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Jeremy Kimura	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Chang and Vice-Chair Kanuha,

I would like to offer my testimony in strong support of Jay Kimura's nomination to the HHFDC Board of Directors.

My father's experience in the prosecuting attorney's office and the Hawaii County Economic Opportunity Council provided him with the know-how needed to implement federal programs to benefit the people of Hawaii. He also worked to create strong community ties that will allow him to be an effective advocate for those in need of safe and affordable housing. I believe he is more than capable of assisting the agency with implementing its mission and goals.

Thank you very much for your time.

Jeremy Kimura

April 13, 2022

Dear Honorable members of the Senate:

I am writing in support of the nomination of Jay Kimura to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation. As a former Executive Director of the Hawaii County Economic Opportunity Council (HCEOC), Jay is keenly aware of the needs facing low to moderate income residents in Hawaii County and the State. One of its most pressing needs is more affordable housing options. The lack of availability of affordable housing inventory in the State has become even more obvious of late with the Covid pandemic, which has resulted in record home prices in the State. The Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation will be instrumental in serving the housing needs for low to moderate income residents.

As a retired accountant and CPA, I have known Jay for 30 years, first meeting him when he was Prosecutor for the County of the Hawaii. He is a person of ethics, fair in his decision-making, and would be an asset to the Board. Jay's work experience as County Prosecutor and Executive Director of HCEOC, along with his community service to organizations such as Friends of the Children's Justice Center of East Hawaii and Aloha Exchange Club has made the Big Island a better place to live. He is well-liked and respected in the Big Island community. Jay's pleasant demeanor and leadership skills would be undoubtedly welcomed by other members on the Board.

Please confirm Jay Kimura to the Board of Directors for the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation.

Aloha,

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Jay has been a great community leader and supporter. Please help us and continue to appoint Jay as a member of the commission.