

April 7, 2008

The Honorable Norman Sakamoto Chair, Education Committee Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 230 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu. HI 96813

Dear Honorable Sakamoto,

It is my privilege and honor to present to you and the Education Committee this letter in support of the nomination of Kitty Lagareta to a second term on the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents.

As you know, Mrs. Lagareta has served our state since 2003 as a member of the Board, including two years as vice chair and two years as chair. She has worked tirelessly to improve the UH system, and notable improvements in governance, academic quality, facilities, maintenance and development have occurred during her tenure. During a time of transition on the Board, Mrs. Lagareta's experience will prove to be an invaluable resource to the newer members.

I have known Mrs. Lagareta for nearly a decade, and in addition to her work on the Board of Regents, she has been a selfless and dedicated board member and volunteer for many of our state's community organizations, including Hawai'i's Ronald McDonald House, the Hawaii Chapter of the American Red Cross, and the Boy Scouts of America Aloha Council, among others.

Finally, Mrs. Lagareta is a leading business person in our state, and understands firsthand the need for a skilled, well educated and well rounded workforce in order to build and sustain a viable economy and vibrant social community for future generations. She recognizes and is committed to developing the University of Hawai'i System and its graduates as the generators of that future economic and social success.

I urge you to affirmatively consider Kitty Lagareta for a second term on the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents.

Sincerely,

Allen B. Uyeda President & CEO

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# Michael F. Broderick (783-2103)

Written Testimony Only April 7, 2008

Senator Norman Sakamoto Chair, Education Committee Hawaii State Capitol Room 230 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chairman Sakamoto and Committee Members:

It is my pleasure to write in strong support of Kitty Lagareta's nomination to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents.

I have known and worked with Ms. Lagareta for more than ten years. For many years we served together on the Hawaii Justice Foundation Board of Directors, we have participated together as panelists on televised public policy forum discussions and so forth. Based on my extensive personal experience with Ms. Lagareta, I can confidently say that she has all the attributes you would expect from a highly successful professional. She is competent, humble, hardworking, a very quick study, honest, caring, and direct. She also is a true visionary with tremendous leadership skills. But, perhaps the most distinctive trait Kitty has is courage. She will not be intimidated and is immune from public pressure if it will interfere with doing what is right for the community at large. I greatly admire Kitty's conviction, and her character. Oh, and by the way, she also has a fantastic sense of humor, an essential attribute to survive, and thrive, in high profile public service!

More than five years ago, I personally testified in strong support of Ms. Lagareta's initial nomination to the Board of Regents. She went on to serve with great distinction. I am equally confident that if given the opportunity, she will do so again.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide any additional information about Ms. Lagareta's nomination.

Kitty has my complete support.

Sincerely, Muhal Browleni

Michael F. Broderick

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April 7, 2008

Senator Norman Sakamoto, Chair Education Committee Hawaii State Capitol, Room 230 415 South Beretama Street Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Nomination of Kitty Lagareta for the Board of Regents

Dear Chairman Sakamoto,

It is with great pleasure that I am writing to support the nomination of Kitty Lagareta for the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii.

I have known Kitty for over 30 years. She was a friend and neighbor when her son contracted meningitis and was hospitalized at Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children where I worked. Out of that experience Kitty became a volunteer and ultimately the executive director of the Ronald McDonald House, when I was on its board. I saw then, as I have continued to see over the years, the qualities that have truly made her an outstanding community leader and one well suited to be a Regent for our University of Hawaii:

- Compassion for those in need;
- Passion for what she believes in;
- Integrity in pursuing the right course, regardless of whether it is politically difficult, or the path of least resistance;
- Strength to follow through on commitments made whether by her organization or herself personally;
- · Courage in the face of conflict and adversity, and
- An amazing intelligence to analyze complex and ever changing situations and create viable solutions.

As a friend, I have personally witnessed Kitty's tireless commitment as a Regent to the University of Hawaii, a commitment that comes from a belief in the University's mission and the significant role that it plays in our State. I ask that you confirm Kitty for a second term to allow her to bring continuity to the many positive initiatives that were begun during her first term.

Sincerely, Stillow Morton

Willow S. Morton

# Jay H. Shidler 841 Bishop Street, Suite 1700 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

#### VIA HAND DELIVERY

April 8, 2008

Senator Norman Sakamoto Chair, Education Committee Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 230 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, HI 96816

RE: Kitty Lagareta - Senate Confirmation to Second Term, UH Board of Regents

Dear Senator Sakamoto:

I would like to express my support for Kitty Lagareta's confirmation to a second term on the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents. She has done an excellent job in her first term and I would expect her to continue her exemplary performance in a second term. I endorse her wholeheartedly.

Sincerely yours,

Jay H. Shidler

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ALLAN R. LANDON CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

April 8, 2008

The Honorable Norman Sakamoto Chair, Senate Education Committee Hawaii State Capitol, Room 230 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Sakamoto,

I encourage you to support the confirmation of Ms. Kitty Lagareta for a second term as a member of the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii. As a fellow Regent I have had the opportunity to work with Kitty for nearly three years. She brings to the Board a vision for the University system, an understanding of how our University works and a passion for getting things done. She also brings us insight into community needs coupled with the energy and commitment to do things the right way. Kitty is agreeable to work with, and dedicated to principled governance. Her confirmation will provide important knowledge and continuity to our Board.

Thanks again for your leadership. I hope you can support Kitty's confirmation.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Kitty Lagareta



April 8, 2008

Senator Norman Sakamoto Chair, Education Committee Hawaii State Capitol, Room 230 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Sakamoto,

It is an honor to write this letter of support on behalf of Mrs. Kitty Lagareta who is seeking a second term as a University of Hawaii Board of Regent.

I have had the pleasure of working with Mrs. Lagareta for over 7 years. I know her to be an honest, ethical and community minded businessperson. She is a keen decision maker who is capable of analyzing a broad array of information, soliciting the best advise from others and is always committed to getting the job done. Kitty has the ability to think on a strategic level, respect deadlines, and assess financial recourses.

Mrs. Lagareta has an amazing amount of energy, a willingness to work long hours and has been incredibly devoted to the University of Hawaii. I have been very impressed with her service to date as a Regent, and I know the business community has been very appreciative of her tireless commitment to the University.

It is with my strongest recommendation, that as an education chair, you support the confirmation of Mrs. Lagareta. If you would like to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me at (808) 533-7468 or by e-mail at <a href="mailto:steve@mwgroup.com">steve@mwgroup.com</a>.

Sincerely,

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Chief Executive Officer

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Richard R. Kelley
Chairman of the Board

April 8, 2008

The Honorable Norman Sakamoto Chair, Senate Education Committee Hawaii State Capitol Room 230 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Sakamoto:

I am writing in enthusiastic support of the nomination of Kitty Lagareta to a second term on the University of Hawaii Board of Regents.

I have known and worked closely with Kitty for more than two decades, and if there's anything about her that stands out, it is her professionalism and her integrity. She will give the job her all, through thick and thin, doing what's right for the University. This is the way Kitty works, and this is the approach she has demonstrated – amply – in the nearly five years she has already devoted to the job.

The people of Hawaii are fortunate to have such an excellent public servant, dedicated to ensuring that a quality higher education is available to the people of our state. I urge you and your colleagues on the Education Committee to vote to confirm Kitty for a second term as regent.

Thank you for your consideration.

Richard R. Kelley

Sincerely,

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Chair Senator Norman Sakamoto & Members of the Committee Senate Education Committee Hawaii State Senate State Capital, Room 230 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Sakamoto,

I am writing in support of Kitty Lagareta's nomination for the University of Hawaii Board of Regents.

I have know and worked with Kitty Lagareta since January, 2002. Kitty was one of the leaders who resurrected the Oahu Economic Development Board in the mid 1990's, transformed it into Enterprise Honolulu and convinced me to come to Hawaii. Kitty has served on the Enterprise Honolulu Board since 2002. (The attached recent article about Hawaii's success in creating new technology companies and jobs -- 4<sup>th</sup> in the U.S.-- offers some testimonial support for Kitty's vision.)

One of the biggest challenges and opportunities facing Hawaii is to integrate the UH system more into the community as one of the state's major resources not just to ensure world class education for Hawaii's young people, but to also tap the considerable intellectual knowledge, experience, global contacts, technology R&D that resides in the UH to more directly help solve Hawaii's social and economic challenges and to seize new opportunities.

Few leaders in this state have the experience and knowledge that Kitty has gained assisting clients to understand and operate successfully in Hawaii along with her extensive volunteer activities, helping first hand to ease the burden of some of Hawaii's most stubborn and pervasive social welfare challenges.

Hawaii and the mainland seem to be coming into a period of severe economic challenges and the inevitable hardships and dislocations that will result. If so, the University System will be called upon to cooperate and collaborate more than at any time in the past. Kitty's knowledge and experience in Hawaii's native culture, business, political and educational challenges and potentials make her a valuable asset on the Regents. She is able to grasp the complexities of these times, sift through the blizzard of information and rhetoric, understand the University's appropriate roles and responsibilities to educate and to help the community, while safeguarding the Universities essential mission from dilution. Kitty's past service on the University of Hawaii Board of Regents is testimony to her spirit of intent and commitment to find equitable solutions which will benefit the whole.

These past seven years I have sought and received Kitty's counsel and help on numerous, diverse challenges. In all of these I've found her to be refreshingly open minded, non-dogmatic, always questioning and searching for what's the best solutions that will benefit

all of Hawaii. These qualities are rare but essential to help chart the path forward, if we hope to make Hawaii equitable, civil, safe and prosperous in the future. This will not likely be possible without the full participation of the UH system.

I respectfully recommend that your committee support Kitty Lagareta's nomination for a second term on the University of Hawaii Board of Regents because she is one of the most effective citizen leaders in Hawaii.

Sincerely, Mike Fitzgerald

#### BYRON & LOIS BENDER

April 9, 2008

Senator Norman Sakamoto Chair, Education Committee Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 230 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Sakamoto:

I am writing in support of the nomination of Kitty Lagareta to a second term on the UH Board of Regents. Except for a brief period before July 1, 2003, I have served with Kitty throughout her first term, and thus know the record well.

It was not an easy period in which to serve, involving as it did the replacement of the University President, and it was a period in which Kitty found herself in positions of special responsibility, first as Vice-Chair, and then as Chair of the Board. The demands on her time and effort were great, and she gave full measure in fulfilling the many responsibilities placed upon her. There were important policy decisions to be made that could be given calm deliberation, and there were also situations that needed quick and wise decisions, as when dealing with the media, something that Kitty excels in.

We have indeed been fortunate to have her on the Board, and it is especially important that the knowledge and experience she gained during the past five years be continued over into the new board, one that will have as many newcomers as the board once had members. The University and its system are a complex and multifaceted institution, but it is also fragile one. Programs that have taken decades to build can be lost overnight without wise and stable policies. Knowledgeable continuity is especially important at this juncture.

Therefore I would urge you and your colleagues to confirm Kitty Lagareta for another term of service on the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents.

Sincerely,

Byron W. Bender

Professor Emeritus of Linguistics

University of Hawai'i

April 9, 2008

Senator Norman Sakamoto Hawai'i State Senate Hawai'i State Capitol Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

RE: KITTY LAGARETA CONFIRMATION/U.H. BOARD OF REGENTS

Dear Senator Sakamoto:

I write in support of Kitty Lagareta to serve a second term on the University of Hawai'i's Board of Regents.

Kitty is an outstanding corporate citizen whose personal contribution and commitment to the quality of life and business in Hawai'i is legend. Although the CEO of one of Hawai'i's most successful communications company and her demanding schedule she has demonstrated her commitment to public service by carving out hundreds of hours of pro-bono time in her community work.

In her past service as a Regent she brought a heightened level of critical thinking to balancing the difficult relationship of collegiality and the University's responsibility to the life of the community. Her vision and understanding of the need to make the programs of the University relevant to its students as well as the public which it serves has been well demonstrated.

Most notably Kitty's commitment to devoting the hours and hours of time to the board is a measure of commitment matched by few. University of Hawai'i Regents record of turnovers is always a challenge to the continuity of regent decision making. Few are able to meet the demands of the responsibility. Kitty is there, able to serve, willing to serve, and serves with aloha for Hawai'i and its people.

I urge your support of her nomination to a second term.

Peter Apo President

Me ke aloha

1090 Alakea Street, Suite 1800 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 April 9, 2008

Senator Norman Sakamoto, Chair Education Committee Hawaii State Capitol, Room 230 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawair 96813

> Re: Regent Kitty Lagareta **UH** Board of Regents

Dear Chair Sakamoto:

I am writing to you in support of Regent Kitty Lagareta's candidacy for a second term on the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents. As you know, I had the privilege of serving with Regent Lagareta from 2003 to 2005 during which time I was Chair and she was Vice-Chair.

Understandably, I had the opportunity to observe firsthand her unsurpassed commitment to her role as a Regent and Vice-Chair. Dealing with the many issues and challenges facing the University at that time, Regent Lagareta demonstrated the qualities of dedication, strength, reasoned judgment in decision-making and leadership which have made her a remarkable member of the Board. In spite of her many responsibilities as Chair and CEO of Communications Pacific, she never failed to clear her professional calendar to attend the many meetings, receptions and events required of a Regent and Vice-Chair.

Many new Regents have no conception of what being a Regent entails. Fully cognizant of the countless hours, energy and sacrifice required of a Regent, Regent Lagarcia is to be commended for her willingness to renew that commitment, this time for a five-year term. Her much broader understanding of the University System - its mission, needs, challenges, issues and goals - can only enhance her future contribution to the Board and ultimately to the University. If confirmed, her experience and knowledge in the realm of University governance will provide continuity and be invaluable to the many incoming appointees of a newly expanded Board of Regents. She is articulate, intelligent, focused, is an exceptional communicator and has a wonderful sense of humor. I cannot image a more qualified candidate and I am confident that if confirmed, she will continue to be a tremendous asset and leader of the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents.

I strongly urge you to support the confirmation of Regent Kitty Lagareta to a second term on the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents.

Yery truly yours,

Patricia Y. Lec Esq.



April 15, 2008

The Honorable Norman Sakamoto Chair, and Members - Education Committee Hawaii State Capitol 415 South Beretania Street, Room 230 Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Sakamoto and Members:

This letter is submitted in support of the nomination of KITTY LAGARETA as a member of the University of Hawaii's Board of Regents.

I have known Ms. Lagareta as a communications consultant and advisor, as a community volunteer, as a fundraiser and as a philanthropist. Our community is a better place because of Kitty's hard work on a number of projects for which she has passion. I could mention The Ronald McDonald House and her service as President of the Honolulu Rotary, her generous recent contributions in collaboration with the Harold K.L. Castle Foundation to Windward Community College – but those would only be a few of her significant activities that have benefited our community.

I personally believe that regents need to be fundraisers and Kitty is the kind of regent who can and has played that role. I recommend her confirmation without reservation. I am happy to answer any questions.

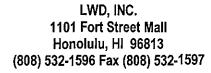
Thank you for your kind consideration of these matters.

Very truly yours,

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Chief Executive Officer

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April 16, 2008

Senator Norman Sakamoto Chairman, Education Committee Hawaii State Capitol, Rm#230 415 S. Beretania Street Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Sakamoto,

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation for Kitty Lagareta to be considered for a new term on the University Of Hawaii Board of Regents.

I have known Kitty for over 20 years, beginning with the early years when she served as the first Executive Director for Hawaii's Ronald McDonald House going from just a concept to getting it built. I have also had the distinct pleasure of seeing her grow professionally and her tireless efforts to serve our community.

In recent years, I have worked closely with Kitty because McDonald's of Hawaii is a client of Communications Pacific. I have the highest regard for Kitty, both personally and professionally from this relationship

I know that Kitty will continue to be a committed and contributing member of the University of Hawaii Board of Regents.

Thank you for the opportunity to recommend Kitty Lagareta for a new term serving our University of Hawaii System as a member of its Board of Regents.

Sincerely,

Victor Lim

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April 16, 2008

The Honorable Norman Sakamoto Hawai'i State Senator, Chair Education Committee Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 230 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Senator Sakamoto:

I am writing to you in support of Kitty Lagareta who has been selected as a candidate for the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents by the Regents Candidate Advisory Council.

Ms. Lagareta is without a doubt one of the most qualified individuals in our state to serve the University. I have been a Regent so I know what the job requires and I have known Kitty since her days at Ronald McDonald House; she has what it takes. Kitty and I have served together on many community endeavors throughout the years and several business organizations with which I have been affiliated (most recently Kamehameha Schools) have been clients of her firm, Communications Pacific.

There has never been a time when Ms. Lagareta has demonstrated less than the highest of ethics no matter what hat she was wearing, be it public relations guru, community volunteer or personal friend. She is fair, very bright, extremely creative and always gives of herself 100%. When there are diverse opinions, Kitty is always working to utilize the diversity to arrive at a win/win solution for all concerned.

The fact that she has served one term as a Regent and is willing to step up to the plate for a second time speaks volumes. Her commitment to our University had been demonstrated in spades and her leadership capabilities on that Board tried and tested through some very difficult times.

My recommendation in support of her candidacy for a second term is without reservation. Don't let her get away.

Sincerely,

Diane J. Flotts

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April 17, 2008

Senator Norman Sakamoto Chair, Education Committee Hawaii State Capitol, Room 230 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**VIA EMAIL AND REGULAR MAIL** 

#### Kitty Lagareta - University of Hawai'i, Board of Regents

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Dear Senator Sakamoto:

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter supporting the appointment of Kitty Lagareta to a second term on the Board of Regents for the University of Hawai'i.

I met Kitty 30 years ago when we were both students at the Manoa campus. It was over the course of several semesters and shared classes (during which we pursued our undergraduate degrees as English majors), that I first became aware of Kitty's intellect, commitment and discipline. While I and most of my fellow students had to balance only our class work, Kitty, as a young mother, had to balance her family's needs along with her educational dreams. Despite the extra work and pressure, she was always prepared for class, always insightful in her comments and always enthusiastic about the subject under discussion. Consequently, it surprised no one that Kitty was a top student at the University of Hawai'i.

In the intervening 30 years, I have witnessed Kitty's continued growth as a person, community volunteer, business women and recognized leader. Although she has distinguished herself in many areas, I have been most impressed by her willingness to use her time and considerable talent for the betterment of our community and our university. Never one to sit idle when there is work to be done, Kitty has been a key member of the Board of Regents for the past four years where her strong leadership has been instrumental in successfully addressing many of the challenges faced by the University of Hawai'i during that time.

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However, because many significant challenges remain, it is more important than ever that the university have the benefit of her leadership, her independent judgment, her experience and her boundless energy. It is for these reasons that I support, and urge you to confirm, Kitty's appointment to a second term on the Board of Regents for the University of Hawai'i.

Thank you for your consideration; should you have any questions of me or desire any further input, please feel free to contact me at 523-6044.

Very truly yours,

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April 21, 2008

Senator Norman Sakamoto, Chair Education Committee Hawaii State Capitol 415 S Beretania St, Rm 230 Honolulu HI 96813

Dear Senator Sakamoto,

I am writing in strong support of the confirmation of Kitty Lagareta for the Board of Regents at the University of Hawaii.

For the last four years, I have had the great pleasure of serving with Kitty on the board of regents. Kitty is the past chairman of the board and provided tremendous leadership during a very tumultuous period in the history of the University of Hawaii with all the public controversy and criticism of the board of regents. The board made the right decision and the subsequent appointment of David McClain was strongly influence by Kitty's leadership. David McClain was an excellent appointment and has restored the confidence and public trust in the university.

The work of the board of regents is very time consuming. We prepare with a voluminous amount of material and I have never been to a meeting for which Kitty was not totally prepared. Before she became a regent, she read the board minutes going back several years in order to understand the operation and flow of the board. Her standards are highly ethical; she will confront difficult situations head on. I admire her veracity and her ability to distill a complex problem into simple terms and do the right thing.

I am available for any questions you may have. I strongly feel the right thing for the University of Hawaii is the confirmation of Kitty Lagareta and her record supports that.

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Respectfully submitted,

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April 22, 2008

Sen. Norman Sakamoto, Chair Sen. Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chair

Re: GM 609

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i, Gubernatorial Nominee, CATHERINE Y. LAGARETA, for a term to expire 6-30-2013.

Dear Sen. Sakamoto, Sen. Tokuda and members of the Committee on Education:

I have known and worked with Kitty Lagareta for the past eighteen years. She has done a tremendous job in growing her business into Hawaii's leading integrated communications firm (i.e., a firm that offers coordinated public relations, community building, marketing advertising and Web services). She has also used her great business skill, energy, leadership and community relationships to assist many nonprofit organizations in Hawaii, including Hawaii's Ronald McDonald House, Kapiolani Health Foundation, American Red Cross, Boy Scouts of American Aloha Council and the Rotary Club of Honolulu.

She brings tireless energy, expert knowledge, sensitivity, wise counsel and political savvy to organizations with important dreams that would remain just dreams without her. So many community achievements that we are all proud of would never have happened without Kitty Lagareta.

I am pleased that she is ready, willing and able to serve a second and final term on the Board of Regents. Given the challenges that the University of Hawaii is facing, Kitty would be a valuable asset to the Board, given her knowledge, experience, commitment and dedication.

I am very proud to support Kitty Lagareta's nomination to the Board of Regents.

Sincerely,

Matt Matsunaga
Matthew M. Matsunaga