I hope to license highly qualified Engineers, Architects, and Surveyors for Hawaii's market during my term of service.

5. Name three qualities that best describe you and how will these qualities benefit the Board?

Three qualities that best describe myself are: Integrity, Dedication and a Team Worker. I feel each of these qualities are essential to a vibrant and functional Board.

6. Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board Member?

I feel the experience of being a past Member of the Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects Board has given me the basis to continue to improve our profession for the betterment of public safety. I was also a Board member of the Bobby Benson Center and the City & County of Honolulu Board of Appeal. This experience was valuable in understanding the nuances of various board procedures.

7. Can you see any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the Board?

I may have employees who may apply or appear before the Board in which case I will recuse myself.

**Testimony of the Board of Professional Engineers,
Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects**

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

**On the following measure:
G.M. 622, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS,
ARCHITECTS, SURVEYORS, AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, KEVIN KATAYAMA,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2024**

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Sandra Matsushima, and I am the Executive Officer of the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects (Board). The Board supports the confirmation of Mr. Kevin Katayama to the Board as a licensee member.

Mr. Katayama has been licensed as a professional mechanical engineer in Hawaii since September 3, 1993, and his license is current, active, and in good standing. He is the president and principal-in-charge of Katayama and Associates, a consulting engineering firm.

As a board member, Mr. Katayama actively participates in meeting discussions and demonstrates his preparation for all board matters. His 27+ years of experience as a professional engineer provides the Board with a wealth of knowledge, both locally and nationally. By sharing insights that he has gained over his many years of experience, Mr. Katayama has made significant contributions to the Board's deliberations. In previous years, Mr. Katayama was also a member of the Board's Rules Committee and contributed valuable information on the proposed licensure of fire protection engineers.

Mr. Katayama's interest in serving on the Board, knowledge and experience in the profession, and desire to contribute to the profession will continue to enhance the effectiveness of the Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

GM-622

Submitted on: 3/6/2021 6:32:56 PM

Testimony for CPN on 3/10/2021 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alan Urasaki	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

In Support



March 6, 2021

Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health:

Subject: Letter of Recommendation for the Confirmation of Mr. Kevin Katayama, P.E.
GM622 – Nomination to the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects,
Surveyors and Landscape Architects

Dear Honorable Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair; Honorable Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair; and Members of Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health:

Mr. Katayama is a highly respected mechanical engineer in Hawaii's design professional community. He is very knowledgeable in his professional field with many years of experience practicing engineering. Mr. Katayama continues to successfully run his consulting engineering firm, Katayama & Associates, Inc., with integrity and high ethical standards. He has demonstrated strong professional expertise in his career in the field of Mechanical Engineering.

I have known Mr. Katayama personally for the last 19 years. We have worked together and collaborated on numerous design projects in the past, as well as on current ongoing projects. Mr. Katayama will bring valuable professional experience and insight to this position. He will be a great addition to the State Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects and I strongly recommend him for this position.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ron E. Iwamoto'.

Ron E. Iwamoto, P.E.
President
Iwamoto Engineering Consultants, Inc.
Consulting Structural Engineers

March 9, 2021

**The Office of Senator Rosalyn H. Baker
Chair, Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
415 South Beretania Street, #230
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813**

Via email: baker4@capitol.hawaii.gov

Subject: Letter of Recommendation for Confirmation of Kevin K. Katayama, GM 622
Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects

Dear Honorable Senator Rosalyn H. Baker:

I am in SUPPORT of the nomination and confirmation of Mr. Kevin Katayama for the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects.

Mr. Kevin Katayama is a highly respected and qualified mechanical engineer in the design professional community. He is a knowledgeable design professional, who owns and operates his consulting engineering firm with high ethical standards and professionalism. He has demonstrated strong professional expertise in the discipline of Mechanical Engineering as a Sub-Consultant on many of my projects.

Personally, I have known Mr. Katayama for over 25 years. We have worked together closely on numerous design projects over the years as well as on current projects. I believe Mr. Katayama has valuable professional experience and insight that will be an asset to the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

ANBE, ARUGA & ISHIZU,
ARCHITECTS, INC.



Harold Y. Inouye, AIA, LEED ® AP BD+C
President

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