

GM 33

Allicyn Tasaka

**Design Selection Committee for Art Work to Honor
United States Representative Patsy T. Mink**

Allielyn Tasaka

October 28, 2013

Senator Glenn Wakai
Chair, Senate Committee on Technology and the Arts
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 216
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: GM#33 Nomination to the Design Selection Committee for Art Work to Honor United States Representative Patsy T. Mink; October 31, 2013; 1:30p.m. Room 414

Dear Senator Wakai:

The following are responsive statements which address the questions posed to assist the Senate with its confirmation process. I look forward to meeting with you and appearing before the Senate Committee on Technology and the Arts.

1. WHY DO YOU WISH TO BE A MEMBER OF THE DESIGN SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR ART WORK TO HONOR UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE PATSY T. MINK?

Serving on the Committee would be a tangible gesture of continuing to honor the legacy of Congresswoman Mink. After the passing of Mrs. Mink in 2002, Amy Agbayani, Faye Kennedy, Jill Nunokawa and I were among the people who tried unsuccessfully to organize and raise funds to commission a statue in her likeness. A decade later, I am given another chance to make good on this commitment – this time with the support of the State and expertise of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts (SFCA). I wish to serve on the Committee to ensure that Mrs. Mink's spirit of social justice, equal rights, peace and remarkable accomplishments during her public service is reflected in public art work with integrity and honor.

2. HOW DO YOU PERCEIVE THE ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF A MEMBER OF THE DESIGN SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR ART WORK TO HONOR UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE PATSY T. MINK?

There are four appointed members of the Committee who must work closely with the SFCA to comply with Act 281, procurement processes, State regulations, and select an appropriate artist. My goal is to be an effective liaison between the Mink family and the Committee to accurately relay their personal preferences and general direction so that the memorial would embody the spirit and essence that they and the people of Hawaii would be proud of.

3. GIVEN YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF A MEMBER OF THE DESIGN SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR ART WORK TO HONOR UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE PATSY T. MINK, WHY DO YOU BELIEVE THAT YOU ARE QUALIFIED

FOR THE POSITION? PLEASE INCLUDE A BRIEF STATEMENT OF YOUR SKILLS, EXPERTISE, OR KNOWLEDGE THAT WOULD AID IN YOUR DECISION-MAKING ABILITY AS A MEMBER OF THE DESIGN SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR ART WORK TO HONOR UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE PATSY T. MINK.

Mrs. Mink was a mentor and friend. We got to know each other in my position as Executive Director of the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women (HSCSW) in 1998, working on issues impacting women and girls in Hawaii. The professional relationship developed into friendship. Mrs. Mink asked me to help her with communications during her re-election in 2000. I traveled with Mrs. Mink to the Neighbor Islands and recall in one day visiting Maui, Molokai and Lanai. She was tireless and full of energy, while I had motion sickness. I cherish my many conversations, her advice and memories with Mrs. Mink.

The three qualities below speak to my ability to make tough decisions in a collaborative manner. I trust that my decisions will be grounded in my utmost respect for Mrs. Mink and will focus to honor her remarkable life, as well as her family's wishes.

4. WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH DURING YOUR TERM OF SERVICE?

As tasked by the intent of the legislation, the final product will be a permanent work of art to portray the life, vision, accomplishments, impact, and legacy of Mrs. Mink so as to properly honor her memory and utilize her example as an inspiration for current and future generations.

5. NAME THREE QUALITIES THAT BEST DESCRIBE YOU AND THAT WOULD MAKE YOU STAND OUT. HOW WOULD THESE QUALITIES BENEFIT THE DESIGN SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR ART WORK TO HONOR UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE PATSY T. MINK?

Leadership: I have 20+years of administrative and management experience to help lead the Committee to process information, procedures, and lead discussions to reach decisions by consensus.

Team Player: I have an ability to listen to people, understand differences, communicate well with others in an inclusive manner.

Task Oriented: I am goal oriented, organized and make daily to do lists and love crossing out tasks when completed.

6. NAME ONE PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE THAT WOULD MAKE YOU STAND OUT. HOW WOULD THIS BENEFIT THE DESIGN SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR ART WORK TO HONOR UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE PATSY T. MINK?

The Committee has held two meetings since September. Between the first and second meeting, I contacted Mrs. Mink's two former Chief of Staffs for feedback on the public art work. Then coordinated a conference call between the former staffers, Wendy Mink and the project manager from SFCA. We heard directly from Wendy Mink, who also conferred with Eugene Takemoto, Mrs. Mink's brother. The direct feedback and discussion was documented and shared with the Committee. The Committee was able to vote to seek location for the public art work in the State Capitol District, and subsequent follow up to enter into dialogue with DAGS and perhaps the Library system for possible suitable locations. It also enabled the Committee to set forth a time table to review the applications of artists and conduct interviews. The project is now in full swing and moving forward.

7. CAN YOU FORESEE ANY POSSIBLE CONFLICT OF INTERESTS THAT COULD ARISE DURING YOUR SERVICE ON THE DESIGN SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR ART WORK TO HONOR UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE PATSY T. MINK? HOW WOULD YOU OVERCOME ANY POSSIBLE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST?

To the best of my knowledge I do not foresee future conflicts of interests during my service on the Committee.



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DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES
TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE
ON
TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS
ON
October 31, 2013

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 33

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE DESIGN SELECTION
COMMITTEE FOR ART WORK TO HONOR UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE
PATSY T. MINK, ALLICYN TASAKA

Chair Wakai and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on
G.M. 33. The Department of Accounting and General Services supports the confirmation of Ms.
Allicyn Tasaka to the Design Selection Committee for Art Work to Honor United States
Representative Patsy T. Mink (Design Selection Committee).

Ms. Tasaka has extensive professional experience in government, communications and the
nonprofit sector and currently serves as the Director of Operations for Governor Abercrombie's
administration. Ms. Tasaka also devotes substantial time and effort to a wide array of community
service organizations including the 50th Anniversary of Statehood Commission, the Department of
Education's Advisory Committee on Gender Equity in Athletics, and the Japanese American Citizens
League, among others, and has been recognized for her exemplary service with numerous awards.
Ms. Tasaka's broad background and experience provide her with the necessary skills to be a
contributing member of the Design Selection Committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

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Consideration and Confirmation of Allicyn Tasaka
To the Design Selection Committee for Art Work to Honor
United States Representative Patsy T. Mink

By

Pamela Ferguson-Brey, Executive Director
Crime Victim Compensation Commission

Senate Committee on Technology and the Arts
Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

Thursday, October 31, 2013
State Capitol, Conference Room 414

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Nishihara and Members of the Senate Committee on Technology and the Arts:

Thank you for providing the Crime Victim Compensation Commission (the "Commission") with the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of the appointment of Allicyn Tasaka to serve on the Design Selection Committee for Art Work to Honor United States Representative Patsy T. Mink for a term to expire on June 30, 2017. Ms. Tasaka is a strong advocate for social justice and equity and has served our community in various capacities for many years including in the legislative and executive branches of government.

Ms. Tasaka's commitment to social justice and equity are evident in her roles in numerous organizations such as the Hawai'i Advisory Committee of the Joyful Heart Foundation, Department of Education's Advisory Committee on Gender Equity in Athletics, Japanese American Citizens League, Planned Parenthood of Hawai'i's Action Network, Women's Fund Foundation and the Hawai'i Women's Political Caucus. During her term as Executive Director of the Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women from 1998 to 2004, Ms. Tasaka worked to improve the status of women and girls in Hawai'i.

The Commission is a quasi-judicial body that assists victims of violent crime by providing compensation for crime-related expenses. The Commission also administers a Restitution Recovery Project to collect restitution from inmates and parolees and disburse the funds to crime victims.

The late United States Representative Patsy T. Mink was a champion for gender equity and victim's rights. She was a strong supporter of the Victim of Crime Act Fund that provides federal matching grants to victim assistance and compensation programs nationally and helped ensure funding for the victims programs in the State of Hawai'i.

Ms. Tasaka's background and experience will be invaluable to the Design Selection Committee. Ms. Tasaka was a close friend of the late United States Representative Patsy T. Mink and considered her a mentor. The passionate commitment of the late United States Representative Patsy T. Mink to victim's rights, civil rights, women's rights, and economic justice have influenced and guided Ms. Tasaka throughout her career. The vision for justice and equality she shares with the late United States Representative Patsy T. Mink will provide Ms. Tasaka with the insight to ensure that the selection of a permanent work of art will embody the life, vision, accomplishments, impact and legacy of the late United States Representative Patsy T. Mink.

The Commission therefore urges you to confirm Ms. Tasaka's appointment to the Design Selection Committee for Art Work to Honor United States Representative Patsy T. Mink.



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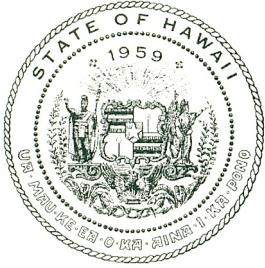
GM 33

Chair Wakai and members of the Committee, I am Eva Laird Smith, executive director of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts, and I am pleased to support the nomination of Allicyn Tasaka to the Design Selection Committee for art work to honor United States Representative Patsy. T. Mink.

Ms. Tasaka is currently director of operations for Governor Abercrombie's administration. She is the former director of the Japanese American Cultural Center of Hawaii and has held other impressive posts in service to the people of Hawai'i. She has owned her own business in communications and is a strong advocate for civil rights and elevating the status of women, ideals for which Representative Mink was a staunch advocate.

We are pleased to offer this testimony in Allicyn Tasaka's behalf and thank you for the opportunity to address you.

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To: Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Technology and the Arts

From: Cathy Betts, Executive Director, Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women

Re: Testimony in Support, GM 33, Nomination of Allicyn Tasaka to the Design Selection Committee for Art Work to Honor United States Representative Patsy T. Mink.

On behalf of the Commission on the Status of Women, I would like to voice my strong support for the nomination of Allicyn Tasaka to the Design Selection Committee for Art Work to Honor United States Representative Patsy T. Mink. The Commission wholeheartedly supports this nomination.

Congresswoman Mink's legacy continues to live on through the millions of young women who continue to benefit from Title IX. Additionally, her legacy lives on in the hearts and minds of those who knew her and worked with her. Ms. Tasaka worked closely with the late Congresswoman on important issues including gender equity, Title IX compliance and social justice issues here in Hawaii and throughout the nation. The Commission can think of no person more deserving or capable of honoring Ms. Mink's legacy, vision and memory than Ms. Tasaka.

We humbly urge you to accept her nomination. Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support.

Date of Hearing: Monday, October 31, 2013. 10 a.m. of 1:30 p.m.

To: Senate Committee on Technology and the Arts, Chair Glenn Wakai and committee members

From: Amy Monk, Commissioner, Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women

Re: GM 33. Testimony in Support of the Nomination of Allicyn CH Tasaka to the Design Selection Committee for Art Work to Honor United States Representative Patsy T. Mink. (Referring to Act 281, Relating to Public Works of Art, appropriating \$250,00 from special funds to plan a memorial monument for Mrs. Mink. A separate amount is allocated for Senator Daniel K. Inouye.)

I strongly support the nomination of Allicyn CH Tasaka to the Design Selection Committee for Art Work to Honor United States Representative Patsy T. Mink. The appointment of this intelligent, extremely capable person to the Design Selection Committee to honor Patsy Mink will assure that this committee will effectively carry out their mission. Allicyn is currently the Director of Operations for the Office of the Governor.

I know Allicyn Tasaka and have served on several committees with her, especially in the capacity of supporting women's issues. I know Allicyn, and like Patsy Mink, has worked to empower women and girls, reducing those barriers that keep them from realizing their full talent and potential. I know that Allicyn supports those values that Patsy T. Mink fought for all her life. It will mean that the art work selected to honor our beloved and respected congresswoman will be done with sensitivity and understanding, and will reflect appropriately Hawaii's pride and love for Patsy T. Mink.

Please confirm Allicyn Tasaka at the soonest opportunity. Thank you for allow me to submit this testimony.

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October 28, 2013

The Honorable Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair
The Honorable Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice-Chair
Senate Committee on Technology and the Arts
State Capitol Room 216
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Wakai, Vice-Chair Nishihara, and members:

SUBJECT: Testimony in Support of GM 33 - Gubernatorial Nomination of Allicyn Tasaka
to the Design Selection Committee for Art Work to Honor United States
Representative Patsy T. Mink

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in strong support of the nomination of Allicyn Tasaka to the Design Selection Committee for Art Work to Honor United States Representative Patsy T. Mink.

I have personally known Allicyn for many years, having worked with her on numerous women's issues in the City and County of Honolulu as well as the State of Hawaii. Allicyn has an extensive list of community accomplishments, and I am most impressed by her enthusiasm, communication skills and professional demeanor in which she has displayed as an advocate to empower the women of Hawaii. She has worked closely with Congresswoman Mink on issues relating to Title IX compliance, pro-choice, civil rights, and has dedicated herself to mentoring and encouraging young women to be leaders. Allicyn will be a great member of the committee due to her personal and professional work with Congresswoman Mink and her understanding of the local, national and international impact of Congresswoman Mink's legacy.

Allicyn is very reliable, dedicated and eternally upbeat, and has been outstanding in her level of commitment as an impassioned opponent of social injustice and inequity. She consistently demonstrates all of these qualities and more, and I wholeheartedly endorse her as a member of the Design Selection Committee for Art Work to Honor United States Representative Patsy T. Mink.

Sincerely,



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Senate Committee on Technology and the Arts
Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

Re: Measure GM33
Date of Hearing: October 31, 2013
Time of Hearing: 1:30 pm
Room of Hearing: 414

Aloha Senators Wakai and Nishihara,

On behalf of the Patsy T. Mink Political Action Committee, it is my pleasure to submit testimony in support of Allicyn H. Tasaka's nomination to the Design Selection Committee for Art Work to Honor United States Representative Patsy T. Mink.

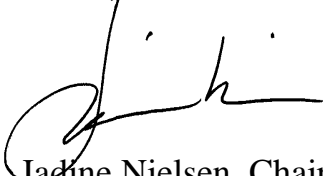
Allicyn is uniquely qualified to sit on this important committee. She worked closely with Congresswoman Mink who was a visionary leader and tireless advocate for environmental protection and educational reform, and for social justice and the rights of the disenfranchised. Throughout her career, Allicyn has endeavored to honor the legacy of Congresswoman Mink. As Executive Director of the State Commission on the Status of Women, Allicyn worked hard to ensure that the voices of immigrants, minorities, women and children were not only heard, but addressed, by both policy makers and legislators. Indeed, Allicyn has a deep and abiding connection with Congresswoman Mink --not only intellectually, but also in her heart and soul.

On a personal level, I was privileged to work with Allicyn during the founding of the Patsy T. Mink Political Action Committee in 2003-04. Our mission is to improve the lives of Hawaii's women and their families by being a strong advocate for the pro-choice agenda, including access to affordable reproductive health care services. Allicyn was instrumental in getting our organization off the ground by providing critical expertise, guidance and credibility to our group. I am grateful and indebted to her.

The Patsy T. Mink Political Action Committee supports and endorses Allicyn without any hesitation. Allicyn's demonstrated leadership and commitment to the issues championed by Congresswoman Mink have earned her great respect in the women's and pro-choice communities. We believe Allicyn's experience and background at the local, state and national levels--as well as her direct personal relationship with Congresswoman Mink herself--will make her an invaluable member of the Committee. Moreover, we have no doubt that she will serve with distinction.

We respectfully urge you to confirm Allicyn to the Design Selection Committee for Art Work to Honor United States Representative Patsy T. Mink.

Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jadine Nielsen', written over a circular stamp.

Jadine Nielsen, Chair
Patsy T. Mink Political Action Committee

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October 28, 2013

Senate Committee on Technology and the Arts
The Honorable Glen Wakai, Chair
The Honorable Clarence Nishihara, Vice Chair

Thursday, October 31, 2013, 1:30 pm
Room 414

GM 33 – Allicyn Tasaka for Design Selection Committee for
Artwork to Honor U.S. Representative Patsy T. Mink

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Nishihara and Members of the
Committee:

It is my honor to support the nomination of Ms. Allicyn
Tasaka to the Design Selection Committee for Artwork to
Honor U.S. Representative Patsy T. Mink. I have known
Ms. Tasaka for nearly twenty years both professionally and
personally.

As illustrated in Ms. Tasaka's resume, she has a wealth of
talent and skills that would enhance any committee.
However, for the charge of this particular committee, Ms.
Tasaka is uniquely qualified: her professional and personal
relationship to Mrs. Mink, combined with a lifelong
commitment to women, Japanese culture and politics will
ensure that the depth and breadth of Mrs. Mink's place in
history will be appropriately represented in the selected
artwork.

As many of you already know, Ms. Tasaka is a great
candidate for this committee. Thank you for your
consideration.

Sincerely,
Marian E. Tsuji



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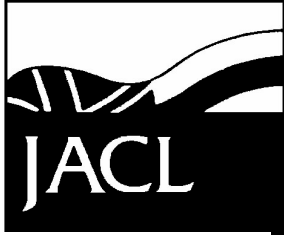
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Senate Committee on Technology and the Arts
Thursday, October 31, 2013, 1:30 p.m.
Hawai'i State Capitol – Room 414

Testimony in **SUPPORT of GM 33** Confirmation of **ALLICYN HIKIDA TASAKA** to the Design Selection Committee for Artwork to Honor United States Representative Patsy T. Mink

Dear Chair Wakai, Vice-Chair Nishihara, and Members of the Committee:

The Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) Honolulu Chapter strongly supports the confirmation of Allicyn Hikida Tasaka to the Design Selection Committee for Artwork to Honor United States Representative Patsy T. Mink.

Patsy T. Mink is a role model of those who work for equality. There is no better person than Allicyn to carry on the legacy of this national hero.

JACL is the nation's oldest and largest Asian Pacific American civil rights organization with over 20,000 members. Locally our organization has consistently supported efforts to provide equal rights to citizens of this state.

Allicyn served as president of the JACL Honolulu Chapter from 1992 to 1994 and has been a part of the organization since 1985. She continues to play an important role in our civil rights work by serving on our Advisory Council. We deeply value her volunteer service to our organization and believe that she is of vital importance on the Design Selection Committee which will honor the life and work of Patsy T. Mink.

JACL thanks you for allowing us to testify in support of Allicyn's nomination.

Legal Counsel

Benjamin Kudo

Respectfully,

Advisory Council

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October 31, 2013

TO: Senate Committee on Technology and the Arts

FROM: Faye Kennedy, Co-Chair

Hawai'i Friends of Civil Rights

RE: Governor's Message #33 nomination of Allicyn H. Tasaka

Dear Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Nishihara and Members of the Senate Committee on Technology and the Arts.

It is my pleasure to submit this testimony in strong support of the nomination of Allicyn Tasaka to the Design Selection Committee for Art Work to Honor United States Representative Patsy T. Mink.

I have known Ms. Tasaka for over 15 years. We have served together as Commissioners of the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission and the Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women, as well as other organizations such as the Hawai'i Friends of Civil Rights (HFCR) and the Hawai'i Women's Political Caucus (HWPC), of which I am the president emeritus. As Mrs. Mink helped to found the HWPC in 1981, under the name of the Hawai'i Womens Political Action League (HWPAL) our organization has always had a very special relationship with her over the years.

Allicyn personally understands the life-long service of Mrs. Mink and will ensure that the process will include communication with the family and the resulting memorial will be of integrity and honor Mrs. Mink. Moreover, I have rarely worked with anyone as capable, responsible, and thorough in any project she is involved with.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in strong support of the nomination of Allicyn Tasaka. I urge you and your Committee to pass this nomination.

Please feel free to call me at 732-4987 if I may be of any further assistance.



**TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF
GM #33 Allicyn H. Tasaka
October 31, 2013**

To: Honorable Sen. Wakai, Chair
Honorable Sen. Nishihara, Vice Chair
Honorable Members Sen. Gabbard, Sen. Tokuda and Sen. Slom

From: Dr. Amy Agbayani, Vice Chair, NaFFAA Region 12
3432 B-1 Kalihi St., Honolulu 96819

The National Federation of Filipino American Associations (NaFFAA) strongly endorses the nomination of Allicyn H. Tasaka to the Design Selection Committee for Art Work to Honor United States Representative Patsy T. Mink. NaFFAA is a national organization and Hawai'i is one of the 12 regional chapters. NaFFAA promotes civic participation of Filipino Americans and seeks to increase awareness of Filipino American contributions to social, economic, cultural and political life in the United States. NaFFAA actively supports individuals who are committed to social justice and advocates for policies that promote equal access for Filipinos and non-discrimination for all.

As a member of NaFFAA and other national organizations, I had the special privilege of working with Patsy T. Mink when she was a Congressmember on issues relating to immigration reform, bilingual education, Title IX, civil rights and various equal education access legislation. It has also been my privilege to work alongside Allicyn Tasaka over the years supporting Patsy T. Mink's advocacy on national and local issues.

I have been a colleague and friend of Allicyn Tasaka for decades. I personally know of Allicyn's dedication and competence. I can also state that Patsy Mink shared the same assessment of Allicyn. Allicyn has a track record of leadership and community service. I have worked with Allicyn on national and local community projects relating to gender equity, civil rights, multicultural programs, including projects of the Filipino Community Center, the Japanese Cultural Center and University of Hawaii. I am very impressed with her integrity, professionalism, hard work and knowledge of Hawaii's history. I am confident Allicyn understands and be able to incorporate the values and accomplishments of Patsy T. Mink as well as the perspectives of the Mink family, friends and colleagues. Allicyn is thoughtful, inclusive and capable of making the right decisions as a member of this committee.

I respectfully ask you to support Allicyn Tasaka's nomination. I am taking this opportunity to thank her for sharing her time, values, vision and expertise as a member of the Design Selection Committee for Art Work to Honor US Representative Patsy T. Mink

October 29, 2013

To: _____ Senate Committee on Technology and the Arts
_____ Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair
_____ Senator Clarence Nishihara, Vice Chair
_____ Members of the Committee

Subject Measure: _____ GM 33

Time: _____ TBA, Date: October 31, 2013

Dear Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Nishihara, and Members of the Committee.

I write in favor of the nomination of Allicyn Hikida Tasaka to serve on the "Design Selection Committee for Art Work to Honor United States Representative Patsy T. Mink".

I have known Ms. Hikida Tasaka for nearly 20 years, and I believe she is the most qualified person to serve on the design committee honoring Congresswoman Mink.

Speaking of Mink in an interview in the Star Advertiser in 2005, Ms. Hikida Tasaka stated, "I admired her because she stayed true to her core values and beliefs when she faced discrimination, and throughout her political career. She ran for President, co-authored the Title IX legislation for equity in women's sports, and was a progressive thinker and great orator".

Few have the energy and devotion to duty I have seen in Ms. Tasaka over the years. She served as Executive Director of the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women for six years, dealing with many of the issues Congresswoman Mink championed, and working closely with the Women's Legislative Caucus.

She has served as President of the Japanese American Citizen's League when it was named the best out of 115 affiliates nationwide.

She has led Hawaii Meals on Wheels, and has a background in media and public relations. In addition, she is familiar with the inner workings of local government having experience in both the Senate and the House.

I highly recommend Allicyn Hikida Tasaka for this important role and thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Aloha,

Marilyn B. Lee

TO: Committee on Technology and the Arts
Sen. Glenn Wakai, Chair
Sen. Clarence Nishihara, Vice Chair

FROM: Teresa Bill
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RE: Testimony Supporting Nomination of Allicyn Tasaka, GM 33
Thursday Oct 31, 2013
1:30 p.m. Conference Room 414

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Allicyn Tasaka continues her community-based work advocating for women and families. She would be an excellent and knowledgeable committee member. I ask you to support her nomination.

Thank you.

Karen Dang

From: John Bickel <jbickel15@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, October 28, 2013 6:08 PM
To: TECTestimony
Subject: GM33

Senate Committee on Technology and the Arts
Honorable Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair, Honorable
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to testify in favor of Allicyn Tasaka as the Governor's nominee to serve on the "Design Selection Committee for Art Work to Honor United States Representative Patsy T. Mink". The Legislature passed Act 281, Relating to Public Works of Art, appropriating \$250,000 from special funds to plan a memorial monument for Mrs. Mink. As a former employee of Mrs. Mink and longtime friend, I think Allicyn would be the perfect person to serve on this committee. She has the heart and drive Patsy T. Mink would want to see in government -- especially a government project to honor the most important woman in public service from Hawaii.

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October 28, 2013

Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Technology and the Arts
Hawaii State Legislature
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Regarding: Governor's Message 33
Hearing date: October 31, 2013
Hearing time: 1:30 p.m., Conf. Room 414

Dear Senator Wakai, Senator Nishihara and members of the Committee,

Governor Abercrombie has nominated *Allicyn Hikida Tasaka* to serve on the Design Selection Committee for Art Work to Honor United States Representative Patsy T. Mink as mandated by S.B. 614, S.D.1, H.D.2, C.D.1 passed by the 2013 Legislature and signed into law as Act 281 by Governor Abercrombie.

I fully support the Governor's nomination for this position.

Allicyn Tasaka has successfully served our community in numerous capacities over the years with skill and grace. From political advocacy to vigorous defense of equality and justice for women, Japanese Americans and all Americans, Allicyn has been selfless and persistent. Qualities reflective of Representative Mink's career. Allicyn's service as an advocate as well as her role as COO with the Japanese Cultural Center gives her unique insights into both the political and cultural aspects for this responsibility.

I encourage your confirmation of Allicyn Hikida Tasaka to the Design Selection Committee for Art Work to Honor United States Representative Patsy T. Mink.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Yours sincerely,



Jo Kamae Byrne

Submitted via e.mail to: TECTestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov

October 29, 2013

Hearing Date: October 31, 2013

Time: 130 p.m.

Senate Committee on Technology and the Arts

Strong Support for GM 33

To Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Nishihara and members of the Committee,

I write in strong support of the Governor's nomination of Allicyn H. Tasaka to serve on the Design Selection Committee for Art Work to Honor United States Representative Patsy T. Mink.

Allicyn has devoted her life to social justice issues and has always been guided by the light and lessons of our own Congresswoman Patsy Takemoto Mink. I have known Allicyn for many years and serve on the only Board of Education Commission on Gender Equity that developed and monitored bench mark indicators and goals of compliance with Title IX regulations. Allicyn is a conscientious and dedicated member of our now committee and has been an advocate for gender equity in education for many years.

Allicyn was also the director of the Hawaii Commission on the Status of Women and I always admired her commitment to improving the lives of girls and women in our state.

This new role, which is yet another public service effort, is a easy and logical one for a woman who reflects and imbues the virtues and valor Congresswoman Mink's life and legacy stands for.

It is without hesitation that I support Allicyn H. Tasaka's nomination to this worthy committee.

Aloha, Jill Nunokawa

Vice-Chair

Superintendent of Education's Committee on Gender Equity



October 31, 2013

To: Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair
Senator Clarence Nishihara, Vice Chair and
Members of the Committee on Technology and the Arts

From: Jeanne Y. Ohta and Amy Monk, Co-Chairs

RE: GM 33 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Design Selection Committee for Art Work to Honor U.S. Representative Patsy T. Mink, Gubernatorial Nominee,
ALLICYN TAsAKA
Hearing: Thursday, October 31, 2013, 1:30 p.m., Conf. Room 414

Position: SUPPORT

The Hawai'i State Democratic Women's Caucus writes in support of the nomination of Allicyn Tasaka to the Design Selection Committee for Art Work to Honor U.S. Representative Patsy T. Mink.

Allicyn Tasaka is a wonderful nominee to the Committee not only because of her many years as an advocate for women and girls but also because U.S. Representative Patsy T. Mink was her mentor and friend; and continues to inspire her work.

Ms. Tasaka is a past Executive Director of the Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women (December 1998-September 2004). They became close colleagues and friends through their shared passions for women's issues.

Ms. Tasaka has also served as Chief Operating Officer for the Japanese Cultural Center; as Executive Director of Hawai'i Meals on Wheels; as a Commissioner on the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission; on the 50th Anniversary of Statehood Commission; on the Department of Education's Advisory Committee on Gender Equality in Athletics; and as President of the Japanese American Citizens League.

The Hawai'i State Democratic Women's Caucus is a catalyst for progressive, social, economic, and political change through action on critical issues facing Hawai'i's women and girls.

We ask the committee to confirm this nomination. Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of Allicyn Tasaka's nomination to the Design Selection Committee for Art Work to Honor U.S. Representative Patsy T. Mink.

October 29, 2013

Hearing: Thursday, October 31, 2013 at 1:30 p.m., in Conference Room 414

Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Technology and the Arts

RE: **SUPPORT GM33** - Nomination of Allicyn CH Tasaka for the Design Selection Committee for Art Work to Honor United States Representative Patsy T. Mink

Dear Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair, Vice Chair Clarence Nishihara, and Members of the Senate Committee on Technology and the Arts:

My name is Susan H. Kitsu, and I am writing testimony in strong SUPPORT of the nomination of Allicyn CH Tasaka to serve on the Design Selection Committee for Art Work to Honor United States Representative Patsy T. Mink.

I have known Allicyn Tasaka for almost two decades and have worked very closely with her on several boards and projects. While she served on the board of the Japanese American Citizens League, Honolulu Chapter, she fought tirelessly for the rights of those in Hawaii who were wrongfully interned in Hawaii because of their race. She was successful in coordinating teams of lawyers to work on redress for those of Japanese ancestry who were wrongfully interned during WWII. JACL is a national civil rights organization that started in 1929, and has fought for the civil rights of many, including women.

While she served as the head of the State Commission on the Status of Women, I served on the Mayor's Committee on the Status of Women and saw the commitment that Allicyn had in ensuring that women in Hawaii were provided with opportunities and benefits to have a better quality of life through training, information, and programs.

Allicyn was one of the original members on the Superintendent's Gender Equity Committee. The Committee's responsibility is to oversee Title IX athletics compliance in the Department of Education. As the Director of the Civil Rights Compliance Office for the Department of Education, I am responsible for staffing this committee. She still continues to serve on that committee after 10 years and ensures that the legacy of Patsy T. Mink is realized in everything the committee recommends and does.

Allicyn Tasaka has been an incredible mentor and teacher for the next generation on the values that Patsy T. Mink believed in. Allicyn's actions throughout her career are exemplary and a constant reminder to all of us of the sacrifices and hard work that Patsy T. Mink made to accomplish the dream for equality and opportunities for both boys and girls.

Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee on Technology and the Arts
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Allicyn has been a force on the Gender Equity Committee, and because of her efforts, along with the support of the State Legislature, softball fields are being built and renovated across the state. This has leveled the playing field for girls in the DOE to compete and practice on. Allicyn is a constant reminder to all of us who serve and staff this important committee that we must continue to ensure that Patsy T. Mink's legacy continues to live on.

I unequivocally believe that Allicyn Tasaka will be a valuable member of the Design Selection Committee to decide on the most appropriate and proper way to honor Patsy Takemoto Mink. The young girl from Paia, Maui, who believed in equality, who pushed the doors of opportunity to swing wide open, and who changed the face of our country, must never be forgotten!

Thank you very much for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong **SUPPORT** of the nomination of Allicyn CH Tasaka.

Sincerely yours,

Susan H. Kitsu

Governor's Message No. 33, Act 281

For Consideration and Confirmation to the Design Selection Committee

For Art Work to Honor United States Representative Patsy T. Mink,

Gubernatorial Nominee ALLICYN TASAKA,

For a term to expire 6-30-2017

To: Senate Committee on Technology and the Arts

October 31, 2013

1:30 pm

Dear Chair Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair Clarence Nishihara, and Members of the Technology and the Arts Committee, Senators Jill Tokuda, Les Ihara, and Sam Slom:

It is with much pleasure to share with you my support of the nomination of Allicyn Tasaka to serve on the Design Selection Committee for Art Work to Honor United States Representative Patsy T. Mink.

I am June Motokawa, a past Hawaii Civil Rights Commissioner who served with then Commissioner Allicyn Tasaka. I also served as United States Representative Patsy Mink's Big Island staff in the early 1990's.

Allicyn Tasaka, my friend and colleague, spoke often of how she missed Patsy as a mentor, a tireless voice for women's rights, civil rights and opportunities for all. I, too, miss Patsy still. No one can deny Patsy's personality, passion, leadership and delivery style, but she was also genuinely warm and funny. Allicyn and I laugh remembering Patsy's loud head thrown back laughter.

In many conversations, Allicyn would say Patsy wouldn't do that or she sounds like Patsy. We both cannot help but remember all the good that Patsy did for not only Hawaii's people but for the whole U.S. especially through legislation such as Title IX, her work in public education and for the poor.

When Allicyn and I visited Patsy and John's grave we marveled at this intelligent couple who gave so much, John so kind and thoughtful and Patsy so accomplished.

Allicyn will represent Patsy well because of her love and care for Patsy and also because she will heed Patsy's family's voice.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of Allicyn Tasaka to serve on the Design Selection Committee for Art Work to honor Representative Patsy Takemoto Mink.

Sincerely,

June Motokawa

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GM 33
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE ALLICYN TASAKA
TO THE DESIGN SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR ART WORK TO HONOR
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE PATSY T. MINK
BEFORE THE HAWAII STATE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS
October 31, 2013, 1:30 P.M.

Chair Wakai and members of the Committee:

We are pleased to offer our support for the nomination of Allicyn Tasaka to serve as a member of the Design Selection Committee for Art Work to Honor United States Representative Patsy T. Mink. The nomination was forwarded to the Senate in Governor's Message 33 for consideration during the Special Session.

We do so as former senior staff in Representative Mink's offices both in Washington, D.C., and here in Honolulu. Over the course of several years, we each had the opportunity to know and work with Ms. Tasaka in various capacities during the Congresswoman's years of service. She headed the Hawaii Chapter of the Japanese American Citizen's League and subsequently was Executive Director of the Hawaii Commission on the Status of Women. She served later as Chief Operating Officer of the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii. In all of her leadership positions she has brought positive and high profile attention to those organizations.

More recently, as the Design Committee has engaged in preliminary discussions to establish context and criteria for a memorial to Representative Mink, Ms. Tasaka reached out to a broad spectrum of people who knew and worked with the Congresswoman. We both had the opportunity to dialogue with Allicyn and she conveyed to us her commitment to honoring Mrs. Mink with a memorial that does justice to her life's work as a champion for equal rights, for education at every level as an opportunity for all, for a meaningful role for our nation in the global community, and for a fair share of Federal support for government services for the people of Hawaii.

We look forward to working with Ms. Tasaka and expect that she will be a resourceful, knowledgeable and contributing member of the Committee as the memorial becomes a reality. We appreciate the opportunity to consult and provide feedback so that the Committee can begin its work.

We urge your favorable consideration of Ms. Tasaka's nomination.



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Measure: GM33 – Allicyn Tasaka to Design Selection Committee for Art Work to Honor Representative Patsy T. Mink
Committee: Senate Committee on Technology and the Arts
Date of Hearing: October 31, 2013
Time of Hearing: TBA
Room: TBA
Submitted by: Carmille Lim

Dear Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of the Technology and Arts Committee:

I respectfully ask you to **support** GM33, the nomination of Allicyn Tasaka to the Design Selection Committee for Art Work to Honor United States Representative Patsy T. Mink.

Thank you for your consideration.

GM33

Submitted on: 10/30/2013

Testimony for on Oct 31, 2013 13:30PM in Conference Room 414

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
ROSELINE BALMORES	Individual	Support	No

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October 29, 2013

To: Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair and Senator Clarence Nishihara, Vice Chair and Members
of the Senate Committee on Technology and the Arts

From: Annelle Amaral

Re: Governor's Message 33: Testimony in Support of Allicyn Hikida-Tasaka

Aloha kakou, I am submitting my written testimony only, in support of the Governor's nomination of Allicyn Hikida-Tasaka to the Design Selection Committee for Art Work to Honor U.S. Representative Patsy T. Mink.

I have known Ms. Tasaka since I arrived at the State Capitol in 1982. Ms. Tasaka has spent many years as a women's advocate, having served as the Executive Director of the State Commission on the Status of Women. I first met her when she worked as Legislative staff to Representative Tom Okamura.

Ms. Tasaka was a strong supporter of U.S. Representative Patsy T. Mink and worked closely on many of her projects and interests. She knew the Congresswoman both professionally and personally, and I know that she will work to assure that any artwork submitted for consideration will portray the life, vision, accomplishments, impact, and legacy of U.S Representative Patsy T. Mink.

I recall the memorial service that was held in the Capitol Rotunda for Congresswoman Mink after her death. Allicyn and I stood together watching the long line of men and women streaming in to say their final goodbye to our heroine. The rotunda filled with people talking quietly, sharing their memories, tears, and laughter....remembering this wonderful woman. And Allicyn said, "We need to do something, to show everyone how we all love her....let's make a lei." I said" okay, but we don't have needles or flowers...".and she said, "No...let's make a human lei to surround Patsy." And so it happened, that all of us gathered, held hands, and surrounded the State Capitol in a human lei of all the people that loved Patsy. It was the first work of art dedicated to U.S. Representative Mink.....I hope you will confirm Ms. Tasaka...she will help you find the appropriate artwork to portray this amazing woman.

Mahalo for letting me testify today.

Hearing: GM33
October 31, 2013, 1:30 p.m.
State Capitol, Room 414

To: Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Technology and the Arts

From: Judy K. Kern

Re: **GM33** -- Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Design Selection Committee for Art Work to Honor United States Representative Patsy T. Mink, Gubernatorial Nominee, ALLICYN TASAKA, for a term to expire 6-30-2017

Position: STRONG SUPPORT

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in full support of the appointment of Allicyn H. Tasaka to the Design Committee for Art Work to honor U.S. Representative Patsy T. Mink.

On so many different levels, Ms. Tasaka is an ideal candidate for the Design Committee. Perhaps most obviously, Allicyn is passionately dedicated to many of the same issues for which we honor Rep. Patsy Mink and her work for justice, fairness, and equality. Whether serving as the Executive Director of the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women, the President of the Japanese American Citizens League, Executive Director of Hawaii Meals on Wheels, or in other capacities for so many other boards and organizations -- Allicyn works tirelessly on behalf of women, elders, minorities, and the well-being of the entire community. I believe that the energy and spirit Allicyn will bring to the Design Committee would bring a smile to Representative Mink.

In addition to her commitment to the values for which Rep. Mink fought long and hard, Allicyn brings an amazing skill set for strategizing, organizing, planning, and implementation. I had the great good fortune to work for Allicyn when she was Executive Director of Hawaii Meals on Wheels. Her ability to work with everyone -- staff, volunteers, clients, board, and wider community -- was a tremendous asset. She treated everyone with dignity, respect, and caring. Allicyn didn't just help to craft lofty visions and goals; she inspired action and led by example to further the mission. Her fierce compassion for our kupuna and those suffering economic and food insecurity, was coupled with determination, hard work, and willingness to initiate bold measures to achieve our objectives.

As Act 281 states, the intent is to commission a work of art "...to portray the life, vision, accomplishments, impact and legacy of the late U.S. Representative Patsy T. Mink so as to properly honor her memory and utilize her example as an example for current and future generations." I cannot imagine a more fitting member of the Design Committee than Allicyn Tasaka.

Mahalo for considering this testimony in support of her confirmation.

Respectfully submitted,
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