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Statement of
THEODORE E. LIU
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before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TAXATION

Wednesday October 24, 2007
1:30 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 224

In consideration of

Pending Referral to EDT

**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS OF THE HAWAII STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, DANTON S. WONG,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2009.**

Chair Fukunaga, Vice Chair Espero, and Committee Members:

DBEDT is pleased to support the nomination of Danton S. Wong to the board of the Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation (HSDC). Mr. Wong is a Partner with the law firm of Chun, Kerr, Dodd, Beaman & Wong, concentrating in the areas of real estate transactions and commercial lending. As such he will provide good business perspectives to assist HSDC with its venture capital investment programs and its entrepreneurial development activities.

Among DBEDT's core goals is improving Hawaii business environment, and Mr. Wong's legal practices in the areas of real estate lending, acquisitions, and business consultation will greatly assist HSDC and local entrepreneurs.

Mr. Wong has long been involved with numerous community activities and organizations, and we are fortunate that he is willing to serve HSDC as well.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Mr. Wong's nomination.



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Statement of
JOHN A. CHOCK
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Chair Fukunaga, Vice Chair Espero, and Committee Members:

HSDC fully supports the appointment of Danton Wong to its Board of Directors. Mr. Wong brings extensive legal expertise in the areas of real estate transactions and commercial lending which will assist HSDC in the evaluation of investment decisions and the development of a sustainable venture capital industry in Hawaii.

Mr. Wong is highly active in many community organizations and his broad network of business contacts and awareness of the business community will add greatly to the HSDC board. HSDC will be able to tap his expertise and contacts to support local entrepreneurs launch and grow their businesses.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on Mr. Wong's behalf.



**American
Red Cross**

Hawaii State Chapter

October 22, 2007

Honorable Senator Carol Fukunaga & Committee
Committee on Economic Development and Taxation
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 216
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: **Confirmation of Danton S. Wong to Hawaii Strategic Development
Corporation Board**

Dear Senator Fukunaga and Committee Members:

I am writing express my strong and heartfelt support for the nomination of Danton S. Wong to the Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation Board. I have known Mr. Wong for over 30 years and am well familiar with his talents and abilities as a lawyer and community leader.

As Executive Director of the Hawaii State Bar Association for 13 years, I had firsthand experience working with Mr. Wong. He was active in the Real Property & Financial Services Section of the Hawaii State Bar Association and has written scholarly works in this area as well as participated as a speaker on numerous occasions. His expertise in the area of real estate and financial services has gained him high respect from his peers.

When I became CEO of the Hawaii State Chapter of the American Red Cross, I continued to rely on his generosity of time and talent in offering pro bono advice to our organization. Given his high standing in the legal community, expertise, and willingness to do pro bono work, I believe that Mr. Wong will be able to contribute invaluable skills and knowledge to this important body.

I urge you to approve Mr. Wong's nomination and recommend that he be confirmed by the full Senate. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 739-8103.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Coralie'.

Coralie Chun Matayoshi, Esq.
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October 24, 2007

The Honorable Carol Fukunaga and
Committee Members
Committee on Economic Development and Taxation
Hawaii State Senate, State Capitol
415 S. Beretania St., Rm. 216
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Fukunaga and Committee Members:

Re: Consideration and Confirmation to the Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation Board,
Gubernatorial Nominee Danton S. Wong

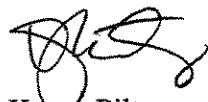
I am writing in support of Danton S. Wong in his nomination to the Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation Board. I believe that Mr. Wong will be an asset to the Board of the Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation.

An partner with Chun Kerr Dodd Beaman and Wong, LLLP, Danton works with a variety of clients who are located throughout the world. Danton has a strong real estate transactional background. However, his commitment and involvement with other organizations have broadened and strengthened his knowledge and business sense. Danton's strengths and assets include his ability to work through complex business situations and finding and applying creative solutions that are not always apparent in challenging business situations. He really makes it a point to "think outside the box." Most importantly, the attributes of patience, fairness really describe Danton's work ethic.

On a more familiar note, Danton is very involved with his family and their activities. As a father of three children who are in their teens, he is very aware of the rapid growing technological advances that are made each day. In that respect, Danton is keen to keeping Hawaii a special place while providing opportunities for growth and development. These are key components to his everyday life, while thinking about ways to provide a living and sustainable Hawaii for future generations.

I believe that Danton S. Wong has the passion and ability to help steer the Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation into the future. I respectfully ask that you support his confirmation as a nominee to the Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation.

Very truly yours,



Karen Piltz

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**THE SENATE
THE TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE
INTERIM OF 2007**

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TAXATION

Hearing October 24, 2007

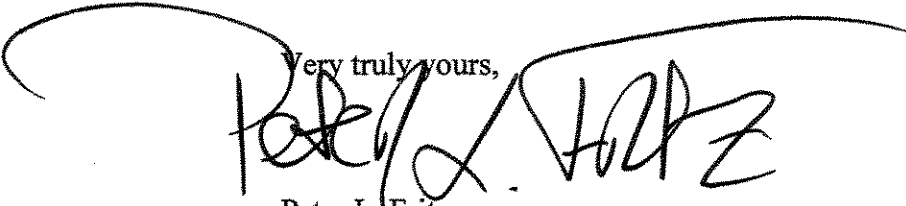
**Testimony for the Conformation of Danton S. Wong to the Board of Directors of the
Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation**

Chair Fukunaga, Vice-Chair Espero, members of the Committee:

I strongly support the confirmation of Danton S. Wong to the Board of Directors ("Board") of the Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation ("HSDC"). Mr. Wong will bring impeccable credentials and experience to the Board. In addition, his unbounded thinking enables him to identify new opportunities that may not be readily apparent. Mr. Wong's experience will help the HSDC to meet its long-term goals of developing a venture capital infrastructure in Hawaii to support business growth and expansion.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Very truly yours,



Peter L. Fritz

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October 18, 2007

The Honorable Carol Fukunaga and
Committee Members
Committee on Economic Development and
Taxation
Hawaii State Senate, State Capital
415 S. Beretania Street, Room 216
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation Board
Gubernatorial Nominee Danton S. Wong

Dear Senator Fukunaga and Committee Members:

I am writing in support of Danton S. Wong with respect to his nomination to the Board of the Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation ("HSDC").

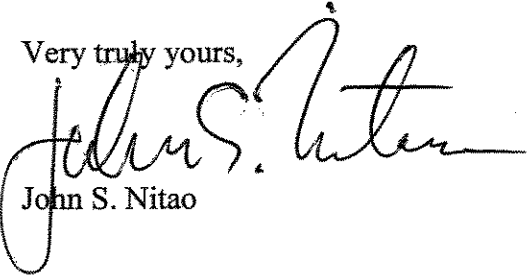
I believe that Danton possesses the skills and talents that will make him a valuable member of and contributor to the HSDC Board.

I have known Danton for over 11 years. I first met Danton in 1996 when he was the managing partner of Chun, Kerr, Dodd, Beaman & Wong, a prestigious local law firm. At that time, Danton was 41 years of age and was handling some of the biggest real estate and business transactions in the State. From an early age he was sought after by Hawaii business for legal representation because he is a consummate business and real estate attorney who has the ability to see the big picture and facilitate the business process.

I have always admired Danton for his honesty, high ethics and good judgment. It is these traits as well as his business acumen that will make him a valuable Board member. He understands that business diversity, especially in the area of high technology, in the State of Hawaii is important now and for the future.

I respectfully ask that you support Danton Wong's confirmation as a nominee to the HSDC.

Very truly yours,


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October 22, 2007

The Honorable Carol Fukunaga
Chairperson
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Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
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RE: Danton Wong; Hawaii Strategic Development Corp.

Dear Chair Fukunaga and Members of the Committee:

I am pleased support the appointment of Danton Wong to the board of the Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation ("HSCD").

I have known Danton since law school, where we were classmates at Hastings College of Law. He started his distinguished career practicing law at Case & Lynch, and has continued his success in his present firm.

Danton has the knowledge and expertise needed to serve in this important position. His background and expertise in business, finance and law over the past twenty five years will be invaluable. Perhaps more importantly, Danton is a person of great integrity and commitment. His focus and insights will be an asset to the HSCD.

In short, I support the appointment of Danton Wong to the Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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October 21, 2007

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The Honorable Carol Fukunaga and Committee Members
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Re: Consideration and Confirmation to the Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation
Board, Gubernatorial Nominee Danton Wong

Dear Senator Fukunaga and Committee Members:

I am writing in support of Danton S. Wong in his nomination to the Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation ("HSDC") Board.

I am a close, personal friend of Danton and have shared in his development as a business professional and a family-man for over 20 years.

Although his 25 years of successful practice in the Hawaii legal community undoubtedly equips him with a very diverse background in legal, financial and business matters, I believe that his personal qualities and values, best qualifies him to serve as a member of the HSDC Board.

Danton is a committed spouse and father, who remains actively involved with the educational and athletic endeavors of his three children, who range in age from pre-teen to young adult. It is as a parent raising children in Hawaii that he remains sensitive and keenly interested in finding ways to balance the fast-changing technological advances that will promote economic opportunities for future generations while preserving the cultural identity and environmental assets that make Hawaii unique.

In Danton, you will find a committed and engaged professional that will readily challenge conventional thinking and look strategically forward with the Board to develop fresh and creative initiatives to benefit all of Hawaii.

I respectfully ask that you support Danton Wong's confirmation as a nominee to the Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation.

Sincerely,



Robin Yoshimura