Kevin Chong Kee

GM 286

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March 9, 2009

Senator Carol Fukunaga Chair, Senate Economic Development and Technology Committee Hawaii State Capitol, Room 216 417 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: GM 286-Confirmation of Kevin H.M. Chong Kee to the Stadium Authority

Dear Chair Fukunaga,

Thank you for this opportunity in asking for your support on GM 286 for consideration and confirmation to the Stadium Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, Kevin H.M. Chong Kee, for the term to expire 6-30-2012.

I was born and raised in the Punchbowl district on Oahu, attended Cathedral School and graduated from Saint Louis High School in 1971. I completed four years of the electrical apprentice program with IBEW 1186. I am currently the owner of Kevin's Electric Inc. since 1985.

I was appointed to the Stadium Authority on December 1, 2003 and have served as the chairperson since July of 2005. As chairperson, I have provided the board with the agendas and have conducted the monthly board meetings. I have also provided testimony on bills that affect Aloha Stadium to both houses of the legislature and have also provided testimony to the need for the stadium renovation.

Having been a small business owner for the past twenty four years, my work ethics that I perform on a daily business in order for my company to succeed, is what I bring to the Authority.

I would like to continue as a member of the authority because there is much more to be accomplished. One of the main items that I feel that was accomplished is that I kept meetings open and allowed everyone from the general public the opportunity to participate and provide testimony and to make comments to all business that was heard.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to provide information on my nomination to the Stadium Authority.

Sincerely,

Kevin H.M. Chong Kee

Senator Carol Fukunaga Hawaii State Capitol, Room 216 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Fukunaga,

Re: GM 286 Kevin H.M. Chong Kee-Nomination to the Stadium Authority

Thank you for this opportunity to allow me to provide you and your committee member's information on my nomination to the Stadium Authority.

- (1) I was born and raised in the Punchbowl district on Oahu, attended Cathedral School and graduated from St. Louis High School in 1971. I completed four years of the electrical apprentice program with IBEW 1186. I am currently the owner of Kevin's Electric Inc. since 1985.
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- (2a) I would like to continue as a member of the Stadium Authority because there is much more to be accomplished. Since I became a member of the board, we have addressed a numbers of concerns at the stadium, especially the concerns of the health and safety issues of the stadium.
- (2b) The role of members of the Stadium Authority under section 109-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is responsible for the maintenance, operation, and management of Aloha Stadium. The Authority is authorized to prescribe and collect rents, fees, and charges for the use of the stadium facilities, and to make and execute contracts and other instruments necessary for the execution of its powers. Such rules and regulations as are deemed necessary are adopted by the Authority. To administer the affairs of the stadium facilities, the Authority appoints a manager and a deputy manager with all the powers and authority necessary for the execution of their duties.
- (2c) Having been a small business owner for the past twenty four years, my work ethics that I must perform on a daily business in order for my company to succeed, is what I bring to the Authority.
- (2d) I was appointed to the Stadium Authority on December 1, 2003 and have served as the Stadium Authority chairperson since July 2005. During this time, we have address the drinking ban at Aloha Stadium, the renovation at Aloha Stadium on the health and safety issues that it faces, numerous contracts that include the latest Advertising and Swap Meet Contracts, Drifting in the lower Halawa Parking Lot and many more. What I

feel that I have accomplish as chairperson of the Authority is that I kept meetings open and allowed everyone from the general public the opportunity to participate and provide testimony and comments to all business that we heard. I've answered all letters, e-mails and phone calls from the general public and elected officials and have responded to them accordingly. I have participated in the legislative process for the stadium along with Russ K. Saito, Director of the Department of Accounting and General Services since 2006. We have come before elected officials on briefings for the Aloha Stadium renovation and have appeared at all hearings on bills that is associated with the stadium.

What I hope to accomplish, if selected to continue as a board member, is to continue as chairperson, if provided the opportunity, and to provide the leadership on addressing the issues that face the stadium.

- (2e) Organization, communication and reliability. Organization because I have prepared the agendas and have conducted our board meetings since July 2005. Communication because I have listened and communicated with board and stadium management on issues that are of major concern that is facing the stadium, forming the committees needed to discuss the issues and to have the board to present a solution for resolution. And finally, reliability. I have taken the position as chairperson very seriously by only missing one board in close to five years as a member.
- (2f) The one experience that stands out and how it would benefit the Stadium Authority is the opportunity to testify at House and Senate hearings on behalf of the Stadium Authority and stadium management.
- (2g) If confirmed, I foresee no conflicts of interest that could arise during my service on the board. If any conflict of interest should arise, I would immediately recluse myself from any decision making that would that is needed.

Once again, thank you for this opportunity to provide information on my nomination to the Stadium Authority.

Sincerely,

Kevin H.M. Chong Kee

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF HAWAII STATE CAPITOL HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

March 5, 2009

To:

Chair Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair Rosalyn Baker

Members of the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Technology

From: Representative Barbara Marumoto

Re:

Confirmation of Kevin Chong Kee to the Stadium Authority

Kevin H.M. Chong Kee is nominated to the Board of the Stadium Authority for the term ending June 30, 2012. I am happy to recommend his to return to the Stadium Authority.

Mr. Chong Kee is currently the owner of Kevin's Electric Inc. since 1985, having completed Saint Louis High School in 1971, and four years of electrical apprentice program with IBEW 1186.

Mr. Chong Kee was appointed to the Stadium Authority on December 1, 2003 and has served as the chair since July of 2005. He brings to the Authority knowledge and the strong work ethic of a small business owner and as such is an asset to the Stadium Authority. As the chair of the Stadium Authority, Mr. Chong Kee kept meetings open and allowed the general public the opportunity to participate. With much more to accomplish, the Stadium Authority needs an experienced and knowledgeable member such as Mr. Chong Kee.



Representative Lynn Finnegan

House Minority Leader

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> > March 9, 2009

Senator Carol Fukunaga Chair, Economic Development & Technology Committee State Capitol, Room 216 415 South Beretania St. Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

> GM286 Wednesday, March 11, 2009 1:15pm Room #016

Testimony in support of Confirmation for Kevin Chong Kee to the Stadium Authority

Dear Senator Fukunaga:

It is with great pleasure that I support the confirmation of Kevin Chong Kee to serve on the Stadium Authority.

I have known Kevin for 9 years through many volunteer and community projects. He is a person of strong character and sound judgment.

I had the opportunity to work with the Stadium Authority on issues important to my district. He was both fair and consistent throughout the debates. I have had only positive experiences with him.

Kevin is an asset to the Stadium Authority. I appreciate his dedication to public service and it is my honor to endorse him.

Sincerely,

Representative Lynn Finnegan House Republican Leader



RUSS K. SAITO Comptroller

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STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES

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> TESTIMONY OF

RUSS K. SAITO, COMPTROLLER
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES
TO THE

SENATE COMMITTEE ON

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY ON March 11, 2009

G.M. 286

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Stadium Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, Kevin H.M. Chong Kee, for a term to expire 6-30-2012.

Chair Fukunaga and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on G.M. 286.

As Director of the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS), I support the confirmation of Kevin H.M. Chong Kee to the Stadium Authority (Authority).

Mr. Chong Kee has been the Chair of the Authority during the one term he has served. During his term as Chair, the Authority was faced with challenges including the hiring of a new Stadium Manager, eliminating rent charges to the University of Hawaii athletic program, and the \$200 million repair and renovation project. The Authority has also had to make controversial policy calls on allowing alcohol and allowing drifting (a form of auto racing) at the Stadium. Through it all, Mr. Chong Kee effectively presided over meetings and assigned committees to ensure that the Authority addressed the issues

it faced. Mr. Chong Kee has personally worked with the Stadium Manager on issues requiring real-time direction from the Authority. He clearly has the energy and commitment to continue to be a contributing member of the Authority.

For these reasons I support Mr. Chong Kee's confirmation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.



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TESTIMONY OF STADIUM AUTHORITY STAFF STADIUM AUTHORITY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE On ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY

SENATOR CAROL FUKUNAGA, CHAIR SENATOR ROSLYN H. BAKER, VICE CHAIR

March 11, 2009

G.M. 286

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF REAPPOINTMENT OF KEVIN CHONG KEE TO THE STADIUM AUTHORITY

On behalf of the entire staff at Aloha Stadium, I offer our unequivocal support for the reappointment of Kevin Chong Kee to the Stadium Authority (Authority).

Mr. Chong Kee was first appointed to the Authority on December 1, 2003 and has served as its chairman since July 1, 2005. During his tenure and especially as its chairman, Mr. Chong Kee has served not only the Authority but the people of Hawaii admirably, giving of his time and energy with generosity. He has been a member of evaluation committees, assisted in negotiating new events for the stadium, and personally responded to complaints and inquiries from the public. His leadership has been characterized by compassion for all who come before the board, recognizing and listening to all who come before the board, and an unbridled confidence in the necessity of due process and openness in government. Mr. Chong Kee treats everyone with respect and fairness and demands no less form his fellow board members. He has a keen mind and razor-like incisiveness in his approach to problem solving.

While working with him on various projects at the Stadium Authority, the staff has found Mr. Chong Kee to be inclusive as well as rational and thoughtful. He takes the time to ask questions without predispositions; he truly wants to know what the opinions and insights are regarding a problem or issue. And he is always appreciative and thankful for the candor.

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It is therefore with distinct pleasure and the secure knowledge of his deep commitment to the people of Hawaii that we endorse the reappointment of Kevin Chong Kee to the Stadium Authority.

Submitted on this 5th day of March, 2009

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TESTIMONY OF ANDRES ALBANO JR.

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 286
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE STADIUM
AUTHORITY, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, KEVIN H. M. CHONG KEE, FOR A TERM
TO EXPIRE 6-30-2012

Chairperson Carol Fukunaga and Members of the Committee:

I have known Mr. Kevin H. M. Chong Kee professionally and socially for over 8 years and have found him to be a person of high integrity with a very strong commitment to serve the citizens of our State of Hawaii. Over the years that he has served as the chairman of the Stadium Authority, I have also witnessed his keen intellect, high sense of fairness and excellent judgment in his decision-making

I highly recommend that the Senate confirm his appointment to serve another term on the Stadium Authority, State of Hawaii.

Respectively submitted,

Andres Albano Jr.^V Senior Vice President

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY

State Capitol, Conference Room No. 016 Wednesday, March 11, 2009 1:15 p.m.

TO:

Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chair

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair

FROM:

Bob Hall, Executive Assistant to the Chairman

Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

SUBJECT:

In consideration of GM 286 GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE KEVIN H. M.

CHONG KEE TO THE STADIUM AUTHORITY

I strongly support the nomination of Kevin H. M. Chong Kee to the Stadium Authority.

I've known Kevin for the past 35 years having gone to high school with him and being close acquaintances since. I've seen him develop from an employee in the electrical trade to the owner of a small, Hawaii-based, electrical business for almost 20 years. His ability to coordinate multiple activities and demands associated with running a small company validates his analytical skills, a trait I believe will be necessary for decision making on this board. As a small business owner, Kevin is very deliberate in paying particular attention to cost efficient practices with no wasted movement.

Over the past 4 years, Kevin has lead the Stadium Authority though many challenges and controversies. Still, he has surfaced keeping the basic components of sound management in place. Yet there is still more to do, and I firmly believe Kevin can play a key role in solidifying stadium policies and operations.

While there is no question in my mind that Kevin possesses the necessary business experience, I believe that his commitment to do his job well will only benefit the board in assuring that issues and decisions they face will be dealt with honestly and efficiently. I firmly believe that he will be a credit to the State and I urge this Committee to support his nomination to the Stadium Authority.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Kevin Chong Kee.