

FEBRUARY 22, 2010

SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION



THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR THE HONARABLE DAVID Y. IGE, VICE CHAIR

G.M. 192

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, CARLITO P. CALIBOSO, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2016.

Testimony of Jason T. Okuhama

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

It is an honor and my pleasure to provide testimony before the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection in support of GM 192, the confirmation of Carlito P. Caliboso as a Commissioner of the Public Utilities Commission

I have known Mr. Caliboso as a client, business associate and friend for the past 14 years, and first met Mr. Caliboso when I was a Vice President with Bank of America and responsible for government-assisted business and commercial lending in Hawaii, South and Western Pacific. Mr. Caliboso, who was employed by Cades Schutte Fleming & Wright at that time, was assigned the task of being our legal counsel based on his experience and expertise in commercial finance and lending; commercial and business real estate transactions; and governmental contacts and relations. The various government-assisted loan programs are tedious and complex; however, Mr. Caliboso was able to satisfy our legal requirements based on his knowledge and expertise of Hawaii law, his great attention to detail and his meticulous nature.

When Mr. Caliboso began his own practice in 1999, we continued to utilize his services as Bank of America wound down its operations in Hawaii, and maintained our relationship with him when I established Hawaii Lending Specialists dba Commercial and Business Lending. His background and experience with the government-assisted loan programs and his handling of commercial and business real estate transactions were invaluable to our mainland lenders who were extremely impressed with his capabilities and expertise. I continued my business relationship with Mr. Caliboso until 2003, at which time he answered the call of public service with the Public Utilities Commission.

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I personally know Mr. Caliboso to be of high integrity and honesty. He is dedicated, intelligent, possesses high energy and great communication skills -- all of which I am confident he will continue to bring with him to the Public Utilities Commission. He is a dedicated husband and father, has strong religious convictions, and is a good community and public servant. I urge your favorable decision to confirm Mr. Caliboso as a Commissioner of the Public Utilities Commission.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this matter.

Sincerely,

Jason T. Okuhama Managing Partner

Hawaii Lending Specialists, LLC

dba Commercial and Business Lending



FEBRUARY 24, 2010

SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION SENATOR ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR SENATOR DAVID Y. IGE, VICE CHAIR

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TESTIMONY OF:

Maj Gen Darryll D. M. Wong

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Ige, and Members of the Committee:

Aloha, I humbly ask your Committee to please accept my testimony in support for the nomination of Callitto P. Caliboso to serve another term as a Commissioner of the Public Utilities Commission.

I have personally known Carl for a number of years and have the utmost respect for him. His thought and decision making process has always impressed me. He is articulate, a man of high integrity, and a proven leader. His diverse background and current experience as chair of the PUC makes him an excellent choice. Everything that I have been associated with him he has excelled in. He is a dedicated public servant and most important, a dedicated husband and father.

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I respectfully ask for your favorable decision to confirm Carl for another term on the Public Utilities Commission. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to present my testimony.

Sincerely,

Maj Gen Darryll D. M Wong Commander, Hawaii Air National Guard