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The Honorable Carol Fukunaga Chair Senate Committee on Economic Development and Technology Hawaii State Capitol, Room 216 415 Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

April 20, 2009

Re: Nomination to Stadium Authority (Governor's Message #522)

Dear Senator Fukunaga:

Thank you for the opportunity to offer my services to the Stadium Authority and to provide background and supporting documents to your committee for review. I was honored to learn of my selection by Governor Lingle and am excited about the possibility of serving the people of our state in this important capacity.

Attached you will find my curriculum vitae, a list of references, and a question and answer sheet. I hope you will find these satisfactory for your review. If there is anything else with which I can provide you or the committee, please don't hesitate to write or call me at any time.

In the meantime, I look forward to meeting with you and the members of your committee and to my confirmation hearing.

With warm regards,

Dr. Lawrence K.W. Tseu, BSc., DDS, FAGD

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CURRICULUM VITAE

Dr. Lawrence K. W. Tseu, BSc., DDS, FAGD

Graduated From:

| St. Louis School-Honolulu, Hawaii | 1951 |
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| Brigham Young University BScProvo, Utah | 1958 |
| Northwestern University Dental School DDS-Chicago, Illinois | 1962 |
| Honorary Degree Olympian International Sports Medicine | 1992 |
| College-Munich Germany | |
| President of The Jackie Chan Charitable Foundation, USA since | 1999 |
| Nationally Certified Bodybuilding NPC Judge since | 1982 |
| Served in the U.S. Air Force 1951- | -1955 |

Awards:

- 1) Recipient of the Alumni Merit Award from Northwestern University as one of the top ten alumnus in the year 2000
- 2) Selected as the Alumnus of the Year in 1989 from Northwestern University Dental School
- 3) 2006 Outstanding Philanthropist award from the Hawaii Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals
- 4) Selected Alumnus of the year 2006 St. Louis School
- 5) Inducted to the Gallery of Distinguished Achievers, St. Louis School 2007

Listed In:

- 1) America's Top Dentist since 2003 by the Consumer's Research Council of America
- 2) Who's Who in the World in 1987 by the Marquis Publication Board

3) Featured as the 2000 Outstanding Intellectuals of the 21st Century Award Programme in 2004 by the International Biography Centre of Cambridge, England

Member Of:

- 1) Board of Regents-University of Oxford, England
- 2) Board of Regents-Chaminade University
- 3) Board of Directors of the Bishop Museum
- 4) Board of Directors of Hawaii Theater Center
- 5) Board of Governors of St. Louis School
- 6) Board of Directors of Palolo Chinese Home
- 7) Board of Directors of University of Hawaii School of Culinary Arts
- 8) Board of Directors of Special Olympics
- 9) Advisory Board of The Salvation Army
- 10) Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies (APCSS) Foundation Board
- 11)Board of Directors of The Hawaii Council on Economic Education
- 12)Board of Governors of The Plaza Club

Fellow of:

- 1) University of Oxford, England
- 2) The International College of Dentist
- 3) The American College of Dentist
- 4) The Academy of General Dentistry
- 5) The Academy of Dentistry International

Dental Organizations:

- 1) The Academy of Implant Dentistry
- 2) The International Congress of Oral Implantology
- 3) The Academy of Forensic Examiners
- 4) The American Academy of Forensics Science
- 5) The Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry
- 6) The Academy of Laser Dentistry
- 7) American Dental Association
- 8) Hawaii Dental Association
- 9) Honolulu Dental Society
- 10)"Omirron Kappa Upsilon"-OKU, Dental Honor Society

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Served On:

| 1) Board of Dental Examiners for State of Hawaii | 1983-1992 |
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| 2) Board of Directors of Northwestern University Dental | 1994-2000 |
| School | |
| 3) Board of Directors of Hawaii Dental Service (HDS) | 1989-1992 |
| 4) Board of Directors of Hawaii Family Dental Centers | 1993-1999 |
| 5) Board of Directors of Hawaii Medical Service | 1993-2002 |
| Association (HMSA) | |
| 6) Fire Commissioner-Honolulu Fire Department | 1997-2005 |
| 7) East-West Center International Foundation Board | 1998-2008 |
| of Directors | |

Family: Of his children, two are medical doctors, two dentists, an attorney, a dental hygienist and an educator with a MA degree.



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Letters of Reference for Dr. Lawrence Tseu

Letters of Reference will be received from the following people:

Former Governor George Ariyoshi and First Lady Jean Ariyoshi
John Henry Felix, HMAA

Sandra Au Fong, Market City Shopping Center

Walter Kirimitsu, St. Louis School

Dr. Edison Miyawaki

President Bro. Bernie Ploeger, S.M., Ph.D., Chaminade University



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Dr. Lawrence Tseu Question and Answer Sheet

Why do you want to be a member of the Stadium Authority?

I have always had a keen interest in sports and the presentation of sporting events. But more than that, I believe the stadium plays an important role in not just sports in Hawaii, but in the life of the community and its economic well-being. It is and can be more than just a sports arena. It enhances our quality of life, provides a stage to showcase our local athletes, provides an avenue to bring national and international athletes to Hawaii, and reminds the world that Hawaii is one of the top visitor destinations. I believe the stadium is at a critical junction, with important decisions to be made regarding its future. I'm concerned not only about the ongoing upkeep and management of the stadium but also how we plan for its future. I believe with my background, perspective and experiences, I can contribute to that process.

How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the Stadium Authority?

First, I see the appointment as an honor. Second, I see it as a "job." That may sound strange, but many who accept volunteer positions sometimes tend to treat it as something they do in addition to their "real" job. The stadium is too important to be treated as anything less than a full-time job that requires us to bring all of our talents, experiences and knowledge to it. It's also a commercial venture—with vendors, suppliers, customers, allied interests, and a balance sheet—that must be treated like a business. If we don't, we run the risk of turning it into an expensive ward of the state. It's a serious responsibility and one in which I will take very seriously.

Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a member of the Stadium Authority, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position?

I have had a very successful dental practice, a coffee farm, shopping centers, and a portfolio of rental properties worldwide. I am familiar with the business side of life, have been relatively successful at it, and understand the tenant-landlord relationship and the importance of communications with everyone with which your business brings you in contact. I understand the need to be accountable and to balance the books, to have goals and objectives, to clearly understand what your core business is and, sometimes, to recognize the need for diversification. I believe I have leadership qualities that can energize others and convince them to support our endeavors, and the communication skills to be persuasive without being antagonistic, and to be determined without being close minded.

What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

I would like to be a part of finding solutions and help with creating innovative solutions to the problems the stadium seems to be facing, with its aging and deterioration, and the state facing severe economic challenges. I believe I have some ideas of my own, but more importantly, I am willing and able to work with people in a productive way to create solutions that come from our combined and collaborative efforts. I would like to:

- 1. More concretely and comprehensively identify the issues and problems facing the stadium and the Authority;
- 2. Establish a sound base of information and research upon which future decisions will be based;
- 3. Work to engage members from segments of our state to provide input, observations and recommendations; and
- 4. Help to create a stronger private-public partnership in both its operations and future plans.

Name three qualities that best describe you and that would make you stand out. How would these qualities benefit the Stadium Authority?

In my many years of working with community organizations, I feel I have:

- 1. Honed a quiet but focused leadership, where I prefer to see goals achieved rather than credit received, and where I don't need a title, but enjoy helping the organization succeed. My leadership positions in my career and my civic activities have been varied. All of these positions have called for judicious, ethical, professional and impartial decision making. For example, I served on the Bishop Museum board during the controversy of the stolen artifacts lawsuit, which required diplomacy, impartiality, and understanding in deciding the fairest thing to do on the part of the museum.
- 2. Inherited a strong work ethic from my parents. You will find me a hard worker. When I say that I will be involved with an organization I give it my all;
- 3. Developed an ability to work well with people of all personalities and backgrounds.

These qualities could be very useful in helping the Stadium Authority face what is needed in these next few critical years—in working with diverse constituencies, building partnerships and enthusiastic supporters throughout the community, and coming up with creative ways to support the stadium financially. As for hard work, I don't know of any organization or task that couldn't use more of that from everyone involved. I am willing to spend the hours needed, as my schedule at work is flexible.

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Name one previous experience that would make you stand out? How would this benefit the Stadium Authority?

Collaborative leadership was definitely required when I was president of the board for the Pacific Gateway Center, formerly called The Immigrant Center. It is a 46-employee nonprofit organization that serves as an intake site for about 6,000 immigrants annually. The center provides government documentation services, interpreters in 27 languages, and finds newcomers places to live, and operates a kitchen/baking facility to serve as a micro-business incubator site for newcomers looking for jobs. This position required compassionate and inclusive leadership and communication skills in working with the diverse constituencies, staff and the business community. I believe this kind of inclusive and collaborative leadership could be very beneficial to the Stadium Authority, especially if it finds itself in a situation where major changes or initiatives need to be discussed and decided upon.

Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the Stadium Authority? How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest?

While there are no conflicts of interest that I can anticipate at this time, clearly, the proper thing to do, if one did occur, would be to quickly acknowledge any conflict as soon as it becomes evident to the rest of the board, and to refrain from participating in or voting on related issues or subject matters.

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As a Stadium Authority member, what steps would you take to improve communications between the Authority, its user constituencies and the general public?

There is a tendency to think that communications is about talking to people, whoever they may be. But the truth is that, more often than not, communication is about listening with an open mind to people and hearing their concerns, their ideas and their response to your actions and thoughts. I believe that the Authority, like any public body of decision makers, needs to be in touch with as many of our user constituents and the public as possible. Decisions cannot be made in a vacuum and solutions will not be found by staring into a mirror. We need to not only invite the public to provide input, but proactively go out and engage them in our discussions and decision making. We can do this by using technology (the Internet and email), holding town hall-like meetings in the community, and using public forums like Olelo to broadcast meetings and when taking public testimony.

What do you foresee will be the greatest challenges for the Aloha Stadium? What role should the Stadium Authority take in overcoming these challenges?

Keeping up with changing needs and demands, a changing sports environment, a growing population, and economic forces that are always in flux are all challenges that will test our metal as an oversight authority and as a community. We will need the strength, resources and ideas of our entire state if we are to meet these tough challenges. To do that, I believe the Authority can take a leadership role in creating an atmosphere of collaboration; in creating partnerships with the private sector; and in instilling a sense of ownership in the stadium by the general public. Bold and creative initiatives may be needed to meet these challenges—something the Authority may not be able to do alone. That is not to take anything away from the current Stadium Authority or its members. As I mentioned earlier, I have always believed in collaborative leadership, leadership that seeks and encourages participation to get the biggest return on our efforts by relying on the strengths and resources from the greater body. What might be difficult, if not impossible, for a governing board of a dozen individuals could be transformed into the possible with the broad support of an entire community. What we cannot do alone, we can accomplish together. It would be an honor to serve on the Stadium Authority Board.



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April 24, 2009

Re: Nomination to Stadium Authority (Governor's Message #522)

Dear Senator Fukunaga:

Thank you for the opportunity to offer my services to the Stadium Authority and to provide background and supporting documents to your committee for review. I was honored to learn of my selection by Governor Lingle and am excited about the possibility of serving the people of our state in this important capacity.

Here is a complete packet of information including my testimony for next week, letters of reference, my curriculum vitae, and a question and answer sheet. I have also delivered copies to each of your committee members.

I hope you will find these satisfactory for your review. If there is anything else with which I can provide you or the committee, please don't hesitate to write or call me at any time.

In the meantime, I look forward to meeting with you and the members of your committee and to my confirmation hearing.

With warm regards,

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Dr. Lawrence K.W. Tseu, BSc., DDS, FAGD

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Aloha, Chair Fukunaga and members of the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Technology. My name is Lawrence Tseu. I've been a dentist in private practice in Hawaii for 47 years. I'm a local boy, and proud to say I was raised in Kalihi, makai of the old railroad track. I graduated from St. Louis School, formerly called St. Louis College. I received my Bachelors of Science degree from Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah and my dental degree from Northwestern University in Chicago, Illinois. I also hold an Honorary Degree from the Olympian International Sports Medicine College-Munich, Germany for my involvement with Tommy Kono and Dr. Richard You in the Weight-Lifting Olympic Committee.

I'm a proud father of six children. Two are medical doctors, three dentists, an attorney, a dental hygienist, and an educator with a Masters degree. Some of which hold two major degrees. They are, as you might guess, the source of my greatest pride and joy and my greatest accomplishment.

In my own right, I consider myself a community leader and have been involved in a wide variety of non-profit and community service organizations. A comprehensive list is provided in my Curriculum Vitae that I've submitted.

But any success that I have achieved as a community leader was not accomplished without the help of others. I do believe that giving back to the community is simply the right thing to do. That's why I am seeking your confirmation for a position on the Stadium Authority. With all due respect and humility, I believe I can bring new perspective and insight, and have much to offer the Authority and to the people of Hawaii.

My experiences are many, my ties and relationships are extensive. As a member of the Stadium Authority and as a private businessman, I would bring a strong business sense to the organization. Although the Stadium is primarily an arena to showcase sports in Hawaii, you need to be more than an athlete or a sports enthusiast to manage it well. I believe any organization, whether for profit or otherwise, private or public, needs to operate in an efficient, effective and mainly in a businesslike way with an emphasis on the bottom line. That includes a board with an ability to listen and to communicate, a willingness to seek and be open to suggestions and input from others, the ability to engage others in its endeavors and not let personal preference interfere with what is best for the Stadium as a whole.

As a public facility, I see Aloha Stadium as a resource for the community and a point of pride for the people of Hawaii. Whenever possible, it should be a self-sufficient revenue generator. But it should also be a financial resource for the community, to support University of Hawaii, and our public schools sports program. With careful planning and sound management, I know we can accomplish these goals.

How we maintain and manage this important resource is one of the roles I see the Stadium Authority, fulfilling and challenging. How we use that resource, how we leverage its potential, and how we expand its accessibility to as many of our citizens as possible, are all part of the Authority's role. If we think of the Aloha Stadium as just a sports stadium, then that's all it will ever be. There are sporting arenas throughout the United States that have become much more than just an arena to their communities. It is their source of pride. We can also do the same for our stadium as well.

Hawaii used to gather to play at the old "Termite Palace." Think of the many special memory that the Honolulu Stadium still holds for many of us. It has nothing to do with its physical traits. It has everything to do with allowing events to take place, for people to gather and build memories, and to enjoy the game of sports. We should try to build the same ambiance and affection for this Stadium like we did with the old "Termite Palace" of the past.

If we can understand that about the Stadium, and its role within the community, then we've come a long ways in knowing how to make decisions to keep the ambiance. That's part of the perspective I would bring to the Stadium Authority. With your approval, I would very eagerly and most enthusiastically like to do just that for our Aloha Stadium.

Thank you for your time and allowing me to express my views, insights, and my opinions.

George R. Ariyoshi Governor, State of Hawaii (1973 - 1986)



April 22, 2009

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Economic Development and Technology
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 216
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RE: Dr. Lawrence Tseu's nomination to the Stadium Authority

To the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Technology:

I am pleased to lend my support to the confirmation of Dr. Lawrence K.W. Tseu, DDS, as a member of the Stadium Authority. I have known Dr. Tseu personally and professionally for many years and believe he would make an excellent addition to this important governing body.

As someone who has eagerly and enthusiastically volunteered his time to the community in many capacities, Dr. Tseu knows the commitment and time it takes to serve on any oversight board, and he has always generously given of his time when called upon to serve. His business acumen is evident in the many successful entrepreneurial enterprises that he has nurtured, and I believe the Stadium Authority will find his hands-on business experience and insight extremely valuable.

He also exhibits those intangible traits that one often finds in good and effective leaders: a sharp and critical mind, a desire to be fair and objective, a willingness to be open to new ideas and ways of doing things; and an ability to communicate and work well with anyone.

I have spent most of my career in government and public service, and I believe that Dr. Tseu has the experience, skill, temperament and qualities that would enable him to contribute significantly to the Stadium Authority. I would highly recommend that he be confirmed by the State Senate.

Mrs. Ariyoshi, Jean, joins me in this support for Dr. Tseu. He has always been available to assist in so many fundraising efforts in which she has been involved, but she is particularly grateful to Dr. Tseu for his support of her book, "Washington Place, A First Lady's Story", for without his help, the book would not have been possible.

With warm regards,

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April 22, 2009

The Honorable Carol Fukunaga Senate Committee on Economic Development and Technology Hawaii State Capitol, Room 216 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: Dr. Lawrence Tseu's nomination to the Stadium Authority (Gov. Message # 522)

Dear Senator Fukunaga:

I am writing in support of Dr. Lawrence K.W. Tseu's nomination to the Stadium Authority. I have known Dr. Tseu since childhood and can testify on his character and generosity. I believe he would make an excellent addition to that commission.

I have long been a great admirer of Dr. Tseu and regard him as a friend, a fellow professional, and someone who has always believed in service above self. He is the quintessential community and public servant, with a deep interest in and long association with sports and the sporting community in Hawaii.

With his experience on numerous boards and commissions, including his prestigious appointment to the Board of Regents of Oxford University's Harris Manchester College, he would bring to the Stadium Authority a wealth of knowledge and insight in governance and a proven ability to lead, as well as, work closely and effectively with others. In fact, his ability to work in collaboration with others and to bring people with divergent views and opinions together would be a great asset to the Authority. His leadership and people skills are impeccable and he uses them to overcome the thorniest of issues and to reach long-sought collective goals.

Your committee and the Senate could find no better candidate than Dr. Tseu and, without hesitation, I would endorse and highly recommend his appointment to the Stadium Authority.

Sincerely,

John Henry Felix

Market City (Delaware) LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company

Marketplace West (Oregon) LLC, a Hawaii Limited Liability Company

April 20, 2009

Senate Committee on Economic Development & Technology Hawaii State Capitol, Room 216 415 Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Nomination of Dr. Tseu to the Stadium Authority (Gov. Message #522)

Dear members of the Senate Committee on Economic Development & Technology:

It is an honor to submit this letter in support of the nomination of Lawrence K.W. Tseu, D.D.S., as a member of the Stadium Authority.

I have known Dr. Tseu for more than 12 years both professionally and personally. I had the distinct privilege to serve on the Honolulu Fire Commission with Dr. Tseu for nine years, with two terms under his able leadership. I found him to be an intelligent and supportive leader, who was always open to ideas and suggestions from others.

His ability to work with all commissioners, despite our varied backgrounds and points of view, created a highly collaborative environment in which to discuss the Commission's business. That kind of environment allowed us to focus more effectively on the issues at hand, and was the primary reason we were able to be so productive and provide the kind of guidance and support needed by the Honolulu Fire Department to complete its critical and important mission for the citizens of Honolulu. He set a fine example, and it was a pleasure for me to work along side someone so dedicated to the Fire Commission.

In addition to his leadership qualities, his work ethic is second to none. It's no wonder he has had such a successful dental practice. In his desire to give back to the community, Dr. Tseu has lent his expertise to many non-profit organizations, including the Bishop Museum, Hawaii Theatre Center, Salvation Army, and the East-West Center International Foundation, and he was recently appointed to the board of the Hawaii Opera Theatre. He is renowned throughout the community as a philanthropist, supporting many causes ranging from the arts and education, to human services. I was delighted when Dr. Tseu received the Award for Outstanding Philanthropist by the Association for Fundraising Professionals, an award for which he truly deserved.

He is a man of integrity, great character and culture, and I believe Dr. Tseu will be an outstanding member on the Stadium Authority. I enthusiastically encourage you to confirm his nomination. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Sandra Au Fong Vice President

Market City Shopping Center



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April 23, 2009

Re: Dr. Lawrence Tseu's nomination to the Stadium Authority (Governor's message #522)

To the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Technology:

I am writing this letter in support of the nomination of Dr. Lawrence K.W. Tseu, DDS, as a member of the Stadium Authority. Dr. Tseu has served on Saint Louis School's Board of Governors for 12 years. During his tenure, he has provided our board and school with steadfast leadership, insight and wise counsel that we have come to depend on and expect from him.

He has never hesitated to share his time, his broad and varied experiences, and insights with us. As a graduate of Saint Louis School, he always talks about how much he was given, but in reality, it is we, the students, parents, faculty, staff, alumnae and administrators of Saint Louis, who have been the greater beneficiaries of his generosity, his seasoned leadership, creative thinking, and sage advice.

I strongly believe that the Stadium Authority, or any organization for that matter, would be blessed to have him as a member. You will find in him a committed and dedicated individual, who throws all of his energy into projects he undertakes or to support organizations to which he has pledged his commitment. In short, he gives his all—which is considerable.

I have no hesitation in humbly asking for your support for his nomination and believe that he is the right man for the job.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Kirimitsu

President

Saint Louis School

DR. AND MRS. EDISON H. MIYAWAKI

April 21, 2009

The Honorable Carol Fukunaga Chair Senate Committee on Economic Development and Technology Hawaii State Capitol, Room 216 415 Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: Dr. Lawrence Tseu's nomination to the Stadium Authority (Gov. Message #522)

Dear Senator Fukunaga:

My name is Dr. Edison Miyawaki. I am the Chairman, President and CEO of The Family Health, Co-owner of the Cincinnati Bengals (NFL), Co-owner of the Cincinnati Reds (Major League Baseball), and a member of the Board of Regents of Chaminade University. I am also a member of the NFL Pro Bowl Committee.

I am writing this letter in support of the nomination of Dr. Lawrence Tseu to the Stadium Authority.

As a member of Chaminade's Board of Regents, I have worked closely with Dr. Tseu and firmly believe that he would make an excellent candidate for the position. As regents of an institution of higher learning, and as owner of professional sports, we deal with broad range of matters, not only involving education & sports, but those dealing with administration, financial and broader economic issues, personnel, community relations and other related mattes with which any major organization or business must cope. These issues also include those involving our athletic department, which competes at the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II level.

Dr. Tseu has been a leader as well as a team player in helping us meet all of our challenges. We have found his insights and broad and deep experiences in his own practice, his businesses, and on the many boards and commissions that he has served on to be of tremendous value to Chaminade University.

But more importantly, Dr. Tseu brings to any position a rare ability to work well and communicate with others of diverse backgrounds and point of view. And as you know, these "people" skills travel very well no matter what the organization or the nature of your business. He combines this trait with a sharp analytical mind that can cut right through a complex problem and get to the heart of the matter. His collaborative nature and open mind approach to solution building is refreshing and often a key reason for our success as a board.

As a member of the Pro Bowl, I know that Dr. Tseu is more than up to the challenge of dealing with all issues facing the Stadium Authority, He has a long interest in sports, especially where local sports are concerned. He will treat this position seriously and, like every other job he has ever held, will tackle it with enthusiastic energy and drive. He will make a great addition and asset to the Authority and hope you will look favorably on his nomination.

Sincerely,

Edison-H. Miyawaki, M.D. Chaiman, President and CEO

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April 23, 2009

RE: Dr. Lawrence Tseu's nomination to the Stadium Authority (Gov. Message # 522)

Dear Senator Fukunaga:

I am pleased to write this letter on behalf of Dr. Lawrence Tseu. As President of Chaminade University, I have worked with and know Dr. Tseu in his capacity as a member of our Board of Regents. I have found him to be an excellent member of our Board and one who contributes significantly to this very active governing body. He has been a strong ally and advocate for higher education and small independent colleges, and provides us with sound guidance and steady leadership on which we have come to depend on. Illustrative of Dr. Tseu's breadth of interests are two programs in which he has played a leadership role. First, he, along with two other graduates of Harris Manchester College, have for the past several years made it possible for a faculty member from Chaminade and the other four-year universities on Oahu to spend a week in Oxford as resident scholars. Second, he has been a strong supporter of our student athletes and our drive to improve our competitiveness. Dr. Tseu well reflects the Marianist ideal of concern for the education of the whole person.

I have also had the pleasure of knowing and observing Dr. Tseu as a very civic minded member of the Honolulu community, who readily volunteers his time and energy to serve on numerous committees and boards to benefit charitable, nonprofit and service organizations.

He brings to those positions the same commitment and dedication with which he displays as a Regent. Dr. Tseu, as a multi-faceted professional, brings to any job not only specific insights and experiences directly related to that position but also the sum of all of his experiences. Consequently, I believe you, too, will find his rich background gives him the knowledge and ability to deal with unforeseen issues and problems without precedent.

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For all of these reasons, I believe Dr. Tseu will make an outstanding addition to the Stadium Authority, and I strongly recommend his confirmation by your Committee.

Respectfully,

Benard J. Ploeger, SM

President