

**Tuesday, October 23, 2007: Testimony List**

**Committee on Human Services and Public Housing (HSP)  
Notice of Hearing**

**Relating to Anne Marie Beck, Confirmation to the Board of  
Directors of the Hawaiian Public Housing Authority**

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| <b>1. Linda L. Smith, Senior Policy Advisor<br/>Office of the Governor, State of Hawaii</b>     | <b>Supports</b> |
| <b>2. Genie Brown, Treasurer<br/>Honolulu Habitat for Humanity</b>                              | <b>Supports</b> |
| <b>3. R. Eric Beaver, Vice-Chair<br/>Board Of Directors<br/>Hawaii Public Housing Authority</b> | <b>Supports</b> |



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October 19, 2007

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland  
State Capitol, Room 226  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Chun Oakland:

I am writing in support of the appointment of Anne Marie Beck to the Board of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA). Ms. Beck is exactly the kind of person who can assist the State of Hawaii in meeting its goals of improving public housing and addressing the problem of homelessness in our state.

During the past several months I have had the opportunity to serve with Ms. Beck as a fellow member of this HPHA board.

Ms. Beck brings dual skills to the HPHA Board. She has a banking background that has been invaluable to the Board as we deal with fiscal issues facing the Public Housing Authority. Ms. Beck also works in the self-help housing arena and, thus, overlays her business and banking expertise with a community sensitivity and understanding of how to get things done in Hawaii. She has also provided valuable input on how to work with public housing tenants and asks perceptive questions that keep the Board discussions on track.

I hope you will support and recommend the confirmation of Anne Marie Beck to the HPHA Board. Regrettably, I will be on the Mainland when the confirmation hearing takes place. Should you have any questions regarding my support for this Board member, please feel free to contact me on my cell phone at 497-7895.

Sincerely,

LINDA L. SMITH  
Senior Policy Advisor

October 22, 2007

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland  
Chair, Senate Committee on Human Services and Public Housing

Dear Senator,

It is my pleasure to write a recommendation for Ms. Anne Marie Beck, as a nominee to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority Board. I have known Anne Marie in both a personal and professional capacity for over four years and believe I am a good judge of her qualifications and accomplishments.

Anne Marie is passionate about the organization that she leads. Since I first began volunteering at the Honolulu Habitat for Humanity (HHH), she has shown nothing but dedication to the cause. She is extremely good at showing her appreciation to staff and volunteers and they enjoy working with her.

I believe that Ms. Beck has improved many areas of the HHH and I am listing some examples below:

She has reduced the mortgage delinquencies that many homeowners had in place when she was hired; she did this by forming relationships with the homeowners and helping them to see the value of paying their debts and increasing the equity in their home.

She has increased public awareness of the organization with various public appearances, newspaper articles, and personal involvement with business and other non-profit organizations that complement the housing cause.

She has put formal programs in place, for instance, the Family Selection Committee now uses a consistent process to help families apply and strive to be selected for a home. I have served on this particular Committee and know that the changes she has put in place have been effective.

Anne Marie has implemented a variety of new fundraising ideas over the last few years. During the annual holiday fund drive, her staff produces a Christmas Catalog, which allows donors to pledge their donation towards a house-building item, such as a toilet, or a bucket of nails, for example. In the summer, the HHH now has a Build-A-Thon during which teams of volunteers get pledges and work on building a house. Just recently, we had the inaugural 'Martini Madness' event, a new fundraiser that has a silent auction and reception for supporters.

Serving on the Board of Directors since 2006, I know that Anne Marie is striving to enhance her management skills and her community involvement so that she might take the HHH organization to the next level. The organization has a goal to start two homes on Lanai and at least four to six homes on Oahu in 2008, all of which will require training site supervisors and volunteers, building strong relationships on Oahu and the outer islands, and meeting the needs of the community. I can't help but feel that Anne Marie's anticipated contributions on the Hawaii Public Housing Authority Board will both further the goals of the Honolulu Habitat for Humanity and the people of Hawaii.

Anne Marie has my support for this nomination, and I encourage you to confirm her in this position.

Sincerely,



Genie Brown  
Treasurer, Honolulu Habitat for Humanity

Tuesday, October 23, 2007

VIA FACSIMILE 586-6131

Chair Suzanne Chun Oakland  
Senate Committee on Human Services and Public Housing  
Hawaii State Legislature

Dear Chair Chun Oakland:

I am submitting written testimony in strong support of the confirmation of Anne Marie Beck to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA). As the Vice-Chair of HPHA's Board of Directors, I have seen firsthand the wealth of knowledge, experience, and sincere compassion that Miss Beck brings to the Public Housing Authority.

Miss Beck's work as Executive Director of the Honolulu Habitat for Humanity will enable her to bring an intimate understanding of the population of people who our agency serves. Moreover, in this particular position this nominee has proven her ability by mobilizing volunteer labor through her effective facilitation of the construction of 16 direct Habitat homes and 38 homes constructed through outside partnerships. Additionally, Miss Beck's fiscal background will provide a strong foundation from which she will be able to competently assist in directing HPHA toward a more fiscally sound future.

It is with confidence that I support this nominee and believe that she will provide the Hawaii Public Housing Authority with the necessary tools that will enable it to effectively and fairly serve the public.

Sincerely,



R. Eric Beaver  
Vice-Chair, Board of Directors  
Hawaii Public Housing Authority