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Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, MYOUNG OH, for a term to expire 6-30-2014.

Report Title: Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority

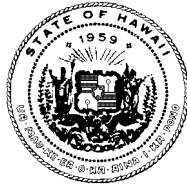
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October 29, 2013

MEMORANDUM:

TO: The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senate Committee on Human Services

FROM: Patricia McManaman, Director

SUBJECT: **G.M. 19 – Gubernatorial Nomination of Mr. Myoung Oh to the
Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority**

Hearing: Tuesday, October 29, 2013, 8:30 a.m.
Conference Room 229, State Capitol

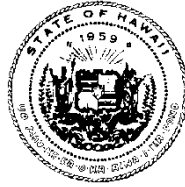
The Department of Human Services (DHS) supports the nomination of Mr. Myoung Oh to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA).

Mr. Oh is currently the Government Affairs Director for the Hawaii Association of Realtors. Mr. Oh brings private sector real estate experience to the HPHA Board. He has analyzed housing policy issues including affordable housing. He has developed and maintained strong working relationships with key public and private officials and their staffs, including the Legislature where he served as a legislative aid. These relationships will help the HPHA Board in articulating important public housing issues and proposals.

The HS requests a favorable consideration of Mr. Oh's nomination to the HPHA Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony to this Committee.

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Statement of
David J. Gierlach
Hawaii Public Housing Authority
Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

October 29, 2013 8:30 A.M.
Room 225, Hawaii State Capitol

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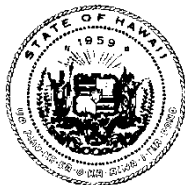
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NOMINEE, MYOUNG OH, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2014

Honorable Chair Chun Oakland and Members of the Senate Committee on Human Services, thank you for the opportunity to provide you with comments regarding Governor's Message 19, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority Board of Directors, Gubernatorial Nominee, Mr. Myoung Oh, for a term to expire June 30, 2014.

My name is David Gierlach, and I am the Chair of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority Board of Directors (BOARD) and support the confirmation of Mr. Myoung Oh to the HPHA Board of Directors. Over the past several months, Mr. Oh has been participating in our BOARD meetings and has positively contributed in our discussions. With Mr. Oh's legislative and real estate background, I am confident that Mr. Oh will be an asset to the State and to this Board.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide the Senate Committee on Human Services with my position regarding G.M. 19. I respectfully request the Committee to confirm Mr. Myoung Oh to the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority Board of Directors.

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The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) supports the confirmation of Mr. Oh to the HPHA Board of Directors. The HPHA Board needs directors with a variety of life experiences and professional expertise in order to effectively fulfill its role as a policy guide for the agency. Mr. Oh's years of professional experience as the Government Affairs Director for the Hawaii Association of Realtors and as a legislative aide to State Representative K. Mark Takai will be extremely valuable to the HPHA Board when reviewing state government issues and legislation. Furthermore, Mr. Oh's hard work ethic and integrity will be great assets to the HPHA Board and he will bring a fresh perspective in developing sound and thoughtful policy decisions.

The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the Senate Committee on Human Services with the agency's position regarding G.M. 19. We respectfully request the Committee to confirm Mr. Myoung Oh to the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority Board of Directors.

Tyrell Maae

From: Kimi-Anne Houston-Sur <khouston-sur@COCHawaii.org>
Sent: Monday, October 28, 2013 7:51 AM
To: HMS Testimony
Subject: Re: GM 18, 10/29/13 at 8:30



October 4, 2013

The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senate Committee on Human Services
State Capitol, Room 226
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: Mr. Myoung Oh's Interim Appointment to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA)

Dear Senate Chair Chun Oakland:

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to support the nomination of Mr. Myoung Oh's interim appointment to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA).

With the many challenges that public housing faces, I believe that Mr. Oh's experience with the Hawaii Association of Realtors provides him with the unique insight necessary to making a positive contribution towards improving the housing agency. Mr. Oh has been an active member of our Chamber Alliance of over twenty business organizations and other chambers and we have worked closely during the Legislative session on a number of business issues.

I believe his personal qualities of fairness and empathy will be a valuable asset to the decision-making process regarding tenant and public housing management issues. Mr. Oh will apply himself vigorously to preserving and maintaining HPHA's existing housing stock; and, to working with providers and community services organizations on self-sufficiency programs. He believes in promoting an atmosphere of cooperation between fellow colleagues and staff for the betterment of public housing in the State of Hawaii.

I strongly recommend that Mr. Myoung Oh be accepted as an interim appointee to the Board of Directors of HPHA. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me at (808) 545-4300 x388.

Sincerely,



Sherry Menor-McNamara
President & Chief Executive Officer

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Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland
Senate Committee on Human Services
Hawaii State Capitol
Conference Room 225

Dear Senator Chun Oakland and Members of the Committee,

RE: GM 25, Appointment of Myoung S. Oh to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority

My name is Gladys Marrone, Government Relations Director for the Building Industry Association of Hawaii (BIA-Hawaii), the voice of the construction industry. We promote our members through advocacy and education, and provide community outreach programs to enhance the quality of life for the people of Hawaii. BIA-Hawaii is a not-for-profit professional trade organization chartered in 1955, affiliated with the National Association of Home Builders.

BIA-Hawaii **supports** the appointment of Mr. Myoung S. Oh to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority ("HPHA").

Mr. Oh brings years of experience in public and community service. In his current capacity of Director of Government Relations at the Hawaii Association of Realtors, and as a Development Committee Member of the Hawaii Homeownership Center, Mr. Oh has direct knowledge of the realities of the high-cost Hawaii housing market, as well as experience with families struggling to get into their first home, and would bring both perspectives to the HPHA in helping to carry out their mission of developing affordable rental and supportive housing, public housing and the efficient and fair delivery of housing services to the people of Hawaii.

We have worked with Mr. Oh on the Affordable Housing Task Force, created in 2013 by Senate Concurrent Resolution 135 S.D. 1. Mr. Oh has also worked with BIA-Hawaii on legislation in 2013 that was beneficial to the industry and passed into law.

We appreciate the opportunity to express our **support** for this appointment.

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Dear Chair Chun Oakland and Committee members:

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony in **strong support** of the nomination of Myoung Oh to the board of directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA).

As a member of the Governmental Affairs Committee of the Hawaii Association of Realtors (HAR) I have worked closely with Mr. Oh for many years. In his capacity as the Government Affairs Director of the HAR, he is constantly trying to improve himself and his understanding of the affordable housing community.

Having been a member of the board of directors of the Housing and Community Development Corporation of Hawaii for two years, I believe that Mr. Oh will be a valuable addition to the HPHA board.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony, and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,



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Aloha Chair Chun Oakland and Committee members:

My name is Alicia Maluafiti and I support the appointment of Myoung Oh to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA).

Myoung has extensive professional experience in this subject matter area through his role with the Hawaii Association of Realtors (HAR) and his work with the state legislature. He has a strong skill set that includes policy making and critical thinking that will be an asset to the board as well as the state. Myoung also has a deep understanding of the Hawaii housing market and the affordable housing challenges facing renters and owners including the social, fiscal and infrastructure issues.

More importantly, Myoung is a committed and honorable individual who will give everything to the HPHA and the people they are helping. As a kama'aina, he has deep ties to our local community and has demonstrated a commitment to a better Hawaii. I have no doubt that his role will be honorable and valuable to the board.

I appreciate your consideration of the Governor's recommendation and ask you to confirm his appointment to the HPHA. Aloha.

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
M.Oh	Individual	Comments Only	Yes

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Aloha Chair Chun Oakland and Committee members:

Thank you for the opportunity to offer comments and thoughts on my nomination to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA). My personal goal is to truly play an important part in improving public housing neighborhoods.

I would like to further add that life experiences have guided me for over 30 years in Hawaii. A third of those years have been with the real estate organization and I am grateful to the knowledge, education, and confidence instilled in me.

I believe I have the skillset and the interest to serve on the HPHA to the best of my abilities to meet the needs of HPHA and look forward to working for the greater good. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to present my qualifications and interest to this Committee.

I am happy to answer any questions you may have.