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October 22, 2007

The Honorable Senator David Y. Ige
Chair Senate Committee on Health
415 So. Beretania St. Room 215
Honolulu, HI 96813 Hearing Date: 10/29/07
GM 54

Dear Senator David Ige;

I am writing to express my strong interest in serving as a board member of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, West Hawaii Regional Board of Directors. I have been practicing medicine as an orthopedic surgeon for over 21 years in West Hawaii. I understand the numerous challenges and issues facing West Hawaii health care system. I believe that I have insight into the challenges facing us now and some skills and expertise in helping to make needed changes to better serve our community. I strive to improve the health care concerns facing us on a daily basis in my current position of Medical Director at Kona Community Hospital. Serving on the Hospital Regional Board will enable me to put this experience to use in an even more effective manner.

I have been fortunate to hold a number of professional appointments to various hospital committees including the Medical Ethics Committee; Infection Control Committee; Chairman of Quality Assurance and Risk Management Committees; Chairman, Tissue and Transfusion Committee, KCH; I served as Chief of Staff, KCH; and Vice Chief of Staff, KCH. I was Scientific and Education Director for the Arthritis Foundation, West Hawaii Chapter; Program Director, International Congress on Self-Esteem and Sex Education, Kailua-Kona. In California I was Chief of Orthopedic Section, Marin General and Ross General Hospitals; Crippled Children's Services Consultant, Marin County. In addition to this list, I am or was a member of several professional society and organizations including Orthopedics Overseas; Union of American Physicians and Dentists; Western Orthopedic Association; American Board of Orthopedic Surgery, American Academy of Orthopedics Surgeons. Please see my attached CV for details.

I have been a lecturer on health care issues and had a television series, "The Doctor Blum" show. I have published articles in various publications.

I have been active in my community with the Aloha Performing Arts Center (APAC); Aloha Community Players (ACP), Kona Community Players (KCP); serving on their various Boards, Committees and as President of the Board. I have served on and served as president of several other non-profit Boards in Kona.

I would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you and your committee members to further discuss my interest to serve as a member of this important board. I appreciate your consideration of my appointment.

Sincerely,



Barry Blum, MD

Curriculum Vitae

Barry Blum, M.D.

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EDUCATION:

Columbia College, New York City, A.B. 1961.
 University of Rochester School of Medicine, Rochester, New York, M.D. 1965.
 University of Minnesota Hospitals, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Surgery Internship, 1965 - 66.
 Stanford Medical Center, Palo Alto, California, Orthopedic Surgery Residency, 1968 - 71.
 Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre, Oxford University, Oxford, England, Assistant to the Professor,
 1971 - 72.

MILITARY SERVICE:

United States Public Health Service, assigned to Peace Corps:
 Izmir, Turkey 1966 - 67; Bangkok, Thailand, 1967 - 68 (rank equivalent: Major).

PRACTICE OF ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY:

Kealahou, (Big Island) Hawaii, since August 1986.
 Larkspur (Marin County), California, 1974 - 86.
 Greenbrae (Marin County), California, 1973 - 74.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS:

Assistant Chief of Orthopedic Surgery, Palo Alto Veterans Administration Hospital, Stanford
 Medical Center, California, 1972 - 73.

HOSPITAL AFFILIATIONS:

The Queens Medical Center, Honolulu, Hawaii, since April 2005.
 Kona Community Hospital, Kealahou, Hawaii, since 1986.
 Marin General Hospital, Greenbrae, California, 1973 - 1986.
 Ross General Hospital, Ross, California, 1973 - 86.
 Kentfield Hospital, Kentfield, California, 1973 - 86.

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY AND ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIPS:

Orthopedics Overseas, 1985 - 87; Volunteer Physician, Kathmandu, Nepal, 1985
Union of American Physicians and Dentists, Member, since 1978.
Western Orthopedic Association, Member, since 1976.
American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, Fellow, since 1976.
American Board of Orthopedic Surgery, Diplomate, since 1973.
Girdlestone Society, Oxford, England, since 1972.

OFFICES AND APPOINTMENTS - PROFESSIONAL:**Kona Community Hospital:**

Medical Director, 2005 - present
Medical Ethics Committee, 2005
Infection Control Committee, 1996 - 2004
Chief of Staff, Jan. 1992 - Dec. 1993.
Vice Chief of Staff, Jan. 1990 - Dec. 1991.
Chairman, (then member of) Quality Assurance and Risk Management Committees, 1990 - 93.
Chairman, Tissue and Transfusion Committee, Kona Hospital, 1988 - 89.
Scientific and Education Director, Arthritis Foundation, West Hawaii Chapter, 1989.
Program Director, International Congress on Self-Esteem and Sex Education, Kailua-Kona,
co-sponsored by the John A. Burns School of Medicine, University of Hawaii, 1988.
Acting Chief of Orthopedics, Marin General and Ross General Hospitals, 1984.
Chief of Orthopedic Section, Marin General and Ross General Hospitals, 1980 - 82.
Crippled Children's Services Consultant, Marin County, 1980 - 86.

MEDICAL/SCIENTIFIC LECTURES, PRESENTATIONS:

Senior Citizens Annual Health Fair, San Rafael, lecturer, 1981 - 85.
"The Doctors Blum" television series, KPIX Evening Magazine, San Francisco, CA, 1981 - 82.
Summer Institute, 10th Annual Workshop on Sexuality, Syracuse University, faculty, Medical
Aspects of Human Sexuality, 1980.
University of San Francisco, Clinical Medicine for Attorneys, Lecturer, 1979.
Rocky Mountain Healing Arts Festival, Boulder, Colorado, Lecturer, 1979.

ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Aloha Performing Arts Center (APAC),
Aloha Community Players (ACP) and
Kona Community Players (KCP):

Board of Advisors, APAC, since 1997.

President, APAC Board of Directors, 1993 - 94. Director, APAC, 1990 - 95.

President, ACP Executive Committee 1990 - 93.

President of Board of Trustees, KCP, 1989 - 90.

Co-producer (with G. Blum) 1987 - 94: *Fiddler on the Roof, Oliver!, Quilters, Scapinal, Annie, Our Town, Coffee Gamble: 60 Years, Jenny, The King and I, The Odd Couple (Neil Simon's Female Version), I Never Saw Another Butterfly, Abraham's Tent.*

Actor: *Love Letters.*

Officiant licensed to perform Marriage Ceremonies, State of Hawaii, since 1996.

Congregation Kona Beth Shalom, President, 1993 - 2007.

Board of Directors, Congregation Kona Beth Shalom, since 1991.

Kai O'Pua Outrigger Canoe Paddling Club, 1989 - 1994.

Musical Director, Kona's Traveling Jewish Wedding Band, since 2000.

CD: *Shaloha Oy* (2003) available at Borders Books & Music.

Musical Director, The Golden Gate Gypsy Orchestra, since 1976. *The Golden Gate Gypsy Orchestra also known as The Traveling Jewish Wedding* (recording available on CD and cassette, distributed by Rykodisc).

Therapy Center of Marin, Director, 1975 - 77.

PUBLICATIONS AND EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS:

Editor and Publisher of *The Doctors Directory*, Medical Directories Press, Kealahakua, 1989, 1991.

I Can Say 'NO!', Sound Filmstrip with Teacher's Guide; co-author Gloria Blum, M.A., 1984. Reissued as DVD, 2004.

Feeling Good About Yourself, Resource Curriculum Guide (Self-Esteem, Socialization Skills and Sexual Information, for People Who Teach People With and Low Self-Esteem), co-author with G. Blum, M.A., 1st edition by Academic Therapy, San Rafael, 1977; 2nd and 3rd editions by Feeling Good Associates, Mill Valley, 1981; 4th edition by Blue Tower Training / Macon Resources, Inc., Decatur, IL, 2006

Feeling Good Playful Communication Card Game, co-produced with G. Blum, M.A., 1976. 2nd edition 2005, 3rd edition 2007.

Feeling Good About Yourself, educational film/videotape, co-produced with G. Blum, M.A. and A. Shulman, Ed.D., 1982, distributed by Multi-Focus Productions, New York, New York.

Knee Arthroplasty in Patients with Rheumatoid Arthritis; Blum, Mowat, Bentley, Morris; *Ann. Rheum. Dis.* 33:1-11, 1974.

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TESTIMONY SUPPORTING GM 54

Consideration and confirmation to the West Hawaii Regional Board of Directors of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee, Barry Blum, MD, for a term to expire 06/30/10.

**Donald Lewis, FACHE
Regional Chief Executive Officer
Kona Community Hospital
Kohala Hospital**

I, Donald Lewis, Regional Chief Executive Officer for West Hawaii Region of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, strongly support and recommend Barry Blum, MD, for consideration and confirmation to the West Hawaii Regional System Corporate Board of Directors of Hawaii Health Systems Corporation.

Barry Blum, MD has served Hawaii for over twenty years as an orthopedic surgeon with multiple hospital affiliations, currently Kona Community Hospital and Queen's Medical Center in Oahu. In addition to outstanding medical services Barry Blum, MD has provided to our community, he has been extensively involved in the workings of Kona Community Hospital, as current Medical Director since 2005.

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Thank you for this opportunity to testify on behalf of Barry Blum, MD, he is a very strong and experienced candidate for this board who has a grasp of the challenges facing the West Hawaii Region of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation.

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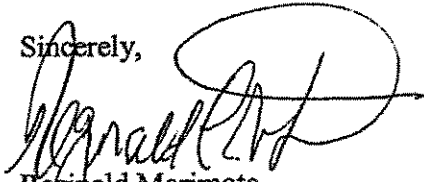
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