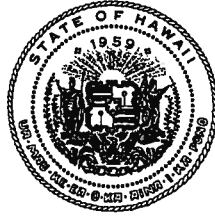


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**TESTIMONY OF THE CHAIRPERSON  
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Governor's Message No. 7 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Island Burial Council, Islands of Kauai and Niihau, Gubernatorial Nominee Michael Y.M. Loo, for a term to expire 6-30-2008

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

October 25, 2007

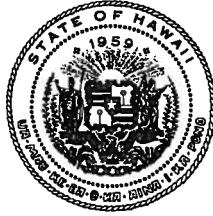
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**TESTIMONY OF THE CHAIRPERSON  
OF THE BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

Governor's Message No. 8 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Island Burial Council, Islands of Kauai and Niihau, Gubernatorial Nominee Michael Y.M. Loo, for a term to expire 6-30-2012

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

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October 24, 2007

Senator Jill N. Tokuda  
Chairman  
Committee on Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs  
Hawai'i State Capitol  
415 South Beretania  
Room 218  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Re: Nomination of Michael Y.M. Loo to the Island Burial Council,  
Islands of Ni`ihau and Kaua`i

Dear Senator Tokuda:

I understand Mr. Michael Loo has been nominated to the Ni`ihau/Kaua`i Island Burial Council as a large land owner representative. My family and I have known Mr. Loo for more than 20 years and I feel that he is well qualified to serve on the Burial Council. He has worked in the real estate development field for many years, is knowledgeable in land use matters and is sensitive to community and native Hawaiian issues and concerns.

I recommend him to this position without reservation.

Sincerely yours,

Jay Furfaro

Testimony for hearing on Thursday, Oct. 25, 2007, 2:45p, room 224.

Testimony in support of confirmation of Michael Loo to the Kaua`i and Niihau Islands Burial Council.

My name is Mark Hubbard, resident of Kaua`i and currently chair of the Kaua`i and Niihau Islands Burial Council.

I have known and worked with Michael Loo on several occasions over the period of my 30 years on Kaua`i.

He is well respected in the community and is well equipped to represent the developer community on the Council.

In particular, I find Michael to be balanced, rational and a good listener, key ingredients for serving on a committee.

We will be fortunate to have him on the Council.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Aloha,

Mark Hubbard

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Princeville Utilities Company, Inc.

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To: Committee on Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs

Hearing: Thursday, October 25, 2007  
2:45 p.m.  
Conference Room 224  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

Ladies & Gentlemen;

Please accept this letter of support for the nomination of Michael Y.M. Loo to the Island Burial Council, Islands of Kaua'i and Ni'ihau.

I have known Mr. Loo for approximately fifteen years, and in that time he has shown himself to be well acquainted with issues pertaining to large landowners, while remaining perceptive of and sensitive to the needs of the community in general. His presence will be an asset to the Council.

Aloha,

Larry Dill

Dear Chair Tokuda, Senator English, Senator Gabbard, Senator Hee, Senator Kokubun, Senator Slom, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs Committee,

I have known Mike Loo for approximately 20 years and believe that he has the highest moral and ethical standards. There is no question that he will do what is right and believes in the state motto. Thus, I humbly request that Mike Loo be confirmed to the Island Burial Council. Should you have any questions, please call me.

Mahalo,  
Dennis M. Esaki

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24 October 2007

Aloha Senator Tokuda,

This letter is in reference to Mike Loo. I have had the opportunity to know and work with Mr. Loo for many years and have found him to be of impeccable character both in business and as a friend. Mr. Loo is a fine asset to have in any circumstance. I hold him in the utmost esteem and a most honorable gentleman. I believe Mr. Loo would be of great value to the Island Burial Council and ask you to please consider him for this position.

Mahalo,

Chad Deal

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**Princeville at Hanalei**

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October 24, 2007

Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair  
Senator J. Kalani English, Vice Chair  
Committee on Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs  
Conference Room 224  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96816

**Re: Consideration and Confirmation of MICHAEL Y. M. LOO  
to the Island Burial Council, Islands of Kaua`i and Ni`ihau  
October 25, 2007, 2:45 p.m.**

Dear Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair English and Committee Members:

**I am writing to convey my STRONG SUPPORT for the confirmation of Michael Y. M. Loo to the Island Burial Council, Islands of Kaua`i and Ni`ihau.**

Mr. Loo has been an active community member and well-respected businessman on Kaua`i for more than two decades. As a long-time real property professional, he has a high regard for and sensitivity to matters concerning land and cultural preservation.

In addition, Mr. Loo's extensive knowledge and understanding of Kaua`i's issues, has earned him a reputation for being fair-minded, thoughtful and levelheaded.

Because of the reasons listed above, it is with great confidence that I urge your committee to affirm Mr. Loo's confirmation to the Island Burial Council, Islands Kaua`i and Ni`ihau.

Sincerely,

Mamo Cummings Graham  
Director of Resort Marketing  
Princeville at Hanalei



**From:** Tom [mailto:tomesq@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 11:02 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Testimony re Michael Y.M. Loo

October 24, 2007  
SENT VIA EMAIL ONLY testimony@capitol.hawaii.gov

Legislature's Public Access Room  
Testimony Re Confirmation of **MICHAEL Y. M. LOO**  
RE: Committee On Agriculture And Hawaiian Affairs  
Thursday, October 25, 2007  
2:25 p.m.  
Conference Room 224  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

Confirmation to the Island Burial Council, Islands of Kauai and Ni'ihau,  
Gubernatorial Nominee **MICHAEL Y. M. LOO**

I have known this Nominee for nearly two years. I have had the pleasure to work closely with him on a professional basis. Mr. Loo has had decades of experience representing very large landowners on the Hawaiian islands, especially Kauai. In particular, he has acted as consultant to large land developers on the island of Kauai. This would include land management, development and real estate brokerage issues.

Further, Mr. Loo has developed extensive relationships with the Kauai Hawaiian community and is very well connected to Kauai on all levels. This includes the Kauai County government officials and the local residents of the North Shore.

His professional competency and ethics are unsurpassed.

**Tom Thompson – Asset Administration**  
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From: Shigemoto, Tom at Kukui'Ula [<mailto:tshigemoto@abprop.com>]  
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 4:33 PM  
To: Sen. Jill Tokuda  
Cc: Sen. Clayton Hee; senkokubun@capitol.gov; Sen. Sam Slom; Sen. J. Kalani English; Sen. Mike Gabbard  
Subject: FW: ISLAND BURIAL COUNCIL, Michael Loo candidate

Dear Senators,

I am writing this endorsement for Michael Loo to serve as a member of the Kauai-Niihau Burial Council. I have known Michael since the early 70's. He has been at Princeville Corporation in different management capacities all these years and has the knowledge and experience in dealing with ancient burials. Being local he has proven to be an extremely sensitive and totally respectful of the Hawaiian culture, especially in the treatment of inadvertent discovery of ancient Iwi. He certainly had to deal with these matters while a corporate officer for Princeville.

The State statutes provides for certain members of the burial council to be a major landowner/developer and it is difficult to find respected and qualified representatives that understand the processes and the laws governing ancient burials. Mike is highly regarded in his role with the Princeville Corporation and I am positive that his understanding of the laws will ensure that the rights of the landowner, the descendants of the Iwi and the people of Kauai are protected.

I ask for your kind consideration of this man as a member of the Kauai-Niihau Burial Council. Thank you.

Tom

**From:** Felicia Alongi Cowden [<mailto:feliciaalongi@hawaiiantel.net>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:49 PM

**To:** Sen. Jill Tokuda

**Subject:** recommendation for burial council appointee Mike Loo

10/24/07

Dear Senator Jill Tokuda,

I support the reappointment of Michael Loo for the Island Burial Council on Kauai.

I have sat on boards with Mike for about ten years. I find him to be an asset on any project for which he is involved. He is attentive, thoughtful and responsible to any commitment he makes. He is an excellent representative for this council as he has an inside understanding of the land development circle, while having compassion and exposure to the Hawaiian Community. He has an ingrained respect for the honor of ancestors, and their value to the various sub-communities in our host culture.

Mike has served on many boards on Kauai with a wide variety of applications. His understanding of the policies and culture of our island is based on broad exposure for over thirty years of active involvement. He is a good listener, and encourages and supports the efforts of emerging participants. While he is a good leader, he happily builds leadership in those around him. He is respectful to those with whom he has differing opinions. His knowledge base will strengthen the effectiveness of the Island Burial Council.

Sincerely,

Felicia Cowden

Former President of Kauai North Shore Business Council

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**From:** Michelle Swartman [mailto:Michelle.Swartman@Maryl.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, October 25, 2007 7:02 AM

**To:** Sen. Jill Tokuda; Sen. J. Kalani English; Sen. Mike Gabbard; Sen. Clayton Hee; Sen. Russell Kokubun; Sen. Sam Slom

**Subject:** Island Burial Council

Dear Chair Tokuda, Senator English, Senator Gabbard, Senator Hee, Senator Kokubun and Senator Slom,

I would like to humbly recommend Michael Loo be confirmed to the Island Burial Council. He is a very honest, sincere and humble person and though I have known him only within the last few years, I can attest to his integrity and desire to uphold that what is right for our State of Hawaii.

Kindly,  
Michelle Swartman

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Dee M. Crowell, AIA  
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24 October 2007

The Honorable Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair  
And Members  
Committee on Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs  
State Capitol  
415 Beretania St. Conference Rm. 224  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**SUBJECT: Testimony in Support of the Confirmation of Michael Y.M. Loo  
To the Kaua'i/Niihau Island Burial Council**

Dear Chair Tokuda and Members:

I would like to express my wholehearted support for the confirmation of Michael Y.M. Loo to the Kaua'i/Niihau Island Burial Council.

I am a current member of the Burial Council. I have known Mike for over 15 years and have worked with him from my days as the Planning Director for the County of Kaua'i (1993-2003). He is very knowledgeable about the history and people of North Shore area, having lived and worked in Princeville for decades. He will bring a good work ethic and enthusiasm to the Burial Council. He has already been serving on the Burial Council as an Interim Member, and has already proved to be a valuable member.

If confirmed, Mike will be able to hit the ground running and work well with the other members of the Burial Council.

Mahalo, for your consideration.



Dee M. Crowell, AIA

**Sen. Jill Tokuda**

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**From:** Bernie Sakoda [sakoda@hawaiiink.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 25, 2007 8:39 AM  
**To:** Sen. Jill Tokuda  
**Subject:** Mike Loo's confirmation to Island Burial Council

**LATE**

Dear Senator Tokuda,

I have served under the leadership of Mike Loo on the Kauai Economic Development Board and other boards in the past. Mike's leadership skills, together with his extensive background in land development would be of great benefit to the Island Burial Council. I have always admired his integrity and intuitiveness in my association with him.

I humbly ask for your support of his nomination. You can contact me at any time should you require additional information. Thank you.

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**From:** Edward J. Rapoza [ed@edrapoza.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 25, 2007 5:28 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** James Lee's nomination

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Senate Committee

RE: Confirmation Hearing Burial Council, James G. Lee

Dear Senate Committee:

My name is Edward J. Rapoza of Kailua-Kona, Hawaii Island. My family has been in the Kona community since the late 1800s. I support the confirmation of James G. Lee to the Hawaii Island Burial Council.

I have known Mr. Lee, "Kimo" as he is known in our local community, to be a person of integrity and also has local roots as a Kamaaina. His background in development will be of great value to the council as well as having local representation with kamaaina roots.

Respectfully,

Edward J. Rapoza

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October 25, 2007

Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chairperson  
Senate Committee on Agriculture & Hawaiian Affairs  
State Capitol, Room 218  
415 S. Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

**RE: MICHAEL Y.M. LOO**

Dear Senator Tokuda,

This letter is written in support of Michael Y.M. Loo and his nomination to the Island Burial Council as a representative of a large land owner. As the island manager of Koga Engineering & Construction, Inc. here on the Island of Kaua'i for the past twelve years, I have personally had the pleasure of working with Mr. Loo and Princeville at Hanalei, the company that he is employed with. I find Mr. Loo to be sensitive to the native Hawaiian community and the community at large. Furthermore, I find Mr. Loo to be very knowledgeable and experienced in the real estate industry and believe that he is well-qualified to serve in the capacity that he is being nominated for. I therefore ask that the committee looks favorably upon his nomination and appointment to the Island Burial Council.

If there are any questions or need for additional information, please contact the undersigned at (808) 245-9505.

Sincerely,  
**KOGA ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION, INC.**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andy Ragasa", written in a cursive style.

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