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Statement of
CRAIG K. NAKAMOTO
Executive Director
Hawaii Community Development Authority
before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Thursday, April 11, 2024
1:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 016 & Videoconference

In consideration of
GM 695

**Consideration and Confirmation to the Hawai'i Community
Development Authority (Kakaako District), Gubernatorial Nominee,
MICHAEL CHINA, for a term to expire 06-30-2028.
(term to expire amended to 06-30-2025 by GM749).**

Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and members of the Committee. The Hawai'i Community Development Authority (HCDA) **supports** GM 695, that considers the confirmation of **Michael China** as the Kakaako business representative on the HCDA Board.

Mr. China is an accomplished financial advisor with his office just a couple blocks from the HCDA office. He has strong family values and has told me that he wants to serve as a way to give back to the community.

We look forward to working with Mr. China as we improve the live, work, play lifestyle of the Kakaako Community Development District.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our comments.



April 5, 2024

Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
Senator Brandon J. C. Elefante, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land
Hawaii State Capitol, CR 016
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: GM695 – Confirmation of Michael China to the Hawai'i Community Development Authority
(Kakaako District),

Dear Senator Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante and Members of the Committee:

I have known **Mikey China** for over 10 years, and have had the privilege of witnessing his growth professionally as a financial planner.

A graduate of Punahou School, Mikey grew up in Hawaii and **played for the Rainbow Warriors men's volleyball team** in the 2000s, graduating in 2009.

Mikey works in Kakaako and also owns real estate in Kakaako, and also serves the community through a non-profit that calls Kakaako home.

His dedication to his work and community has led him to achieve success in his work with Ho'ea, which is a private wealth advisory group housed within the Ameriprise group of companies.

We are fortunate that he is willing to make a further contribution to our community by serving on the HCDA board.

I have every confidence that, if confirmed, he will be an outstanding board member.

Accordingly, I urge an early confirmation.

Many thanks for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of this appointment.

With Aloha,


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April 8, 2024

Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee on Water & Land

RE: Governor's Message No. 695
Hearing date: April 11, 2024 at 1:00 pm

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante and members of the committee,

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of GM 695 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Community Development Authority (Kakaako District), Gubernatorial Nominee, MICHAEL CHINA, for a term to expire 06-30-2028.

Michael is a successful small business owner, with a strong presence in the Kakaako community. Throughout his career, he has developed significant proficiency as a leader and high-level experience in finance and real estate. These assets will be invaluable in helping to direct the responsible growth of the Kakaako area while still maintaining the character of Kakaako that the community strives to protect. In addition, Michael is a person of strong moral character and integrity, and has always exhibited a commitment to stick to the values he has developed being born and raised in Hawaii.

I know that Michael will be a valuable asset to the HCDA board, and I strongly urge this committee to confirm Ken as a commissioner to the Land Use Commission.

Mahalo,

Michael Iosua