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## TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE Regular Session of 2009

Wednesday, April 1, 2009 9:00 a.m.

#### **TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 464.**

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Neil Fujitani, Supervising Executive Officer for the Real Estate

Commission ("Commission"). The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

("Department") thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No.

464, regarding the **reappointment** of Stanley H. Kuriyama to the Real Estate

Commission. The Department strongly supports the confirmation of Mr. Kuriyama's reappointment to the Commission.

Mr. Kuriyama has been a licensed real estate broker since 1982, and his license is current, active, and in good standing.

Mr. Kuriyama has been and continues to be an outstanding contributor and participant in the work of the Commission. His commitment to public service has been

outstanding. In addition to his previous tenure on the Commission from 1989 to 1997, he has served on the Commission as a real estate broker member from the County of Honolulu since July 2005. Mr. Kuriyama currently serves as the Vice-Chair of the Commission and also served as the Chairperson of the Condominium Review Committee, one of the Commission's three standing committees. He is always well prepared for each issue and has demonstrated a depth of knowledge for all laws and rules affecting the Commission's work. As a real estate broker member and an attorney, he has a keen knowledge of the Commission's regulatory functions and possesses an enviable ability to recognize and articulate solutions to complex legal matters. It goes without saying that he is a well respected, contributing member to the Commission and its activities.

The Department strongly supports the confirmation of Mr. Kuriyama's reappointment to the Real Estate Commission and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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March 27, 2009

The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection State Capitol, Room 231 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Baker:

RE: Recommendation to Reappoint Stanley Kuriyama to the Real Estate Commission

I write this letter to seek your support for the reappointment of Stanley Kuriyama to the Hawaii Real Estate Commission ("Commission").

Normally, in order to fill vacancies on the Commission, one would look for either an expert in the real estate or the condominium industry. With Mr. Kuriyama, the Commission has both. He boasts expertise in many areas, especially as an attorney and practicing real estate licensee. Consequently, one would be hard pressed to find a replacement with the depth of expertise he possesses.

Upon his appointment in 2005, Mr. Kuriyama served as Chair of the Condominium Review Committee, but, to better utilize his overall expertise, he has since been appointed to serve as Vice-Chair of the Commission. Additionally, Mr. Kuriyama has been:

- The key commissioner in articulating Commission rationale and decisions, due to his past Commission experience (current 4 years and prior 8 years);
- Extremely knowledgeable with all facets of the real estate and condominium industries:
- A collaborative asset in maintaining a cohesive Commission;
- Respected among all Commissioners and staff; and
- Committed to the workings of the Commission, as displayed by his excellent attendance, participation, and most importantly preparation.

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I understand the importance of having committed, knowledgeable individuals who will attend all meetings and diligently participate with the workings of the Commission, and therefore, I seek your support for the reappointment of Commissioner Stanley Kuriyama to the Commission.

Sincerely,

Trudy Nishihara®

Chair, Real Estate Commission

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#### March 31, 2009

## SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

#### THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR

THE HONORABLE DAVID Y. IGE, VICE CHAIR

## GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE STANLEY M. KURIYAMA SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS COMMISSIONER, REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

Testimony of Louis Abrams

for

## Governor's Message 464

Chairman Baker, Vice Chair Ige, and Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection:

Thank you for providing the opportunity to submit testimony regarding the **reappointment** of Stanley H. Kuriyama to the Real Estate Commission. I very much support the confirmation of Mr. Kuriyama's reappointment to the Commission.

I sit with Mr. Kuriyama on the Commission and find that he brings substantial insight and experience to the issues we deal with at our meetings. I can always count on him knowing the issue and providing a clear, reasoned, position.

It is a real pleasure serving with Mr. Kuriyama and I believe all the other commissioners feel the same.

I hope this helps with your consideration and leads to Stan's confirmation

Respectfully,

Louis Abrams

### March 27, 2009

#### SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

## THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR

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## GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE STANLEY M. KURIYAMA SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS COMMISSIONER, REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

Testimony of Annette M. Aiona, R, ABR

for

### Governor's Message 464

Chairman Baker, Vice Chair Ige, and Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection:

It is with pleasure and enthusiasm that I am writing to recommend Mt. Stanley Kuriyama to be reappointed to the Hawaii Real Estate Commission. I presently sit on the Commission with Stan and I have learned so much from him. He is creative and effective and has the keen ability to examine the issues calmly, respectfully and with great understanding. In times of conflict, Stan manages to assist everyone to stay focused and professional. Stan has much more to offer and will continue to be a valuable asset to the Commission.

Respectfully,

Annette M. Aiona, R. ABR

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#### March 30, 2009

#### SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

#### THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR

THE HONORABLE DAVID Y. IGE, VICE CHAIR

## GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE STANLEY M. KURIYAMA SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS COMMISSIONER, REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

Testimony of Carol Mae Ball

for

## Governor's Message 464

Chairman Baker, Vice Chair Ige, and Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection:

Thank you for the opportunity to support the confirmation and reappointment of Stanley Kuriyama to the real estate commission.

It has been a privilege to serve on the commission with Mr. Kuriyama since his appointment in 2005. His thoughtful questions and legally based articulations during the meetings have spared the commission members countless hours of meaningless deliberation. Mr. Kuriyama has provided important direction to the commission in our quest for consumer protection with his concern for justice and fairness for all concerned.

I believe that Mr. Kuriyama is an excellent representative of the real estate brokerage community on the real estate commission and heartily endorse his reappointment to this body.

I appreciate the opportunity to submit this testimony.

Respectfully,

Carol Mae Ball Maui member REC

## March 27, 2009 SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR THE HONORABLE DAVID Y. IGE, VICE CHAIR

## GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE STANLEY M. KURIYAMA SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS COMMISSIONER, REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

Testimony of Diane Choy Fujimura

## For Governor's Message 464

Hearing Date: Wednesday, April 1,2009 Hearing Time: 9:00 a.m. Place: Conference Room 229

Chairman Baker, Vice Chair Ige, and Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection:

My name is Diane Choy Fujimura. I am the Senior Real Estate Specialist, Real Estate Branch, Professional and Vocational Licensing Division, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs. I have been with the Real Estate Branch since 2001.

I am submitting this statement supporting the confirmation to the Real Estate Commission, of nominee Stanley M. Kuriyama, for a second term to expire June 30, 2013.

As a member of the Real Estate Branch staff, we work with the Real Estate Commission ("Commission"), for better or worse, on their projects and issues that emerge throughout each year. As the Commissioners change, the Commission also evolves, based on its composition.

In the case of Mr. Kuriyama, because he has the depth of experience based on his work with A & B, his sincere interest in all things real estate-related, his reliability and commitment to attend the two meetings a month as a Commissioner, his logic, reasonableness, fairness, and integrity in evaluating each issue that is being considered by the Commission, I strongly support his nomination to the Commission for another term.

Although the Commission would continue to function without Mr. Kuriyama, the value of his presence is immeasurable, and I believe the Commission will be in a stronger place with him on board. He functions like the rudder on a boat, providing the direction the Commission needs to navigate the sometimes choppy waters it encounters.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this matter.

Respectfully, Diane Choy Fujimura

#### March 27, 2009

## SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

## THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR

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## GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE STANLEY M. KURIYAMA SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS COMMISSIONER, REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

Testimony of Michele S. Loudermilk

for

## Governor's Message 464

Chairman Baker, Vice Chair Ige, and Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection:

I appreciate this opportunity to testify in support of the confirmation of Stan Kuriyama as a commissioner of the Real Estate Commission. I have served with Mr. Kuriyama on the Real Estate Commission for nearly four years, and he has made valuable contributions to the Commission. I support the confirmation of Mr. Kuriyama because I believe that he has the background, the experience, and the temperament to suit a commissioner. Mr. Kuriyama has a good reputation as a thoughtful professional who is practical and intelligent. He has a strong sense of integrity, and if confirmed, I believe that he would continue to serve the State of Hawaii well.

Mr. Kuriyama has served nearly four years on the Real Estate Commission, and previously served on the Commission from 1989 to 1997. He is familiar with the scope of its responsibilities and its procedures, and can be counted on to provide reasoned, well-considered ideas to any discussion. If confirmed, he would be able to easily assume his duties. I believe that Mr. Kuriyama would be an asset and a credit to the position of Commissioner of the Real Estate Commission and I support his confirmation without reservation. Thank you for this opportunity to testify in this matter.

Respectfully,

Michele S. Loudermilk

#### March 27, 2009

#### SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

## THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR

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## GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE STANLEY M. KURIYAMA SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS COMMISSIONER, REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

Testimony of _Mark Suiso, public member	r Real Esate Commission
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Chairman Baker, Vice Chair Ige, and Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection:

As one of the newer members of the Real Estate Commission, and a public member, I have found Stan extremely knowledgeable. He often provides his insight to issues that only a person of his experience can offer. He helps us fellow commissioners understand perspectives that we are not familiar with. This is invaluable to us. His ability to present his thought at the right time is awesome. He has helped me and others on the commission greatly.

He is a great contributor. We are so lucky that we is willing to serve.

Respectfully,	
Mark Suiso, Real public member	Estate Commission,





STANLEY M. KURIYAMA
President

March 24, 2009

The Honorable Senator Rosalyn H. Baker Chair, Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 231 Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Governor's Message No. 464: Nomination of

Stanley M. Kuriyama to the Real Estate Commission

#### Dear Senator Baker:

Thank you for considering my nomination to the Hawaii Real Estate Commission.

- 1. Enclosed is a copy of my resume, as well as a list of references.
- 2. I am seeking another term on the Commission because I have a desire to continue my public service to the State, and believe I can play a meaningful role as a Commissioner. I have a background that provides me with a strong platform for providing helpful and thoughtful guidance to the Commission's decision-making process:
  - a. I have served for over 13 years on the Commission (over a 20-year period), and therefore have a significant amount of history and experience in the type of work that comes before the Commission.
  - b. I was a real estate lawyer for 14 years, and therefore have expertise in the laws the Commission is required to interpret and administer.
    - c. I have held a real estate license for the past 27 years.
    - d. I have over 17 years working for and managing a real estate company.
- 3. Some of the primary roles and responsibilities of the Real Estate Commission are: (a) the interpretation and administration of H.R.S. Chapters 467 and 514A and 514B, (b) the protection of the consumers' interest under those laws, (c) the regulation of real estate licensees

under Chapter 467, including proper licensure and disciplinary action, and (d) the registration and regulation of condominium projects under Chapters 514A and 514B.

- 4. I have a number of credentials that qualify me for the roles and responsibilities of the Commission, and which would strengthen my decision-making ability as a Board member:
  - a. Licensed attorney since 1977, specializing in real estate law, including condominium registrations under Chapter 514A.
  - b. Member of the Hawaii Real Estate Commission 1989 to 1997, and from 2005-current.
  - c. Licensed real estate salesperson/broker since 1982 to current (License #RB-12867).
  - d. Executive Vice President (1992-1998) and Chief Executive Officer (1999-2008), of A&B Properties, Inc., which engages in the full spectrum of real estate activity, including property management, real estate development, leasing and sales. Presently, President of Alexander & Baldwin, Inc. (2008-current), parent company of A&B Properties, Inc.

Thank you for your consideration of my nomination. If I may provide any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

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Stanley M. Kuriyama

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Enclosures

## **REFERENCES**

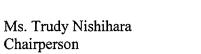
Mr. W. Allen Doane Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Alexander & Baldwin, Inc.



Ms. Meredith J. Ching Senior Vice President Alexander & Baldwin, Inc.



Mr. Neal Fujitani Supervising Executive Director Hawaii Real Estate Commission



Hawaii Real Estate Commission

## STANLEY M. KURIYAMA

## Resume (March 2009)

#### Education

1971-74 University of Hawaii BA (Economics) 1974-77 Harvard Law School JD

Career

1977-78 Law Clerk, U.S. District Court Judge Dick Yin Wong

Honolulu, HI

1977-92 Cades Schutte Fleming & Wright

Honolulu, HI Partner, 1983-92

Specializing in: Real estate sales and purchases

Condominium development Subdivision development

Commercial leases Real estate financing

1992-present

Alexander & Baldwin, Inc.

Honolulu, HI

Executive Vice President, A&B Properties, Inc. (1992-98)

Chief Executive Officer, A&B Properties, Inc. (1999-October 2008)

President, Alexander & Baldwin, Inc. (October 2008-present)

### Other

Graduate, Stanford Executive Program (1994)

Licensed Hawaii Real Estate Salesperson/Broker (1982-present)

Vice-Chairman, Hawaii Real Estate Commission (1989-1997 and 2005-present)

Member, Aloha United Way Audit Committee

Director, East-West Center Foundation

Director, American Red Cross

Past Director, Real Property and Financial Service Section of the Hawaii State Bar

Past Director, various non-profit organizations

#### A&B Properties, Inc.

A&B Properties, Inc. is the property management, development and agricultural subsidiary of Alexander & Baldwin, Inc. A&B owns over 88,000 acres in Hawaii, making it Hawaii's fourth largest private landowner, and also owns a portfolio of almost 8 million square feet of leasable retail, office and industrial space in Hawaii and on the U.S. mainland.