

GM 655 Brian Fujiwara

- (1) Why do you wish to be a member of the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects?

My interest in becoming a Board member is to be an active participant in the regulation of architectural services provided to the people of Hawaii.

I feel that being a part of this organization affords me the insight both as recipient and participant in the governance of oversight and monitoring of services to protect the public.

- (2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects?

The roles and responsibilities of a Board member is to provide an objective view in executing the regulation and monitoring of licensing professionals providing services in Hawaii. This role is to ensure that ethical and appropriate services are provided and to guide licensed professionals in the execution of services.

- (3) Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects 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 am a licensed Architect in Hawaii for over 21 years and worked in the field for over 34 years.

I believe I am qualified for this position for the following reasons: 1) I can work to build consensus, 2) I can work with and be supportive of administrative and staff, 3) Possess strong communication skills and can work with diverse groups and ideas in a constructive way, 4) I also have the experience in the field that contributes to the discipline that can affect the board's decisions.

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

My commitment will be to exercise the duties and responsibilities as a Board member with integrity and fairness. I acknowledge that my primary role as a Board member are 1) to contribute to defining the organization's mission and governing the fulfillment of that mission, and 2) to carry out the functions of the office as a Board member as stated in the bylaws.

- (5) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects.

Three qualities that best describe me would be 1) collaborative, 2) possess openness, honesty and transparency, 3) subscribes to and practices high moral standards. These qualities I feel will contribute to the Board's decision making in ensuring objectivity on my part as a Board member in the regulation and oversight of the Board's duties.

- (6) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects member.

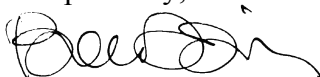
As a provider of services and a current Board member, I have had to consult with colleagues and the Board regarding sensitive issues of other providers in providing ethical considerations and continuity of care. Though the challenges faced involved other disciplines including our own profession, I was able take the feedback from the Board and manage different stakeholders in coming to a resolution. I believe my skills of collaboration and ability to remove any personal emotions attached to decision making will provide the Board with additional benefits in decision making.

- (7) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects? How would you overcome conflicts of interest?

The state of Hawaii is rather small in both population and service providers, and that many of our colleagues maybe be friends or family members, this includes people we serve. With this in mind it is important to remain objective by consulting with other colleagues when objectivity maybe impaired, and remaining not only transparent but be able to create boundaries for ethical considerations. Understanding the different roles that may arise within a small community is key to remaining objective and ethical in overcoming any foreseeable conflicts of interests.

Another way to overcome possible conflicts of interest is to inform the Board of this and recommend I recuse myself of the decision making to ensure non-biases.

Respectfully,



Brian K. Fujiwara
Licensed Architect

February 21, 2022

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

**Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Friday April 8, 2022
9:30 a.m.
Conference Room 229 and Videoconference**

**On the following measure:
G.M. 655, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, ARCHITECTS, SURVEYORS,
AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, BRIAN FUJIWARA,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2026**

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Sandra Matsushima, and I am the Executive Officer for the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects (Board). The Board supports the confirmation of Mr. Fujiwara's reappointment to the Board as an architect member.

Mr. Fujiwara has been serving as a Board member since July 2018. He has been licensed since July 2000, and his license is current, active, and in good standing. Since Mr. Fujiwara's appointment, he has attended 27 out of 30 meetings.

Mr. Fujiwara is the owner of the architectural firm, BKF and Associates, established in 2003. In addition to owning an architectural firm, he volunteers his time and energy as a committee member of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards and attends regional and national meetings to remain up to date on matter impacting the profession and regulation of the profession.

Mr. Fujiwara serves as the current Chairperson of the Board and is a valuable member as he actively participates and prepares for the discussions on agenda items, sharing insights based on his more than 20+ years of experience as an architect. Mr. Fujiwara's years of experience as an architect and his desire to contribute to the community will continue to be an asset to the Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

JL CAPITAL

April 4, 2022

Re: Nomination of Mr. Brian Fujiwara

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of Mr. Brian Fujiwara's re-nomination to the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects. Mr. Fujiwara has an extremely high level of understanding of design and architecture but more importantly, his high level of integrity and professionalism in the field is second to none.

I have known Mr. Fujiwara since 2013 and have worked with him on several projects ranging from retail, office, restaurants, and multi-family housing projects. He is currently working with our company on over 16,000 SF of office and restaurant spaces at Sky Ala Moana as well as a 40,000 SF adaptive reuse affordable housing project in the Ala Moana TOD. I have worked with Mr. Fujiwara throughout the years and am always amazed by his enthusiasm for projects, big or small, and his ability to consistently act as an anchor to get through challenges we face during any given project.

Myself and our team at JL Capital fully support Mr. Fujiwara's re-nomination for his re-appointment.

Sincerely,



Tim Lee, CEO



March 31, 2022

Office of Senator Roselyn Baker
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 230
Honolulu, HI 96813

Subject: Nomination of Mr. Brian Fujiwara
GM-655

I am writing in support of Mr. Fujiwara's re-nomination to the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects (EASLA) to continue his valuable contribution to the Board. Throughout his first term, he has demonstrated his competence and integrity in performing his duties as a Board Member. As the current Chairman of the Board, he has successfully led the Board in successfully navigating its work through the difficult past two years.

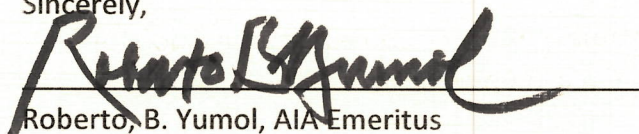
I have known Mr. Fujiwara since 2000 and have worked with him directly on several projects ranging from retail shops, housing, restaurants, among other things. As members of the EASLA Board I have seen in his first term his passion and unselfish willingness to execute his duties effectively and efficiently. He is also a current member of the Board's Rules Committee which I chair and observed firsthand his ability to weigh significant and challenging issues related to the health, safety, and welfare of the general public.

I know that with his impeccable resume and his desire to continue to serve on the Board, his contribution will again be more than welcome by the Board.

Considering his busy schedule, Mr. Fujiwara's decision to continue to undertake the challenging responsibilities inherent in this kind of public service is commendable.

I, therefore, urge you to strongly consider his re-nomination and vote in favor of his re-appointment.

Sincerely,


Roberto, B. Yumol, AIA Emeritus