



Princeville *at Hanalei* Community Association

Enhancing the Quality of Life and Princeville Experience for its Members

April 21, 2022

Via online submission: Capitol.Hawaii.gov

The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary
Hawai'i State Senate
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: GM818 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Registration of the Islands of Kauai and Niihau, Gubernatorial Nominee, RALPH CUSHNIE, for a term to expire 06-30-2026.

Aloha Senator Rhoads,

My name is Maylette Garces; I am the General Manager of the homeowners' association that manages the master-planned Princeville at Hanalei community, located on the north shore of Kaua'i. This community is comprised of approximately 3,000 members and spans about 1,000 acres.

The Princeville at Hanalei Community Association (PHCA) has worked with Ralph Cushnie and Cushnie Construction on various projects through the years.

I strongly support the confirmation of Ralph Cushnie to the Board of Registration of the Islands of Kaua'i and Ni'i'hau. From my experience working with Mr. Cushnie, I have found him to be fair and professional at all times. Mr. Cushnie is adept at maintaining a calming presence during any interaction and has the skill to work with matters of dispute in a balanced and steady manner.

I would gladly provide additional information if needed.

Aloha,

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GM-818

Submitted on: 4/20/2022 11:36:02 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/22/2022 4:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael A Faye	Testifying for Kikiaola Construction Co	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Kikiaola Construction SUPPORTS Ralph Cushie's appointment to the Board of Registration for the islands of Kauai and Niihau.

We believe Ralph will be honest and fair with his considerations. He is experienced and knowledgeable in many fields of construction and will be a great addition to the commission.

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Submitted on: 4/20/2022 9:15:13 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/22/2022 4:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gail Smith	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support Ralph Cushnie's nomination to the Board of Registration for Kauai and Niihau. My interaction with him has revealed his desire to become informed and involved in matters that may have an effect on the community.

Mahalo,

Gail Smith

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Submitted on: 4/20/2022 10:47:34 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/22/2022 4:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
William Cameron Haughey	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

RE: GM818

I, William Cameron Haughey, of Koloa, Kaua'i support nomination of Mr. Ralph Cushnie for the Board of Registrations Kauai and Niihau. In my experiences with Ralph Cushnie, he has always made timely, researched and educated decisions. Mr. Cushnie is a great listener and in my experience has considered many angles of a situation to make informed decisions. I have observed Mr. Cushnie consider and apply past, present, and future information to his decisions to create a better community around us. Thank you for your time and consideration of Mr. Ralph Cushnie for the Board of Registrations Kauai and Niihue and feel he will bring value to the organization.

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Submitted on: 4/20/2022 11:07:54 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/22/2022 4:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Peter Baldwin	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am testifying in support of Ralph Cushnie to the Board of Registration for the islands of Kauai and Niihau.

I have known Mr. Cushnie through the Kauai Contractors Association and through jobs that I have either been directly involved in, or involving development in my community. He has always been extremely courteous, responsive and fair, both when he worked for Goodfellows Construction and with his own company, Cushnie Construction. I have lately come to know him on a more personal level, and find him to be an extremely intelligent and concerned Citizen of the State of Hawaii and I believe he would be a valuable asset to the Board of Registration.

Both Mr. Cushnie and myself have been long time residents of Kauai, with our families going back many, many years in the States Sugar industry. Both families are deeply rooted in Kauai and Niihau, and I am confident Mr. Cushnie would continue to represent both himself and his family in a trustworthy fashion to serve the people of Kauai and Niihau.

Sincerely,

Peter K. Baldwin

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Submitted on: 4/20/2022 1:12:45 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/22/2022 4:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Steve Ientile	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this nomination.

Date: April 21, 2022

From: Norbert Pfahler

To: Hawaii Senate
Committee on Judiciary

Attn: Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair

RE: GM818 Ralph Cushnie Appointment

Please consider the appointment of Ralph Cushnie to the Board of Registration of the Islands of Kauai and Niihau.

I have known Ralph for more than 25 years and he is of upstanding character. From managing construction companies, starting his own successful business, all while raising his family here on Kauai, Ralph has demonstrated leadership, management qualities, and decision-making skills that would benefit the community and this board. Ralph can provide a commonsense approach and informed decision.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Norbert Pfahler".

Norbert Pfahler

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Submitted on: 4/21/2022 1:46:02 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/22/2022 4:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Joe Clemensen	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I have known Ralph Cushnie professionally for over 10 years, and have worked with him on many projects on Kauai. His honesty and integrity is above reproach. He is one whose word i can count on. I highly recommend him for this appointment.

Sincerely,

Joe Clemensen

GM-818

Submitted on: 4/21/2022 2:17:03 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/22/2022 4:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ana Mo Des	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To Whom it may Concern,

I am submitting testimony in favor of Ralph Cushnie being confirmed to the Board of Registration for the islands of Kauai and Ni'ihau. He is an involved and dedicated member of the community and has always been respectful and engaged in every meeting and encounter along with being generous with his support. Mr and Mrs Cushnie are highly respected business owners and have always been kind and thoughtful and we appreciate everything they have done. Mr. Cushnie is looking forward to learning and hopefully serving in this new position. I appreciate your time, dedication and consideration in confirming Ralph Cushnie to the Board of Registration.

Sincerely,

Ana Mo Des

of Kalaheo, Kauai.

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Submitted on: 4/22/2022 11:31:14 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/22/2022 4:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
James L. Cassel Jr.	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing to support Ralph Cushnie's nomination to the Board of Elections. Ralph is a perfect example of someone who has been living the American dream and been very successful at it. He is more than qualified for this position. Ralph is an American Patriot. If anyone could get us to Mars and back I would support Ralph!

GM 818 Ralph Cushnie Response

1. Please describe your understanding of the role and jurisdiction of the Board of Registration (Board).
Board Members on Election Day and Days determined by the Clerk, shall hear appeals from the voters within their district regarding Registration disputes and Voter challenges.

2. How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the Board?
My role is to learn, understand and apply the rules of HRS 11-11 through 11-54 as set forth in 11-41.

3. Why do you wish to serve as a member of the Board? Please note if you initially applied to be nominated to the Board or if you were invited to apply.
I would like to give back to the community and learn more about the process. I was invited to apply.

4. Please describe why you believe that you are qualified to be a member of the Board, and discuss any skills, expertise, knowledge, or volunteer involvement that would aid in your decision-making ability.
I have held management positions in the construction industry for the last 28 years. This includes owning and operating our own construction business along with my wife/business partner. I must understand business contracts, bidding requirements, changing industry needs, and we have to comply with many rules and regulations all of which need to be researched and acted upon. Making timely, researched, and educated decisions is a necessary part of my job. I can apply these skills to being a member of the Board.

5. What do you hope to accomplish during your term as a member of the Board?
I hope to fulfill my duties responsibly and learn more about the election process.

6. What issues do you believe that the Board has handled well in the past? What issues do you believe that the Board should address in the future?
I have not followed any of the Boards past actions. I am not aware of any specific items that need immediate action.

7. Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the Board? How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest?
I do not foresee any conflicts of interest.

8. Is there any other information regarding your experience and background that you believe should be considered for your nomination?
I must make educated and timely decisions on a daily basis. I served on the Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board approximately 14 years ago. I grew up on a sugar plantation on the Westside of Kauai. After graduating high school, I went to college and also joined the United States Marine Corps Reserve. I moved back to Hawaii and lived on Maui, Oahu, and then back to Kauai in 1994. I have been working on Kauai in the construction industry ever since.

9. Is there anything in your background that might be deemed as negative or controversial by the Senate?
No.