



RE: SUPPORT for Gm732

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i, Gubernatorial Nominee, MICHAEL MIYAHIRA, for a term to expire 06-30-2028.

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, and Committee Members,

The Synergistic Hawai'i Agriculture Council (SHAC) stands in **strong support** of Michael Miyahira for the Board of Agriculture. Our consortium of floriculture, papaya, macadamia and coffee commodities represents 1,500 agribusinesses, from growers to processors and shippers, stretching across the State of Hawai'i. Our organization and members have worked closely with Mr. Miyahira for close to seven years and have always been impressed with his strategic financial oversight, business planning and organizational dexterity.

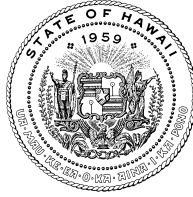
Mr. Miyahira came to SHAC at a time of transition. He assisted the Board with an internal reorganization and instituted financial and systemic protocols that allowed for growth. His expertise was vital for the health and strength of the organization.

It's my belief that Mr. Miyahira would serve as a regent with a clear vision towards the overall benefit of the University of Hawaii system.

Please contact me with any questions. 808-989-4883 or suzanne@shachawaii.org.

Mahalo nui loa!

Suzanne Shriner
Administrator



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JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR
KE KIA'ĀINA

Testimony of
Josh Green, M.D.
Governor, State of Hawai'i

Before the
Senate Committee on Higher Education

Tuesday, April 16, 2024
2:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 229, and Videoconference

In consideration of
Governor's Message No. 732

Chair Kim, Vice Chair Kidani, and members of the Senate Committee on Higher Education:

I respectfully request your favorable consideration of Governor's Message No. 732, appointment of Michael Miyahira to serve on the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i.

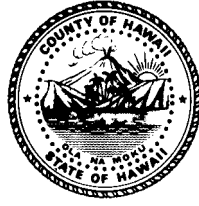
Michael Miyahira is the owner of Business Strategies, a company that provides consulting services to family owned and closely held businesses and focuses on succession planning, family business governance issues and strategic planning.

Michael spent more than 24 years with one of Hawai'i's largest commercial banks and spent the bulk of his banking career as a senior credit officer and manager of several of the bank's businesses. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce of Hawai'i, the Japanese Chamber of Commerce, the Hawai'i Island Chamber of Commerce, and the Island of Hawai'i YMCA.

Michael received his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Oregon State University.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Susan L.K. Lee Loy
Council Member
District 3



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HAWAI‘I COUNTY COUNCIL

25 Aupuni Street, Hilo, Hawai‘i 96720

April 12, 2024

The Honorable Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair
The Honorable Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Higher Education

Hawai‘i State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: GM 732: Nomination of Michael Miyahira to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai‘i

Aloha Chair Kim, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee on Higher Education:

Mahalo for the opportunity to express support for Mr. Michael Miyahira to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai‘i.

Mr. Miyahira brings a wealth of experience and institutional knowledge to the Board, having served as a seasoned banking professional, chief financial officer, and consultant to family-owned businesses. He possesses a deep understanding of financial management, strategic planning, and governance issues, honed through his roles in various organizations across Hawai‘i. His extensive community and nonprofit leadership involvement further underscores his commitment to serving the public interest. Mr. Miyahira's multifaceted experience gives him the necessary background to be an effective member of this Board.

I have every reason to believe Mr. Miyahira will contribute effectively to our communities by serving on the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai‘i. Our State and our County will benefit from his experience and leadership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan L.K. Lee Loy".

Susan "Sue" L.K. Lee Loy
Council Member, County of Hawai‘i

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April 11, 2024

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi, President
and Members of the Senate
Thirty-Second Legislature
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Kouchi and Members of the Senate,

I wholeheartedly endorse Michael (Mike) Miyahira's nomination to sit on the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents. My name is Leelen Park, and I have had the privilege of knowing Mike for nearly two years as director of development at The Food Basket and as executive director of the North Kohala Community Resource Center.

Since I have known Mike, we have worked closely together through our involvement in the Japanese Chamber of Commerce. He has consistently demonstrated exceptional qualities of leadership, integrity, and dedication. Beyond being a friend and mentor, Mike has been an invaluable asset to our community center, providing us with strategic planning services pro bono. His insights and guidance have been instrumental in shaping our organization's direction and ensuring its continued success.

Mike's commitment to community service and willingness to share his expertise for the betterment of others exemplify the qualities essential for a board regent. His passion for education and strategic insight will make him a valuable addition to the board.

I have personally benefited from Mike's advice and support and witnessed his positive impact on our organization and the broader community. I am confident he will bring the same dedication and excellence to his role as a regent of the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents.

I wholeheartedly endorse Michael Miyahira's nomination and urge the Selection Committee to consider his candidacy favorably. His leadership, experience, and commitment to service make him an outstanding candidate for this vital role.

Thank you for considering Mike's nomination. If you require any further information, don't hesitate to contact me at leelen@northkohala.org.

Sincerely,



Leelen Park
Executive Director
North Kohala Community Resource Center



Japanese Chamber of Commerce & Industry of Hawaii

April 9, 2024

Re: GM 732 – Board of Regents Nominee

Senate Committee on Higher Education

Chair Donna Mercado Kim, Vice Chair Kidani, and members of the committee,

My name is Garth Yamanaka, and I am the current president of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Hawaii (JCCIH). The Japanese Chamber of Commerce & Industry of Hawaii has been incorporated since 1951 and represents over 300 members of the business community. On behalf of JCCIH, I would like to testify in **strong support of Michael Miyahira** for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i.

The JCCIH has actively supported the University of Hawaii system through various initiatives aimed at promoting education, research, and innovation. Our partnership with the university has been instrumental in driving economic development and providing opportunities for our community.

Michael Miyahira epitomizes the values of our chamber and the broader community. His dedication to serving others, coupled with his extensive experience in business consulting and academia, uniquely positions him as an asset to the Board of Regents.

Michael's impeccable reputation, combined with his qualifications and expertise, sets him apart as one of the few individuals who can effectively contribute to the governance of the University of Hawaii system. His leadership and commitment to excellence make him an ideal candidate for the Board of Regents.

The Japanese Chamber of Commerce & Industry of Hawaii wholeheartedly believes that Michael Miyahira's appointment to the Board of Regents would be in the best interest of our community and the University of Hawaii system. We urge you to consider his candidacy favorably.

Mahalo,

Garth Yamanaka
President, 2023-2024

GM-732

Submitted on: 4/15/2024 11:16:13 AM

Testimony for HRE on 4/16/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mitchell Dodo	Testifying for Dodo Mortuary, Inc. & Crematory	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in strong support of appointing Michael Miyahira to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents.

Michael's dedication to serving others, coupled with his extensive experience in business consulting and academia, uniquely positions him as an asset to the Board of Regents. Michael's impeccable reputation, combined with his qualifications and expertise, sets him apart as one of the few individuals who can effectively contribute to the governance of the University of Hawaii system. His leadership and commitment to excellence make him an ideal candidate for the Board of Regents.

Michael has the unique ability to "translate" complex subject matters into a simpler form which everyone can understand and would make him an excellent conduit between the University and general public.



**THE SENATE
KA 'AHA KENEKOA
THE THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2024**

**COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION
Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair**

**Tuesday, April 16, 2024, 2:00 PM
Conference Room 225 & Videoconference
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street**

Aloha,

My name is Eric S. Tanouye and I am the President for the Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association. HFNA is a statewide umbrella organization with approximately 350 members. Our membership is made up with breeders, hybridizers, propagators, growers, shippers, wholesalers, retailers, educators, and the allied industry, which supports our efforts in agriculture.


The Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association (HFNA) **SUPPORTS** Mike Miyahira's appointment to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii.

We have had the privilege of having a working relationship with Mr. Miyahira and have found him to be very knowledgeable and forthcoming with recommendations and advice. He stays abreast of economical and societal changes and keeps an open mind.

His experience would be a valuable tool to the UH Board of Regents and we believe he would excel at understanding the internal structure, management, and operation of the university.

We have Mr. Miyahira to be fair, reasonable and always inclined to do what is best. We believe that the regent Board will be well served to have Mr. Miyahira on the board.

If you have any questions at this time, I would be happy to discuss them and can be reached by phone at 808-959-3535 ext. 2627, cell 960-1433 and email eric@greenpointnursery.com.


Supporting Agriculture and Hawaii,
Eric S. Tanouye
President
Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association



TAKAMINE CONSTRUCTION, INC.

April 15, 2024

Re: GM732 Nomination of Michael Miyahira to the Board of Regents for the University of Hawaii

Aloha Chair Donna Kim, Vice Chair Michelle Kidani, and members of the committee,

My name is Audrey Takamine. I am the Vice President and co-owner of Takamine Construction a local general contracting firm my husband Craig and I founded in 2003. I am writing to enthusiastically recommend Michael Miyahira for consideration as a Board of Regent for the University of Hawaii. Having had the pleasure of working closely with Mike for the past 10 years, I can attest to his strong moral character and devotion to his community. We have sat on various committees together and Mike has always been a strong leader with natural inclinations toward collaboration and problem-solving skills.

Mike is an active member in our community and truly cares about Hawaii. He is a family man with good work ethic and is well respected. I have the utmost confidence in Mike's ability to excel and make significant contributions to the University of Hawaii community. Thank you for your consideration.

Thank you,

Audrey Takamine
Vice President

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April 15, 2024

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
Chair, Senate Committee on Higher Education
Hawaii State Legislature
415 S. Beretania St.
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: GM 732 – Nomination of Michael Miyahira to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii

Dear Chairwoman Kim and Committee Members:

Please accept this letter in strong support of the confirmation of Michael Miyahira to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents. I have known Mike for over 25 years and am able to speak to his professional qualifications and character that make him an excellent candidate for service as a regent.

I first met Mike through our service in the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Hawaii, and the Japanese Community Association of Hawaii. Mike has been an example of selfless and humble service to our community. He is my most valued mentor. To this day, Mike still shares stories I never knew of my late father's service to our community, and I feel through Mike I have gained a brother I never had. I seek Mike's counsel whenever meaningful and thoughtful discussion is necessary before making decisions, whether it be a work or community matter. Mike always helps me find what the right decision and path is.

Ask anyone from our Big Island community about Mike. They will speak of his kind service when he was with Bank of Hawaii, or his current work helping small businesses, or his kind contributions in making our community a safer and better place, and his sage advice he gives (and how he allows you to figure things out for yourself and find the best path).

With all due deference to the confirmatory authority of this Committee, I kindly and humbly recommend Michael Miyahira for your favorable consideration. Mike possesses all the professional and human qualities most admired in leaders from our Big Island community.

Very truly yours,

TORKILDSON KATZ
A Law Corporation



Lincoln S. T. Ashida

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GM-732

Submitted on: 4/15/2024 9:01:34 PM

Testimony for HRE on 4/16/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Wayne Kamitaki	Testifying for Maui Varieties, Ltd./HouseMart Ben Franklin Crafts, Ace Hardware and Daiso	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Committee on Higher Education of the Hawaii State Senate,

I wish to provide support testimony to Michael Miyahira's confirmation to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii.

I have known Mike for over 30 years in various capacities. First we served together for many years on the Island of Hawaii YMCA Board. Mike continues to serve on the Board. His level headed leadership and financial acumen have been an asset to the Y.

Mike has also been a long time consultant to our family business and has very successfully advised and helped direct the generational transition of our family business ownership. If you are familiar with local family businesses and generational transition, you will appreciate his steady thoughtfulness in planning, meeting and successfully accomplishing a mutual decision among the different individuals. We are moving into a fourth generation of our family business.

Mike is a very hard worker and I am very confident that he will bring the same sage and experienced wisdom in working together to accomplish agreement to mutually benefit all involved.

His years of financial experience as a banker and additionally his ability to serve his customers have won him respect and support in the community.

Please give him your vote of support and approval to serve on the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii.

Thank you very much,

Wayne Kamitaki

HouseMart Ben Franklin Crafts, Ace Hardware and Daiso Stores

Thomas Goya
1665 Akolea Place
Hilo, Hawaii 96720

April 10, 2024

**Subject: Letter of Recommendation in Support of the
Nomination of Michael Miyahira,
University of Hawaii Board of Regents
Re: GM 732**

Senate Higher Education Committee

Chair Dona Mercado Kim, Members of the Committee

This letter is in support of Mr. Michael Miyahira to be a member of the University of Hawaii Board of Regents. I have known Mike for more than thirty years dating back to his days as a business banker with the Bank of Hawaii, Hilo Branch. To this date, his unwavering character is the epitome of being a “doer”.

My interaction with Mike includes the following:

1) In the 1990’s, as newer members of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Hawaii, I found Mike to be easy to talk to and we worked well together within the organization on a whole range of initiatives. It was during this time that I recruited him to join me on the Board of Directors, then as an Assistant Auditor which eventually led to him becoming the President in 2001.

2) In his capacity as the 2001 President of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Hawaii he guided the Chamber in proactively supporting the many business, economic, social and health issues that affected our community. He stayed true to the Chamber’s guiding principles of “Okage Sama De” (I am what I am because of you.) and “Kahiau” (Giving without expectation of anything in return).

3) To this day, Mike remains a Director of the Chamber and continues to provide guidance to those who currently lead the organization. As the 1997 Past President and current Director, I have maintained my business and

Chamber relationship with Mike in support of the many causes, challenges and opportunities that impact our community and Hawaii Island and know that his interests are genuine.

Of particular interest, the appropriate development of the University of Hawaii at Hilo has been and continues to be a focal initiative for the Chamber. And, through his involvement and exposure Mike is aware of what needs to be done to help put in place the essential pathway for a clearer vision for not only the University of Hawaii at Hilo and the Hawaii Community College but also the Statewide University of Hawaii system.

4) Throughout the years, we have served together on many committees and initiatives. Mike is a doer. To his credit and recognition, his personal integrity reflects his humble nature and caring ways. He is looked upon as a leader not only in Hilo but throughout Hawaii Island. Mike's expertise in finance, strategic planning and family business planning is an asset in making decisions that are necessary to move Hawaii in the direction of a more sustainable society. His business acumen and accounting background ensures that the right questions will be asked and acted upon.

It is my honor to recommend that my friend, Mike Miyahira, be confirmed as a University of Hawaii Regent. You can be assured that his knowledge and leadership abilities will help move the University of Hawaii to become a more recognized premier institution of higher learning in the Pacific region and beyond.

If you have any questions, I will be happy to provide you more information in support of his nomination. You can contact me at 808-989-5953 or at tommygoya@gmail.com.

Mahalo for your consideration of my letter of endorsement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tommy Goya', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Tommy Goya

Senate Committee on Higher Education

April 14, 2024

Re: Confirmation of the appointment of Michael Miyahira to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents.

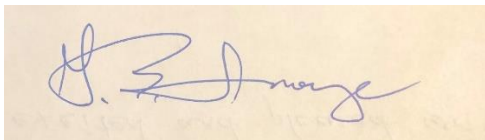
Dear Chairperson Kim and Members of the Committee on Higher Education,

My name is Gordon Inouye, a resident of the Big Island of Hawaii. I am President of Puna Flower Power, an orchid grower's cooperative and serve as the Big Island Director for the Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association (HFNA). I am one of the two HFNA representatives and Board Member of Synergistic Hawaii Agricultural Council and serve as its treasurer. I am also a farmer and serve as a director of the Hawaii Ulu Cooperative, a member of the Board of two youth soccer organizations as well as the UH Hilo Vulcan Booster Club Board of Directors.

I have known and worked with Mr. Miyahira for approximately 40 years in numerous capacities in both business and non-profit capacities. In my many years working with Mike, I have seen him demonstrate the highest level of integrity and sincerity in every instance where there was any debate on a course of action. Mike always does the "right thing" and demonstrated a clear train of thought behind his decisions!

I humbly urge the Committee to confirm Mr. Miyahira to the appointment as a member of the University of Hawaii Board of Regents. I am absolutely certain that Mr. Miyahira will serve the University and the State of Hawaii with Honor and Distinction.

Aloha,



Gordon E. Inouye

GM-732

Submitted on: 4/12/2024 2:36:07 PM

Testimony for HRE on 4/16/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lyle Ishida	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Honorable Senators,

I submit this testimony to the Senate Committee on Higher Education in support of Michael Miyahira as the Gubernatorial Nominee to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents (Docket No. GM732).

I have had the honor of serving with Michael on the Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection of the Supreme Court of Hawaii from 2008 to 2021. When I was first appointed in 2008, Michael had been already a long-standing member of the Fund and, as its Chair for many years, guided the Fund in its public service mission to reimburse members of the public who had been harmed by the few bad apples who abused their position of trust as members of the Hawaii bar. My experience with Michael is through this professional affiliation. For those unfamiliar with the Lawyers' Fund, all money in the Fund is financed entirely by members of the Hawaii bar. By serving on the Fund with Michael for 14 years, I am able to provide an accurate and unbiased evaluation of his character and dedication to voluntary public service.

In service of his mission and in dedication to the worthy cause of the Lawyers' Fund, Michael distinguished himself as a champion of the trusting members of the public who were in need of the Fund's services. He unwaveringly sought to rectify the wrongs of attorneys who caused damage to their clients by abusing the attorney-client relationship, and demonstrated his ability to both accurately evaluate the claims of clients in need of reimbursement and judiciously evaluate the veracity of claimant clients and respondent attorneys.

Michael is not an attorney, and had been appointed as a lay person member of the Fund. In this capacity, and primarily due to his work experience in face-to-face dealings with members of the public in the finance sector, community service organizations, and in education, Michael brought to the Fund a viewpoint of both practicality and a sense of right and wrong. Michael's veracity and integrity is beyond reproach and he will be a valuable contributor to the varied and difficult issues faced by the Regents.

I have absolutely no reservations to my recommendation of Michael Miyahira. The Board of Regents will be well-served with Michael as a member.

I have been a member of the Hawaii bar since 1987, have served on the City and County of Honolulu's Zoning Board of Appeals from 2011 to 2020 (chair 2015 to 2020), and Lawyers'

Fund for Client Protection of the Supreme Court of Hawaii from 2008 to 2023, and have been recognized in both *Best Lawyers in America* and *SuperLawyers*. I am available should any member of the committee wish to follow up on my testimony.

Sincerely,

Lyle Ishida

GM-732

Submitted on: 4/12/2024 3:38:53 PM

Testimony for HRE on 4/16/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Randy Kurohara	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha

I have known Mike Miyahira through my affiliation with the business community on Hawaii Island. Mike has decades of experience working within and leading organizations (business, cultural and community service) on Hawaii Island. He will bring a balanced perspective and the discernment necessary in making tough decisions in guiding the University of Hawaii and it's leadership.

Mahalo

GM-732

Submitted on: 4/12/2024 5:29:45 PM

Testimony for HRE on 4/16/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nimr Tamimi	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, I have known Mike for many years and strongly believe he has what it takes to be an excellent Regent for the UH system. Vision, insight, intelligence, and the ability to work with people for the betterment of our community are just a few of his strong suits. He will be an asset to the UH System and our community. Thank you for your consideration.

GM-732

Submitted on: 4/12/2024 10:40:53 PM

Testimony for HRE on 4/16/2024 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Please note that I am submitting testimony to support Michael Miyahira's candidacy as a regent for the University of Hawaii Board of Regents. I had the privilege and pleasure of working with Mike when he was the President of the State of Hawaii Supreme Court's Lawyer's Fund for Client Protection (LPCP) and I was the Secretary/Trustee. We worked with the LFCP together for approximately ten (10) years. During this time, Mike worked for the LFCP with commitment and knowledge of the rules and regulations governing the LFCP. He is a person who works hard, is compassionate, patient, and has the highest level of integrity and good moral character. He is also exceptionally intelligent and articulate. He most certainly will be an asset as a regent to the University the Board of Regents. If you would like for me to testify in person, I will do so. In addition, if you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 808-255-5017. Thank you for considering my support for Mike. Sincerely, Michael A. Marr, Attorney, Arbitrator, Mediator, and retired District Court Per Diem Judge.

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Submitted on: 4/13/2024 1:06:06 PM

Testimony for HRE on 4/16/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Toby Taniguchi	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support the appointment of Mike Miyahira to the UH Board of Regents.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, MICHAEL MIYAHIRA,
AS A BOARD OF REGENT of the University of Hawai`i GM 732**

Mr. Miyahira is well-qualified to be an active, informed and thoughtful Board of Regent of the University of Hawai`i. I have known Mr.Miyahira for over a decade through his community work, including his facilitation work for community organizations, his role as an active Director and Past-President of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industries of Hawai`i, and his support of businesses with strategic planning.

Mr. Miyahira is diligent, intelligent, and able to digest large volumes of information, analyze the information, and synthesize the information to make rational, reasonable decisions. He is calm and professional with his temperament and delivering complicated information with simple words and analysis to a “community audience.”

Mr. Miyahira’s extensive resume and achievements is impressive. With the many financial and administrative challenges facing the University of Hawaii, Mr. Miyahira’s background with financial analysis, organizational management, reviewing professional and ethical conduct of licensed attorneys, and, most importantly, his professional experience with developing strategic action plans and execution of long-range strategic plans, makes him an ideal Board of Regent. Mr. Miyahira is “calm under fire,” and this is needed when making decisions that will impact the most important higher-education institution and financial “driver” on all the many campuses throughout the Hawai`i.

Please confirm Michael Miyahira as a Board of Regent of the University of Hawai`i. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Charlene Iboshi

April 14, 2024

Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Senate Higher Education Committee

**TESTIMONY SUPPORTING
THE CONFIRMATION OF MICHAEL MIYAHIRA
AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS
UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII**

Individual Testimony of
IVAN I. NAKANO

I am Ivan I. Nakano and I am retired from the corporate sector. I appreciate the opportunity to testify in strong support of the confirmation of Michael Miyahira as a Board of Regent.

Michael Miyahira is an extraordinary individual who has succeeded in the private sector and his reputation is impeccable. At the same time, he exemplifies the meaning of service to a community.

The University of Hawaii, Board of Regents is fortunate to have Michael Miyahira bring his knowledge and expertise to effectively respond to the needs of the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii.

Thank you for this opportunity to recommend Michael. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call me directly at (808) 987-4979 or my contact email address at inakano183@gmail.com.

GM-732

Submitted on: 4/15/2024 8:37:16 AM

Testimony for HRE on 4/16/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Chuck Erskine	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Mike Miyahira is a long time and well respected businessman and community leader. He is actively involved in the community and has a good pulse of what's happening on our island. I've had the opportunity to serve on various community service organizations and must say that Mike is passionate, committed and always well prepared. I strongly support Mike's appointment to the UH Board of Regents as I believe he'll represent us well. Thank you.

GM-732

Submitted on: 4/15/2024 10:38:28 AM

Testimony for HRE on 4/16/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
David S. De Luz, Jr.	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Senator Kim and fellow Senate Committee on Higher Education Senators/members:

I have know Mike for over 35+ years when he first came to the Big Island working for Bank of Hawaii and cuurently as a small bussiness owner of Business Stratagies.

Mike's resume hgihlights his very extensive work and community service accomplihments and commitment. For as long as I have known Mike, he has been a very humble and sincere person, always conducted himself in a professional and sincere manner and has ALWAYS workd to a resolution of listend and understanding the issues/concerns/disagreements in a calm, deliberate and genuiely concerned interest in working to as much as a Win-Win outcome.

I aslo beleive that Mike's varied background and extensive experiences in the corporate, business and non-profit financial understanding, brings a very needed perspective in the role of a Regent.

I have also had the oppurtunity to engage MIke's services for a business venture/strategy that I was planning and due to his insight and deep first hand knowlege and experiencee, elected not to pursuse, AND unkonwnest to Mike, the BEST decision I made for myself, my professional career and my family!

I STRONGLY SUPPORT Mike's nomination to the Universtiy Board of Regents and know that he will be a welcomed and engaged Regent and greatly appreciate the oppur!unity to submit my testimony.

Mahalo!

David S. De Luz, Jr.

808-895-4284

Aloha Senator Kim,

We are writing this email in support of the nomination of Mike Miyahira as a UH regent. Please refer to his resume and you will find Mike has been an active contributing member of our community. He has an impeccable record of accomplishments, has outstanding sense of doing the right things and a strong commitment to our community.

We urge you to confirm Mike Miyahira as the next UH regent

Mahalo,
Roland and Janice Higashi

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Comments:

I am in support of Mr. Mike Miyahira's nomination.

April 14, 2024



Re: GM 732 – Board of Regents Nominee

Senate Committee on Higher Education
Honorable Chair Donna Mercado Kim
Honorable Vice Chair Michelle Kidani
Members of the Committee

I am writing in **strong support of Michael Miyahira** for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii.

Michael Miyahara is an ideal candidate for service to the state, the university, and the community in the role of university regent. He is well respected in the community, with his steady leadership and commitment to service across the range of his business and community activities.

He has a strong business and financial background and has working knowledge and experience with the strategic planning process. He has direct university experience with students as an instructor and with faculty as a member of business school advisory boards. He has governance and leadership experience with community organizations and advocacy groups.

Michael Miyahira has the qualities to make him an effective contributor to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii. I urge your positive consideration of his candidacy.