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Alexander C. Kane Jr.

Stadium Authority GM #289

Chair Fukunaga, members of the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Technology, I thank you for this opportunity to present background about myself in your consideration of my confirmation to the Stadium Authority.

I was born and raised in Hawaii. I grew up in Nanakuli, attended and graduated from Kamehameha Schools (1954) and the University of Utah (1958) with a BS in Education. I taught Physical Education for 4 years at Kawananakoa Middle School and coached football and baseball at Roosevelt High School at that time. I moved to Kailua High School (1962) and taught Physical Education, coached football, baseball and track. After five years there, I also became Athletic Director to go along with my teaching position till I retired. After 36 years in the Department of Education I retired (1994). I also have been a member of the Stadium Authority Board the last four years.

I wish to continue serving as a member of the Stadium Authority. I believe I can be a contributor to its decision making. The role and responsibility of the Stadium Authority is to make the Aloha Stadium a safe and first class facility, where its clients would like to use and its spectators would enjoy coming to.

During my 28 years as Athletic Director at Kailua High School, I was successful in running a total of 33 sport teams (19 male and 14 female). When I took over as Athletic Director, athletics was \$20,000 + in the deficit. At the end of that year we were in the black. I was responsible for the scheduling of the use and maintenance of all athletic facilities. During this period, we have always worked in the black financially. We always worked with what we had, without any fundraising to break even. Any fundraising we did, it was for a specific purpose.

During my term as a Board Member, we have made strides in improving the facility & also making it a more client and spectator friendly facility. We will continue to accomplish this.

I believe my strengths of being a good listener, keeping everything on task & not afraid to ask questions. With these qualities, I feel we can accomplish a great deal at our meetings.

I'm just a poor ordinary person without any political aspirations or an agenda, so I believe I won't have any conflict of interest in my position on the Stadium Authority.

I believe the mission of the Aloha Stadium is to provide a <u>FIRST CLASS ARENA</u> for all people, young and old, thru sporting events, musical events, etc. in the State of Hawaii as a participant or spectator.

The Stadium Authority has the responsibility for the maintenance, operation & the management of the Aloha Stadium.

A position on the Stadium Authority would give me the opportunity to continue in working, as I have done, to make Aloha Stadium a <u>FIRST CLASS</u> facility.

I feel it is an honor and privilege to serve as a member of the Stadium Authority. I welcome the challenges facing the Stadium Authority. My experiences gives me the tools to succeed. I ask for your support in my nomination to the Stadium Authority.

Again, I would like to thank you for this opportunity to introduce myself.

Mahalo.

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Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Stadium Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, Alexander C. Kane, Jr., 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. 289.

As Director of the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS), I support the confirmation of Alexander C. Kane, Jr. to the Stadium Authority (Authority).

Mr. Kane has been a contributing member to the Authority during the one term he has served. His background on local sporting events and facilities has made his advice invaluable in decisions such as locking down the Aloha Stadium in football configuration. Mr. Kane has the attitude and experience to continue to be a contributing member of the Authority.

For these reasons I support Mr. Kane's confirmation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.



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TESTIMONY
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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF REAPPOINTMENT OF ALEXANDER C. KANE, JR. TO THE STADIUM AUTHORITY

I have known Alex Kane for many, many years; first through high school sports and now as he serves as a member of the Stadium Authority. Alex Kane has been on the board since July 1, 2004. And without any reservation, I wholeheartedly support his reappointment.

I am sure that many of you already know Alex and the kind of man he is. Alex is a simple, no nonsense person with a tremendous amount of integrity and common sense. He listens to all sides and thoughtfully addresses each issue in turn. He speaks his mind honestly and succinctly. He has no hidden agenda or self-serving purpose in mind. Among all the board members, you can rest assured that Alex Kane will be fair in his assessment, that he has the best interest of the stadium and Hawaii's youth at heart, and that his convictions are true and honorable.

Therefore, I am honored to serve the people of Hawaii with Alex Kane and I urge all of you to vote favorably on his reappointment.