

STATE OF HAWAII



**KING KAMEHAMEHA
CELEBRATION COMMISSION**

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March 9, 2021

**The Honorable Chair Senator Brian
T. Taniguchi Committee on Labor,
Culture and The Arts Conference
Room 229 State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813**

Aloha e Honorable Chair and Committee Members,

**I am writing in support of Kēhaulani Keana`aina representing the Daughters
of Hawai`i being considered for confirmation to the King Kamehameha
Celebration Commission.**

**As Executive Director of the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission I
strongly support the appointment of Kēhaulani to the King Kamehameha
Celebration Commission. We look forward to her valuable input and
consider her a great addition to the commission.**

I strongly urge you to vote in favor of her appointment.

Mahalo,

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Support in favor of confirmation of appointment of Kehaulani Keana'aina to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission

Aloha Chair Taniguchi and honorable members of the committee,

On behalf of the Daughters of Hawai'i, thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in favor of confirmation of the appointment of Kehaulani Keana'aina to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.

It has been my great fortune to have known and worked closely with Kehaulani in multiple capacities these past many years. There is much to be said of her good character, her love for her culture and the beloved traditions of our people, but I will focus on Kehaulani's professionalism and efficacy where the endeavors she dedicates herself to are concerned for the purpose of her appointment.

As my Co-Chair of the King Kamehameha Day Celebration parade in Kona as well as a fellow board member for the Daughters of Hawai'i, I have seen firsthand Kehaulani's deft ability to negotiate territory that may be new to her and that requires delicacy to a great degree. Her forthcoming and altruistic nature consistently ensures that those whom she works with are satisfied with the end result and the manner in which they arrived there. She is endlessly engaged, respectful, determined, and motivated. The combination of an exceedingly well developed diplomatic and professional skill set paired with her adaptability and exceedingly compassionate nature make her an effective and dynamic addition to any organization.

Mahalo Piha,

Manu Powers
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