

(1) Why do you want to be a member of the Board?

For the past 29 years I enjoyed community service and being on boards that protects the consumer.

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

EASLA board - Accurate and strict oversight of applicants to ensure qualified professionals are vetted.

(3) In what ways do you feel that you can help protect the consumer?

Advocate the rules and guidelines of EASLA

(4) Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a 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.

For the pasted 10 years I have been a board member for the American Water Works Association (AWWA) that provides rules and regulations for safe Drinking Water. AWWA has helped me gain leadership and communication skills to be an effective board member.

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

Protecting the consumer

(6) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Board.

Respectful, Helpful, and Hard Work –

(7) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board member.

Past EASLA Chair: 2018-2019

Past EASLA Board member 2002-2009

Past EASLA Chair: 2005

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

I do not foresee any conflict of interest.

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

**Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce & Consumer Protection
Friday, April 9, 2021
9:20 a.m.
Via Videoconference**

**On the following measure:
G.M. 732, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS,
ARCHITECTS, SURVEYORS, AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, KEN OTA,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2025**

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 reappointment of Mr. Ken Ota to the Board as a public member.

Mr. Ota has served on the Board since July 1, 2017, and is devoted to being an active participant in board matters. He has attended 26 out of 34 board meetings.

Mr. Ota was the former chairperson and vice-chairperson of the Board. His active participation in meeting discussions demonstrate his preparation for matters on the Board's agenda. In addition, by sharing valuable insights that he has gained over his many years of experience as the president of Pacific Pipe, Mr. Ota contributes information that the Board has found useful when making its decisions. He is able to understand the technical issues of design professionals and is very effective in providing a perspective from the public's point of view.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

April 5, 2021

Senator Rosalyn Baker
Chair, Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 230
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Letter of Recommendation for Ken Ota

Dear Senator Baker:

It is with honor and pleasure that I recommend Mr. Ken Ota for your consideration as a member of the State of Hawaii ***Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects***.

I have known Mr. Ota for many years, both socially and professionally, and firmly believe that he has the necessary credentials, attitude and skill set to continue to serve as a contributing member of this Board.

The State is very fortunate to have dedicated community members like Mr. Ota volunteering for our boards and commissions.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric M. Matsuda". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "E" and a long, sweeping underline.

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