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Statement of  
**Daniel E. Orodenker**  
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State Land Use Commission

Before the  
**Senate Committee on**  
**Water and Land**

Thursday April 11, 2024  
1:00 PM  
State Capitol, Room 016 & Video Conference

In consideration of  
**GM 699**  
**FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION**  
**GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, KEN HAYASHIDA**  
**As commissioner for State Land Use Commission**  
Term to expire June 30, 2028

Chair Inouye; Vice Chair Elefante; and members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land:

Please accept this testimony in support of the confirmation of Ken Hayashida as commissioner for the State Land Use Commission. Mr. Hayashida is a well-respected member of the community and has a history of working toward the development of housing and its component infrastructure. Such expertise will be a valuable addition to the LUC, as well as his insight into the process of development, engineering, and infrastructure.

We look forward to Mr. Hayashida's participation on the commission and his expertise.



**Mitchell D. Roth**  
Mayor

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April 8, 2024

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

Hawai'i State Legislature  
415 S. Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Subject: GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 699 – Governor's nomination of Ken Hayashida  
to the Land Use Commission  
Term Ending: 6-30-2028

Aloha Senator Inouye Chair, Senator Elefante, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee on Water  
and Land,

It is my pleasure and honor to support Ken Hayashida's nomination to the Land Use Commission.

Ken Hayashida founded KAI Hawai'i, Inc. in 1995, where he currently serves as President. With a  
master's degree in civil engineering from Stanford University and decades of hands-on professional  
experience, Mr. Hayashida possesses the organizational expertise, knowledge of land use administration  
and regulation, and outstanding communication skills necessary for success in this key role.

Mr. Hayashida's statewide and national recognition highlights his commitment to innovation and  
collaboration. His dynamic leadership style and tireless dedication to community service make him an  
excellent candidate for the critical task of safeguarding our state's land resources.

Mahalo for this opportunity to express my support for Ken Hayashida's nomination to the Land Use  
Commission.

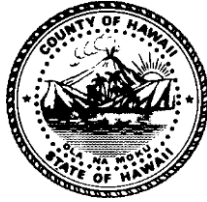
Sincerely,

Mitchell D. Roth  
Mayor  
County of Hawai'i

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April 10, 2024

The Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair  
Committee on Land and Water  
Thirty-Second Legislature  
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 210  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

**Subject: GM 699 -Nomination of Ken Hayashida for Land Use Commission**

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

I am writing this letter in **SUPPORT** for the consideration and confirmation of Governor Josh Green's nomination of Ken Hayashida as a member of the State of Hawai'i Land Use Commission.

Mr. Hayashida possesses a track record of effective leadership and is deeply involved in our community, demonstrating unwavering integrity. His appointment as a Commission member promises to be highly beneficial, given his diverse skill set and extensive board experience. This will undoubtedly contribute to the fulfillment of our State's objective to increase the availability of affordable housing for local families, all while safeguarding our environment for the well-being of future generations.

Sincerely,

Zendo Kern

Zendo Kern (Apr 10, 2024 12:15 HST)

ZENDO KERN  
Planning Director



Imanaka Asato  
A LIMITED LIABILITY LAW COMPANY

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. 699**  
**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 699 – SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE LAND USE COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, KEN HAYASHIDA, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2028.

I have known Ken for several years as both a colleague and trusted friend. He is an experienced engineer, having degrees in Civil Engineering from both the University of Hawaii and Stanford University. He also has been a professional engineer in Hawaii for more than four decades, with specialized experience in land development. In addition to his professional career, he has served the community on various boards and commissions, as well as dedicated his time to organizations such as YMCA, Iolani Palace and coaching various sports teams. His extensive experience and deep involvement in our community, set him apart as a dedicated public servant.

In my dealings with Ken, he has been fair-minded, solution-oriented, and very thoughtful. He weighs all factors and does his homework before making decisions. Ken also demonstrates important leadership qualities and a collaborative nature which will help to ensure a fair and balanced process in achieving the goals of the commission. I strongly urge this committee to confirm Ken as a commissioner to the Land Use Commission.

Mahalo,

Michael Iosua



Randy Perreira  
President

# HAWAII STATE AFL-CIO

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The Thirty-Second Legislature  
The Senate  
Committee on Judiciary

Testimony by  
Hawaii State AFL-CIO

April 11, 2024

TESTIMONY ON GM699 - SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE LAND USE COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, KEN HAYASHIDA, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2028

Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, 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 **supports** GM699, which seeks confirmation for Ken Hayashida to the Land Use Commission for a term expiring on June 30, 2028. Mr. Hayashida's extensive experience as a civil engineer and his leadership as President of KAI Hawaii, Inc. highlights his commitment to excellence and his profound understanding of the structural integrity and engineering challenges of land use and development.

Mr. Hayashida's professional and community engagement, including his past presidency of the American Council of Engineering Companies of Hawaii, showcases a dedication to advancing industry standards and contributing positively to civic life. His award-winning work reflects his technical expertise and commitment to the sustainable development of our state's infrastructure.

With Mr. Hayashida's comprehensive background and well-recognized professional contributions, the Hawaii State AFL-CIO believes he will make insightful and balanced contributions to the Land Use Commission. We advocate for his confirmation, confident that he will uphold our state's economic growth and environmental preservation values.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Randy Perreira".

Randy Perreira  
President



April 11, 2024

TO: HONORABLE LORRAINE INOUE, CHAIR, HONORABLE BRANDON ELEFANTE, VICE CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT FOR GM 699. SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE LAND USE COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, KEN HAYASHIDA, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2028.**

HEARING

DATE: Thursday, April 11, 2024  
TIME: 1:00 p.m.  
PLACE: Capitol Room 016

Dear ChairInouye, Vice Chair Elefante and Members of the Committee,

The General Contractors Association of Hawaii (GCA) is an organization comprised of approximately five hundred (500) general contractors, subcontractors, and construction related firms. The GCA was established in 1932 and is the largest construction association in the State of Hawaii. Our mission is to elevate Hawaii's construction industry and strengthen the foundation of our community.

GCA **supports** GM 699, which submits for consideration and confirmation to the Land Use Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, KEN HAYASHIDA, for a term to expire 06-30-2028.

GCA believes that Mr. Hayashida has demonstrated the required experience and expertise to be a valuable member of the Land Use Commission.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of this measure.



## OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL UNION No. 3

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Jurisdiction: Northern California, Northern Nevada, Utah, Hawaii, and the Mid-Pacific Islands

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April 8, 2024

Honorable, Lorraine R. Inouye, Senate Committee on Water and Land, Chair  
Honorable, Brandon J.C. Elefante, Senate Committee on Water and Land, Vice Chair  
Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land

**RE: GM 699: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Land Use Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, KEN HAYASHIDA, for a term to expire 06-30-2028.**

Chair Inouye,

My name is Ana Tuiasosopo. I am the District Representative and Trustee for Operating Engineers Local 3. We are the largest Construction Trades Local in the United States. I and the members of **Operating Engineers Local 3 strongly support GM 699.**

Mr. Hayashida has done a phenomenal job at the Honolulu Planning Commission. His years of experience in the engineering, planning, and development space give him a unique perspective that will be valuable to the Land Use Commission. He has received numerous awards and presented key technical engineering papers and presentations that have helped make Hawaii's buildings safer and more resilient.

We humbly ask for your consideration and confirmation of Mr. Ken Hayashida.

Sincerely,

Ana Tuiasosopo  
Hawaii District Representative, Trustee  
Hawaii Operating Engineers Local 3



**AKINAKA & ASSOCIATES, LTD.**  
Consulting Civil Engineers

Testimony of  
Ken C. Kawahara

Before the Planning Commission on  
Water and Land

Thursday, April 11, 2024  
1:00 P.M.

State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Conference Room 016

In consideration of  
GM 699  
APPOINTMENT OF MR. KEN HAYASHIDA

Chair Inouye, Vice-Chair Elefante and Honorable Members of the Committee on Water and Land:

I respectfully testify in strong support of the consideration and confirmation of Ken Hayashida to serve on the State of Hawaii Land Use Commission.

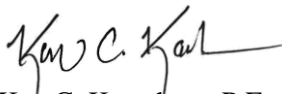
Mr. Hayashida is the President of KAI Hawaii, a structural engineering firm which he founded in 1995, and has guided it in a dynamic and visionary manner, such that the firm has grown to encompass five companies with over 150 employees.

In addition, he received the University of Hawaii College of Engineering Distinguished Alumni Award in 2013 and was named the Engineer of the Year in 2007 by the National Society of Professional Engineers.

Mr. Hayashida has been an active contributor to our community by serving on multiple boards and commissions such as the City & County of Honolulu – Planning Commission, the University of Hawaii Alumni Association, College of Engineering and Research Corporation, Center of Tomorrow's leaders, Lanakila Pacific, Japanese Cultural and 'Iolani Palace.

I am confident that Mr. Hayashida will make significant contributions on the Land Use Commission and strongly support his nomination based on his knowledge, professional experience and history of serving on various boards and commissions.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify,

  
Ken C. Kawahara, P.E.





**TESTIMONY PRESENTED BEFORE THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND  
April 11, 2024, 1:00 p.m.**

**GM 699 – NOMINATION OF KEN HAYASHIDA FOR THE LAND USE COMMISSION**

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

I strongly support the nomination of Mr. Ken Hayashida to the Land Use Commission. I have worked with Ken for nearly four years and he has consistently been a source of sound guidance, high integrity, and critical leadership for the Research Corporation of the University of Hawai'i (RCUH). Besides serving on the RCUH Board of Directors, Ken is an active and well-respected community member. He's served on the State Civil Defense–Earthquake Advisory Committee, Honolulu Planning Commission, and numerous non-profit agencies, including the Lanakila Pacific Board and Japanese Cultural Center Board.

He would be a valuable asset to the Land Use Commission with a diverse skillset and board experience. Ken would help the Commission support the State's goal to create more affordable housing for local families, while balancing protection for our environment and future generations. I wholeheartedly endorse his nomination and respectfully ask this committee to approve his nomination.

Sincerely,

Leonard R. Gouveia, Jr.  
Executive Director

# NAIOP

COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE  
DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION  
HAWAII CHAPTER

**LATE**

April 11, 2024

Senator Lorraine Inouye, Chair  
Senator Brandon Elefante, Vice Chair  
Committee on Water and Land

RE: **GM 699 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Land Use Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, KEN HAYASHIDA, for a term to expire 06-30-2028**  
**Hearing date: April 11, 2024 at 1:00PM**

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

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony on behalf of NAIOP Hawaii in **STRONG SUPPORT of GM 699 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Land Use Commission (LUC), Gubernatorial Nominee, KEN HAYASHIDA, for a term to expire 06-30-2028**. NAIOP Hawaii is the local chapter of the nation's leading organization for office, industrial, retail, residential and mixed-use real estate. NAIOP Hawaii has over 200 members in the State including local developers, owners, investors, asset managers, lenders, and other professionals.

NAIOP Hawaii stands in **STRONG SUPPORT of GM 699, appointing Ken Hayashida to the LUC**. Mr. Hayashida has vast experience as a civil engineer and is recognized as one of Hawaii's best engineers as the President of KAI Hawaii, INC. HE is well respected amongst her peers and carries herself with the utmost level of professionalism. Hawaii is fortunate to have such a respected professional step forward to serve as a member of the LUC.

In our time working with Mr. Hayashida, he has exhibited a new perspective and a strong desire to understand today's pressing issues. He brings a wealth of experience to the LUC having served on the City & County of Honolulu-Planning Commission. Further, Mr. Hayshida is a pillar of our community in volunteering with organizations such as the University of Hawaii's College of Engineering, YMCA, Lanakila, Iolani Palace, various youth sports teams, and his church. Mr. Hayashida will be a valuable member of the LUC and bring new energy, experience, and perspective to the commission. Accordingly, NAIOP Hawaii strongly supports GM 699.

Mahalo for your consideration,



Reyn Tanaka, President  
NAIOP Hawaii

**GM-699**

Submitted on: 4/5/2024 8:20:24 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>
gregg kodama	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye & Committee Members:

I am testifying in strong support of Ken Hayashida to the Land Use Commission.

Ken is a strong leader and continues to be an active contributor to Hawaii's engineering community. He and his team have worked on many projects throughout the State including DHHL's Hale Kalaniana'ole Building and Maui's Kahului Pier 1C extension. Additionally, Ken has spent a lot of time, giving back to his community by volunteering and serving with numerous boards and community organizations, both locally and nationally.

Ken will be a great addition to the Land Use Commission. He understands Hawaii's real estate market and firmly understands what it takes to get projects completed. Ken's time on the City & County of Honolulu's Planning Commission, provided him with the opportunity to learn and further understand Hawaii's intricate and mind-boggling land use processes.

Please support and confirm Ken Hayashida to the Land Use Commission.

Aloha,

Gregg Kodama

April 7, 2024

Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and Honorable Members  
Committee on Water and Land  
Hawai`i State Senate  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

**Re: Governor's Message No. 699 appointing Ken Hayashida to the State Land Use Commission**

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

I would like to express my strong support for GM 699 relating to Mr. Ken Hayashida's consideration and confirmation to the State Land Use Commission.

I have worked with Mr. Hayashida for over 25 years in my varying capacities while working for the State, the City and County of Honolulu, and while in the private sector. I have always known him to be of both high intelligence and integrity. He has done much to promote the health and sustainability of Hawaii in terms of our economy as well as the growth and support of our youth as future leaders. And he has been open to healthy debate and disagreement in order to come up with the best answers to our most difficult problems.

I believe Ken is an exceptionally qualified nominee and would humbly ask for your favorable consideration of his nomination to this position.

Aloha,

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Brennon T. Morioka, PhD, PE

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April 8, 2024

Senator Lorraine Inouye, Chair  
Senator Brandon Elefante, Vice Chair  
Committee on Water and Land  
Via email: [seninouye@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:seninouye@capitol.hawaii.gov)  
[senelefante@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:senelefante@capitol.hawaii.gov)

**Re: Letter of Recommendation and Support – Ken Hayashida  
Land Use Commission – GM 699**

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante:

My name is Riley Smith. I am a resident of Kamuela Hawaii, have lived on Hawaii island for 30+ years, and am a life-long resident of the State of Hawaii. I support Ken Hayashida's appointment to the State Land Use Commission. I have known Mr. Hayashida for over 30 years. We are both licensed professional engineers in the State of Hawaii and our paths have intersected, in a personal, as well as professional capacity, during this period of time.

**Most Importantly:**

- a. **President, Owner of KAI Hawaii:** Ken is a business owner. His endeavors currently employ over 150 employees. He knows what it means to support our economy and how land use decisions also need to balance competing needs, in order arrive at sustainable decisions for our State.
- b. **Active in his community;** Ken's past and current involvements are impressive. His professional affiliations include both national and local engineering organizations. His community endeavors include the City Planning Commission, the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii, as well as community and church leadership positions. It was always told to me, if you want to find someone who can manage their time and get things done, find a busy person. Ken is definitely a busy person!
- c. **Husband and Father:** Aside from all of his business and community activities, Ken and his wife Donna have raised their two sons. They currently both live on the mainland and I'm sure it is their hope that both Kai and Noah will someday be able to return home, raise their families in Hawaii.

He is an active community member with high integrity. He will be an excellent Commission member providing a diverse skill set and board experience. This will ensure that our State's goal to create more affordable housing for local families, while at the same time, balancing protection for our environment for future generations.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Riley W. Smith". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "R".

Riley W. Smith. P.E.

**GM-699**

Submitted on: 4/9/2024 9:37:12 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>
Hollie Amano on behalf of Arnold Martines	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Inouye & Committee Members:

I am in strong support of the appointment of Ken Hayashida to the Land Use Commission.

Ken is a strong leader and continues to be an active contributor to Hawaii's engineering community. He and his team have worked on many projects throughout the State including DHHL's Hale Kalaniana'ole Building and Maui's Kahului Pier 1C extension. Additionally, Ken is committed to giving back to our community by volunteering and serving on boards and leading initiatives that have made our island communities better.

Ken will be a great addition to the Land Use Commission. He understands Hawaii's real estate market and firmly understands what it takes to get projects completed. Ken's time on the City & County of Honolulu's Planning Commission, provided him with the opportunity to learn and further understand Hawaii's intricate and complex land use processes.

I respectfully ask for your support for Ken's appointment to the Land Use Commission.

Mahalo,

Arnold Martines

William L. Moore  
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March 9, 2024

The Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair  
Committee on Land and Water  
Thirty-Second Legislature  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 210  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Inouye:

Subject: GM 699 -Nomination of Ken Hayashida for Land Use Commission

I am writing wholeheartedly in support of the nomination of Mr. Hayashida to the State Land Use Commission. I have had the privilege of knowing Ken both personally and professionally for over 20 years. In that time he has consistently displayed a genuine commitment to both his work and his community. This is clearly evidenced in his wide range of professional and community activities.

This background and involvement provide him with a depth of understanding of the issues land use issues facing the State of Hawaii. More importantly he has the understanding and capacity to address these issues in a thoughtful and balanced manner, especially with respect to the State's goal of increasing affordable housing opportunities for local family while balancing impacts on the community and the environment.

He will be an excellent Commission member providing a diverse skill set and board experience.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide this letter of support for Mr. Hayashida.

Sincerely,



William L. Moore



**GM-699**

Submitted on: 4/9/2024 4:53:26 PM

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>
Joy Kimura	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and members of the Committee on Water and Land,

I am writing to express my strong support for GM 699, which submits for consideration and confirmation, Mr. Ken Hayashida, to the Hawaii State Land Use Commission. I have had the privilege of knowing Ken for several years, both personally and professionally, and believe that his strong and extensive background in civil engineering, as well as his experience as a Commissioner on the Honolulu Planning Commission, will make him an excellent candidate.

As the founder and owner of KAI Hawaii, Ken has over 28 years of extensive knowledge and experience in areas such as project management, structural design, construction inspection, and forensic assessment and evaluation. His company has completed over 4,000 projects over the past 26 years, and Ken has won numerous industry awards, such as the Engineer of the Year Award, by the National Society of Professional Engineers, and the Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Hawaii College of Engineering, to name a few.

In addition, Ken’s commitment to the community is commendable. In 2021, he established the “Ken and Donna Hayashida Foundation Leadership Endowment”, an educational development fund for the University of Hawaii College of Engineering. Ken’s extensive community involvement and commitment attest to his positive character and integrity.

As a fellow commissioner on the Honolulu Planning Commission, it has been a pleasure to work with Ken. Ken’s background and knowledge in engineering, construction, and development, as well as his ability to analyze complex issues and work collaboratively with various stakeholders will make him an asset on the Land Use Commission. I strongly support GM 699 and Ken’s confirmation to the Hawaii State Land Use Commission. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Joy Kimura

**GM-699**

Submitted on: 4/9/2024 8:03:18 PM

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>
K. Piltz	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair and Committee Members:

RE: GM699 Ken Hayashida for consideration and confirmation to the Land Use Commission

I stand in very strong support of Ken Hayashida for consideration and confirmation to the Land Use Commission (LUC).

Ken is a very accomplished and widely recognized leader in his chosen field and throughout the business community. Ken has also spent many years giving back through active participation in community and public services. Doesn't it make you wonder, what Ken has not done or accomplished?

Though he has done a lot, Ken still manages to spend quality time with his family, volunteer for various organizations and grow his business. And now, his is volunteering to do more, to be a part of the Land Use Commission.

Ken will be an excellent member of the Land Use Commission. His knowledge of the intricacies of Hawaii's many land use policies and goals are further expanded by his past experiences with various institutions and organizations in the community. He understands development and will be able to fairly review and discuss planning processes and issues that are brought before the LUC.

I believe that Ken will be great team member of the LUC. I strongly encourage this committee to confirm the nomination of Ken Hayashida to the Land Use Commission.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

**GM-699**

Submitted on: 4/9/2024 9:24:36 PM

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>
Kai Nani F Kraut	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing to provide my enthusiastic endorsement and recommendation for Mr. Ken Hayashida for his appointment by the Governor to the Land Use Commission. Having had the privilege of working alongside Mr. Hayashida on the CCH Planning Commission, I can confidently attest to his outstanding qualifications, unwavering dedication, and impeccable integrity.

Mr. Hayashida possesses a profound understanding of land use dynamics, coupled with a profound insight into the intricacies of Hawai'i's unique landscape and the diverse needs of its communities. His meticulous approach to difficult issues, coupled with his adept navigation of intricate regulatory frameworks, has consistently proven invaluable to our team.

In addition to his professional prowess, Mr. Hayashida is a collaborative and respectful team player who consistently fosters open dialogue and listens attentively to diverse viewpoints. His inclusive decision-making approach ensures that all voices are heard and considered, resulting in well-rounded and equitable outcomes.

I am confident that Mr. Hayashida will excel in his role on the Land Use Commission, bringing the same level of dedication, expertise, and integrity that he has consistently demonstrated during his tenure on the Planning Commission. His leadership and vision will undoubtedly contribute significantly to the effective management of land use policies and regulations in Hawai'i, ultimately benefiting our communities and preserving the beauty and integrity of our islands.