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April 9, 2024

The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair
The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair
and Honorable Members of the
Senate Committee on Judiciary
The Senate, Conference Room 016
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Subject: GM660 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the
Hawaii State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Plus Commission,
Gubernatorial Nominee, MICHAEL GOLOJUCH, JR., for a term to expire
06-30-2027

Dear Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Honorable Members of the Senate
Committee on Judiciary:

As Managing Director of the City and County of Honolulu, it is my distinct privilege to share my
strongest support for the consideration and confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Michael
Golojuch, Jr. to the Hawaii State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Plus
Commission.

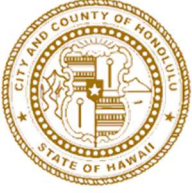
I have personally known and admired Michael to be an advocate, educator, collaborator and,
above all else – fighter, for equal rights, civil unions, marriage equality, medical aid in dying and
other civil rights and progressive initiatives since I first met him many years ago.

Michael's history of community and public service in the Democratic Party, Stonewall Caucus,
Pride at Work Hawaii, Hawaii State AFL-CIO, Labor Caucus, Aloha United Way and other
hard-working equality groups is unequaled amongst his peers. What I like most about Michael
is that he tells it like it is and he is honest to the core. There are no hidden agendas or mirrors
when it comes to Michael, you know where he stands and what he stands for, precisely the type
of Commissioner Hawaii needs on its Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Plus
Commission. Based on the above, I whole-heartedly recommend Michael Golojuch, Jr. to you
for your consideration and confirmation.

Very truly yours,

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Michael D. Formby
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April 12, 2024

The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair
The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary
415 South Beretania Street, Room 016
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

RE: GM660, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i State LGBTQ+ Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, Michael Golojuch, Jr., for a term to expire 06-30-2027

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members,

I am writing to share my strong support for the appointment of Michael Golojuch Jr to the LGBTQ+ Commission. I have known Michael for nearly 15 years and have worked with him in many capacities including on key Democratic Party of Hawai'i committees and advocacy projects in our community.

Michael is an effective leader and collaborator who has organized many movements that have impacted important policies and legislation. He is not afraid to speak up when it is needed, to keep pushing even in the face of doubt, and to find ways to get meaningful things done. He has an intricate understanding of the legislative process and has forged valuable relationships with our elected leaders. His expertise will surely be an asset to this commission.

As one of the few out elected officials in the State, I am proud to support the appointment of Michael Golojuch, Jr. as he has dedicated his life to protecting the most vulnerable among us and has proven success working to make our community safer for all of us. I ask for your support for his nomination.

Mahalo,

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Tyler Dos Santos-Tam
City Councilmember, District VI



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Thirty-Second Legislature, State of Hawai'i
Regular Session of 2024
Senate Committee on Judiciary

Testimony by IATSE 665
April 12th, 2024

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 660 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Plus Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, MICHAEL GOLOJUCH, JR., for a term to expire 06-30-2027.

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and members of the Senate committee,

My name is Tuia'ana Scanlan, International Trustee and president of IATSE Local 665, the union representing technicians and artisans in the entertainment industry in Hawai'i. I am writing to express my strong support for the appointment of Gubernatorial Nominee MICHAEL GOLOJUCH, JR to serve as a member of the Hawai'i State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Plus Commission.

Brother Golojuch, Jr. has been a steadfast advocate for the working families of Hawai'i. His dedication to the many committees and entities with which he works and represents is unquestionable. He will be an irreplaceable asset to this commission and to the state of Hawai'i.

I strongly support GM660. I hope your committee will do the same. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

In Solidarity,

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Tuia'ana Scanlan
IATSE International Trustee
President, IATSE 665
(he/him/his)



TESTIMONY FROM THE STONEWALL CAUCUS OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAII

SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

April 12, 2024

GM660: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Plus Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, MICHAEL GOLOJUCH, JR., for a term to expire 06-30-2027.

POSITION: STRONG SUPPORT

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard and esteemed Members of the Committee,

The Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i (DPH) **strongly supports Governor's Message 660, nominating MICHAEL GOLOJUCH, JR.** to the Hawai'i State LGBTQ+ commission.

The Stonewall Caucus is the first caucus of the DPH, advocating for Hawai'i's LGBTQIA+/MVPFAFF+ community since 2001. In the Caucus' March 16, 2024 meeting, a motion to support the nomination of Michael Golojuch, Jr. to the LGBTQ+ commission passed unanimously.

Michael, as current Chair of the Stonewall Caucus, brings 23 years of advocacy experience and has been crucial in requesting and facilitating the formation of the this Commission. His knowledge and experience, especially in the legislative advocacy sphere specializing in civil rights, will be helpful as a resource to all and can assist other Commissioners chosen to serve.

Over the last 23 years Michael has been at the forefront fighting for equality and a more just society where people's opportunities to succeed are based on their merits, skills and tenacity. A society where less and less doors to opportunities and success are closed solely based on people's sexual orientation or gender identity and expression.

Throughout this time, Michael has sought to share his acquired knowledge with those eager to receive it and has always proven willing to help grow results-driven activism within our own community.

Because of Michael's core values and deep held beliefs, he has been a target of much hate and hate speech in the past. Just recently, at the end of March, after attending the "Transgender Day of Visibility" rally at our State Capitol, he returned home to find the Pride Flag mounted to his home stolen, burned and disposed of nearby. This was not the first such occurrence, in fact it was the fourth, with each occurrence seemingly escalating from the last. Although this hate crime was upsetting, his only concern was not for himself, but for any keiki this or these perpetrators could target in the future - for simply being themselves.

Hate has no place and never shall be given sanctuary in our island home. But when it does arise, you can count on Michael to be right at the forefront of the fight for social justice and equality. And the Stonewall Caucus stands firmly beside him.

In closing, Michael is a strong leader who has earned respect and admiration from many community members as well as the Stonewall Caucus. He's not just an advocate, but also helps educate potential allies while finding ways toward open dialogue and resolution where needed. He excels at building and maintaining meaningful relationships and partnerships to the benefit of the entire LGBTQ+ community.

We humbly ask for your support in his confirmation.

Mahalo nui loa for your time and consideration.

Abby Simmons (she/her)

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The Thirty-Second Legislature
The Senate
Committee on Judiciary

Testimony by
Hawaii State AFL-CIO

April 12, 2024

TESTIMONY ON GM660 - SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE HAWAII'
STATE LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, QUEER, PLUS COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL
NOMINEE, MICHAEL GOLOJUCH, JR., FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2027

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and members of the committee:

The Hawaii State AFL-CIO is a federation of 74 affiliate labor organizations representing over 68,000 union members in the State of Hawaii. The AFL-CIO serves its affiliates by advocating for workers and their families before the state legislature and other state and county government branches.

The Hawaii State AFL-CIO **strongly supports** GM660, which seeks the confirmation of Michael Golojuch, Jr., for the Hawai'i State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Plus Commission, with a term expiring on June 30, 2027. Michael's comprehensive experience and steadfast advocacy for workers' rights and the LGBTQ+ community make him an exceptional nominee.

His voice has been integral in advancing labor rights, ensuring that the values of equality and fairness are upheld in workplaces throughout our state. His active involvement with the Stonewall Caucus and Pride at Work Hawai'i demonstrates his dedication to advocating for LGBTQ+ rights, making him a fitting candidate to help steer the commission toward impactful policymaking.

In conclusion, the Hawaii State AFL-CIO believes that Michael Golojuch, Jr. embodies the principles of justice, equality, and dedicated public service required for this important role. We strongly urge the committee to confirm his nomination to the Hawai'i State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Plus Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

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Randy Perreira
President



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AFSCME Local 152*

Thirty-Second Legislature

Honorable Ronald Kouchi, President

*Hawaii Pilots Association,
MM&P Pilots Division*

Members of the Senate

*Inlandboatmen's Union
of the Pacific*

RE: GM660 SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE HAWAII STATE LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER,
QUEER, PLUS COMMISSION GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, MICHAEL
GOLOJUCH FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-27

*International Brotherhood of
Boilermakers, Iron Ship
Builders, Blacksmiths,
Forgers and Helpers
Lodge 627*

Dear President Kouchi and Members of the Senate:

*International Brotherhood of
Electrical Workers Local 1186*

The Hawaii Ports Maritime Council strongly supports Michael Golojuch to serve
as the Hawaii State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Plus
Commission.

*International Brotherhood of
Electrical Workers Local 1260*

*International Longshore and
Warehouse Union Local 142*

Michael currently serves on numerous boards and committees , including the
Hawaii State AFL-CIO, Pride at Work Hawaii , and the Stonewall Caucus of the
Democratic Party of Hawaii.

*International Union of
Elevator Constructors
Local 126*

*Ironworkers Union
Stabilization Fund
Local 625*

Michael will be a valuable addition to the Hawaii State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual,
Transgender, Queer, Plus Commission, therefore we ask your committee to
support confirmation to a favorable recommendation.

*Laborers' International Union
of North America Local 368*

*Marine Engineers'
Beneficial Association*

Sincerely,

*Marine Firemen,
Watertenders, Oilers & Wipers*

*Masters, Mates and Pilots,
Offshore Division*

Randy Swindell
President

Sailors' Union of the Pacific

Seafarers International Union

Sheet Metal Workers Local 293

*United Food and Commercial
Workers International Union
Local 480*

TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HAWAII STATE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

RE: **GM660** – SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE HAWAII STATE LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, QUEER, PLUS COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, MICHAEL GOLOJUCH JR, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2027.

FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2024

JASON BRADSHAW, CHAIR
DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAII LABOR CAUCUS

Dear Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and members of the committee,

The Democratic Party of Hawaii Labor Caucus **strongly supports** Michael Golojuch, Jr. to serve as a member on the LGBTQ+ Commission.

Mr. Golojuch has been a longtime member of the Hawaii Democratic Party of Hawaii Labor Caucus and has shown strong leadership skills and an ability to work well with many different members and stakeholders. Mr. Golojuch does not shy away from work and is often the first person willing to volunteer his time to help the Caucus and fellow members who may need assistance. I am confident Mr. Golojuch will have the same work ethic and desire to make a positive impact with the LGBTQ+ Commission. I know he will be a valuable voice on the Commission and will continue his advocacy of social and economic justice.

The Democratic Party of Hawaii Labor Caucus asks your committee to **support** recommending confirmation to the full senate.

Mahalo.

GM-660

Submitted on: 4/10/2024 12:34:42 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/12/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nikos Leverenz	Testifying for Hawaii Health & Harm Reduction Center	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice-Chair Gabbard, and JDC Committee Members:

Hawaii Health & Harm Reduction Center supports the nomination of Michael Golojuch, Jr., to the Hawaii State LGBTQ+ Commission.

Mr. Golojuch has spent many years with the Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii. As such, he has direct knowledge of the progress of civil rights advances for our state’s sexual and gender minorities (SGM’s).

He can also assist with the identification of key areas where government departments can further diversity, equity, and inclusion, including the collection and dissemination of data that can identify ongoing structural barriers to fair treatment and improvements in metrics related to economic, physical, and psychosocial well-being.

For example, two reports from the Department of Health prior to the COVID-19 pandemic identified many challenges faced by our state’s SGM’s that negatively impact their quality of life, with the 2018 report focused on trans youth.

HHHRC’s mission is to reduce harm, promote health, create wellness, and fight stigma in Hawai‘i and the Pacific. We work with many individuals impacted by poverty, housing instability, and other social determinants of health. Many have behavioral health problems, including those related to substance use and mental health conditions, and have also been deeply impacted by trauma related to histories of physical, sexual, and psychological abuse.

HHHRC offers services that serve or are specifically tailored to the LGBTQ+ community, including medical case management services for people living with HIV, access to pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) to forestall HIV transmission, transgender services, distribution of safer sex supplies, syringe access, and smoking cessation through “Hawaii’s Last Drag.” In the coming years we hope to build our capacity to provide clinical behavioral health services, including treatment for opioid use disorder, as well as gender-affirming care.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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TESTIMONY TO THE HAWAII SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Item: **GM660 - Michael Golojuch, Jr. confirmation to the Hawai'i State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Plus Commission**

Position: **Support**

Hearing: **April 12, 2024, 9:30 a.m., Conference Room 016**

Submitter: **Osa Tui, Jr. – President, Hawai'i State Teachers Association**

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and members of the committee,

It is my pleasure to write to you in favor of the nomination of Michael Golojuch, Jr. to the Hawai'i State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Plus (LGBTQ+) Commission.

Mr. Golojuch is an excellent choice to serve as a member of the LGBTQ+ Commission. He has a strong work ethic and will provide a vast amount of knowledge and skills to ensure the commission succeeds in the goals it is set out to achieve. He will fight for what is right and ensure proper transparency and accountability as a board member.

In addition, Mr. Golojuch is more than qualified to serve on the LGBTQ+ Commission. For more than a decade, Mr. Golojuch has served as the Chair of the Democratic Party of Hawaii Stonewall Caucus which advocates for justice and equality for Hawaii's LGBTQ+ community. As Chair, Mr. Golojuch has successfully lobbied for social and economic justice at the legislature and county councils and is seen as an effective voice for positive change.

We appreciate his support over the years of many of our education related issues and look forward to his tenure on the LGBTQ+ Commission. I ask your committee to please **support** his nomination.



April 12, 2024

TO: Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair and
Members of the Committee on Judiciary

From: Jeanne Y. Ohta, Co-Chair
Hawai'i State Democratic Women's Caucus

RE: GM 660 Michael Golojuch, Jr. for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i State Lesbian,
Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Plus Commission

POSITION: Support Confirmation

The Hawai'i State Democratic Women's Caucus writes in support of GM 660 for consideration and confirmation of Michael Golojuch, Jr. to the Hawai'i State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Plus (LGBTQ+) Commission.

Michael Golojuch, Jr. has for decades been an active and strident advocate for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, plus community. He has shown his dedication to this community by his persistence and always showing up.

He is Chair of the Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, a board member of Pride at Work Hawai'i, Vice President of the Hawai'i State AFL-CIO, a member of the Hawai'i State Democratic Women's Caucus and a member of Aloha United Way's Safety Net Committee. Over the years has served many other community organizations.

His service has also been personal; he raises funds and delivers food and other necessities for homeless youth. Because he is and has been active in a variety of organizations, he has a broad knowledge of issues affecting the LGBTQ+ population and as well as other disenfranchised communities. He will be a valuable resource for the Commission.

The Hawai'i State Democratic Women's Caucus is a catalyst for progressive, social, economic, and political change through action on critical issues facing Hawaii's women and girls.

We respectfully ask that the Committee confirm Michael Golojuch, Jr.'s appointment to the Hawai'i State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Plus Commission.



**International Union of Painters and Allied Trades
District Council 50**

**TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
REGULAR SESSION OF 2024**

**TIME/DATE: FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2024, 9:30 A.M.,
ROOM 016 & Videoconference**

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 660 –
"SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE HAWAII
STATE LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, QUEER, PLUS
COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, MICHAEL GOLOJUCH, JR., FOR A
TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2027."**

**TO CHAIR RHOADS AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
JUDICIARY:**

The International Union of Painters and Allied Trades, District Council 50, Painters Local Union 1791, appreciates the opportunity to testify in SUPPORT to Governor's Message No. 660 – "Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Hawaii'i State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Plus Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee Michael Golojuch, Jr., for a term to expire 06-30-2027." My name is Lorna Woo, Director of Government Affairs, District Council 50, an organization comprised of five (5) unions, the Painters, Local Union 1791; the Glaziers Architectural and Glass Metal Workers, Local Union 1889; the Carpet Linoleum and Soft Tile, Local Union 1926; the Drywall, Tapers Finishers, Local Union 1944; and the Specialty Workers, Local Union 1941, representing approximately 2000 members throughout the State of Hawaii.

I am writing in strong support of Michael Golojuch, Jr., to serve on the Hawaii'i State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Plus Commission. Over the years, I have worked closely with Michael on a number of labor initiatives and I have found him hard working and very informed on issues. He is someone who is willing to make time for a discussion even when there is a lot going on. He is an outstanding communicator and works to bring all interested parties to the table.

Michael is passionate about every venture that he undertakes and never fails to give his one hundred percent.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify and I humbly ask that you support the confirmation of Michael Golojuch, Jr., to serve on the Hawaii'i State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Plus Commission.

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**THE SENATE
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THE THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2024**

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair

Friday, April 12, 2024, 9:30 AM
Conference Room 016 & Videoconference

Re: Testimony on GM660 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Plus Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, MICHAEL GOLOJUCH, JR., for a term to expire 06-30-2027

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee:

The United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO ("UPW") is the exclusive bargaining representative for approximately 14,000 public employees, which includes blue collar, non-supervisory employees in Bargaining Unit 1 and institutional, health, and correctional employees in Bargaining Unit 10, in the State of Hawaii and various counties. UPW also represents approximately 1,500 healthcare workers in the private sector.

UPW **strongly supports** GM660, which submits for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Plus Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, MICHAEL GOLOJUCH, JR., for a term to expire 06-30-2027.

Michael, through his involvement with the Stonewall Caucus and Pride at Work Hawai'i, has been integral in ensuring that the values of equality and fairness are upheld in workplaces throughout our state. As a dedicated advocate for LGBTQ+ rights, we believe he will prove to be a valued addition to the Hawai'i State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Plus Commission.

It is an honor for UPW to support Michael Golojuch, Jr.'s appointment to this commission. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of this GM660.

Sincerely,

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Kalani Werner
State Director

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GM-660

Submitted on: 4/11/2024 9:12:08 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/12/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Carolyn M Golojuch	Testifying for Rainbow Family 808	Support	In Person

Comments:

TO: Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair and Senate Judiciary Committee Members

FROM: Carolyn Martinez Golojuch, MSW

RE: Michael Golojuch, Jr. GM660

DATE: April 10, 2024

This testimony is in **Strong Support** of Michael Golojuch, Jr. (GM660) for appointment to the Hawai`I State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Plus (HSLGBTQP) Commission.

I have known Golojuch since before birth and can attest to his energy and determination. As his mother, I'm delighted to watch his continued energy and determination grow into a strong man, address the stress of moving as a child of an USAF officer around the US, Germany and Italy. He survived all the changes involved in being the "new kid on the block and comes to this Appointment with confidence, experience, determination that serves this appointment well.

Since coming to Hawai`i in 1981, he continues to use his experience and intellect for survival and success in our home of choice. He graduated from Makau Lani Elementary, St. Louis High School. Today, he is the Chair of the Hawai`I State Democratic Stonewall Caucus including a seat on the State Central Committee, the only LGBTQIA political organization, VP Hawaii AFL-CIO; Board Member of the Pride at Work (LGBT workers and allies out and organizing).

Golojuch's effectiveness is reflected in his history as an activist and community organizer. He uses his energy, and determination to complete projects, goals and missions with his present and past experience. He has a long history of finishing projects and events. Golojuch is a proven finisher.

Michael Jr. is a proud Gay Son and I'm a proud mother of my son! He reflects the saying "It takes a village to raise a child." No one claims their freedom by themselves. It takes different populations to support their efforts to win. Thus, Michael Jr. Was the Events Coordinator for the January 2017 Woman's March around the state. He reached out to so many people, so many organizations. Many of us wanted to march. As the President of Rainbow Family 808, I offered our help. As a Nonprofit, we were able to secure the State Capitol Permit for the Rally and the March. This is just one example of how Michael works well with others, and how he is an awesome coordinator, Recently, he put his office as Chair of the Democratic Stonewall Caucus forward to herald the week's Demonstration for Safe Nursing staffing, a living wage for Kapiolani Women's and Children Hospital. He promoted drivers to honk by the Demonstrators and join the picket line,

As a Social Worker by trade, I firmly believe in Civil Rights and as such I ask that you confirm Michael Golojuch, Jr. to the LBBTQP Commission so he can bring his experience, training, education, knowledge, dedication, and energy to this Hawai'i State Commission.

Thank you for listening to my testimony,

Carolyn Martinez Golojuch, MSW

Mother, Ally, Activist

GM-660

Submitted on: 4/5/2024 3:08:43 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/12/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Leimomi Khan	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, please support. I know of no other person who is as passionate and committed to the welfare of the LGBTQ+ community than Michael Golojuch, Jr. He knows first hand of their needs and has been a strong advocate for sound laws impacting the LGBTQ+ community and generally for other disadvantaged communities. No doubt he will carry out the mission of the LGBTQ+ Commission.

GM-660

Submitted on: 4/5/2024 3:44:46 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/12/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
John Bickel	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing to support the confirmation of Michael Golojuch, Jr. to the Hawai'i State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Plus Commission for a term to expire 06-30-2027. I have known him for more than a decade. I currently serve under him as a Board member of the Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party. He has a passion for LGBTQ+ issues and has a greater understanding of the intricacies of public policy issues related to this community than any one I know.

GM-660

Submitted on: 4/5/2024 4:07:04 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/12/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jacce Mikulanec	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice-Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to lend my support for GM660; Michael Golojuch Jr.'s nomination to serve on the Hawaii State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Plus Commission. Michael has been a leader withing the LGBTQ+ community for decades and will bring valuable perspective and energy to the Commission's work.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Aloha,

Jacce Mikulanec

GM-660

Submitted on: 4/5/2024 4:13:07 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/12/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Anthony Nagatani	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In my time spent as an adult in the state of Hawai'i, I have never met a more ferocious advocate for LBGTQ Human Rights than Michael Golojuch Jr.. He wears his heart on his sleeve and backs up his words with action. He is a cunning operative, an expert on the process, and no one in this state is better prepared to be the inaugural Chair of Hawai'i State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Plus Commission.

GM-660

Submitted on: 4/5/2024 5:57:04 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/12/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Rebecca Soon	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary:

I am writing in support of the nomination and confirmation of Michael Golojuch, Jr. to the Hawai'i State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Plus Commission. Michael has been a strong advocate for Hawai'i's people for many years, working tirelessly in the intricacies of our legal structures to ensure a more fair and equitable system that supports of of Hawai'i's people. His experience within government gives him an important understanding of how these systems operate and give him a valuable lens that will serve him well on the commission.

This commission can play a critical role in strengthening our systems, and we need people like Michael with the experience, knowledge, and passion to hit the ground running. I appreciate his and other nominees' willingness to serve as volunteers in this important kuleana.

Mahalo for your consideration and support of GM660.

Aloha, Rebecca

FROM THE DESK OF

Shaun Campbell

HONOLULU, HAWAI'I

April 6, 2024

Judiciary Committee
Hawaii State Senate
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Committee Members,

I offer my strong support for confirming Michael Golojuch, Jr. as the new Commissioner for the Hawai'i State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Plus Commission. Our community recognizes the countless years and effort that Michael has devoted to advancing the rights of all LGBTQI+ members in our state. He's a committed hard worker on this front. I look forward to him continuing to advance protections for our minority community.

Sincerely yours,

Shaun Campbell

HONOLULU, HAWAI'I

GM-660

Submitted on: 4/6/2024 11:33:12 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/12/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Crystal Powell	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I have had an on going social media community relationship with Michael Golojuch Jr since 2016. Together with our mutual communities of more than 10k we have engaged in progressive advocacy in the areas of lgbtq rights womens and children's rights BLM, national and international climate discussions and equity and fairness in our communities. Mike is a staunch supporter of human rights and compassionate over the rights of kids, climate and human rights. Mike would be valuable addition to any municipal management and policy discussion role.

GM-660

Submitted on: 4/7/2024 1:28:54 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/12/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha Members of the Committee on Judiciary,

I write in support of GM 660 for consideration and confirmation of Michael Golojuch, Jr. to the Hawaii State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Plus Commission.

For decades, Michael has been involved in, supported, and/or led grassroots community service, organizing, and advocacy efforts that have been central to advancing the movement toward dignity, respect, inclusion, and equality for all in Hawai'i. His experience, knowledge, and commitment, particularly in the legislative arena, are unmatched and he will bring important perspectives to the mix of the Commission's challenging work.

Sincerest regards,

Joe Wilson, Director

Lei Pua 'Ala – Queer Histories of Hawai'i Project

Qwaves Kanaka Pakipika

O'ahu House District 47 / Senate District 23

GM-660

Submitted on: 4/8/2024 12:38:49 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/12/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Aileen Wada	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I met Michael over 13 yers ago and have found him to be a very focused and hard working young man dedicated to serving the LBGTQ community

He has shown to be a positive force to promote the values and to protect the rights of this community.

I believe he will be an asset to this commission and will serve to the best of his ability. I strongly recommend his nomination to this commission.

GM-660

Submitted on: 4/8/2024 12:41:26 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/12/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gary Bradley	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear State Of Hawaii,

I am Gary Bradley, I participated in the 1st Civil Union in Hawaii and at midnight in Hawaii became one of many to be wed under the new marriage equality law.

Equality for all and not just some. It was a long, long battle, but we were granted Equality. Michael Golojuch Jr was a big part of this movement for all of us.

I worked with Michael on several non-profits and his on-going dedication for equality is priceless.

I lived in Hawaii for over 10+ years, I now live in Surprise, AZ and I'm the Director of Sales and New Business Development for Grand Avenue Produce.

I am writing to recommend Michael Golojuch Jr for Confirmation for the LGBTQ+ Commission

I have known Michael Golojuch Jr for 20 years as a colleague at and have nothing but positive things

to say.

There is no doubt in my mind that Michael will be an excellent addition to LGBTQ+ Commission.

I have always known Michael Golojuch Jr to be of sound character, being adventurous, compassionate,

conscientious, creative, flexible, persistent, resilient, sincere, and having a great sense of ambition.

Over the course of 20 years I have witnessed tremendous growth in Michael 's adaptability,

communication, leadership, negotiation, organization, self-management, teamwork, and problem solving. I am certain these cultivated skills will allow Michael to excel.

Please do not hesitate on contacting me at 808.753.1002 or gary@IslandIndoor.com if you have any

further questions or requests.

Mahalo,

Gary Bradley

*Colleen Hanabusa AAL LLC
3660 Waokanaka Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817*

April 8, 2024

The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair
The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Vice-Chair
and Members of
The Senate Committee on Judiciary
State Capitol
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai`i 96813

Re: GM 660 Michael Golojuch, Jr.
Hawai`i State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer+ Commission

Dear Chair Rhoads, Vice-Chair Gabbard and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary:

I write in strong support of your recommendation that the Senate consider and confirm GM 660 Michael Golojuch, Jr. to the Hawai`i State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer+ (“LGBTQ+”) Commission.

I believe there is no one better qualified to hold one of eight (8) voting positions as set forth in SB No 2670 SD2 HD2 CD1 (Act 41 of the 2022 Legislature). The Finding and Purpose of the law states that:

[T]here is a need to establish a body to improve the State’s interface with members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, plus community; identify the short-and long-range needs of its members; and ensure that there is an effective means of researching, planning, and advocating for the equity of this population in all aspects of state government. Accordingly, the purpose of this chapter is to establish a commission to provide for a statewide program, on a permanent and continuing basis, on the status of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, pls individuals in Hawaii.

There are eight (8) powers and duties of the commission. They cover the gamut from: acting as a clearinghouse and coordinating body; creating public awareness; recommend legislative and administrative action; encourage long-range program of education of members; maintain contacts with appropriate agencies; cooperate and collaborate with national groups; administer funds allocated to the commission’s work; and to submitting an annual report to the governor and legislature. These tasks in some form or another have been performed by Michael Golojuch, Jr. in other capacities for the benefit the LGBTQ+ community, and/or are tasks that I am certain he is able to satisfy.

The Honorable Karl Roads
Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary
April 8, 2024
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Anyone who has followed the long journey of the LGBTQ+ community since the 1993 decision of *Baehr v. Lewin (Miike)* is aware of how this community has been educating the rest of us, and standing firm in their fight for equity and justice. Michael Golojuch, Jr. is one of the pillars of that community who had an unequivocal belief that this State, and its people, will do the right thing.

The formation of the Hawai`i State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer + Commission must be one of the milestones of his personal journey.

This is why I strongly believe that Michael Golojuch, Jr. is one of most qualified to serve on this Commission. The State will be very fortunate to secure the services of a workaholic like Michael Golojuch. Ask anyone who has worked alongside him, whether on this issue for the Democratic Party of Hawai`i or the inception of the Pride parades when they were not as popular as they are today, they will all say that Michael Golojuch Jr. was the hardest worker and is a great pick for this Commission. I am one of those who has had the privilege of benefiting from Michael's hard work and commitment. Not to mention to be educated on these issues by someone I am so proud to call my friend.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in support of GM 660, Michael Golojuch, Jr. to the Hawai`i State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer+ Commission.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the above stated address; email: hanac841@yahoo.com or (808) 595-3388.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Colleen Hanabusa

Colleen Hanabusa

Aloha Chair and Committee Members,

My name is Lynn Robinson-Onderko. I am writing in strong support of the appointment of Michael Golojuch to the LGBTQ Commission. I have known Michael for 11 years. We have worked together very closely as I have served as the Secretary of the Stonewall Caucus as well as co-chairing the Membership and Communication Committees of the Democratic Party of Hawaii with him.

Michael comes with decades of experience advocating for social justice with a focus on equity and visibility for our LGBTQ community. He is an effective leader and an impactful collaborator who has organized countless movements to advance the rights of the most marginalized in our state and across the nation. Michael's vast experience drafting legislation and testimony will be of great value to the commission.

Lastly, I believe the solid rapport Michael has built with legislators and leaders in the community will surely aid in moving the priorities of the commission forward. Therefore, I humbly ask that Michael be appointed to serve.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Lynn Robinson-Onderko

GM-660

Submitted on: 4/8/2024 8:18:10 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/12/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Darlene Pang	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Michael Golojuch, Jr. has committed his complete time and energy to advocate for the LGBTQPlus community. He and his supportive family are involved in multiple community programs for teens such as the Rainbow Family organization. He is very active at the Legislature supporting causes that better our whole community. He is imminently qualified to be a part of this new commission.

April 8, 2024

Trevor Nagamine
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Honolulu, HI 96837
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Sen. Karl Rhoads, Chair
Committee on Judiciary
Hawaii State Senate
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: **GM660** — **Michael Golojuch, Jr. (Hawai'i LGBTQ+ Commission)**

Dear Chair Rhoads and Members of the Committee,

My name is Trevor Nagamine, and I am a resident of Mililani. I am also currently a member of Neighborhood Board No. 25 (Mililani/Waipio/Melemanu); however, I am submitting this testimony in my individual capacity, and this testimony does not reflect any official position of Neighborhood Board No. 25. I am writing today in support of GM660, appointing Michael Golojuch, Jr. to the Hawai'i State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Plus Commission (LGBTQ+ Commission).

I have known Michael for several years through his work with the Democratic Party of Hawai'i. He has been a steadfast and indefatigable advocate for LGBTQ+ people, and I have no doubt that he is an excellent choice to serve on the LGBTQ+ Commission.

I respectfully ask that the committee votes favorably on GM660. Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Mahalo,

Trevor Nagamine

GM-660

Submitted on: 4/9/2024 9:05:59 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/12/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kim Coco Iwamoto	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am testifying in Strong Support of GM660, Gubernatorial Nominee Michael Golojuch, Jr., submitted for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Plus Commission.

Over the past couple of decades that I have known Golojuch, he has served the LGBTQ+ community in so many ways, including as Chair of the Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii.

Perhaps what has most impressed me is that he has been a stalwart protector of our most marginalized community members: trans, non-binary, young people and those who are economically disadvantaged. He has been a thoughtful, skilled advocate, working on every single bill relating to civil rights and fairness for all.

For the reasons above, I respectfully urge you to pass GM660 out of committee.

Sincerely,

Kim Coco Iwamoto

GM-660

Submitted on: 4/9/2024 12:37:35 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/12/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Douglas Chafe	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Michael Goljuch, Jr. is a fantastic choice to serve on the LGBTQ+ Commission. I have known Michael for twenty years as a neighbor, friend, and ally in the Democratic Party. He is a thoroughly honest and trustworthy person. I know of no one who works harder for the equality and civil rights of LGBTQ+ citizens, or of any group in our community for that matter. He will bring valuable experience and a tireless work ethic to the post. I urge you to confirm Michael Golojuch Jr. to a term on the LGBTQ+ Commission.

GM-660

Submitted on: 4/9/2024 1:18:34 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/12/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Martha Randolph	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

April 9th 2024

To: Hawai'i State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Plus Commission

Concerning: GM660

Letter of Recommendation for MICHAEL GOLOJUCH, JR to be appointed to this commission

Aloha

I have known Michael since 2016 when I first officially joined the Democratic Party of Hawaii. He has always been a source of knowledge and general information about the Party, how things work, how one can participate, and frankly I have no idea how the party would get along without his participation and activism.

He is also one of the most knowledgeable people I have ever met when it comes to really understanding the growth and the changes the community has been experiencing and how best to assist that growth. Even more important may be his ability to explain to more senior party members the nature of the changes, the terminology usages, and the personal challenges the LGBTQ Community has been confronting as time has passed and new medical technology has offered them options that never existed before.

There is simply no better or more informed person who could be nominated for a position on the Commission.

Most sincerely

Martha E Randolph

Treasurer of District 27 Council

SCC representative for the Environmental Caucus

Of the Democratic Party of Hawaii

GM-660

Submitted on: 4/9/2024 1:34:49 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/12/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mericia Palma Elmore	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support Michael Golojuch Jr.'s nomination to Hawai'i State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Plus Commission. He is a tireless advocate and would serve this commission, and the state in a hardworking and respectful manner.

GM-660

Submitted on: 4/9/2024 4:33:07 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/12/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Teri Heede	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha!

I am writing to recommend Michael Golojuch, Jr. for the Hawai'i State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Plus Commission.

I have had the pleasure of working with Michael for over 20 years as an organizer and advocate for equality. In this uncertain and volatile social climate, I am confident that Michael would be an invaluable asset to your team.

Michael has always been a compassionate and enthusiastic advocate for diversity, equality and human rights. He is always willing to speak up for what is pono, even when it is difficult.

Michael is a skilled communicator and regularly holds meetings to facilitate resolutions to community issues. Michael builds relationships with people from all levels of society and provides a safe environment for everyone to have a voice in the democratic process. He regularly engages marginalized groups with a deep understanding of their issues and goals, providing sound guidance and solutions.

I am confident that Michael would be an excellent addition to your team. He is a passionate, skilled, and experienced advocate for diversity and equality.

I highly recommend Michael's appointment to the Hawai'i State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Plus Commission.

Respectfully Submitted,

Teri Heede

GM-660

Submitted on: 4/9/2024 5:55:31 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/12/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Matt Flach	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair and Committee Members,

I am writing to recommend Michael Golojuch, Jr. for the Hawai'i State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Plus Commission. I have had the pleasure of working with Michael for over 20 years as a fellow organizer and advocate for equality and inclusion.

Michael's passion and dedication are truly inspiring. For instance, during the battle for Marriage Equality in our state, Michael played a pivotal role in mobilizing community support. His clear communication and ability to connect with people from diverse backgrounds influenced the legislature's decision.

Michael is a skilled facilitator who regularly holds productive meetings to address critical community issues. He possesses a deep understanding of modern technology, social media, website management and understands the challenges faced by a committee's ability to use these vital tools for successful community outreach. His commitment to creating a safe, accessible and inclusive space for everyone to participate in the democratic process makes him an invaluable asset.

The Hawai'i State LGBTQ+ Commission is currently focusing on expanding outreach and engagement initiatives, and Michael's experience in building relationships across all levels of society would be a perfect fit. I am confident that Michael's passion, skills, and extensive experience would make him a valuable addition to your team. I highly recommend Michael's appointment and would be happy to provide any further information you may require.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Flach

GM-660

Submitted on: 4/9/2024 8:47:10 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/12/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
darcianne	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

There is no better person for this position. Michael Golojuch, Jr. is dedicated to getting any task done that benefits the LGBTQ community, always showing up to get the job done, and this is what we need for this position-a dedicated, selfless hardworker. Michael, for the 20+ years that I've been privileged to know, is the man for this job and it would be an honor to know that he is representing the LGBTQ community. Please confirm his nomination.

Respectfully submitted,

Darcianne M. Ernce

GM-660

Submitted on: 4/10/2024 8:36:11 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/12/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jeffrey Masatsugu	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support Mike's appointment to the Hawaii State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Plus Commission.

GM-660

Submitted on: 4/10/2024 3:51:12 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/12/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tomoko Hotema	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice-Chair Gabbard, and Committee Members,

My name is Tomoko Hotema, and I am submitting support for my position on GM660. Michael is a passionate member and advocate of the LGBTQIA+ community and has a vast knowledge of the complex challenges our LGBTQIA+ community faces daily. Over the years, I have witnessed Michael tirelessly advocate and fight for the rights of the LGBTQIA+ community, and I know he would serve all of us well with his expertise.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely, Tomoko Hotema

GM-660

Submitted on: 4/11/2024 7:51:58 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/12/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ryden Valmoja	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support Michael Golojuch, Jr.'s, nomination to the Hawai'i State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Plus Commission.

GM-660

Submitted on: 4/11/2024 10:49:43 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/12/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kate Stanley	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Senate Committee on Judiciary

Please recommend to the full Senate the confirmation of Michael Golojuch Jr. as member of the Hawai'i State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Plus Commission.

Michael has been a constant adovate for the rights and needs of this community.

He will be dedicaated member of the Commission.

Kate Stanley

MICHAEL J. GOLOJUCH, JR. (he/him)

Contact Information Redacted

◆ WORK EXPERIENCE

Private Consultant, Self Employed ♦ Honolulu, HI ♦ 7/09 – 1/11; 1/15 – Present

- Provides advice on the legislative process and advocacy, office management, and personnel management.
- Website design and restructuring.
- All aspects of Special Events planning, and implementation.
- Advocacy Highlights: Civil Unions (2011) - Act 1 (SB 232)
Nondiscrimination; Gender Identity (2011) - Act 34 (HB 546)
Marriage Equality: *Hawai'i Marriage Equality Act* (2013) - Act 1 (SB 1 of the 2nd Special Session)
Medical Aid in Dying: *Our Care, Our Choice Act* (2018) - Act 2 (HB 2739)
Banned conversion therapy for minors (2018) - Act 13 (SB 270)
Banned "gay panic" & "trans panic" as affirmative defenses (2018) - Act 149 (HB 711)
Hawai'i State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Plus Commission (2022) - Act 41 (SB 2670)

Private Secretary - Deputy Director, Dept. of Human Resources Development ♦ Honolulu, HI ♦ 2/11 – 1/15

- Provide administrative support to the Deputy Director of the Dept. Human Resources Development (DHRD).
- Administrative support for the Merit Appeals Board (MAB) - schedule hearings, process all appeals, ensure that all hearings are run according to the Hawaii Admin Rules, process board decisions and all answer all MAB inquiries.
- Legislative Coordinator for the department – tracked all department bills and ensures DHRD's testimonies are submitted on-time and appropriate fashion. Train the division points of contact on the testimony tracking system. Ensure that all legislative reports are transmitted on time in appropriate fashion for each session.
- Assistant Public Information Officer – handles all media and legislative inquires, ensuring that responses are delivered in accordance with all established laws, rules and policies.
- Language Access Coordinator for the department – ensure that DHRD complies with all laws, rules and regulations surrounding language access for members of the public with limited English proficiency.
- Department's Green Champion – works to help ensure the department adheres to the energy conservation program.
- Webmaster for DHRD's website and oversaw the transition from the old website platform to the new WordPress Platform. Trained the divisions' website points of contact and established the Department's posting policies.
- Launched DHRD's social media program and maintained the various platforms – Facebook, Twitter & Linked-In.
- Maintained DHRD's Emergency Evacuations procedures and ensure the other State Office Tower building tenants update their emergency evacuation procedures and evacuation rosters.
- Initiated and staffed DHRD's new employee orientation.
- Ensures that DHRD's internal policies are kept up-to-date on the department's internal website.

Special Events Director, Honolulu Marathon ♦ Honolulu, HI ♦ 5/04 – 5/09

- Directed all aspects of Hawaii's 2nd largest expo *Honolulu Marathon EXPO* - vendor sales, Expo participant activities, creation of expo guide, and attended to all vendor and customers' needs on-site at the Hawai'i Convention Center.
- Produced the State's largest annual luau the Honolulu Marathon's Luau and Concert at the Waikiki Shell.
- Managed the VIP Section on race day for international sponsors, invited guests and celebrities.
- Produced Race Day Concert in Kapiolani Park.
- Oversaw all public vendors in Kapiolani Park on race day and Finisher's certificate pick-up following the race.
- Hired and trained all Special Events staff.
- Webmaster for the Honolulu Marathon Expo website.
- Administered bringing lamination sales in-house; which meant an additional \$15,000 in revenue each year.
- Sustained and expanded Honolulu Marathon's local and international advertising at no cost to the organization.
- Honolulu Marathon's representative at all west coast major marathon expos. 2006 thru 2008.

Associate Producer, Sports Media Productions ♦ Honolulu, HI ♦ 6/02 – 9/06

- Maintained state-of-the-art video recording systems and office equipment.
- Prepared all equipment for air-transport to mainland locations.
- Coordinated transportation of all equipment to local and mainland destinations.
- Managed support staff for all static camera locations when on location shooting.
- Assisted in filming of personal messages and prepared them for production.
- Directed production of all personalized DVDs.
- Brought back in 2007 to assist with video review after timing debacle with the 2007 Honolulu Marathon.

Office Manager, Island InfoTech ♦ Honolulu, HI ♦ 11/00 – 6/02

- Part-time office manager for small office of computer consulting, programming & web development company.
- Schedule appointments and client meetings for techs and programmers.
- Handle customer service, sales and marketing.
- Use various computer software for database management, word processing, spreadsheet, and accounting.

Student Intern, DBEDT; Ocean Department ♦ Honolulu, HI ♦ 5/93 – 8/93

Student Intern, DBEDT; Tourism Specialist ♦ Honolulu, HI ♦ 5/92 – 8/93; 12/92 – 1/93

◆ **EDUCATION**

Bachelor's of Business Science Degree - Hospitality Management ♦ *University of San Francisco* ♦ 1995
High School Diploma, College Prep ♦ *Saint Louis High School in Honolulu, HI* ♦ 1991

◆ **COMPUTER PROFICIENCY**

Windows & Macintosh Operating Systems ♦ *Various Computer Applications*

Microsoft Word, expert

Microsoft Excel, expert

Microsoft PowerPoint, expert

Internet Applications, expert

WordPress, intermediate

WIX, intermediate

◆ **COMMUNITY & PUBLIC SERVICE**

Current

Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i – Chair & State Central Committee Rep. ♦ 2012 – Present;
Vice-Chair ♦ 2010-2012

Democratic Party of Hawai'i – Communications Committee – Co-Chair ♦ 2023 – 2024; and
Membership Committee – Co-Chair ♦ 2012 – 2014 & 2016 – 2018

Democratic Party of Hawai'i State Convention ♦ Co-Chair (Administration) - 2024;

Platform Co-Chair - 2014; **Resolutions Co-Chair** - 2016; and **Co-Chair (Lead)** - 2022

Labor Caucus of Democratic Party of Hawai'i – Communications Chair ♦ 2016 – Present

Pride at Work - Hawai'i Chapter – Acting President ♦ 2021 – Present

At-Large Board Member ♦ 2016 – 2021

Hawai'i State AFL-CIO – Vice President ♦ 2016 – Present

Past

Aloha United Way – Safety Net Committee Member ♦ 2013 – 2023

Blood Bank of Hawai'i – Blood Drive Coordinator ♦ 2010 – 2015

Democratic Party of Hawai'i - Party Officer – Assistant Secretary ♦ 2016 – 2018

Friends of Kapolei Hale – Volunteer ♦ 2003 – 2019

Honolulu Pride – Chair ♦ 2008 – 2015

Kapolei City Lights Electrical Parade - Co-Chair ♦ 2009 – 2014

Ua Ao O' Kapolei – Volunteer ♦ 2005 – 2019

Women's March – Hawai'i Chapter (Statewide) – Production Manager ♦ 2016-2018

Women's March on Washington – O'ahu (State Capitol) – Producer ♦ 2017

◆ **AWARDS**

2020 – The Business of Pride – Hawai'i Pacific Business News

2013 – Investment in People Award – Transformation Internship Program Team

2008 – Kapolei Outstanding Achievement Nominee for Community Service (Youth Leadership)

2005 – Kapolei Outstanding Achievement (KOA) Award for Community Service (Group) –

Founding committee member of Sunset on the Plains (Kapolei)

2004 – Flame of Hope Award – Interfaith Alliance Hawai'i

2001 – March for Equality - 7-Day 110-Finisher – Civil Union-Civil Rights Movement