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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 696**

**Consideration and Confirmation to the Hawai'i Community Development Authority (Kalaeloa District), Gubernatorial Nominee, MIKI'ALA LIDSTONE, for a term to expire 06-30-2025.**

Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and members of the Committee. The Hawai'i Community Development Authority (HCDA) **supports** GM 696, that considers the confirmation of **Miki'ala Lidstone** as the Kalaeloa business representative on the HCDA Board.

I have had the privilege to see firsthand Ms. Lidstone actively participate as a member of the Makakilo/Kapolei/Honokai Hale Neighborhood Board. She engages the community and asks presenters thought provoking questions, while helping to advance the work of the board

As an educator with diverse skills, Ms. Lidstone is an innovative leader as seen in her work since she founded the Ulu A'e Learning Center in Kapolei.

We look forward to working with Ms. Lidstone on bettering the Kalaeloa Community Development District.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our comments.

**GM-696**

Submitted on: 4/8/2024 10:37:36 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/11/2024 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Shirley Swinney	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Mikiala Lidstone has many attributes. Mikiala moved from a successful career in the public school system and formed a nonprofit learning center to root haumana with their community through placed based learning. She is a cultural practitioner and Kumu hula. She was reelected to a second term on the area Neighborhood Board. She remains open to opportunities to to serve her community. I strongly support Mikiala as an asset to HCDA and the Kalaeloa District.

**GM-696**

Submitted on: 4/8/2024 11:00:10 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/11/2024 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Eliza Talbot	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante and Members of the Committee,

I am pleased to offer testimony in support of Miki'ala Lidstone to serve on the Kalaeloa HCDA. Miki'ala is an outstanding and dedicated community leader for the West Oahu region. She is committed to caring for community and the environment through education and conservation. Throughout my time working with the West Oahu Community over many years, Miki'ala stands out as one of the most compassionate and knowledgeable leaders in the region.

I highly recommend her appointment to the HCDA and look forward to her contributions.

Mahalo,

Eliza Talbot