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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 697

**Consideration and Confirmation to the Hawai'i Community
Development Authority (Pulehunui District), Gubernatorial Nominee,
GLENN YAMASAKI KIMURA, for a term to expire 06-30-2028.**

Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and members of the Committee. The Hawai'i Community Development Authority (HCDA) **supports** GM 697, that considers the confirmation of **Glen Yamasaki Kimura** as the Pulehunui business representative on the HCDA Board.

Mr. Kimura's experience in renewable energy, finance and business affairs will be welcomed skills as he serves on this newly created district board.

The first contract will be signed in May 2024, to plan and build needed infrastructure in Pulehunui, and bring economic opportunities and jobs to Maui.

We look forward to working with Mr. Kimura as we commence the development of the new Pulehunui Community Development District.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our comments.

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April 4, 2024

Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
Senator Vrandon J.C. Elefante, Vice-Chair
Senate Committee on Water and Land
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Via Email

Re: Confirmation of Glenn H. Yamasaki to the Hawaii Community Development
Authority (Pulehuhui District)

Dear Senator Inouye and Senator Elefante:

I write to you in support of the appointment of Glenn H. Yamasaki as a member of the Hawaii Community Development Authority (Pulehunui District).

I have known Mr. Yamasaki for over twenty-five years, beginning when he worked with Bank of Hawaii here on Maui and continuing through the years working with mutual clients as well as on various nonprofit boards on Maui. We have served together on the Hawaii Community Foundation Maui Leadership Council, as well as the Seabury Hall Board of Trustees, and I have continued to work with Glenn over the years, consulting with him on various energy, investment and development issues. I have known Glenn to be a hard worker, and his experience and business skills have provided him the necessary tools to be an excellent advisor and businessman.

I believe Mr. Yamasaki has developed the acumen necessary to be an engaged and diligent board member. His experience working within the Maui community and various development projects will be valuable to the Hawaii Community Development Authority as it pursues its goals and objectives. He is also a supportive and dedicated husband and father, and he will bring a balanced and insightful perspective to his work. Glenn's work ethic, his experience, and comprehensive skills make him an excellent candidate for this position and will provide the Hawaii Community Development Authority with needed expertise and guidance.

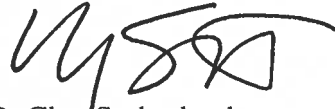
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I have the utmost respect for Glenn as a friend and colleague and strongly support his appointment to the Hawaii Community Development Authority (Pulehunui District).

I thank you in advance for your anticipated support of Glenn H. Yamasaki and would ask that his nomination as a member of the Hawaii Community Development Authority (Pulehunui District) be confirmed by the Senate Committee on Water and Land.

Thank you for your favorable consideration of Mr. Yamasaki.

Very truly yours,

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R. Clay Sutherland

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April 3, 2024

Senator Lorraine Inouye, Chair
Senate Committee on Water and Land
RE: GM 697, Glenn Yamasaki Kimura appointment

Dear Senator Lorraine Inouye,

I am writing in support of the appointment by Governor Green, of Glenn Yamasaki Kimura. I have worked with Glenn over the last 20 years, in both, my company's management and as our Estate Trustee. We have been involved together in commercial, residential real estate, wind and solar energy development and operation, on our island of Maui, the Big Island, and Oahu.

Glenn has always proven himself a man of great integrity, character, and intellect. He is practical, thorough, and a finisher. His ability to be an asset to the Hawaii Community Development Authority (Pulehunui District) would not be a question in my mind. I congratulate his willingness to serve, on behalf of the people of Maui and the State of Hawaii by accepting the appointment.

I ask that all those in approval consideration of his appointment view my recommendation.

Mahalo Nui Loa,



Kent R. Smith

April 6, 2024

Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Water and Land
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street Honolulu,
Hawaii 96813

Re: GM 697 - Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Hawai'i Community Development Authority (Pulehunui District), Glenn Yamasaki Kimura

Dear Chair Inouye and Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land,

I am in **STRONG SUPPORT** of the appointment of Glenn Yamasaki Kimura to the Hawaii Community Development Authority – Pulehunui District and do so with the utmost confidence that he will be a worthy addition to this important development authority.

In the years I have known Glenn, I have found him to be a diligent and capable individual who possesses the intelligence and technical knowledge relevant to creating economic opportunities within the context of promoting public and private sector community development.

In all of his various responsibilities, as a businessperson and various community endeavors, Glenn has demonstrated a sense of fairness, common sense, and good judgment. As a lifelong resident of Maui, he is aware of and sensitive to the values and concerns of Maui's residents.

Accordingly, I ask for your favorable consideration of Mr. Glenn Yamasaki Kimura's appointment to serve on the Hawaii Community Development Authority – Pulehunui District.

Sincerely

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Thomas Saka, Ph.D.

DATE: April 9, 2024

TO: Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Water and Land

FROM: Mark John A. Unemori
ECM Inc., President
NH Energy Ventures, Partner

SUBJECT: Nomination of Glenn Yamasaki Kimura to the Hawaii Community Development Authority
(Pulehunui District)

To Chair Inouyo, Vice Chair Elefante, and Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land,

I am writing to submit STRONG SUPPORT of the nomination of Glenn Yamasaki Kimura to the Hawaii Community Development Authority for the Pulehunui District.


My name is Mark Unemori, and I am the President of ECM Inc., an Electrical Engineering firm on Maui that has been around for over 40 years, Partner and Technical Lead for NH Energy Ventures, a renewable energy group that developed the first windfarm on Maui, various solar projects, and has been recently awarded the Ukiu Energy Project under HECO Stage 3 RFP. I also serve my community through my position as the President of the Rotary Club of Wailuku, Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 49, and Cubmaster for BSA Pack 49 Maui Family YMCA.

Glenn has been a family friend and trusted associate for a number of years before being brought on as his partner in NH Energy Ventures, serving as a technical lead on a variety of projects. We both have deep roots in the community and a common interest in supporting the youth of Maui through the BSA program, both being Eagle Scouts and serving in adult leadership roles.

I can vouch for Glenn's strong personal and professional character, as he has served on various Boards throughout his lifetime. He works hard for his friends, clients and associates, ensuring that they are always treated fairly and respectfully, and never hesitates to lend his support openly whenever called upon. Glenn has a very generous nature, donating much of his time and financial support to help those affected by the Maui Wildfires.

Glenn would be an incredible asset to the Hawaii Community Development Authority; as such I respectfully urge you to confirm Glenn Yamasaki Kimura for the Pulehunui District.

Mahalo for your consideration,



Mark John A. Unemori

Friday, April 4, 2024

Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Water and Land

Via Email

Re: GM697; Nominee Glenn H. Yamasaki Kimura; Hawaii Community Development Authority –
Representative Pulehunui Community District

Dear Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land,

I am honored to recommend Glenn Yamasaki Kimura to the Hawaii Community Development Authority (Pulehunui District). I believe that Glenn will be an asset to the HCDA and more importantly the Pulehunui District on our island of Maui.

Glenn is a proven leader, and his service for the past 15 years to numerous non-profit organizations, has proven that he is community minded and committed to the well-being and needs of the Maui County. I have had the pleasure of working with Glenn over the years, and am proud to say that we have been friends for the past 25 years. I have also had the honor to serve with him for 4 years on a non-profit board – A Keiki's Dream.

Professionally accomplished and civic minded, Glenn is also highly respected for his integrity and intelligence. I truly believe that our Island will benefit and thrive from his expertise as a member of the HCDA.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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Ken Ota