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Evan Fong

Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board

- (1) Why do you wish to be a member of the Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board?
 - I was recently elected as Vice-chair for the Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board and am seeking application for a second term to continue my service on the board.

- (2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board?
 - The Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board will review applications for Elevator Mechanics Licenses as well as discuss/propose changes to the rules associated with our licensing process

- (3) Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a 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.
 - I have worked in the Elevator Industry for various companies since 2005. The industry's commitment to public safety should be first and foremost and the Elevator Mechanics License will help to ensure that equipment is installed and maintained by qualified personnel. I currently serve as the Elevator Apprenticeship coordinator which helps keep me abreast of the different challenges the industry encounters as it evolves.

- (4) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?
 - I hope to provide feedback and proposals for possible changes to the current rules that will ensure fairness and compliance from the Elevator industry.

- (5) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board.
 - Fair and objective; Detail oriented; Receptive. These 3 qualities allow me to hear and understand different sides of an issue and how changes may affect different parties.

- (6) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board member.
 - As this is my application for a second term to the licensing board, I have some understanding on the process and requirements of being a board member.

- (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?
 - While I do not foresee any conflicts of interest, should they arise, I would be willing to consider any precedence or past-practice that would be relevant, or in the case of a deeper personal conflict, should recuse myself from decision making if necessary.

Testimony of the Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board

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

**On the following measure:
G.M. 781, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE ELEVATOR MECHANICS LICENSING BOARD,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, EVAN FONG,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2025**

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

My name is James Skizewski, and I am the Executive Officer of the Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board (Board). The Board supports the reappointment of Mr. Evan Fong to the Board as a licensee member.

Mr. Fong has been licensed as an elevator mechanic in Hawaii since September 13, 2010, and his license is current, valid, and in good standing. He is currently employed by the National Elevator Industry Educational Program as an area coordinator and was previously employed by various elevator contractors.

Mr. Fong has served on the Board on an interim basis since July 18, 2019, 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 that Mr. Fong's interest in serving on the Board, experience as a licensed elevator mechanic, and evident desire to contribute to the profession will continue to enhance the Board's effectiveness.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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April 4, 2021

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

Dear Senator Baker,

I am honored to write this letter of recommendation for Evan Fong, a second-generation Elevator Mechanic. Having worked closely with his father, Bill, for a number of years I have seen Evan grow and mature into the fine young man he is today, which is a person of incredible integrity and honesty. During his time in the Elevator Industry, he has proven to be an invaluable friend and colleague, often seeking his input into important matters. He has served in various positions within IUEC Local 126 and is currently our Vice-President. He has previously served as Local 126's President and has also held a seat on our Executive Board. He is an intelligent, knowledgeable, and responsible person who always made himself available to assist the Elevator Industry in any way possible.

Along with being our Vice-President he also serves as Local 126's Training Coordinator. In this capacity he is responsible for the day-to-day operations of our Apprenticeship Program. Being a former instructor with the National Elevator Industry Educational Program (NEIEP) Evan fully understands the magnitude of what the Training Coordinator's position entails and the importance of providing the necessary training and guidance to our Apprentices.

Evan is well respected by his students, his peers, and all of our employers. He is very highly motivated, takes direction well and is a team player. He may be low key, yet he is very passionate about his work so do not let his quiet enthusiasm mislead you. When faced with a difficult situation or circumstance, he will always do the right thing which demonstrates his irreproachable character.

In closing, Evan has met every challenge placed in front of him and has excelled at every step of the way. He possesses the necessary leadership qualities to assist the Elevator Mechanic's Licensing Board in reaching its current and future goals and will be an incredible asset to them. Should he be appointed to serve on the Board, I have no doubt that he will represent the State of Hawaii and the Elevator Trade to the best of his ability.

Sincerely,

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April 7, 2021

The Honorable Rosalyn H Baker
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Re: Letter of Recommendation For Evan Fong
State of Hawaii – Elevator Licensing Board

Dear Senator Baker,

Please accept this Letter of Recommendation for Evan Fong. I have had the privilege of knowing Evan Professionally and personally for many years. Over the past 16 years or so Evan has been steadfast in how he conducts himself.

Evan is highly detail oriented, organized and approached challenges intelligently and methodically. With these amazing qualities Evan is a continued asset to the elevator industry. He also is a Regional Director for Division 7 of the National Elevator Industry Educational Program (NEIEP) which conducts education and training for elevator apprentices throughout the nation.

I highly endorse Evan to continue being an excellent member of the Elevator Licensing board. He is truly a good friend and will continue to add strength for the future of the elevator industry, here in Hawaii and beyond.

Respectfully,

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