

TESTIMONY OF DAVID M. LOUIE

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR THE TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION OF 2011

Tuesday, March 29, 2011 9:30 a.m. Conference Room 016

TESTIMONY ON GM 510 RELATING TO DAVID M. LOUIE FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Chair Hee, Vice-Chair Shimabukuro, and members of the committee, thank you for allowing me the opportunity to appear before you to be considered for confirmation to be the Attorney General of the State of Hawaii. It is an honor and a privilege to be considered for this office.

I would like to thank Governor Neil Abercrombie for appointing me to this position. I deeply appreciate the confidence that he has shown in me. I would also like to thank my wife, Johanna Chuan, and our children, Ryan and Jenna, for supporting me in this endeavor. Family is the bedrock of our society, and my family has certainly provided me with the necessary love and support to do this job. I am very thankful for the understanding of my former partners, Arthur F. Roeca, Keith K. Hiraoka, April Luria, James Ferguson and James Shin, and for their support of my decision to seek this position and leave my former law firm, after building it together for many years. I am very honored by the letters and emails of the many friends, colleagues, lawyers and judges who have encouraged me to do this and some of them are here today. Finally, I want to thank the many fine attorneys and staff of the Department of the Attorney General, who

have welcomed me and been of great help in analyzing the problems and issues that have come before me to date. I would not be here without the support and understanding of all of them, and I am very grateful for the role that each has played that has brought me to this point.

I have been an attorney for the past 33 years, working in the private practice of law. I have been privileged to represent many great and wonderful clients over the years, and have been honored that they had confidence in me and allowed me to address and resolve their problems. I have handled many cases in a fairly wide variety of areas, tried a significant number of lawsuits, and settled and resolved many matters. I have been the managing partner of my law firm for the past 22 years.

I have engaged in a number of public service endeavors over my career. I served as the President, Vice-President and Director of the Hawaii State Bar Association.

I served as a Director and Chairperson of the Aloha Tower Development Corporation.

I served as the President and Director of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (Hawaii Chapter) and served as the Northwest Regional Governor for NAPABA nationally. I have raised funds for the American Civil Liberties Union. I have participated in many other organizations over the years.

However, I have not previously undertaken any position of full time public service before. So I want to underscore my thanks to the Governor and to the members of this Committee and the Senate for considering me for this opportunity to be of service to the people of Hawaii. Should the Senate confirm my appointment, I am looking forward to serving in this capacity.

I have already been privileged to have been on the job full time for the past two months. I am very pleased with what I have seen so far. There are many fine attorneys and staff people in the Department of the Attorney General who are smart, hard working, experienced and knowledgeable. This is certainly a challenging job and these are definitely challenging times, but I believe that with their help, both I and the Department are up to the challenge.

My goals as Attorney General are fairly straight forward. I intend to ensure that the interests of the people of Hawaii are well served and that the Department of the Attorney General pursues excellence in all of its endeavors. In my view, the primary role of an attorney is to serve his or her clients well. For the Attorney General, this means providing appropriate and timely advice, counsel and representation to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Departments and the Legislature. It is my goal to improve the Department. The immediate need is to restore critical positions for both attorneys and staff that were not filled due to budget cuts and a hiring freeze. Filling such critical positions will allow the Department to provide timely advice to its clients. I also seek to enhance the professionalism of the Department, but providing more training and continuing legal education. Other goals include improving the level of technology being used in the department, enhancing the retention of institutional knowledge, and improving the efficiency and functioning of the Department by utilizing best practices and other tools regarding law firm management. The Department is the largest law firm in the State, and it is my goal for it to be one of the best.

If the Senate should confirm my appointment, I will commit to doing my best, to being honest and hard working, and to bring to bear all of my experience and skills to the service of the State and the people of Hawaii.

Thank you once again for this opportunity. I would be pleased to answer any questions that you might have.



Testimony of John M. Tonaki, State Public Defender to the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

March 29, 2011

GM 510: Nomination of David M. Louie as Attorney General of the State of Hawaii

Chair Hee and Committee Members:

This is in support of the nomination of David M. Louie to be Attorney General for the State of Hawaii. Over the past decade, I have had a number of opportunities to work with David on a number of committees dealing with various issues of law and also, in his past position as president of the Hawaii State Bar Association. During this time, I have always been impressed by the depth of David's knowledge of the law and his experience gained by his years in the field of civil litigation.

David has a very sharp intellect but approaches problems and issues with a very practical point of view. This attribute will serve him well as Attorney General where he will be asked to render opinions and advice on a wide array of legal problems which face the state on a weekly basis. David also has demonstrated leadership qualities as evidenced by his past service as president of the Hawaii State Bar Association. He is always thoughtful, fair-minded and respectful of views which differ from his own. I believe he will be an excellent Attorney General and I strongly support his nomination.

Thank you for the opportunity to be heard on this matter.



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March 25, 2011

Committee on Judiciary and Labor State Capitol 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: GM510

Tuesday, March 29, 2011 9:30 a.m.

Testimony in Support of the Confirmation of DAVID M. LOUIE to the Position of Attorney General of the Department of the Attorney General

Dear Chairperson Hee and Fellow Committee Members:

I am one of what I presume will be an overwhelming number of attorneys, writing in full support of the nomination of David M. Louie to the position of Attorney General of the State of Hawaii.

I have been acquainted with Mr. Louie on a casual basis from the mid-1980's until approximately ten years ago. I got to know him much better, as both an attorney and friend, from the time he was elected to the presidency of the Hawaii Bar Association (HSBA) in 2001. At that time, I had been a member of the Board of Directors of the HSBA for a few years, and, after Mr. Louie's tenure, I served in that capacity for several more years. Mr. Louie's year as the president of the HSBA was perhaps the most tumultuous period in the last thirty-plus years of the bar. During that period there were a great number of controversial issues facing the leadership of the HSBA, including review of the judicial appellate backlog, addressing public perception and criticism of the judiciary and practicing bar, allocation of limited funds and resources to non-profit legal entities, compensation for the administration and employees of the HSBA, and the rapid changes in the information and other technological systems employed by the state judiciary.

Throughout this period, Mr. Louie proved himself to be the perfect person to lead the HSBA. His leadership style was characterized by the ability to listen and integrate various, often divergent points of view on issues, to express the goals and direction of the bar in a clear, well-reasoned and often eloquent way, and to facilitate the public's understanding of our profession.

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One of the innovations of Mr. Louie's tenure as president was the implementation of a "rapid response" committee to address public criticism of judicial decisions. The purpose of the committee was to provide a means by which criticism could be addressed, in situations where the judicial canons prohibited the criticized judge from responding. The published responses were not meant to endorse or refute a particular judge's ruling, but to help the public understand the legal context and rules of law upon which such a ruling was ostensibly made. Although the number of published responses were small, they were invaluable in providing the public with a better understanding of the way in which our judicial system works. The best example of such a response was written by Mr. Louie himself.

I am confident that, if his nomination is confirmed, Mr. Louie will prove himself to be an outstanding Attorney General. His administrative skills are excellent. I have no doubt that his attorney and support staff will find him to be a great boss. His ability to communicate orally and in writing are superb. His pure intellect, balanced by his down-to-earth common sense, will enable him to successfully take on the many challenging issues facing our state. And his overall leadership skills will enable the Department of the Attorney General to further develop as the top legal department in the State of Hawaii.

I respectfully request, and recommend without reservation, that the nomination of Mr. David Louie as the next Attorney General for the State of Hawaii be confirmed.

Very truly yours,

HOWARD K. K. LUKE Attorney at Law





March 28, 2011

The Honorable Clayton Hee Chair, Senate Committee on Judiciary & Labor State Capitol, Room 407 415 S. Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Governor's Message 510 - Nomination of David Louie as

Attorney General of the State of Hawaii

Hearing Date: March 29, 2011

Dear Chairman Hee & Members of the Committee:

This is to express my support for the nomination of David Louie as Attorney General of the State of Hawaii.

The position of Attorney General should be filled by a lawyer who possesses a keen mind for legal analysis and a solid understanding of legal processes. More importantly he should be a person of integrity who commands the respect of his peers in the legal profession. David Louie is a lawyer who possesses those qualities.

I have known David for more than 35 years since we first met at law school. Since that time we have maintained a close professional and social relationship. There is no doubt in my mind that he has the respect and confidence of his peers in the bar. Throughout his career he has maintained an active involvement and assumed leadership roles in various legal professional organizations. But beyond his professional activities, David has also devoted his time, energy and resources to community service.

David has been active in leadership roles in organizations such as the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association, which aims to advance individuals from minority communities in the legal profession in America. He also helped establish Na Loio No Na Kanaka, a public interest law firm operating in Kalihi-Palama to provide legal services to indigent immigrants in our community. David has also consistently sought to protect the advancement of civil rights through his active support of organizations like the ACLU in Hawaii and the JACL Honolulu Chapter. He has demonstrated his awareness of the importance of providing a return to the community that has enabled him to enjoy success. To me, this is one of the most important attributes that I would hope to see in a high ranking public official like our Attorney General.

From: Reizo@aol.com

Sent: Monday, March 28, 2011 10:17 AM

To: JDLTestimony

Subject: Appointment of David M. Louie for Attorney General - March 29 at 9:30 a.m.

Dear Senator Hee and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor --

I write this in strong support of the appointment of David M. Louie for the position of Attorney General of the State of Hawaii. I also write this in my personal capacity as a member of the Hawaii State Bar Association and a longtime colleague of Mr. Louie.

I have known Mr. Louie for my entire 27-year career as an attorney here in Hawaii. He is highly respected, ethical, and skilled as primarily a defense attorney in Hawaii. Although he and I attended and graduated from the same law school, it was not until I began my career here in Hawaii that I grew to know, respect and work with Mr. Louie as a member of the defense bar. We both practiced primarily in insurance defense litigation and were active in activities with the Hawaii State Bar Association.

My support is unequivocal. I therefore respectfully request that his appointment be voted on favorably by your Committee.

Regards,

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COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

Sen. Clayton Hee, Chair
Sen. Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair
Tuesday, March 29, 2011
9:30 AM
Room 016
GM510 - Submitting for consideration David M. Louie as Attorney General
Strongly Support Nomination

Dear Chair Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and Members of the Committee:

I strongly support the confirmation of David M. Louie as Attorney General.

I am not sure when I first met David but it was probably around 20 ago. Since that time we have worked on many cases together. He was always on the defense side of the case, I always represented the plaintiff, so I have a somewhat unique perspective on his knowledge, skill and ability since they were always marshaled against me.

David is a first rate lawyer. He is intelligent, ethical, tough, thorough, persuasive, and reasonable. I always knew that if there was a weakness in my case David would find it, and if there was a weakness in his case he would acknowledge it and work towards a reasonable settlement. He is a tremendously effective advocate, but he never tried to advance his client's interests by belittling or demeaning my clients. He invariably treated them with respect and in so doing represented the very best of the defense bar and the legal profession in general, which is why he is respected by both the defense and plaintiff's bar.

In my view, the most important qualities for an Attorney General are knowledge of the law, a good understanding of people, sound judgment, and common sense. David has all of these qualities in abundance.

I strongly urge the committee to confirm David Louie as Attorney General

Thank you for allowing me to testify.



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Senator Clayton Hee, Chair Committee on Judiciary and Labor 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Consideration and Confirmation of David M. Louie as

Attorney General of the State of Hawaii

Hearing: Tuesday, March 29, 2011 @ 9:30 a.m.

Dear Senator Hee and Honorable Members of the Committee:

Having reviewed Michelle Matson's statement in the Hawaii Reporter opposing Dave Louie's confirmation as Attorney General, I notice that Ms. Matson's statement refers to "the (his) decision . . . to go after Irwin Park to develop a parking garage for the Aloha Tower Marketplace." This statement is unfair to Dave Louie for several reasons.

The decision to file a Land Court petition for the narrow purpose of clearing the State's title to the land was made by a seven-member board, after a thorough and careful review and consultation with ATDC's executive director, a committee of several deputy attorneys general, ATDC's general counsel, and the Attorney General. It was not "his" decision by any stretch of the imagination.

It should also be noted that the recent troubles experienced by ATDC that Ms. Matson referred to only occurred after Dave Louie's term as chair expired.

Very truly yours,

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March 28, 2011

The Honorable Clayton Hee Chair, Judiciary and Labor Committee Hawaii State Capitol, Room 407 415 S. Beretania St. Honolulu, HI 96813

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Re: David M. Louie for Attorney General - GM #510 – Support

Dear Senators Hee and Shimabukuro:

I submit this letter in strong support of David M. Louie, Esq. for the position of Hawaii's Attorney General. Mr. Louie is and has been an outstanding attorney in this State for over 30 years, who has been a zealous advocate for his clients and a highly ethical and responsible attorney throughout his career. If approved by your Committee and the State Senate, he definitely will bring a high level of legal skills as a practitioner, administrative skills as a named partner of his law firm, and leadership skills as a former President of the Hawaii State Bar Association.

I have known Mr. Louie as a fellow trial attorney since about 1982, and since that time, we have been in numerous cases together representing different clients and on occasion, representing the same client as co-counsel. We also worked together representing co-defendants in a civil jury trial in the State's Fifth Circuit Court on Kauai. This professional relationship through the years allowed me to witness his legal abilities in a variety of legal settings such as appearing in our various courts in Hawaii; dealing with clients and other attorneys; and negotiating with others in mediations and settlement conferences. While fulfilling his professional obligations to zealously represent his clients, Mr. Louie consistently is fair and open-minded, civil, and courteous to others in these settings.

In addition to knowing Mr. Louie through practicing law, I also know him through our work with the Hawaii State Bar Association. When Mr. Louie served as the HSBA's President, I served as its Secretary and therefore, was able to work closely with him, the other HSBA





Testimony of Clyde T. Hayashi Director Hawaii LECET 1617 Palama Street Honolulu, HI 96817

SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR Tuesday, March 29, 2011 9:03 a.m., Conference Room 016

GM 510 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Attorney General of the Department of the Attorney General, Gubernatorial Nominee, DAVID M. LOUIE, for a term to expire December 1, 2014.

Aloha Chair Hee, Vice-Chair Shimabukuro, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Clyde Hayashi and I am the director of Hawaii LECET (Laborers-Employers Cooperation and Education Trust). Hawaii LECET is a partnership between the Hawaii Laborers' Union, Local 368 and our union contractors.

I am submitting this testimony in **strong support** of the nomination of David M. Louie to serve as the Attorney General of the Department of the Attorney General.

Mr. Louie has an impressive educational and legal background. He has also been very active in leadership positions in a number of legal and community organizations. With his appointment to this important position, his valuable background, experience, and knowledge will now benefit our entire State.

Hawaii LECET respectfully asks your favorable consideration of the nomination of David M. Louie.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

LATE TESTIMONY



BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY & LABOR

Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair Honorable Maile Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair

GM 510 Confirmation of David M. Louie as Attorney General of Hawai i

> Testimony of WILLIAM M. KANEKO

> March 29, 2011, 9 30 am State Capitol Room 016

Chair Hee and Members of the Committee:

My name is William Kaneko. I am a licensed attorney and director of Governor Abererombie's Transition Team. I am writing in STRONG SUPPORT of David M. Louie's nomination as Attorney General of Hawaii.

The State of Hawaii is extremely fortunate to have someone of David's caliber to lead the Department of the Attorney General. David brings over 30 years of legal experience to the job. As the State's top lawyer and key advisor to the Governor, David is well suited to address the wide variety of issues facing our state.

As a founding partner in the Honolulu law firm Roeca, Louie and Hiraoka. David is a successful trial attorney, specializing in the areas of personal injury defense, construction litigation and commercial litigation. He was recognized as one of the Best Lawyers in America (2011), and a Hawaii Super Lawyer (2008 to present).

David has served as President of the Edwaii State Bar Association.

Northwest Regional Governor of the National As an Pacific American Bar Association, and Vice-Chair of the Hawaii Supreme Court Special Committee on Judicial Performance. He also served as a Lawyer Representative for the United States Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. These experiences provide David with a keen understanding of the legal profession, access to justice issues, and the role that lawyers play in society.

William M. Kurines

To: Chair Hee and members of the Committee From: Testimony of William M. Kaneko, Esq., GM 510 Confirmation of David M. Louie as Attorney General of Hawai'i Hearing 3/29/11 @ 9:30 a.m., Conference Room 325

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In the past three months, having observed David on the job as Attorney General-Designate, I can say with great confidence that he will make an outstanding Attorney General. He is quick study. He understands the role of Attorney General. Members of the Governor's Cabinet and senior staff have remarked how thorough, helpful and insightful David is as an attorney and advisor.

David has made extreme sacrifices leaving private practice to serve in State government. His decision to leave the law firm that he founded was not an easy one. The State is fortunate to benefit from David's commitment to public service, and career-long experience, knowledge and expertise.

I urge your support David M. Louie's nomination as Attorney General of Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important matter.



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Senator Maile Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Judiciary and Labor Committee Hawaii State Capitol, Room 407 415 S. Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Appointment and Confirmation of David Louie as Attorney General

GM#510 ---- Support

Dear Senators Hee and Shimabukuro:

I am pleased to submit this letter of testimony in support of the confirmation of David Louie as Attorney General for the State of Hawaii.

I am an attorney in civil litigation private practice in Honolulu. I was born in the Territory of Hawaii, grew up here, attended public schools in this State and returned to practice in Honolulu in 1983 after college and law school in California (Stanford University and the University of Santa Clara).

I've had the pleasure of working with and against Mr. Louie and his former law firm in a variety of disputes over the past decades. In those contested matters, I have spent many, many long hours with Mr. Louie in particular. This work covered a broad spectrum of litigated subjects and ranged from informal negotiation through fiercely-contested jury trial. As the Senators undoubtedly know, it is quite difficult to wear a mask for days on end, in widely varying circumstances, and in a contentious, pressure-cooker environment. As a result of this, I respectfully believe that I have a pretty fair idea of the "real" David Louie. I submit that I can fairly comment upon his character, legal and business acumen and his sense of fairness.

The bottom line is that I wholeheartedly endorse and support Mr. Louie's appointment as Attorney General for the State of Hawaii.

Senator Clayton Hee, Chair Senator Maile Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Judiciary and Labor Committee January 28, 2011 Page two

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David will bring to the position his expertise in complex business and financial matters, both from an academic/technical perspective as well as from a practical, nuts-and-bolts point of view. He fully understands exactly the type of difficult liability, defense and cost issues that the State routinely faces in contract, tort and negligence disputes. He can negotiate a tough contract, review contested land deals and direct the presentation of claims and defenses in arbitrations or trials. These are not hypotheticals for him. David has in-the-trenches experience in doing these very tasks. When faced with the relatively-rare subject area in which he has less experience, David has repeatedly demonstrated that he is a diligent student and a quick study. If he is unfamiliar with an area of law or practice on Monday, watch out, by Friday he will know it backwards and forwards.

In addition to being a skilled legal tactician, David is also a seasoned administrator, obviously, a needed talent in the AG's office. As the Senators know, among his various supervisory positions, David was a president of our Hawaii Bar Association. In other words, he already has direct experience working with many of the same government, administrative and private-practice attorneys that he will deal with as Attorney General for this State. Anyone who can guide the herd of cats that make up our Bar Association has the skill to provide leadership in the AG's office.

I suspect that some of the above may sound like overblown puffing. But in David's case, it is both deserved, and frankly, an understatement. It is true that I consider David a friend and I am therefore biased. That bias, however, is the result of experience in working with him professionally as well as knowing him personally. David will be a skilled, conscientious, fair, honest, diligent leader as Hawaii's Attorney General. I am confident that his performance in office will be exemplary and I respectfully urge that he be confirmed.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or comments you or any Committee member may have.

Sincerely,

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CHARLES E. MCKAY

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March 28, 2011

The Honorable Clayton Hee Chair, Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor The Twenty-Sixth Legislature State Capitol, Room 016 Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Hee and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

I am writing in support of David Louie's nomination for Attorney General.

As the Administrator of the Hawaii Criminal Justice Data Center, I am responsible for the statewide criminal history information system (CJIS-Hawaii), the statewide Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS), the Sex Offender Registry, the State Identification program and the FBI's National Crime Information Center (NCIC).

While I have only had the opportunity to work with Mr. Louie since January of this year, as one of his division supervisors reporting directly to him, I have already had to work with him on very specific initiatives relating to the Hawaii Integrated Justice Information Sharing (HIJIS) program, the State ID program, our budget and the impact on our agency's mission critical services relating to our high vacancy percentages.

David is extremely perceptive in getting to the heart of the matter. I have appreciated his ability to view our services in terms of running a business, albeit a government business, and that has helped me to refocus our resources and emphasis. At a time when we are all suffering from a lack of resources which appears to be continuing at least into the next year, his refreshing outlook is beneficial and one that I have already been able to learn from.

I look forward to growing in my role as the HCJDC Administrator under David's leadership. Certainly, our mission critical services are vital to the State and its public safety, and he has already demonstrated his appreciation for that.

I am sorry that I will not able to be there in person for the hearing as I will be traveling to Dallas, Texas for meetings with the FBI on criminal background check processing. Nevertheless, I wanted to be able to share my comments with you, and I appreciate you allowing me this opportunity.

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Hawaii Criminal Justice Data Center



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Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair, and
Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
The Twenty-Sixth Legislature
State Capitol
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: GM 510, Consideration and Confirmation of David M. Louie
As Attorney General for a term to expire December 1, 2014

Dear Chair Hee and Committee Members:

My name is Marie Manuele Gavigan and I am a Deputy Attorney General for the State of Hawaii. I submit this testimony as a private citizen and ask that you please accept this testimony in support of the nomination of David M. Louie as Attorney General of the State of Hawaii.

As an attorney in private practice, State government and County government for more than fifteen years, I have had the opportunity to work with David on several matters. Most of my work with him has been in cases where we were counsel for co-defendants in litigation. From my work with him, it is clear that David is a smart man, an excellent lawyer and an honest and nice person. Having these characteristics makes him an exceptional candidate to lead the State as its Attorney General. As Attorney General and the person who provides guidance and counsel to the various branches of the government, sets the legal course for the State, and generally insures the legal well-being of the State, David's skills and abilities will serve him well in effectively fulfilling the functions required of the State's Attorney General.

I ask that you give David full consideration and confirm him for the position of Attorney General. Thank you for your consideration of this testimony.

Very truly yours,

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March 28, 2011

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Re: Confirmation Hearing for David Louie Attorney General, State of Hawaii

Tuesday, 9:30 am, March 29, 2011, A.M. Conference Room 016

Dear Chairman Hee and Committee Members,

This testimony is submitted in strong support of the confirmation of David Louie as Attorney General, State of Hawaii. I apologize that I am not able to be present in person to submit this testimony but I am out of town at the present.

I have known Mr. Louie professionally for many years. Mr. Louie had a distinguished career as an attorney. He is known for his intelligence, willingness to work very hard, and professionalism and courtesy. Most of my relations with him have been as opposing counsel. Mr. Louie always researched and reasoned in a level-headed and dignified manner. Mr. Louie was invariably a very good advocate for his client, but at the same time he always demonstrated a special ability to consider what was right and fair. In my experience he exhibits excellent intelligence, an outstanding knowledge of the law, very good judgment, the highest moral character and compassion for others that will stand him good stead as the Attorney General.

I have also worked with him when he was President of the HSBA. His goals for the organization were aspiring and practical. He was very committed to our community in that role and continued in his long standing interest in pro bono and public interest work by members of the legal community. I have always been impressed with Mr. Louie and asked him to be a member of the HSBA Awards Committee which I have chaired for many years. He was an invaluable and hardworking member of the committee and I very much appreciated his many invaluable contributions and enjoyed working with him.

Mr. Louie and I both graduated from the University Of California Berkeley School Of Law. Thus I know that he had an excellent legal education and had to work hard to earn his JD degree.

Should Mr. Louie be confirmed for this position, I am confident that he will serve with honor and distinction. I have no doubt that he will be an outstanding Attorney General. Thank you for considering my very strong recommendation. If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Sherry P. Broder SHERRY P. BRODER

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March 25, 2011

The Honorable Clayton Hee
Chair, Committee on Judiciary and Labor
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Re: GM 510. Confirmation of David Louie as Attorney General March 29. 2011, 9:30 a.m.

Dear Chair Hee and Members of the Committee.

I submit this testimony in strong support of the confirmation of David Louie as Attorney General. I believe that among the most important qualities of an Attorney General are an abiding commitment to justice and to the rule of law, honesty, ethics, diligence, and legal ability. I believe David Louie has all of those qualities and will be an excellent Attorney General.

Mr. Louie graduated from one of the finest law schools in the country, the Boalt Hall School of Law at the University of California, Berkeley. Mr. Louie has a great breadth of legal experience, spanning more than 30 years. He also has an excellent record of service to the legal profession, including with the Hawaii State Bar Association.

Mr. Louie's reputation is superb, including his reputation for ethics, honesty, hard work, and legal ability. In addition, I believe it is very important that an Attorney General have had experience handling some of the types of complex eases that he will face as Attorney General. That experience would significantly help in defending the State--a large part of the job of the Attorney General. Mr. Louie not only has this type of experience, including trying difficult and complex cases, he has decades of such experience.

I have no hesitation in enthusiastically recommending Mr. Louie for confirmation, and respectfully ask the Committee to recommend to the Senate that it advise and consent to Mr. Louie's nomination.

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The Honorable Clayton Hee Chairman Committee on Judiciary and Labor Hawaii State Capitol, Room 407 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: <u>David M. Louie-Attorney General Nomination</u>

Dear Chairman Hee:

I write this letter in firm and strong support of David M. Louie's nomination for Attorney General

I am the President of the State of Hawaii Organization of Police Officers ("SHOPO"), which is the public sector union that represents all of our city and county police officers serving throughout the 50th State.

As a police union, we have a special interest in any appointment that relates to law enforcement, and the position of Attorney General is without question a very important position in the law enforcement community.

In the past, we have enjoyed an excellent working relationship with the AG's office and strongly believe that under Mr. Louie's command, our working relationship will continue to flourish and gain further momentum. Mr. Louie is very interested in developing a closer working relationship with our local law enforcement agencies to address the many complex criminal issues we are confronted with on a daily basis that jeopardize the health and safety of our community.

By all accounts, Mr. Louie is held in the highest regard in the legal community. As police officers, we strive for the highest levels of integrity and ethics and take great comfort in knowing that Mr. Louie is of a like mind and practice. He is known for his fundamental fairness which he combines with a high level of intelligence, legal knowledge and experience and possesses a mature and balanced temperament. Mr. Louie also enjoys a well earned reputation for having an incredible work ethic and is of impeccable character and integrity.

Chairman Clayton Hee Judiciary and Labor February 9, 2011 Page 2

We applaud Mr. Louie's nomination and believe that he will be a valuable asset to our law enforcement community.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on this nomination and we sincerely hope Mr. Louie will receive your committee's favorable consideration.

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January 20, 2011

The Honorable Senator Clayton Hee, Chair Judiciary and Labor Committee Hawaii State Capitol, Room 407 415 S. Beretania St. Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: David M. Louie for Attorney General - Support

Senator Hee and esteemed members of the Committee:

It is with great pleasure that we take the opportunity to send this respectful request that your committee favorably act upon the nomination of David for Attomey General. We have known David for over twenty years. He has been a personal family friend and we have worked closely together during that time. We are also close to his wife and two children, and with this background, feel exceptionally qualified to provide the strongest endorsement of David. He is a gifted attorney, a dedicated family man, a strong leader, a successful and fair businessman and a good friend. It is easy to see that we are excited for Dave. We are equally excited for Hawaii.

In a professional context, Dave will bring over 30 years of trial lawyer expertise to the position. He will also bring over 20 years of experience as the managing partner of his former law firm, an indisputable testament to his ability to manage an office as large and pressurized as the AG's. As you know, Dave was also President of the Hawaii State Bar Association, the Chair of the Aloha Tower Development Corporation, Vice Chair of the Hawaii Supreme Court Rule 19 Committee Regarding Judicial Performance, a Lawyer Representative for the United States Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the Northwest Regional Governor for the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association. His dossier is virtually impeccable. Dave is the man that the people of the State of Hawaii deserve in this position.

In a personal context, Dave is, simply put, a good man. His success is not limited to his office; he and his wife have been married over 25 years and have raised two terrific kids. As he has from nurturing dozens of young attorneys over his career, he seems to feed off the energy his children bring to his life and the tight bonds he enjoys with them. We believe in people who can balance their home and professional lives and realize success in both. There is little doubt that the ability to "manage" family affairs is a reflection of the ability to manage office affairs. Dave, therefore, is one to emulate. His record speaks for itself: he enjoys success in both, everyday.

We thank you for the opportunity to provide our opinion of Dave. Please vote to confirm him as Hawaii's next Attorney General.

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January 24, 2011

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Re: David Louie for Attorney General-GM #510-Support Letter

Dear Chair Hee, Vice Chair Shimabakuro and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in support of the nomination of David Louie as Attorney General.

David Louie is a well respected and accomplished attorney with 33 years of experience in complex commercial and civil litigation. He was the managing partner of his former law firm and has the administrative capability and skills to direct the Attorney General's office which is the equivalent of a large law firm in the private sector. He also has the legal knowledge, expertise and experience to give thoughtful and competent advice and counsel to the Governor, the heads of the various state departments, the Legislature and the Judiciary. He understands and would be committed to discharging the responsibilities and duties of the Attorney General in representing the interests of the people of the State of Hawaii.

In addition, David brings his long time dedication and commitment to public service and the community. He has been actively involved with various professional and community organizations in Hawaii and nationally. He served as President of the Hawaii State Bar Association, Chair of the Aloha Tower Development Corporation, Lawyer Representative for the United States Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the Northwest Regional Governor for the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association.

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Senator Clayton Hee, Chairman Judiciary and Labor Committee

Senator Maile Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Judiciary and Labor Committee January 24, 2011 Page 2

David Louie will be an asset to the State of Hawaii and Governor Abercrombie's administration in his capacity as Attorney General.

Very truly yours,

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Re: GM No. 510

Nomination of David M. Louie to Be Attorney General

Dear Senators:

I am writing to **support** the nomination of David Louie.

I have known David—mostly as a litigation adversary but also as a colleague in State bar activities—since he began practicing in 1978.

To All Senators January 25, 2011 Page 2

David is a fine lawyer with great common sense. He would bring uncommonly good judgment, legal skills, and interpersonal skills to this critically important position. He can be counted on to lead the State's largest law office effectively and well.

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Very truly yours,

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February 15, 2011

via senhee@capitol.hawaii.gov

Senator Clayton Hee, Chair Judiciary and Labor Committee Hawaii State Capitol, Room 407 415 S. Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: David M. Louie for Attorney General - Support

Dear Senator Hee:

I am writing this letter in support of David M. Louie who has been recently appointed to be Attorney General for the State of Hawaii by Governor Neil Abercrombie.

I am a licensed attorney practicing in the State of Hawaii since 1970. I am a partner with the law firm of Ayabe, Chong, Nishimoto, Sia & Nakamura. I have known Mr. Louie for more than thirty years.

I am very pleased with Governor Abercrombie's appointment of Mr. Louie. Mr. Louie brings with him years of experience to this position. These years of experience will certainly be of great value to a person serving in the capacity as Attorney General because that person does serve as the Chief Legal Officer for the State of Hawaii.

I have personally observed Mr. Louie's conduct in the practice of law having been involved in numerous cases with him. He is an excellent litigator and has served his clients well in his representation of them. In the past year, we were both representing different defendants in a real estate case. I personally observed the manner in which he prepared for the case as well as his examination skills during the arbitration. In the preparation for the defense of the claims, we met and spoke on numerous occasions. I observed his trial skills as well as his strategies and cross examination skills in that case. I was quite impressed with the manner in which he

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handled that case as well as others when we were also representing different defendants.

Although he is aggressive in the defense of his clients, he always exhibited professionalism and civility in the manner in which he conducted himself. That is certainly an important trait for a person serving as our Attorney General.

He provided public service as evidenced by his serving as Vice President and President for the Hawaii State Bar Association. During his tenure as Bar President, he served the members of the legal community well. Having served myself as President of the Hawaii State Bar Association, I know the time, efforts and responsibilities associated with that position. Mr. Louie met the challenges and served us well.

He appears to be a financially responsible person. Although I am not privy to his personal finances, there does not appear to be any evidence of the lacking in financial responsibility given the success of his former law firm. As to his health, he has always appeared to be in good health.

The people of Hawaii will certainly benefit from having someone with the skills, training, experience, ability and background like Mr. Louie to serve as Attorney General for the State of Hawaii. He possesses the requisite traits which one would expect to find in a person serving in that position.

Without any reservations, I recommend that this Committee support the appointment of Mr. Louie as our Attorney General for the State of Hawaii. I thank this Committee for giving me the opportunity to express my support for Mr. Louie's appointment.

Very truly yours,

SIDNEY K. AYABE

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8 February 2011

The Honorable Clayton Hee Hawaii State Senate. Judiciary & Labor Committee Hawaii State Capitol, Rm 407 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96713

Re: David M. Louie for Attorney General - GM #510 - Support

Dear Senator Hee:

Please confirm David M. Louie as the Attorney General for the State of Hawaii. I have known him for over thirty (30) years. We were associates at Case Kay & Lynch, during the 1980's. David served in the Honolulu office, and I was posted on Kauai.

David later founded his own law firm, and I eventually served as the County Attorney for the County of Kauai.

My favorite memory of our association was a trial on Kauai, in the 1980's. Our client had slipped, fallen, and suffered serious injury. The owner of the facility upon which the injury occurred denied knowledge of the dangerously slimy condition that caused the fall.

In order to rebut the landowner's denial, and prove that the landowner knew or should have known of the dangerous condition, Plaintiff introduced the popular *Hanohano Hanale*, Hanalei's signature song, popular throughout Hawaii nei from Haena to Kau. It was composed in the 1920's by renowned haku mele Alfred 'Alohikea when he was governor of Kauai:

Hanohano Hanale i ka ua nui I pakika kahi limu o Manuakepa Glorious is Hanalei in the pouring rain Slippery is the limu of Manu'akepa

Result, verdict for the Plaintiff.

David has not confined his life and career to downtown Honolulu. I appreciate his personal contacts with Kauai. He and his wife, Johanna, have hiked into Kalalau Valley with his mother, and their son attended soccer camp in Lihue.

David is imaginative, resourceful, competent, and honest. It was a pleasure to work with him. He brings much to the table, not the least of which is his legal expertise, leadership, extensive management experience, and the high regard of his peers.

The State of Hawaii can be assured of being very well represented.

Sincerely,

/s/ Hartwell H.K. Blake



Testimony in Support of the Gubernatorial Nomination of David M. Louie

As Attorney General of the State of Hawaii

Submitted by Diane K. Taira

Committee on Judiciary and Labor Hearing on March 29, 2011 9:30 am

Chair Hee and Members of the Committee,

I support the gubernatorial nomination of David M. Louie as the Attorney General of the State of Hawaii. As the Attorney General nominee, Mr. Louie has shown that he is dedicated to the job. He has immersed himself in the many legal issues and challenges confronting the State of Hawaii, working the long hours and off hours that is often required on the spur of the moment in this job—tested most recently when he deplaned after a long flight from the mainland and went straight over to Civil Defense during our recent tsunami warning (stopping only for a change of clothes) to address legal issues throughout the evening and following morning, until the warning was over. Mr. Louie is a diligent public servant. He is intelligent, easy to approach; he invites and considers the input of others. He does not hesitate to question and to explore multiple ways of addressing an issue. Importantly, he has been supportive of the employees of his department and the work they produce. This said, he is also intent on improving the department, its work and its responsiveness. Notably, Mr. Louie possesses a sense of humor that takes him, and those with whom he works, through the day.

In short, David Louie possesses the characteristics that make for an honorable Attorney General.

I make these statements as a Deputy Attorney General who has worked with Mr. Louie on a number of issues before and during his tenure at the Department of the Attorney General. He is experienced in a broad range of legal issues and is a practiced litigator. He will serve the State and the Department well. I am proud to serve under and alongside him.

I support the nomination of David M. Louie as the Attorney General of the State of Hawaii and hope that he will receive your endorsement as well.



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Senator Clayton Hee, Chair Judiciary and Labor Committee Hawaii State Capitol, Room 407 415 S. Beretania Street Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: GM #510; David M. Louie for Attorney General - Support

Dear Senator Hee:

Please allow this letter to serve as testimony supporting confirmation of David M. Louie as Attorney General for the state of Hawaii. I first met David in 1994 when I joined Roeca Louie & Hiraoka as an Associate Attorney. I have had the honor of serving as one of his law partners since 1998. In the 17 years since I joined Roeca Louie & Hiraoka, David has continued to impress me with his effortless ability as Managing Partner to oversee the day-to-day operation of the firm while maintaining his own large and active case load. His ease in successfully serving as the Managing Partner was accomplished by his keen intellect coupled with his approachable personality displayed toward all staff, clients and colleagues.

David is able to quickly dissect legal issues and communicate those issues in a manner that is understandable but allows for thought-provoking discussion that challenges those working with him to excel in any task David assigns to them. David's personality and ease at talking with people is born out by jurors' positive responses to David. I still run into citizens who ten years ago served as jurors at a trial in which I assisted David who ask how Mr. Louie is and recollect his presentation to the jury. David's zeal as an advocate for his clients is tempered only by his high ethical and moral principals.

As David's partner, I can attest to his loyalty and dedication to our law firm. I have no doubt that these attributes would extend to the citizens of the state of Hawaii with David serving as the Attorney General. It was a bittersweet moment when David announced that he was considering accepting the Governor's appointment, as he would be deeply missed as a law partner who had been a consistent source of inspiration and strength. However, David's sincere desire to serve the state of Hawaii in the position of Attorney General was apparent and a decision made with considerable thought as to the contribution he might make to the community by accepting Governor Abercrombie's appointment.

David's integrity, intelligence, respect for the law and diligent commitment to anything he undertakes will provide the state with an honorable, hard working Attorney General.

Very truly yours,

April Luria

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January 24, 2010

The Honorable Clayton Hee Chair, Judiciary and Labor Committee Hawaii State Capitol, Room 407 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Testimony in Support of Confirmation of

David M. Louie as Attorney General, GM #510

Dear Chair Hee and Members of the Committee:

I write in strong support of Governor Abercrombie's nomination of David M. Louie to serve as Hawaii's Attorney General.

Having served as Governor Waihee's Attorney General from 1992-1994, I understand the rigors of the office that David holds, and with your consent, will continue to hold. I have every confidence that David will excel in this demanding assignment.

I have known Mr. Louie since 1986 when we litigated a beach drowning case. From that experience and others since, I know David is both a worthy advocate and yet very fair-minded. He is familiar with the defense of lawsuits, and will do an excellent job protecting the general fund from claims. Perhaps more significantly, David also has the intellect and curiosity to address the complex legal problems that land on the Attorney General's desk every day.

The people of Hawaii will be well served by having David serve as Attorney General, and I strongly urge the Committee to make a favorable recommendation on his nomination to the Senate.

Very truly yours,

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Robert A. Marks

Hon, David M. Louie

From: Girard.D.Lau@hawaii.gov

Sent: Monday, March 28, 2011 3:57 PM

To: JDLTestimony

Subject: GM 510: Testimony in Support of the Confirmation of David M. Louie as Attorney General

March 28, 2011

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The Honorable Clayton Hee Chairperson of the Senate Judiciary Committee Hawaii State Capitol, Rm. 016 415 South Beretania St. Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 Email: JDLTestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov

RE: GM 510, Confirmation Hearings for David M. Louie as Attorney General of Hawaii. Hearing: Tuesday, March 29, 2011, 9:30 a.m.

Dear Chairperson Hee and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

I am writing in support of the confirmation of David M. Louie as Attorney General for the State of Hawaii. I am currently the Solicitor General for Hawaii, and have worked in the Attorney General's office for the last 20 years. I have had many meetings with Mr. Louie since his nomination for Attorney General, and in his capacity as interim Attorney General.

I know that David will be an excellent Attorney General for numerous reasons. David's intellect and legal analytical ability are outstanding. His ability to grasp novel issues and deal with complex legal matters is superb.

Most importantly, I am convinced he is motivated by the desire to do the right thing, and to promote justice. As one very important example, based upon my conversations with him, I know that Mr. Louie would be a strong and vigorous advocate for protecting Native Hawaiian programs from constitutional challenge.

These are just a few of the reasons I strongly support David Louie's confirmation. I respectfully urge that Mr. Louie be confirmed. Hawaii will be well served with Mr. Louie as its Attorney General.

Sincerely,

Girard D. Lau Solicitor General Department of the Attorney General





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Senator Maile Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Judiciary and Labor Committee Hawaii State Capitol, Room 223 415 S. Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: David M. Louie for Attorney General - Support

I have known David Louie for a majority of my 30 years of practice as a trial attorney in the State of Hawaii. In that capacity, I have worked on litigation cases with David in which he has represented clients that were opposed to parties that I represented, as well as cases in which the positions of our clients were aligned. Therefore, I have had the opportunity to observe David's conduct, strategies, thinking, and planning with respect to a myriad of legal issues and controversies.

David's character and integrity is beyond reproach. He has always conducted himself in a professional manner, and one that would promote the image of himself and his office in a favorable manner. In my personal dealings with David as an attorney, I have found him to be honest, forthright and practical – a good combination to have in today's business world.

David's work ethic is unquestioned, and reflects an ambition and drive that would serve the office of the Attorney General in a very positive manner. Finally, David's wide-range of experience in commercial litigation puts in him a unique position to handle legal and other issues currently confronting the State. He has the ability to administer and manage the Attorney General's office having served as managing partner in his own practice. He has had a challenging legal practice which has allowed him to remain at the forefront of litigation and transaction law issues in our community. In short, I believe David Louie to be highly qualified

Senator Clayton Hee, Chair Senator Maile Shimabukuro, Vice Chair January 26, 2011 Page 2

for the position of Attorney General, and can think of no reason why his nomination should be turned down.

Thank you for your consideration of the above comments.

Very truly yours,

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Harvey J. Lung

Attorney at Law, A Law Corporation

Its General Partner

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cc: David M. Louie, Esq.

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January 25, 2011

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Senator Clayton Hee, Chair Judiciary and Labor Committee Hawaii State Capitol, Room 407 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: David Louie

Dear Senator Hee:

I am writing in support of the nomination of David Louie as Attorney General. I have known David since I worked with him and his current law partners at Case, Kay & Lynch in Honolulu in the early 1980's.

David has always been an extremely competent attorney and a leader in the legal community. He is a strong advocate with a common sense approach to the law and his cases, qualities that will benefit the State of Hawaii.

David is extremely likeable, thoughtful and a good listener. In my opinion, he is highly qualifled for the position of Attorney General.

Sincerely,

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Rosalyn Loomis

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From: Grace J. Teng [mailto:GTeng@caselombardi.com]

Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 11:34 AM

To: Sen. Clayton Hee; Sen. Maile Shimabukuro

Subject: David M. Louie for Attorney General - GM #510 - Support

Dear Senators Hee and Shimabukuro:

My name is Michael L. Lam. I am a director and shareholder in the local law firm of Case Lombardi & Pettit. I am an active member of the State Bar and have been practicing law for the past 24 consecutive years. I have known David for many years and for the reasons set forth below, respectfully request that his nomination for Attorney General be approved.

I have worked with and against David in many litigation cases. From this experience I can state without hesitation or question that his legal abilities are beyond reproach. He is a formidable adversary, but ethical and respectful at all times. David is also extremely reasonable and always strives to resolve problems. As you can see from David's HSBA involvement, he is well qualified for providing sound legal advise and guidance to the State.

I also know David from a personal standpoint. Our sons played high school soccer together for many years. Even in a highly competitive environment, David was always supportive of all the players and truly enjoyed the experience.

Based upon my interaction with David, I am confident that he will fulfill all of the responsibilities and obligations required of the Attorney General, and request that his nomination be confirmed by the Hawaii State Senate.

Very truly yours,

Michael L. Lam, Esq.

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Sen. Clayton Hee Chairperson Judiciary and Labor Committee via email: <u>senhee@capitol.hawaii.gov</u>

Sen. Maile Shimabukuro Vice Chairperson Judiciary and Labor Committee via email: senshimabukuro@capitol.hawaii.gov

Re: Support of David M. Louie for Attorney General (GM #510)

Dear Senators Hee and Shimabukuro:

I am submitting the following as written testimony in favor of the appointment of David M. Louie for Attorney General. I have known Dave since 1981, when I was a law clerk for the Honorable James H. Wakatsuki. Judge Wakatsuki was one of the administrative judges for the First Circuit Court at the time and we handled the bulk of the civil motions for the Circuit Court. If I recall correctly, Dave was an associate at Case and Lynch, one of the larger law firms in Honolulu. Our professional paths have crossed many times since then because we are close to the same age and both of our practices centered around civil litigation.

Most importantly, Dave has always chosen to support his community - both the legal community and the community as a whole. His past experiences do not need to be recited in this letter, as I am sure that the Committee has already received information detailing the same. Most attorneys do not find the time to devote to causes that do not directly benefit their family or practice. Dave is the rare exception.

I wholeheartedly endorse Dave for Attorney General, without reservation. He possesses the proper temperament and intellect for the position and he will be an excellent advocate for the State of Hawaii.

Very truly yours,

Kime. Leong

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Re: David M. Louie for Attorney General – Support

Dear Senator Hee, Senator Shimabukuro and Members of the Committee:

My name is Dennis M. Lombardi and I am a Director at Case Lombardi & Pettit. It is my pleasure and honor to submit this letter in support of your confirming David M. Louie as Attorney General for the State of Hawaii. I have known David for over twenty eight years. I had the privilege of working with him at the law firm of Case Kay & Lynch which is now known as Case Lombardi & Pettit.

David M. Louie is well qualified to be our Attorney General. He has extensive legal experience having practiced in the areas of personal injury, insurance defense, civil and commercial litigation. David Louie is an outstanding attorney and advocate who practices law with enthusiasm, civility, and integrity. He is highly regarded by the Hawaii Bar as evidenced by his selection in 2001 as its President.

I am confident that David Louie will serve the people of Hawaii well and with distinction. I respectfully urge you to confirm David M. Louie as Hawaii's next Attorney General.

Sincerely

Dennis M. Lombardi



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Re: DAVID M. LOUIE FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL - SUPPORT GM #510

Dear Honorable Hee and Honorable Shimabukuro:

My name is Lanson K. Kupau. I am an attorney with the law firm of Bronster Hoshibata and a Per Diem Judge with the District Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawaii. I write this letter in strong support of Mr. David M. Louie as our next Attorney General.

I have known Mr. Louie both professionally and socially for over 16 years and can state without hesitation that he is not only qualified to be our next Attorney General but has the passion and ability to serve the people of Hawaii with a determination to do what is right or pono rarely seen in today's society. Although I have never worked in Mr. Louie's firm, I have had the opportunity to be on the other side of a case in which Mr. Louie was lead counsel. He is a fierce opponent, who has a comprehensive knowledge of the law, and a dogged perseverance to make sure that no stone is left unturned. Although we didn't see eye-to-eye at times, Mr. Louie was always professional, courteous and a true gentleman. He is highly respected in the legal community and a credit to the Hawaii State Bar Association.

What makes Mr. Louie unique is his willingness to listen to opposing views with an open mind. He is not afraid to change his mind when the facts warrant it. This trait will serve him well as Attorney General as he will have to navigate very difficult and complex waters facing our State in the coming years.

Socially, Mr. Louie possesses all the social graces you would expect of a man of his stature. He is kind in his interactions with people and generous with his time as evidenced by the number of community related activities in which he has been involved in or spearheaded over the years. His awareness of the responsibility for those who are more fortunate to give back to our community cannot be more evident than his willingness to step down from a very successful private practice to serve the people of Hawaii as our next Attorney General.

Based on the foregoing, I wholeheartedly support the nomination and appointment of Mr. David M. Louie as our next Attorney General.

With much Aloha,

Lanson K. Kupau, Esq.



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Re: <u>David M. Louie for Attorney General - Support</u>

Dear Senators Hee and Shimabukuro:

I am an attorney and enthusiastically support David M. Louie as the next Attorney General for the State of Hawaii.

After working for the City and County of Honolulu, first as a deputing prosecutor and then as a deputy corporation counsel, I was fortunate to be given the opportunity to begin my private practice experience with the law firm of Roeca Louie & Hiraoka, where I worked for six years from October 2000 to September 2006. Prior to that time, I knew David only by reputation as a highly respected attorney with impeccable credentials. During my six years at the firm, I worked closely with David and can attest that his reputation is well-deserved.

David's intellectual gift was obvious and it did not make me long to realize that he was able to quickly analyze complex legal issues, formulate a legal strategy and map out a course of action. Throughout the years, I discussed many cases with David and was always impressed by his power of recall as he could instantly summon facts and details of cases which he did not have day-to-day involvement in; a trait which made him especially well-suited to serve as the firm's managing partner and a trait which will certainly serve him well as the Attorney General.

David is more than just a brilliant attorney, he is an energetic problem-solver who views adversity as an "opportunity" and who will work tirelessly to obtain a good result on behalf of his client. I never saw David frazzled by the stresses and demands of the job and he was always even-tempered, considerate and respectful of others.

Senator Clayton Hee, Chair Senator Maile Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee February 11, 2011 Page 2

I can say from personal experience that David has all of the traits and qualities that an Attorney General must possess to lead and guide our State through the many complex legal issues which it faces. In my opinion, there is no better person to serve as the Attorney General for the State of Hawaii than David Louie.

Thank you for permitting me to express my support for his confirmation. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Very Truly Yours,

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January 25, 2011

Senator Clayton Hee, Chair Senator Maile Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Judiciary and Labor Committee Hawaii State Capitol, Room 407 415 S. Beretania St. Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: David M. Louie

Nominee for Attorney General - Support

GM #510

Chairperson Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and Members of the Committee:

I strongly support the confirmation of David M. Louie as Attorney General for the State of Hawai'i. Over the past 15 years, I have practiced as a litigator in the State and federal courts and have worked with and against Mr. Louie in my representation of private and public clients. I have had the privilege of working with Mr. Louie and his firm. I have also served as a Deputy Attorney General from November 2005 to October 2010.

During the entire period in which I have known Mr. Louie, he has always conducted himself professionally and ethically. At first, I worked with and against Mr. Louie in the representation of individuals and entities in lawsuits brought in the State courts. He was always well prepared and a zealous advocate for his clients.

I then worked with Mr. Louie at Roeca, Louie & Hiraoka here in Honolulu. During that period, I learned that in addition to his skills as an attorney, he was an excellent manager and supervisor. Mr. Louie had the respect of all of the attorneys and staff who worked with him, as he was both a tireless worker and fair administrator who led by example.

Having recently served as a Deputy Attorney General, I further believe that Mr. Louie has both the intellect and administrative skills to lead the Department of the Attorney General during these very trying times. He will be a tireless advocate for the State, will conduct himself with dignity, and will continue to be well respected by members of the civil and criminal bars. Should he be confirmed and permitted to serve, he will be an invaluable asset to both the government and to the people of the State of Hawai'i.

Very truly yours,

Randall K. Ishikawa





January 20, 2011

Senator Clayton Hee Chairman Judiciary and Labor Committee Hawaii State Capitol Room 407 415 S. Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Hee,

I am writing to you today to strongly urge your approval for the nomination of Mr. David M. Louie, as the Attorney General of the State of Hawaii.

Over the years, I have worked closely with David and I have found his professional abilities and judgment to be impeccable. He is an exceptional attorney. He is furthermore a gentleman who knows how to work with people and has the strength of character to deal with issues without the cloud of personal ego. Perhaps the most important characteristic I believe will make David an exceptional Attorney General is that he a man of integrity and personal honor.

Aside from his personal qualities David bring to the State of Hawaii a myriad of knowledge and relationships that he has developed over the past three decades throughout the State of Hawaii and the mainland.

My final comment is that I am awed and humbled by David's desire to serve his State and his community. I know that this office entails a huge sacrifice in terms of time, energy and personal commitment, which I know David, is fully committed. I believe the State of Hawaii is truly fortunate to have a candidate of his caliber for Attorney General.

I wholeheartedly support his nomination and I urge your support for his confirmation. If there is anything further I can do to, please contact me.

Sincerely Yours,

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RE: David M. Louie for Attorney General – Support GM #510

Dear Honorable Senators:

It is my honor to submit this letter of support for the nomination of David M. Louie, Esq. for Attorney General of the State of Hawaii.

I am the President and CEO of the Hawaii-based dispute resolution firm, Dispute Prevention and Resolution, Inc. I serve as a professional mediator and arbitrator in a wide variety of commercial, construction, business, personal injury and medical malpractice disputes. Over the last 25 years, I have had the privilege of working with David Louie in well over one hundred matters in which Mr. Louie has represented a party in a proceeding in which I was involved. I can state unequivocally that Mr. Louie is one of the top legal minds in the State of Hawaii and is both a highly effective advocate and a skilled negotiator. He is both an accomplished trial attorney who zealously advocates for his clients best interests and also brings practicality, pragmatism and common sense to the dispute resolution process. Mr. Louie has a keen ability to analyze the strengths and weaknesses of his client's position and to advise and proceed accordingly. Foremost among his skill set is his ability to approach the law and the challenges that his clients face as a problem solver. I have always been most impressed with how exceedingly well prepared Mr. Louie is in each case and how much client control he has.

RE: David M. Louie for Attorney General – Support / GM #510 February 3, 2011 Page 2 In addition to having over 25 years of business experience with Mr. Louie, I know him on a personal basis as well. He is an honest and honorable person. He is a straight-shooter and, in my opinion, a person who is very trustworthy. His integrity among our legal and business communities in our State is unquestioned. Mr. Louie ascribes to the very highest standards of ethical conduct. We can place our full confidence in his character, his intelligence and his good judgment.

Mr. Louie has an outstanding and well earned reputation in the legal community. He is both well liked and highly respected. He plays fair, fights hard and solves problems on behalf of his clients. While he is a zealous advocate, he is universally liked even by his legal opponents. Mr. Louie is fair-minded, compassionate, knowledgeable, approachable, sincere and highly intelligent. He possesses all of the traits and characteristics to be an excellent Attorney General.

I can sincerely state as a participant in the legal community for the last 30 years that we are indeed highly fortunate to have Mr. Louie serve as our Attorney General. He is an outstanding attorney, a great husband and father, and he is a person that we can trust to protect the interest of the citizens of our great State of Hawaii.

I wish you well in your deliberations.

Keith W. Hunter President / CEO



From: Roy Hughes [mailto:rhughes@hugheslafountaine.com]

Sent: Thursday, January 20, 2011 10:04 AM

To: 'Jan Tomimbang' Cc: David M. Louie

Subject: Letter of Testimony in Favor of David Louie Appointment as Attorney General

Letter of Testimony in Favor of David Louie Appointment as Attorney General:

To Senator Clayton Hee:

This is my testimony in support of Mr. David Louie as candidate for the position of Attorney General.

I have known Mr. Louie professionally for close to thirty years. We both practiced in an area of law known as insurance defense, and have handled a range of cases for insurance companies and their insureds. Throughout his career Mr. Louie demonstrated a grasp of the issues, many of them complex, and balanced assertiveness in the courtroom with practicality and the best interests of the client.

Mr. Louie and I worked together on the Makaha Valley landslide claim. He represented the Board of Water Supply in that action and my office represented the interests of Capital Investments. Working together on the defense, Mr. Louie and I were able to neutralize "expert" witness testimony and successfully conclude the matter with a recovery in favor of our clients (Mr. Louie was able to recover fees and costs).

I also worked with Mr. Louie on the Hilton Kalia Tower mold and construction defect claims. This litigation was a complex multi-party claim involving an array of coordination issues together with construction and insurance claims. Although Mr. Louie and I had different issues, we were able to work together to coordinate handling to promote an efficient defense and negotiate the interests of clients with the mediator.

I have also worked with Mr. Louie through the Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel (FDCC), an international professional group of insurance and defense counsel meeting twice a year on a variety of topics. Mr. Louie is an active member of the organization and a strong representative of the State of Hawaii.

In addition to litigation skills, Mr. Louie demonstrates good leadership in handling cases; this extends not only to understanding the issues, but also working with other attorneys, judges and mediators. His leadership and management skills will make Mr. Louie a valuable Attorney General.

Thank you for your time and attention.



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January 24, 2011

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Re: Nomination of David M. Louie for Attorney General-GM #510

Dear Senator Hee:

Please accept this letter in support of the nomination of David M. Louie for the position of Attorney General. David is not only well qualified through his experience and intelligence, but he has proven over the years in litigation and trial practice that he has the temperament and common sense for the difficult and often emotional situations that all legal disputes evoke. He is an excellent choice and I offer my complete support.

When I first met David over twenty-some years ago he was already an accomplished attorney. He repeatedly impressed me with his understanding of the law and the practical application of such to a real life practice. Over the years, we worked together on numerous case. Many were complex and demanding; others more routine. Regardless, David treated each case with singular professionalism and diligence.

Therefore, it is with complete confidence that I give my support to his nomination for Attorney General. I know that he will dedicate himself to the duties of his new position with as much diligence and skill as he has shown in all of his other professional activities.

Thank you for considering my comments and if you or the Committee have any further questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Respectfully submitted.

James H. Hershey

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From: <<u>fMHIFO@aol.com</u>>

Date: Sun, Jan 23, 2011 at 4:30 PM

Subject: David M. Louie for Attorney General - Support

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The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair
The Honorable Maile Shimabukuro, Vice Chair
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FROM:

(Bambi) Eden Elizabeth Hifo First Circuit Court Judge, Retired tmhifo@aol.com : January 23, 2011

Re: Support of David M. Louie for A.G.

Dear Chair Hee, Vice-Chair Shimabukuro and Committee Members,
Thank you for the opportunity to express my strong support
for Hawaii State Senate confirmation of David M. Louie as
Attorney General. I have known him for many years as an
outstanding attorney who demonstrates good sense, integrity, a
broad perspective and intelligence. I believe he would serve with
distinction as Attorney General.

My observations of Mr. Louie are based mainly on his trial practice, interactions regarding court cases, together with his tenure as president of the Hawaii State Bar Association. As a circuit court judge (retired since 2010) I found him to be candid, reliable, prepared and well versed in the applicable law. He was always professional and an excellent advocate for his clients. His work is of highest quality, and I have no doubt

his dedication will inspire others with whom he works.

As bar president, he could see and articulate the big picture in a way that encouraged cooperation and innovation. His speeches were interesting, got to the point and were often sprinkled with appropriate humor.

I believe he would discharge the responsibilities of Attorney General in both thoughtful and practical ways to the benefit of the State in all of the significant aspects of this important position. His commitment to this public service is manifest by his willingness to leave successful private practice and offer his knowledge, experience, diligence and respectful demeanor to the job of Attorney General. Therefore, I urge your well informed confirmation of David Louie's nomination. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, (Bambi) Eden E. Hifo Retired circuit judge



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January 26, 2011

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Re: GM #510: Attorney General Nominee David M. Louie

Dear Chairman Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and Senators Gabbard, Ihara and Slom:

I live in Senator Slom's District 8 and I have worked with David Louie since 1982, first at Case, Kay & Lynch and then at Roeca, Louie & Hiraoka. He has been the managing partner of our law firm since its inception on May 1, 1988.

Mr. Louie possesses that rare combination of superior intellect, legal acumen, and management skill that I feel enable him to successfully serve both as the chief legal and law enforcement officer of the State of Hawai'i and as the manager of the largest law firm in the state. His departure from my firm leaves a void that will never be completely filled, but I take comfort in knowing that our state's legal affairs will be in excellent hands. I enthusiastically support Governor Abercrombie's nomination and trust that the Judiciary and Labor Committee will recommend Senate approval of Mr. Louie as our Attorney General.

Very truly yours,

Keith K. Hiraoka

cc: David M. Louie dm.louie@gmail.com



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The Honorable Maile S. L. Shimabukuro Vice Chairperson Judiciary & Labor Committee Hawaii State Senate Hawaii State Capitol, Room 223 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: GM #510: David M. Louie for Attorney General - Support

Dear Senators Hee and Shimabukuro:

I have been in the active practice of law in the State of Hawaii for over 40 years. For most of that time, I have known David M. Louie both professionally and personally.

Since Mr. Louie and I work in the same general area of law, over the years, there have been many instances when I have worked with him, beside him and, occasionally, against him. I feel, therefore, that I am very well qualified to judge both his legal abilities and his suitability for the important position of Attomey General.

I wholeheartedly support his nomination. It goes without saying, and I am sure you will hear it from many people, that he is an excellent attorney. Also, however, he is a "people" person with a strong sense of humor and I think both of these two qualities will serve the State well in the position of Attorney General.

I also know that he has administrative experience as the managing partner of his law firm for many years and as chairperson of the Aloha Tower Development Corporation. He has also been very active both in the legal community and the community at-large.

The Honorable Clayton Hee and The Honorable Maile S. L. Shimabukuro January 24, 2011 Page 2

This is an excellent nomination and I strongly urge the Judiciary and Labor Committee to recommend confirmation.

Very truly yours,

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Re: David M. Louie for Attorney General - Support

GM-510

Dear Senators:

I have known David M. Louie as a fellow attorney for 20-plus years. I wholeheartedly endorse his nomination without reservation. David has a superior legal mind and the requisite legal experience to be the State's chief legal officer. David is also well suited for the political and leadership roles of the position. He is polite, cordial and warm with a quick smile and laugh. Although he has the strong ego necessary for this tough job, he is self-deprecating and spreads credit around, and tough enough to bear the blame for mistakes.

In summary, David is an excellent nominee and the people of Hawaii are fortunate that he is willing to serve.

Very truly yours,

GGG/mm

(GGGA) Letter of Support David Louis for Attorney General



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Re: David M. Louie for Attorney General - Support

Dear Senator Hee, Senator Shimabukuro and Members of the Committee:

My name is Gregory M. Hansen and I am a Director at Case Lombardi & Pettit. It is my pleasure and honor to submit this letter in support of your confirming David M. Louie as Attorney General for the State of Hawaii. I have known David for over twenty years. David is a former colleague and partner of Case Kay & Lynch which is now known as Case Lombardi & Pettit.

David M. Louie is well qualified to be our Attorney General. He has extensive legal experience having practiced in the areas of personal injury, insurance defense, civil and commercial litigation. David Louie is an outstanding attorney and advocate who practices law with enthusiasm, civility, and integrity. He is highly regarded by the Hawaii Bar as evidenced by his selection in 2001 as its President,

I am confident that David M. Louie will serve the people of Hawaii well and with distinction. I respectfully urge you to confirm David M. Louie as Hawaii's next Attorney General.

Sincerely,

Gregory M. Hansen

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January 26, 2011

Senator Clayton Hee, Chair Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee Hawaii State Capitol, Room 407 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Written Testimony Of Brook Hart
In Support Of Confirming David M.
Louie As Hawaii's Attorney General

Dear Senator Hee and Committee Members:

I am honored to submit this written testimony in support of David M. Louie, who was nominated by Governor Neal Abercrombie on December 19, 2010, to become Hawaii's new Attorney General.

I have known David professionally and personally for more than twenty years. We served together on the First Circuit Court committee on impaired lawyers, and I have worked as co-counsel with his law firm on several matters. I am confident that he will serve with distinction as our state's Attorney General. David's father, Paul Louie (a minister, member of the Los Angeles Human Relations Commission, and co-founder of the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California), taught David that "public service has always been a calling."

David graduated cum laude from Occidental College (Los Angeles) in 1973, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology. He also received the International Fellowship Award at Occidental College. David then attended the highly regarded Boalt Hall School of Law at the University of California (Berkeley), where he earned his Juris Doctor degree in 1977. While David was in law school, he gained valuable experience in a variety of legal areas by working as an intern at the Asian Law Caucus in San Francisco, at the Federal Public Defender's Office in San Francisco, and at the Common

Cause public interest organization in Washington, D.C.

David was admitted to the California bar in 1977 and to the Hawaii bar in 1978. He has also been admitted to two federal bars: the bar of the United States District Court for the District of Hawaii and the bar of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. David is an American Bar Association member, and a member of the ABA Litigation Section and the ABA Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section.

From 1977 to 1988, David was an attorney at the prominent Honolulu law firm of Case & Lynch. He became a partner in that law firm in 1984. In 1988, David became the managing partner of the Honolulu law firm of Roeca Louie & Hiraoka, and served in that management position until recently being nominated as Hawaii's Attorney General. David's twenty-three years of effective law firm management will definitely be beneficial in efficiently managing the Hawaii state government's "law firm," the Department of the Attorney General.

David has a wide range of legal experience spanning more than three decades, having practiced (inter alia) general civil litigation, personal injury law, products liability law, premises liability law, aviation litigation, malpractice law, director/officer liability law, insurance defense law, commercial litigation, contract dispute law, construction accident law and construction defect litigation. David has tried numerous cases to verdict, having represented both plaintiffs and defendants in litigation. David has earned Martindale-Hubbell ratings of "AV Preeminent" and "5.0" (the highest available), and he has met Martindale-Hubbell's "very high criteria" of "ethical standards." Likewise, David is listed in the national reference books "Best Lawyers in America" and "Who's Who in American Law," and he is also listed in "Hawaii Super Lawyers."

David's continual commitment to activities that advance the public interest and the legal profession has been especially commendable. From 1995 to 2001, he served variously as a director, vice president, and president of the Hawaii State Bar Association. From 1999 to 2005, David served as chairman of the Aloha Tower Development Corporation. In 1999, he accepted an appointment to the Hawaii Supreme Court's

Special Committee on Judicial Performance, and at the time of his selection as Hawaii Attorney General he was serving as vice chairman of that committee. From 2005 to 2008, David was a Lawyer Representative for the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. From 2008 to 2010, David was the Northwest Regional Governor for the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association, and since 1995, he has served variously as a director, the treasurer and the president of that bar association's Hawaii chapter. David has been a member of the Hawaii Defense Lawyers Association since 1993, and has served as a director, secretary-treasurer and vice president of that organization. Additionally, David has served the Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel as a co-chair of the Premises Liability Section and as a chair of the Diversity Committee. David is also a member of the Association of Defense Trial Attorneys and the Defense Research Institute. Further, he has often served as a faculty member or lecturer at continuing legal education seminars, and he has authored or co-authored several interesting legal articles (for example, "Use and Admissibility of High Definition Video Visibility Studies, Computer Animations and Computer Simulations," published in the FDCC Quarterly, volume 58, no. 1, Fall, 2007).

In light of all of the foregoing, I strongly support confirmation of David Louie as Hawaii's next Attorney General. When selected by Governor Abercrombie for that position, David stated: "To give me the opportunity to serve and protect the people of Hawaii and to work with you as you change and improve our state is a tremendous, tremendous opportunity." The combination of David's management experience, varied and extensive legal practice, and impressive record of public and professional service make him exceptionally well qualified for the position of Hawaii Attorney General.

Very truly yours,

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Re: David M. Louie for Attorney General – Support GM #510

Dear Senator Hee:

Thank you for this opportunity enthusiastically to support the confirmation of David Louie as Attorney General. The Governor has made a brilliant choice in nominating him.

I have known David for decades and worked directly with him on many occasions, including on both the same and opposite sides of cases and in various community organizations. He is unfailingly courteous and respectful to everyone, even those with whom he disagrees.

In addition, I think the following characteristics are important. First, David has excellent, considered judgment. He does not leap to a popular or simple solution to situations and problems; rather, he forms his positions based on study and reflection. Second, he works well with all types of people, in no small part because he is an active listener. Third, he has a genuine passion for public service. Last, and perhaps most important, he has the highest moral and ethical standards both for himself and for those around him.

I encourage you to confirm David forthwith. He will serve us all

well.

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Re: David M. Louie, Esq.

Dear Senator Hee:

I am writing in support of the governor's nomination of David M. Louie, Esq. for the office of Attorney General. David was one of the first lawyers I had contact with some twenty-three years ago in a litigation type setting. David Louie was aware that I was relatively new to Hawai'i and most of the pleadings I filed were drafted in my office in Chicago.

David and I have remained friends throughout the years and I could not have more respect for him as a friend and a lawyer. He is of highest integrity and has great legal ability. I am certain that his administrative skills and leadership abilities will bring changes to the Attorney General's office that I believe are necessary.

David has given up a lucrative private career and agreed to public service at a time his leadership as attorney general is a necessity.

I hope you look favorably on his nomination.

Very truly yours.

Michael Jay Green

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Senator Maile Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Judiciary and Labor Committee Hawaii State Capitol, Room 223 415 S. Beretania Street Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: David M. Louie for Attorney General - Support

Dear Senator Hee and Senator Shimabukuro:

The purpose of this letter is to express my unequivocal support of David M. Louie for the position of Attorney General of the State of Hawaii.

I have been engaged in the private practice of law in the State of Hawaii since 1978, focusing on commercial litigation. I first met Mr. Louie approximately 30 years ago in connection with Hawaii State Bar Association matters. Since then, various Bar and client matters have kept us in contact. From those experiences, I have observed Mr. Louie in many different contexts. In my opinion, Mr. Louie has what it takes to be an outstanding Attorney General.

Mr. Louie is very intelligent. He is a quick study and is able to grasp quickly the facts that are relevant to any given dispute. He has a phenomenal memory. I've observed him citing to facts contained in voluminous records, or to testimony given by witnesses long after the testimony was concluded. While Mr. Louie is serious and always professional, he also has a sense of humor and an approachable demeanor. Perhaps the strongest quality that he possesses, though, is his unfailing integrity. In all the years during which I've know Mr. Louie, I never once had occasion to question his good judgment and his honesty.

The State of Hawaii would benefit immensely if Mr. Louie were confirmed as our next Attorney General. I urge favorable consideration of his nomination. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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Re: David M. Louie for Attorney General - Support - GM #510

Dear Senators:

I am and have been a Claims Manager in the insurance business in Hawaii for twenty-eight years.

I have had the pleasure for the last twenty years of working with Mr. David M. Louie and his firm. Mr. Louie always devotes 110% of his energy to getting the job done and delivering excellent and reliable work. I have counted on David many times and he has never let me down. In my job of making decisions affecting considerable dollars it is critical that I have individuals like Mr. Louie on whose advice I can count.

Based on my years of working with David I truly believe he will do an excellent job as Attorney General for the State of Hawaii and I strongly recommend him for the job. Mr. Louie has great problem solving and managing abilities.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this recommendation.

Very truly yours,

Vice President

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Re: David M. Louie for Attorney General – Support

GM #510

Dear Chair Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and Members of the Committee:

I write in support of David M. Louie for Attorney General. I have worked with Mr. Louie in volunteer matters for the Bar, including serving as a fellow Lawyer Representative to the United States Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference. I have also been involved in litigation with Mr. Louie, both as an ally and as an adversary. He is an outstanding lawyer: professional, competent, and highly ethical. He will bring all those skills and virtues in service to the State of Hawaii as our Attorney General. In addition, he brings substantial management skills, having spent twenty-three years as managing partner of his law firm in private practice.

David Louie is an excellent choice for Attorney General. I support him fully and without hesitation for the office. I urge the Committee to confirm him promptly.

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Robert Carson Godbey



Governor's Message 510

Testimony In Support of Mr. David M. Louie for State of Hawai'i Attorney General

Hearing Before the Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee

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Chair Senator Clayton Hee, Vice Chair Senator Maile Shimabukuro, and Members of the Judiciary and Labor Committee,

My name is **Jackie Mahi Erickson** and I respectfully urge that you approve Governor Abercrombie's nomination of Mr. David Louie for the State of Hawai'i Attorney General.

I am an attorney, was a Deputy Attorney General in the '70s, and after 26 years of legal and administrative service with Hawaiian Electric Company I retired three years ago as Vice President and General Counsel.

I have known David Louie for over 20 years as a friend, golfing buddy, and as his client. I have the highest regard for his legal abilities, support of and involvement in the legal community and with Asian and Pacific concerns, belief in the law, and his good judgment. He is an excellent litigator who balances his knowledge, pursuit of the law and the legal process with practicality and prudence. His negotiating abilities, adherence to the principles of law, and independent thinking are often employed to help clients and others make the best rational decisions. With David as its attorney, Hawaiian Electric and its opponents often settled cases to the satisfaction of all parties.

Recently, I was pleased to see those multiple traits of David's rise to the surface when Governor Abercrombie, contrary to his prior public comments that he would address "birthers" challenges by providing President Obama's Hawai'i birth certificate to the public, changed his mind. I understand that the governor decided this after he received sound legal advice from David.

Please let me know if I can answer any questions.

I humbly ask for your approval of David M. Louie's appointment as the State of Hawai'i Attorney General.

Sincerely, Jackie Mahi Erickson, Esq.

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Re: David M. Louie, Nominee as Attorney General-GM #510 - Support

Dear Chair/Senator Hee, Vice Chair/Senator Shimabukuro and Committee Members:

Having practiced civil litigation, mediation and arbitration in Hawaīi for over 32 years, and having personally known David Louie and the professional and personal qualities he has consistently exhibited throughout that time, it is an honor and privilege to write in support of his nomination as Attorney General. David has distinguished himself in knowledge, integrity, fairness, honesty and skill in challenging litigation cases, and in his abilities as a negotiator and problem solver to resolve them justly, equitably and cost-effectively. He has shown solid dedication to public interests and public service, accessibility to and appreciation for diverse groups and individuals, and is widely and highly respected in the legal and business community. His qualities and credibility will make his role and service as Attorney General particularly valuable and beneficial not only to that Office and those it serves, but to the community and State as well, in providing collaborative leadership attributes, fostering working relationships based upon mutual respect and benefit and evaluating and balancing competing interests fairly. Even in challenging, emotionally or politically charged situations, David has consistently shown a professional demeanor, a sense of humor and a heart with the capacity for

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understanding and appreciation of those he encounters. He will bring honor, dignity and credit to the Office of Attorney General and the State.

Respectfully submitted,

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The Honorable Clayton Hee Chair Committee on Judiciary and Labor Hawaii State Capitol, Room 407 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: David M. Louie-Attorney General Nomination

Dear Chair Hee:

I write this letter in support of David M. Louie, Esq.'s nomination to be our next Attorney General for the State of Hawaii.

I have been licensed to practice law in the State of Hawaii for approximately 22 years and am a partner with the law firm of Meheula & Devens, LLP. I also serve as general outside counsel for the State of Hawaii Organization of Police Officers ("SHOPO"), and as chair of the State Land Use Commission. Prior to this, I served as a police officer with the Honolulu Police Department.

I have known Mr. Louie for approximately 16 years and have faced him and his law firm many times in the past on opposite sides of cases. Through my work and contact with Mr. Louie, I have been able to assess his abilities and character and there is no question that Mr. Louie possesses exceptional legal knowledge and skills, is highly intelligent and has the highest levels of integrity. Mr. Louie has always impressed with his quick study abilities which will allow him to handle the most complex litigation, including any criminal matters that may come under his jurisdiction for investigation and prosecution.

As a lawyer, Mr. Louie has shown himself to be a man whose fundamental values are grounded in fairness, compassion and balance. He is a tireless and diligent worker who has handled numerous complex civil cases over his career. In addition, Mr. Louie enjoys an excellent reputation in the legal community for honesty, trustworthiness, character, and integrity.

Mr. Louie's 33 years of practice and extensive civil litigation experience speaks for itself and undoubtedly makes him well qualified to serve as our next Attorney General.

The Honorable Clayton Hee Chair 2/9/11 Page Two

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my comments regarding Mr. Louie, who I hope will receive your committee's favorable consideration.

Respectfully sybmitted,

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Dear Senators Hee and Shimabukuro:

RE: David M. Louie for Attorney General - Support

I am a neurologist. I know David Louie from having seen patients at his request for evaluation in various administrative contexts.

I am writing in support of the Appointment of David M. Louie for Attorney General.

I support the nomination of Mr. Louie for Attorney General because my direct experience working with him shows him to be straightforward, open-minded, and a seeker of the truth based on facts.

In evaluating patients at the request of Mr. Louie, he has always supported an objective, unbiased, "call it like you see it" approach.

Mr. Louie has demonstrated his integrity.

These are the reasons I support his nomination.

Sincerely,

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Re: David M. Louie for Attorney General - Support GM #510

Dear Senator Hee, Senator Shimabukuro and Members of the Judiciary and Labor Committee:

Hawaii needs David Louie! I first met David when he was working at Case, Kay, Clause & Lynch. I got to know him better as a fellow member of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association. He impressed me so much that I appointed myself to campaign for him among Kauai attorneys when he chose to run for the presidency of the Hawaii State Bar Association.

I am a lifelong resident of Kauai. Like the late Ellison Onizuka, I am proud to say I am a product of the Hawaii public educational system (Kauai High '65). After getting my law degree and masters in taxation, I worked at the Kauai office of the Legal Aid Society. Currently, in addition to my private practice, I teach business law each spring at the Kauai Community College. My clients are mainly foster children and a few adults with mental health issues. No one needs to tell you about the vulnerability of those I represent. When I appear in court or at administrative hearings, opposing counsels are almost always deputy attorney generals representing the State of Hawaii.

David M. Louie represents the finest in connection with ethical characteristics. He is honest, fair, a person of integrity and full of compassion. He is someone I personally know to be a "for real" good guy.

Thank you in advance for allowing me to share the above.

Yours truly,

Until Colombia

Daryl Y. Dobashi

cc: Senator Ronald D. Kouchi (hand-deliver [neighbor]) David M. Louie, Esq. (via e-mail attachment)



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Re: David M. Louie for Attorney General - Support

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My name is Daniel H. Case and I am Of Counsel at Case Lombardi & Pettit. It is my pleasure and honor to submit this letter in support of your confirming David M. Louie as Attorney General for the State of Hawaii. I have known David for over twenty years. David is a former colleague and partner of Case Kay & Lynch which is now known as Case Lombardi & Pettit.

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I am confident that David M. Louie will serve the people of Hawaii well and with distinction. I respectfully urge you to confirm David M. Louie as Hawaii's next Attorney General.

Sincerely,

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Re: David M. Louie for Attorney General – Support- GM #510

Dear Senators Hee and Shimabukuro:

I am an attorney practicing in litigation for the last 19 years in Honolulu, and a partner in my firm.

I am writing to support the nomination of David Louie to the position of Attorney General for the State of Hawaii.

I have known David for years in a professional capacity and believe that he has the necessary skills and qualities to make an excellent Attorney General.

First, his integrity is beyond question. He has earned his reputation as a fair an honest person. When David says he will do something he does. When he tells you something, you can count on it.

Second, he has great skill as an attorney. David has comprehensive ability to handle difficult legal issues. Perhaps this is a product of his years of experience as an attorney, as managing partner for his firm, or his involvement in numerous business, professional, and social organizations. Wherever this ability comes from, David is as good as they come.

Finally, he is just a good guy. He is down to earth, considerate of others, and always respectful, even if he disagrees with you.

Senator Clayton Hee Senator Maile Shimabukuro January 24, 2011

I believe that the Governor has made an excellent choice in nominating David Louie. I hope you make him our next Attorney General. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

David W.H. Chee, Esq.

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Re: David M. Louie for Attorney General - Support

I am writing to provide written testimony in support of David M. Louie for the position of Attorney General of the State of Hawaii.

My name is Gail Cosgrove. I am a practicing attorney. I was admitted to Bar in 1981 (30 years ago) following graduation from the William S. Richardson School of Law. I am a partner in a law firm which specializes in civil litigation, business law and real property development. My practice consists of medical malpractice defense litigation and complex personal injury cases and I have been asked by plaintiffs' firms to assist them in litigation. I am currently a member of the Hawaii Supreme Court's Rule 19 Commission on Judicial Performance and the Judicial Arbitration

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Commission which oversees the Court Annexed Arbitration Commission. I am a past President of the Hawaii Women's Legal Foundation and a current Director. HWLF is a largest nonprofit corporation whose directors are women attorneys from all of the major law firms in Honolulu. HWLF provides grants to women and children in need and promotes the advancement of qualified women in all areas of the legal profession. I am also a Lecturer/Adjunct Faculty for the William S. Richardson School of Law where I teach Pretrial Litigation to second and third year students. I have been a speaker and guest lecturer in many areas of the law.

I have known David Louie for many years. I have had several cases against Mr. Louie in recent years involving significant personal injury cases. Mr. Louie always conducted himself in a professional and courteous manner. He worked very hard and represented his clients well. I have also had the opportunity to observe Mr. Louie as Vice Chair of the Rule 19 Commission on Judicial Performance. Mr. Louie was a working member of that Committee, and was consistently tasked with the work of the Committee due to his cordial relationships with members of the Bar, the Hawaii State Bar Association and the judiciary. He is known to be a hard working attorney who is reliable and can be counted on to finish any task or assignment which he receives. He is a vigorous litigator and an accomplished speaker as well.

I have no doubt that Mr. Louie will be an effective and hardworking Attorney General. I think it is critically important that the Attorney

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General have litigation and trial skills, which Mr. Louie has in abundance. I believe that Mr. Louie's experience as a past President of the HSBA and his professional work experience will assist him in his work as Attorney General. He also possesses the core values of honesty and integrity which are necessary for this position of public trust.

If you have any questions about Mr. Louie, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for considering my testimony.

Very truly yours,

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March 28, 2011

The Hon. Clayton Hee, Chair
The Hon. Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Senate, State of Hawaii
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813-2425

Re: David M. Louie for Attorney General, State of Hawaii-Support-GM #510

Dear Senators Hee, Shimabukuro, and Committee Members:

I am writing this in strong support of David M. Louie's nomination for Attorney General of the State of Hawaii.

For a three year period, from 2006 through 2009, Mr. Louie represented my organization in a very complex shareholder matter. Throughout this experience, I found Mr. Louie to be smart, creative and highly ethical. I found him to be fair and honest, with an ability to understand the issues and constraints between all parties. Perhaps it was ability to be creative and innovative that set him apart for all the other lawyers involved. Ultimately, the matter was resolved and I attribute the satisfactory conclusion to his ability to understand the issues and manage the process.

I found Mr. Louie to be a tireless fighter from the start of the engagement till the end three years later. It is this energy and stamina he brings that leads me to believe that he would excel in the role as Attorney General of the State of Hawaii.

I respectfully urge you to vote in favor of Mr. Louie's confirmation.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell J. Lau

Vice Chairman and CEO

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January 24, 2011

Senator Clayton Hee, Chair Judiciary and Labor Committee Hawaii State Capitol, Room 407 415 S. Beretania St. Honolulu, HI 96813 Email: senhee@capitol.hawaii.gov

Re: David M. Louie for Attorney General - Support

GM #510

Dear Chair Person Hee:

I have been a licensed attorney in the State of Hawaii since 1978 practicing mostly in the areas of commercial litigation and personal injury litigation. I have known David Louie for most of my career because he was first licensed in 1978 and has also practiced in the same areas of law. Over the years, I have been on the opposite side of Mr. Louie in cases and also served as co-defense counsel in other cases. I also know Mr. Louie as a strong leader of our bar when he served as its president. I have also known Mr. Louie in a parental capacity because his son and daughter are the same ages as my son and daughter, and they have played soccer on the same teams and our daughters were high school classmates and remain close friends.

I support Mr. Louie for the position of Attorney General of the State of Hawaii for the following reasons:

- 1. Mr. Louie always practices lawyer at the highest ethical level. He never gets close to crossing the line into prohibited activities and accordingly he is very well respected by the local bar.
- 2. Mr. Louie is a very skilled litigator. This includes good judgment in evaluating the merits and likely outcome of cases if tried. This is particularly important quality for an Attorney General because he will need to evaluate many cases and recommend settle or proceeding to trial in many cases, and his ability to reasonably and quickly settle cases and try the ones that the State is likely to win will save the State a lot of money and result in a more efficiently operated office.

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- 3. Mr. Louie is an effective public speaker who clearly and succinctly explains positions in a manner that is easily understandable and without airs of superiority. The Attorney General is often called upon to make statements on behalf of the State of Hawaii and the general public will understands his positions and come to trust his statements. He is also not a grand stander.
- 4. As is true of most good litigators, Mr. Louie understands that it is the client's position and not his personal goals that are important. Mr. Louie will not push his personal political agenda. Once a determination is made on the State's direction or position on a particular matter, he will not let his ego get in the way.

I hope that the Senate confirms Mr. Louie's nomination as Attorney General.

William Meheula



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January 23, 2011

The Honorable Senator Clayton Hee, Chair, Judiciary and Labor Committee The Honorable Maile Shimaburkuro Vice Chair, Judiciary and Labor Committee Hawaii State Capitol, Room 407 415 S. Beretania St. Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: David M. Louie for Attorney General - Support

Dear Chair Hee and Vice Chair Shimabukuro:

I retired from the Circuit Court bench in November 2009 after 21 years as a judge. While on the bench I had the pleasure of having David Louie appear before me on many occasions. I also served on the Bench/Bar Committee with Mr. Louie.

Having observed David in these varied settings, I believe I have solid insight into his credentials to serve as Attorney General. David is an exceptionally fine lawyer — always exceedingly well prepared, thoughtful, courteous in his dealings with everyone, practical and reasonable. While a worthy adversary, David is also fair-minded. In addition, he has a quick wit, which often helps to reduce tense moments. David also has the intellectual curiosity to tackle varied and sophisticated legal problems. In sum, he is very well suited to be Hawaii's Attorney General. Indeed, the State is lucky that he is willing to undertake this very demanding position.

I strongly urge that Mr. Louie be confirmed as Attorney General.

Very truly yours,

Judge Victoria S. Marks (ret.)

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LATE TESTIMONY

From: Edward MacDowell [edmacdowell@gmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, January 20, 2011 2:14 PM

To: Sen. Clayton Hee

Subject: David M. Louie for Attorney General-SUPPORT

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January 20, 2011

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Re: David M. Louie for Attorney General-SUPPORT

Dear Honorable Senator Hee,

It is a real pleasure to write this letter in support of David M. Louie for Attorney General.

I have been in business on Kauai for over thirty-five years, and during this time I have come in contact with many attorneys.

Mr. Louie possesses the rare gift of not only having a fine understanding of law, but he also is able to translate the myriad complexities of law into an understandable form for his clients and other non-lawyer types.

This ability to communicate clearly coupled with a real compassion for the individuals involved in a legal predicament is a real treasure.

I can speak from personal experience, Mr. Louie was part of a long lasting lawsuit involving many lawyers, other characters and myself. Mr. Louie's ability to work with the many entities and his concise and clear communication style assisted everyone involved in achieving results. Over the course of events, Mr. Louie's knowledge and expertise were relied on more and more.

I am happy that a fine, dedicated and knowledgeable individual of Mr. Louie's intellect, diplomacy and caring is up for Attorney General.

Hawaii will be a better place with Mr. Louie as Attorney General.

Thank you,

EDWARD J MACDOWELL

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March 29, 2011

Via email JDL Testimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov

Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
 Committee on Judiciary and Labor
 415 S. Beretania Street, Room 228
 Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Hee and Members of the Committee:

I would like to enthusiastically support the confirmation of David Louie as the State's Attorney General.

As background, I have practiced with David for over twenty five years. He is a well recognized and respected litigator. This is based upon the recognition of his keen analytical mind, his ability to identify key issues, develop a strategy to attain his clients' goals and a common sense approach to problems. Without question, he has the integrity and credibility needed for our Attorney General. He has always been interested in public policy issues and has served in many different capacities to further his beliefs. I have no doubt that, if confirmed, that David will be a great Attorney General.

Please accept my strongest support for his confirmation. Thank you for allowing me to share my support with you.

Very truly yours,

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COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

Sen. Clayton Hee, Chair Sen. Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair

Hearing: Tuesday, March 29, 2011 Time: 9:30 a.m. Place: Conference Room 016, State Capitol

TESTIMONY OF LOWELL CHUN-HOON RE: GM 510, CONFIRMATION OF DAVID M. LOUIE AS ATTORNEY GENERAL, STATE OF HAWAI'I

Senator Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, Members of the Committee:

Thank you for affording me the opportunity to testify regarding the confirmation of David M. Louie to serve as Attorney General of the State of Hawaii. My name is Lowell Chun-Hoon, and I speak in support of this nomination.

I have been a practicing union-side labor lawyer in this community for the past thirty-three years. However, my chief qualification in supporting this particular nomination lies in the fact, I was the nominee's law school roommate at the University of California at Berkeley from 1975-1976, and resided with him in the same home in Honolulu from roughly 1977-1979.

As his roommate, I can truthfully report that Mr. Louie regularly attended his law school classes, and diligently completed his homework. He was especially fond, during his first year of legal studies, of his class in Property, which was taught by the renown scholar Prof. Stefan Riesenfeld, who has had a long and abiding role as a consultant to the Hawaii State Legislature. We can be assured since Mr. Louie sat and studied at Prof. Riesenfeld's knee for an entire year, he was properly educated in property rights under a capitalist economy, and safely inoculated against the radical ideologies that swirled about him at Berkeley.

I would also like to assure the Committee that even in the emancipated climate of the mid-1970's in a community known for lacking few conventional restraints upon both homosexual and heterosexual interaction that the nominee's personal life was beyond reproach. He remained scrupulously faithful to his then girlfriend and current spouse, even though he was then an extremely dashing Asian-American male in his mid-twenties.

Candor also compels me to admit that thirty-five years ago few of his classmates would have anticipated that Mr. Louie would be poised to become the chief law

enforcement officer of the State of Hawai'i, if confirmed by this committee. But in retrospect, many if not all of his contemporaries admire the manner in which he steadily and unobtrusively perfected the craft of his lawyering to the point where he is today universally esteemed for his skill and ability as a trial lawyer. In this regard, while I never directly opposed or co-counseled any case with him, I note that two of the preeminent female litigators in this community, Sherry Broder and Marjorie Bronster, have independently confirmed to me in recent private conversations how highly they esteem his command of the courtroom, how greatly they prize his collegiality, and how deeply they each respect his legal judment.

Given his superb grasp of the law and legal process, the skill be displayed in adroitly negotiating the multitude of often egotistical colleagues he represented when he served as President of the Hawaii State Bar Association, and the fundamental decency, open-mindedness, and unremitting diligence he possesses as personal characteristics, it is difficult to imagine a practicing attorney in this state better suited to fulfill the position of Attorney General. In my view, Governor Abercrombie has selected an exceptionally able candidate to safeguard the interest of justice in our state, and I believe he will devote every ounce of his intelligence and personal resources to assure that the life of our land is perpetuated in righteousness.

I therefore urge that the Committee swiftly confirm him. Thank you.



P O Box 131 Honolulu, HI 96810 March 28, 2011

Hawaii Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor State Capitol 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: GM 510 - Supporting Confirmation of David M. Louie, Attorney General

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I support confirmation of David M. Louie as Attorney General.

I have known Mr. Louie for over fifteen years through pro bono work for various civil rights organizations. He also is a seasoned trial attorney who has represented family-run and large businesses in Hawaii.

As Hawaii's Attorney General, I know he will be committed to protecting the civil rights of all people in Hawaii while serving the State with a balanced approach.

I urge you to confirm his nomination.

Very truly yours,

Mary Beth Wong, Attorney



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March 28, 2011

Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair Honorable Maile Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Via Email: JDLTestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov

Re: GM 510: Confirmation of DAVID M. LOUIE for Attorney General, IN

STRONG SUPPORT Hearing 3/29/11 at 9:30 a.m.

Dear Senator Hee and Committee Members,

My name is Karen Nakasone, and I am an attorney with 15 years of practice in Hawai'i, with the State Office of the Public Defender. Today, I write in an individual capacity.

My connection with David is through the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA), an organization which he served for many years, with great distinction and diligence, as one of its ten Regional Governors. NAPABA is a national association of over 40,000 APA attorneys, judges, law professors, and law students, providing a national network for its members and affiliates, including the Hawai'i chapter of NAPABA. Since its inception in 1988, NAPABA has been at the forefront of national efforts in the areas of civil rights, increasing the diversity of the federal and state judiciaries, and professional development.

I had the opportunity to get to know David when I attended the 2008 and 2009 NAPABA National Conventions, which were held in Seattle, Washington, and Boston, Massachusetts, respectively. Although I have never crossed paths with David in a professional capacity, I was impressed with the strength and substance of his presentation as one of the faculty at a Demonstrative Evidence seminar at the 2008 national convention. As the NAPABA convention speakers generally hail from top national law firms, David's inclusion in this elite group was a testament to his excellent reputation, forged through decades of litigation experience, on both local and national levels. Directly because of David's efforts, there was always a strong Hawai'i presence at the national NAPABA conventions, in the form of a contingent of attorney-attendees, awardees, speakers, judges and even Members of Congress, all from Hawai'i.

I also had the good fortune to work closely with David in 2010, to organize a local event for the NAPABA Hawai'i Chapter. I thoroughly enjoyed working with David and others on our small planning committee. David's leadership and organizational skills were invaluable. What I came to admire most about David is that, for all of his accomplishments and connections, he always remained very down-to-earth and approachable, to younger attorneys like myself. He has a disarming, self-deprecating style, which makes people around him feel comfortable.

Hawai'i is indeed fortunate to have someone of David's caliber, experience, and temperament, leading the Department of the Attorney General. I urge you to vote "yes" on his confirmation.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,

Karen T. Nakasone, Esq.

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February 14, 2011

Via Email (senshimabukuro@capitol.hawaii.gov)

Honorable Maile Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Judiciary and Labor Committee Hawaii State Capitol, Room 407 415 So. Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Re: David M. Louie, Esq.

Dear Senator Shimabukuro:

I am writing in support of the governor's nomination of David M. Louie, Esq. for the office of Attorney General. David was one of the first lawyers I had contact with some twenty-three years ago in a litigation type setting. David Louie was aware that I was relatively new to Hawai'i and most of the pleadings I filed were drafted in my office in Chicago.

David and I have remained friends throughout the years and I could not have more respect for him as a friend and a lawyer. He is of highest integrity and has great legal ability. I am certain that his administrative skills and leadership abilities will bring changes to the Attorney General's office that I believe are necessary.

David has given up a lucrative private career and agreed to public service at a time his leadership as attorney general is a necessity.

I hope you look favorably on his nomination.

Very truly yours.

Michael Jay Green

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cc. Honorable Calvin Say

THE SENATE TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE LATE TESTIMONY STATE OF HAWAII

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

Sen. Clayton Hee, Chair Sen. Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Hearing: Tuesday, March 29, 2011 Time: 9:30 a.m. Conference Room 016, State Capitol

TESTIMONY OF ILWU LOCAL 142 RE: GM 510, NOMINATION OF DAVID LOUIE FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL, STATE OF HAWAI'I

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony regarding the nomination of David M. Louie to Attorney General for the State of Hawaii. The ILWU supports Mr. Louie's nomination.

During his thirty years of practice, Mr. Louie has compiled a distinguished record of advocacy and is widely regarded by his peers as a superior attorney. Equally important, he has developed a reputation for being forthright, constructive, and ethical in his adjudication of cases. One important duty of the Attorney General is to defend our state in all litigation brought against it. Mr. Louie has more than three decades of experience in insurance defense, which give him excellent preparation for this vital aspect of his new responsibilities.

While he has not had administrative responsibilities of comparable scope in his private practice, his past experience as President of the Hawaii State Bar Association should hold him in good stead. Controversy and contention are not likely to faze him.

Mr. Louie is also no stranger to public service or involvement in complex projects. He served on the Aloha Tower Advisory Commission during the Cayetano Administration and was active in the Democratic Party for many years. He is disciplined and has an inquiring and open mind, patience, and the ability to listen.

Finally, Mr. Louie has also demonstrated that he has the requisite sensitivity to civil rights to make him an effective Attorney General for all of Hawaii's people, not merely a privileged or propertied few. During law school, he was active with the Asian Law Caucus, the premier Asian American civil rights public interest firm in Northern California, and he has maintained this interest through active participation in the National Asian and Pacific Bar Association.

The ILWU believes that David Louie has the intellectual qualifications, commitment, energy and integrity for the position of Attorney General. We support his nomination. Thank you for considering our comments.

Testimony of Susan L. Arnett to the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

March 29, 2011

RE: Governor's Message 510

Nomination of DAVID M. LOUIE as Attorney General of the Department of the Attorney General

Senator Hee and Members of the Committee:

I write in support of the nomination of DAVID M. LOUIE as Attorney General of the State of Hawaii.

I've known David for over fifteen years. I know him to be a highly respected member of the Hawaii Bar. I have served on various committees with him over the years, sometimes dealing with very controversial subjects. I have been repeatedly impressed with his keen ability to work towards an agreed upon resolution of an issue after carefully considering the merits of the issue and listening to all points of view.

He has had an impressive career in civil law. He has been involved in the profession through his extensive volunteer work on various committees. He has also been involved in the larger community through work with such organizations as the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association.

It is a measure of the esteem in which he is held by his colleagues and the judiciary when you consider that he has not only served as President of the Hawaii State Bar Association but also as Vice Chair of the Hawaii Supreme Court Judicial Performance Committee, one chosen by member lawyers of the Bar Association, the other appointed by the Supreme Court.

I strongly support and urge your approval of David's confirmation. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this nomination.



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SENATOR CLAYTON HEE, Chair Judiciary and Labor Committee Hawaii State Capitol, Room 407 415 S. Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii, 96813

SENATOR MAILE SHIMABUKURO, Vice Chair Judiciary and Labor Committee Hawaii State Capitol, Room 223 415 S. Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: David M. Louie for Attorney General-GM#510- Support

Dear Senators Hee and Shimabukuru:

I submit this letter in support of attorney, David M. Louie's appointment as Attorney General by Governor Abercrombie.

I am also a lawyer, from Hawai'i, and licensed since 1970. I was a senior partner in Rush Moore Craven Sutton Morry & Beh (now Rush Moore) from 1970 to 2005 and since then a member of Sakai Iwanaga Sutton.

Over the past 25 years, I have known David Louie in a number of capacities. In the legal field, I am also a civil trail lawyer, usually defending clients, similar to Mr. Louie. As a fellow defense lawyer or as an adversary, Mr. Louie has always been professional, ethical and considerate in his conduct. He applies the "Aloha spirit" in and out of court.

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Additionally, he has been active in assisting continuing education of the bar, involvement in lawyer's organizations, and assuming roles of responsibility with the Hawai'i Bar Association. I have been on committees of the same organizations and enjoy working with Mr. Louie. These include the Hawaii Defense Lawyers Association, Defense Research Institute, and the Hawaii Bar Association. I have attended seminars he conducted. In all these activities, Mr. Louie was effective in leadership and keeping his sense of humor and camaraderie.

One unique activity where we interact is track & field where I am an official and Mr. Louie is a devoted parent. Mr. Louie would take time from his other activities to attend and photograph his daughter, a top hurdler, at all her meets, on weekdays and weekends. He would position himself at the end of the runway in her lane, and with his telephoto lens, take multiple photos of her. This devotion is typical of his dedication in all his activities and heartily recommend him for Attorney General.

If I can be of further assistance or provide further information, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

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Senator Hee and Senator Shimabukuro,

I am writing you to urge the confirmation of David Louie as Attorney General.

I first met Mr. Louie when he was spending part of his third year of law school working as an intern in the Case, Kay & Lynch law office. I was also working at that firm part time that fall, and on graduation, we both joined the firm as associate attorneys. Over the years, we have worked together on countless assignments and cases. I have known him very well for over thirty years and I am very familiar with his character, work ethic and legal abilities.

He will be an excellent Attorney General. He is a dedicated litigator with unsurpassed skills. He is a quick study, always able to discern the various sides of a problem in short order. He is practical and takes a common sense approach to matters. And he is dedicated, as evidenced by his time as head of the Hawaii State Bar Association and his tireless work to improve the legal profession in Hawaii.

He will be an asset to our State and will bring a good approach to the resolution of legal issues facing the State. I am so happy to have the opportunity to urge that you approve his nomination.

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VIA EMAIL
Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair
Honorable Maile Shimabukuro, Vice Chair
Judiciary and Labor Committee
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania St.
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re:GM #510; David M. Louie for Attorney General - Support

Dear Senators Hee, Shimabukuro and Committee Members:

I was delighted to learn that Mr. David M. Louie has been nominated by Governor Abercrombie for appointment as Attorney General for the State of Hawaii. I write to express my strong and unwavering support for him and to urge that you consider his nomination most favorably.

I have known David for over thirty years in both personal and professional capacities. He and my wife went to law school together at Boalt Hall, UC Berkeley, and they along with other Bay Area law students with Hawaii ties who were there at that time bonded and, with their subsequent, respective families, have maintained a life-long enduring friendship based upon shared family, community and professional values. Professionally, as a lawyer who has spent most of my career working in-house, I have frequently retained David's services as outside litigation counsel whenever the need has arisen including the present time when, as General Counsel for Hawaiian Airlines, I have retained David and his firm to represent the company in a few pending matters. Finally, David and I have worked together on Asian Pacific American community, social, political and professional issues throughout the entire time we have known each other, especially and most recently with the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association.

From all of these contacts throughout the years, I have learned this about David: he is a natural leader who possesses an outgoing, congenial and unflappable personality which mixes surprising well with his laser-like focus, fiercely competitive determination and drive, impressive intelligence and unshakable self-confidence. As a friend, he is always thoughtful, generous, caring and dependable, and he is the "real deal" as a family man. As a lawyer, he not only a superlative trial attorney but also exercised an uncommon interest in and knack for management as the managing partner of his firm since its inception which will translate well to his running the Office of the Attorney General. He is a person in whom I would entrust any issue or confidence and have often done so in the past. David is a straight-shooter and a person of action; he will get things done. I believe he is an inspired choice to be Attorney General, that we are lucky he is committed to public service, and that he will prove to be one of the best Attorney Generals Hawaii has ever had.

Finally, I would add that I have always known and respected David as a person of great integrity. In a time when confidence in government is low, having people like him who possess impeccable qualifications, intelligence, and integrity serving in such key positions of public trust like Attorney General will go a long way toward restoring the public's faith in government. I urge you and your committee to confirm his appointment.

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The Honorable Maile Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee Hawaii State Capitol, Room 223 415 S. Beretania St.

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Re: David M. Louie for Attorney General - Support

Dear Senator Hee, Senator Shimabukuro and Members of the Committee:

My name is Nancy J. Youngren and I am a Director at Case Lombardi & Pettit. It is my pleasure and honor to submit this letter in support of your confirming David M. Louie as Attorney General for the State of Hawaii. I have known David for over ten (10) years. Many members of my firm, including myself, have referred matters to David M. Louie to handle.

David M. Louie is well qualified to be our Attorney General. He has extensive legal experience having practiced in the areas of personal injury, insurance defense, civil and commercial litigation. David Louie is an outstanding attorney and advocate who practices law with enthusiasm, civility, and integrity. He is highly regarded by the Hawaii Bar as evidenced by his selection in 2001 as its President.

I am confident that David Louie will serve the people of Hawaii well and with distinction. I respectfully urge you to confirm David M. Louie as Hawaii's next Attorney General.

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January 24, 2011

Senator Clayton Hee, Chair Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee Hawaii State Capitol, Room 407 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 Senator Maile Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee Hawaii State Capitol, Room 223 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Gov. Msg. #510

Nomination of David M. Louie, Esq. For Attorney General

Dear Senators:

It is my pleasure to express my support for the nomination of David M. Louie, Esq. as Attorney General of the State of Hawaii. I have known Mr. Louie for many years as a fellow member of the defense bar in Honolulu, as well as a fellow member of Defense Research Institute (DRI), an international membership association of attorneys defending the interests of business and individuals in civil litigation. I am confident that the Department of the Attorney General and the State of Hawaii will benefit greatly from Mr. Louie's vast legal knowledge and experience and high ethical standards, as well as the integrity and professionalism which he will bring to this very important position. I urge your confirmation of this very qualified and worthy nominee.

Very truly yours,

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From: Eric Yamamoto < ericy@hawaii.edu> Date: Wed, Jan 26, 2011 at 11:29 AM

Subject: Letter of Support David M. Louie Confirmation GM #510 To: senhee@capitol.hawaii.gov, senshimabukuro@capitol.hawaii.gov

January 26, 2010

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Re: Confirmation Letter of Support David M. Louie

Attorney General (GM #510)

Dear Senator Hee and Senator Shimabukuro:

David M. Louie will be an outstanding Attorney General for Hawai`i. He is exceedingly intelligent, grasps the big picture on legal controversies, possesses first-rate litigation skills, is sensitive to Hawai'i's diverse cultures and, most important, is fair and exercises thoughtful mature judgment in his decisionmaking. He will be a tremendous asset to Governor Abercrombie, the legislature and the people of Hawai`i. I most strongly urge his

confirmation.

I am a Professor Law at the William S. Richardson School of Law specializing in civil litigation procedure and social justice (though I write in my individual capacity). I have known and worked with Mr. Louie for over 30 years, starting as law students at the University of California Berkeley School of Law (including work with low income Bay Area communities), continuing as litigation associates for the Honolulu law firm Case, Kay and Lynch (working jointly on cases), and interacting over the years through legal organizations (for instance, the National Asian Pacific Bar Association). Through these many and varied professional interactions we have also become friends – though my assessment here is based on his professional qualifications and demonstrated competence.

I'm sure others who have litigated with or against Mr. Louie will testify to his outstanding skills as a litigator and trial lawyer. I can add to this what I have heard and also observed about his professional reputation from many lawyers. I speak at continuing legal education seminars and other downtown legal events. I have also taught a good number of the new lawyers over the last twenty years, many of whom keep in close contact. What I have been told is that Mr. Louie is "really smart and always thoroughly prepared," "is tough but fair", "is willing to work cooperatively if you are," "gets what's really going on in a case," "looks for a fair settlement but is unafraid to go to trial," "is a person of great integrity".

In addition to these observations, my clear personal sense is that Mr. Louie cares deeply about Hawai`i and its people. After growing up and going to school in the Bay Area, he moved to Hawai`i and put down deep roots. He and his wife Johanna, right from the start, made Hawai`i their home and raised their children here. He has developed a sensitivity to Hawai'i's many cultures. And he cares about forthrightly addressing the challenges we face and uplifting the things we collectively cherish.

For all of these reasons, I believe Mr. Louie will be a truly outstanding Attorney General for Hawai`i. I most strongly urge his confirmation.

Sincerely,

Eric K. Yamamoto Professor of Law

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January 20, 2011

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Re: Confirmation of David M. Louie

Dear Chair Hee and Vice Chair Shimabukuro:

I am head of legal affairs at Hawaiian Dredging Construction Company, Inc. and have also served as corporate counsel at Castle & Cooke Hawaii. I have known David Louie in a professional capacity for approximately 20 years. In addition to working with Mr. Louie as his corporate "client", I have also been involved in cases where he was opposing counsel.

I think the State of Hawaii is fortunate to have the opportunity to have an attorney of Mr. Louie's character, integrity and intelligence serve as the State's chief legal adviser. To my knowledge, he is universally respected among members of the bar and by members of the judiciary. He is a proven trial attorney and a skilled negotiator.

Based on the foregoing, I urge you and your fellow committee members to recommend confirmation of this nominee to the position of Attorney General. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Very truly yours,

Gary M. Yokoyama

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RE: David M. Louie for Attorney General - Support GM #510

Dear Senators Hee and Shimabukuro,

I am an attorney in private practice and have known David Louie for approximately 30 years. Because I have not worked with or against David on legal matters, I cannot comment on his legal abilities.

However, I can comment on other characteristics that are important for the Attorney General's job, namely, integrity and character. David is a man of impeccable integrity. With David, you get what you see. He is straight forward, articulate and there is no double talk that emanates from his mouth.

He is a family man with a solid marriage and a caring husband and father. He gets along with all types of people, but yet can be tough when the situation calls for toughness. He treats people with dignity and respect and also knows how to relax and be down to earth.

David is a very well-rounded individual and would make an excellent choice as the next Attorney General of the State of Hawaii. I give my full support to David and ask that you confirm him as the next Attorney General of the State of Hawaii.

Very truly yours.

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Senator Maile Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Judiciary and Labor Committee Hawaii State Capitol, Room 223 415 S. Beretania St. Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: David M. Louie for Attorney General - Support

Dear Senators Hee and Shimabukuro:

This letter is written to express my support for the Senate's confirmation of David M. Louie as Attorney General for the State of Hawaii.

I am a Honolulu attorney with a practice generally limited to the federal district and bankruptcy courts. I also serve as a member of the Disciplinary Board of the Hawaii Supreme Court. In my practice as an attorney, I generally represent bankruptcy trustees and interface frequently with the Attorney General's office in matters pertaining to the State's interest in tax collection, criminal and civil fraud prosecutions, and labor relations issues. Therefore, an efficient and effective Attorney General's office is important to me, both professionally, and as a citizen of the State of Hawaii.

Key to the function of that office Is the selection of the person who is to be the Attorney General of the State of Hawaii. A good Attorney General must be knowledgeable and experienced in both the law and the ways of human kind. The Attorney General must be firm in conviction and purpose, yet compassionate and visionary enough to look beyond cold statistics, finding truth and justice as an end point.

With this understanding of the office in mind, I was very pleased to hear that Governor Abercrombie selected David M. Louie to be our Attorney General. Mr. Louie Is an honored and respected colleague, counsel, and litigator whom I have had the pleasure of working, both with and against, during the years I have practiced law here. His decades of experience as a trial attorney are necessary to lead other lawyers and his years of experience managing and leading his law firm demonstrate his ability to be our state's Attorney General.

Therefore, Jsflongly recommend Mr. Louie's confirmation as Attorney General.

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Re: David M. Louie for Attorney General - Support

Hawaii State Attorney General

Dear Senator Hee:

I am writing this letter to express my endorsement of David Louie for Attorney General for the State of Hawaii. It is my humble opinion that David Louie will be an excellent Attorney General for the State of Hawaii. He is more than qualified for the position.

He is not only intelligent, witty and personable, but he is humble, grounded and light years ahead of most attorneys in the State of Hawaii. He gets along well with his peers and most importantly is one of the best trial lawyers in the State of Hawaii.

In short, the residents of the State of Hawaii are lucky David Louie is willing to take a huge pay cut to be the Attorney General for the State of Hawaii. I honestly believe that Governor Neil Abercrombie could not have made a better appointment.

Should you need further information from me, please let me know. My phone number is 521-0400, ext. 629.

Very truly yours,

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cc: David M. Louie, Esq.

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RE: GM #510 - David M. Louie for Attorney General - Support

The Honorable Senator Hee: .

This letter is written in support of the nomination of David Louie to the position of Attorney General of the State of Hawaii.

I have known David for many years. I left Hawaii to go to college and law school (at Berkeley, a few years before David), then returned in 1972 to clerk for William S. Richardson, when he was Chief Justice of the Hawaii Supreme Court. I have been a trial lawyer (first a trial lawyer in training) ever since then. I was Director, then Treasurer, then Vice President, then in 1997 President of the Hawaii State Bar Association. Thereafter I was Hawaii's delegate to the American Bar Association House of Delegates, serving on the Nominating Committee for 9 years, until this past August, 2010. I am currently a Ninth Circuit member of the ABA's Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary, with the responsibility for evaluating the qualifications of every proposed nominee to the federal bench.

I would say I had a part in David becoming such a prominent public servant, but in truth I believe he is driven in that direction and has been so all of his life. When I was running for president-elect of the Hawaii State Bar Association in 1995, I encouraged my friend David to do the same sometime. Sure enough, he did, and became president of the Bar Association several years after I so served in 1997. I also know David from the American Bar Association Midyear and Annual Meetings, where I would see him as a prominent member of NAPABA (National Asian Pacific American Bar Association). I also know him as a devoted dad to terrific kids, from the time both of us had children playing soccer.

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What does this have to do with being Attorney General? It has to do with being a man of outstanding character, already highly respected nationwide as a leader. He is extremely diligent and responsible, as shown by his partners electing him managing partner of their law firm. As managing partner, he is in charge of running the firm as a small business, with its personal issues, supply issue, tax issues and the like. It is a task most attorneys would rather not take on, but are extremely grateful to their colleagues who are willing to do it, and are very good at it, as David is, according to his partners Keith Hiraoka and Art Roeca. He is very good at understanding and working with people.

And it is very useful for an Attorney General to be an outstanding trial lawyer, as David is. He has tried jury trials against the top plaintiffs' counsel in the state and emerged victorious. He is well known as a man of honesty and civility, yet feared in the courtroom.

David is the entire package: highly accomplished in his profession, a servant to his profession (Bar President and NAPABA officer), a popular leader, a diligent, careful small businessman, and a devoted family man. He is of the highest character and ability. We will be lucky to have him as our Attorney General.

Very truly yours,

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(VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL ONLY)

Senator Clayton Hee, Chair Senator Maile Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Judiciary and Labor Committee Hawaii State Capitol, Room 407 415 S. Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: David M. Louie Support—GM #510

Dear Senators Hee and Shimabukuro:

I have had the privilege of knowing and working with David Louie for nearly 20 years. During that time, we have been adversaries in litigation matters and colleagues on the executive committee of the Hawaii State Bar Association. Most importantly, however, Dave and I have become friends, and I value his friendship and counsel above everything else.

As an attorney, Dave is a zealous advocate with an attention to detail and the ability to compromise when possible and to fight when necessary. Although we frequently found ourselves on the opposite sides of litigation matters, I always believed that Dave would appropriately analyze and evaluate a case, and that we could find a way to resolve a dispute.

I consider Dave to be in the group of attorneys that I would refer to as "a lawyer's lawyer." He is the type of advocate that I would want representing me, my family, or my friends if any of us ever needed a gifted litigator. I believe he will serve the people of Hawaii well in the role of Attorney General, and we are all very fortunate that he has agreed to serve.

Besides his skills as an attorney, Dave is also a gifted leader who will quickly gain the respect of the Legislature, the Office of the Attorney General, and the people of Hawaii. When Dave was the President of the Hawaii State Bar Association, I served as the Treasurer, and we were faced with a number of very difficult issues during his tenure including funding of the Lawyers Fund for Client Protection, proper funding for the Office of Disciplinary Counsel, and revision of the Association's investment policies. Dave's leadership was instrumental in

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addressing all of these problems and providing results that were beneficial to members of the bar and the public at large.

For the past eighteen months, I have had the privilege of serving in the Obama Administration, and this has given me an opportunity to witness the value of strong leadership in an executive branch agency. Based on my personal interactions with Dave, I am convinced that he brings the perfect skill set to a high level position like Attorney General, and that he will serve in this position with distinction.

I give Dave my highest possible recommendation for this position, and I hope your Committee and the Hawaii State Senate will move forward with his nomination.

Thank you for considering my input.

Very truly yours,

Andrew S. Winer

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February 3, 2011



Senator Clayton Hee, Chair Judiciary and Labor Committee Hawaii State Capitol, Room 407 415 S. Beretania St. Honolulu, HI 96813 Email: senhee@capitol.hawaii.gov Senator Maile Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Judiciary and Labor Committee Hawaii State Capitol, Room 223 415 S. Beretania St. Honolulu, HI 96813 Email: senshimabukuro@capitol.hawaii.gov

RE: David M. Louie for Attorney General - GM #510 - Support

Dear Chair Hee and Vice Chair Shimabukuro:

I am writing in support of the nomination of David Louie as Attorney General for the State. I am the Senior Vice President of Gentry-Pacific, Ltd., and the general counsel of various Gentry companies. I first worked with David more than ten years ago, when he represented an opposing party in a civil lawsuit. Unlike other attorneys who I have encountered, David was civil throughout the proceedings, asked appropriate questions, sought out the relevant facts, and based his legal positions on those facts. I was so impressed with the caliber of his work that our company later hired David to represent us on other matters. I look for outside counsel who will work towards fair and practical solutions, and David definitely meets those requirements.

Based on my dealings with David, I am confident that as Attorney General, he will listen and work collaboratively with others, even those with whom he may not initially agree. The State needs someone with David's even handed temperament. That temperament, combined with his proven legal skills and management experience, will provide stable leadership for the entire department. This is crucial for the daily operations of the State government.

Thank you for considering this testimony, and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Suyenaga Senior Vice President





January 20, 2011

The Honorable Clayton Hee Chair Judiciary and Labor Committee Hawaii State Capitol, Room 407 415 S. Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: David M. Louie for Attorney General - Support

Dear Senator Hee:

I am honored to write this letter expressing my support for the confirmation of David Louie as our new Attorney General.

I have known David for over six years both personally and in business, and during that time, found him to be highly intelligent, extremely hard working, dependable, forthright and a man who truly believes in doing what is right for his clients, friends and the people of our State. David has an extraordinary will and determination to deliver the best results both as a trial lawyer for over thirty years as well as serving for over twenty years as managing partner of the law firm of Roeca, Louie and Hiraoka.

Highly recognized by his profession, David was honored to serve as President of the Hawaii State Bar Association, Vice Chair of the Hawaii Supreme Court Rule 19 Committee Regarding Judicial Performance, a Lawyer Representative for the United States Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the Northwest Regional Governor for the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association.

Should you or the Committee have any questions regarding David, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

John F. Schapperle President & COO

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February 2, 2011

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Re: David Louie Confirmation (GM #510)

Dear Senators Hee and Shimabukuro:

We offer this letter in wholehearted support for Governor Abercrombie's nomination and the Senate's confirmation of David M. Louie as Attorney General for the State of Hawaii.

Each of the undersigned has either known David Louie, professionally or personally, has had the pleasure of working with (or opposite) Mr. Louie in law related matters, or is familiar with Mr. Louie. In all cases, it is our belief that Mr. Louie is truly an outstanding candidate for Attorney General and we respectfully request that the Senate confirm his nomination. Our recommendation here is based upon many factors: David Louie is one of the finest trial lawyers in Hawaii and has consistently earned the recognition and praise of his peers. He has served as President of the Hawaii State Bar Association, Chair of the Aloha Tower Development Corporation, Vice Chair of the Hawaii Supreme Court Rule 19 Committee Regarding Judicial Performance, a Lawyer Representative for the United States Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the Northwest Regional Governor for the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association.

Beyond these credentials, Mr. Louie possesses attributes which, we believe, are unique and absolutely essential for this job, the most notable of which is his personal and professional integrity. In our experience, over many years, David Louie's word has always been his bond. Even in the most contentious litigation, Mr. Louie operated above the fray and had the unique ability and strength of character to do what was right rather than what might have been convenient. Within our firm, these unique attributes made it a pleasure to work with him and inevitably facilitated the ultimate resolution of the dispute.

Additionally, Mr. Louie has demonstrated the highest levels of courtesy and civility in his dealings with counsel, clients and the courts – an indispensable attribute for the office of the chief legal officer of the State.

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David Louie is a valued friend and colleague in the law. We ask that you pass favorably on his nomination.

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January 24, 2011

Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair Judiciary and Labor Committees Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 407 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Nomination of David M. Louie as Attorney General - Supporting GM #510

Dear Senator Hee:

I am personally submitting this letter in support of the nomination of David M. Louie as Hawai'i's Attorney General.

I am an attorney in the State of Hawai'i and have practiced in Hawai'i for my entire professional life. I started in 1976 with the law firm of Fujiyama Duffy & Fujiyama until 1989 (from 1981 to 1989, I was a shareholder and director of the firm) when I left to join Furutani and Sato, and since 2008, have been of counsel with Morihara Lau & Fong LLP. I practiced, and continue to practice, in both business law (i.e., real estate and corporate or general business) and civil litigation.

I have known David for over 25 years both socially and professionally. Professionally, we have worked on civil cases with and against each other, and my experience with David is both as an ally and as a "foe." Thus, I have been able to work with and against David and have been able to assess both his professional abilities, and more importantly, his character, from "both sides." From this vantage point, I can support David's nomination as Hawai'i's Attorney General without qualification.

I assume that you have been provided with David's many professional accomplishments — managing partner of his firm, President of the Hawai'i State Bar Association, Chair of the Aloha Tower Development Corporation, Vice Chair of the Hawai'i Supreme Court Rule 19 Committee Regarding Judicial Performance, Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Lawyer Representative and Northwest Regional Governor for the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association — which speak volumes about David's professional ability, skills and experience, all of which have prepared him to assume the position as Attorney General.

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I, however, would like to concentrate on David's personal qualities -- his honesty, caring attitude and unwavering belief in our legal system. Whether I was on the "same side" or on the "other side," I always knew I could trust David to be forthright and honest. In the pursuit of his cases and in representing his many clients, he did not compromise his core values -- honesty, belief in the system and forthrightness. This is what impressed me most about David. I could always count on David's "word," and I never felt that he was "hiding" something or trying to take an unwarranted advantage. In other words, I could trust David. In my mind, aside from his professional skills and accomplishments, this is the greatest asset that David has -- trustworthiness.

Given the foregoing, it is my firm conviction that David would make an excellent Attorney General, and would act, always, in the best interest of his clients, the State and People of Hawai'i.

Thank you for your consideration. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

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cc: David M. Louie, Esq.

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February 7, 2011

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Re: David M. Louie for Attorney General - GM #510 - Support

Dear Senators Hee and Shimabukuro:

I am writing this letter in support of the confirmation of David Louie as Attorney General of Hawaii.

I began working with David Louie in 1982, when I joined the law firm then known as Case Kay & Lynch. I quickly learned that Mr. Louie was an exceptionally skilled litigator.

After David Louie left the law firm then known as Case & Lynch, the firm continued to send to Mr. Louie those cases for which it had conflicts of interest. It was well acknowledged that Mr. Louie was the attorney outside the firm whom you could trust to handle your clients' litigation matters.

In 2003, I left the law firm then known as Case Bigelow & Lombardi with my present partner, Steven Rinesmith. Our practice focuses on business and tax transactions. We have therefore asked Mr. Louie to handle most of our litigation matters. Mr. Louie has also represented us on our personal matters.

A few years ago we referred a particularly complex and contentious matter to Mr. Louie. Our client had been sued for millions of dollars. Mr. Louie was able to reach a settlement wherein our client paid nothing. We attribute the successful outcome not simply to the facts, but to Mr. Louie's legal skills, his ability to assess the issues from a broad, practical view, and his credibility.

Having now known Mr. Louie for over 28 years, I am convinced that he will be an excellent attorney general. Mr. Louie will be able work though those difficult matters that the

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Governor will be asking him to handle. And, the deputy attorney generals will have as a leader a top-notch litigator who is approachable with a great sense of humor.

Very truly yours,

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RE: David M. Louie for Attorney General - Support: GM # 510

Dear Senator Hee:

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Counsel:

I write in support of David M. Louie's nomination to become the next Attorney General of the State of Hawai'i.

I was licensed to practice law in Hawai'i in 1976. Since 1977 I have practiced law with David Louie when we both worked as young lawyers with the Honolulu law firm then known as Case, Stack, Kay, Clause & Lynch. In May 1988 David and I founded our own firm, Roeca & Louie, which later became Roeca, Louie & Hiraoka. Every day during those decades I worked shoulder to shoulder with David on State and Federal cases that involved a wide range of issues. Daily we swapped stories, discussed office affairs and shared a common goal of serving our clients in the most professional manner possible. I have shared countless meals and family outings with him. I have also spoken with many clients who conferred with David and who later called me specifically to report how favorably impressed they were by David's legal skills, consummate professionalism and his efficient and exemplary handling of their problem.

In addition to our professional association, I consider David to be a close friend. David's family including his wife, Johanna, son, Ryan and daughter, Jenna, are family. I think I know David Louie pretty well. Thus this letter of support comes from a source biased by friendship developed over 3 decades: I am a strong believer in David Louie's skills as a lawyer, in his judgment as a manager, in his compassion and integrity and his decency as a person.

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David's personal and professional gifts will serve the State of Hawai'i well. I will touch on a few of those gifts.

David has an uncanny ability to bring people together without twisting arms or issuing threats. Whenever a thorny issue arose within our firm, something that had the potential to become problematic, David quickly defused the issue with a clarity of thought and a dose of his wonderful sense of humor at just the right moment. Harsh words never issued. And by the end of the meeting everyone moved forward in a positive manner.

David gets along with other people, even those who are on opposite sides of the issue. When I say "gets along" I mean that people enjoy being around him. Everyone I know who has gotten to know David Louie develops a great fondness for him—and they've been telling me that for a long time. The compliments he receives are deserved and unsolicited, which make them the best kind of compliment.

He's tireless, has a high level of energy and is an expert multi-tasker. These qualities served our firm, our clients and his many other interests well throughout the years. In addition to helping build and manage a law firm (which had huge demands on his time), David always made time for community and professional organizations. He has held leadership positions with the Hawaii Bar Association, elected and appointed and in other professional organizations at the state and national level. It's been my observation that David involved himself in those organizations as a commitment to public service—it was never about building a resume for himself. The proof was in the positive marks he always left and in the never ending invitations to rejoin those organizations once his term of office ended.

Another gift is David's superior intellect. He's not one to trot this out to impress others. In fact, this may not have been mentioned up to now by anyone else who has commented on his nomination. In the 33 years I've known him, I've seen countless instances in which his hard work, wit and keen intellect have combined to help others see through a seemingly impenetrable problem to achieve a workable solution. Whenever that happened David typically gave credit to everyone else and moved on to the next matter at hand.

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I could go on but it would be more of the same: David M. Louie is an exceptional person who will make a great Attorney General.

Very truly yours,

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Re: David M. Louie for Attorney General - GM #510 - Support

Dear Senators Hee and Shimabukuro:

I am writing this letter in support of the confirmation of David Louie as Attorney General of Hawaii.

I am an attorney in private practice specializing in tax and business transaction matters. I have been in private practice for thirty-two years, the last twenty-six in the State of Hawaii. I first met Mr. Louie approximately 18 years ago and have had the opportunity to both co-counsel matters with Mr. Louie and to refer matters to him as a trial attorney since that date.

Both my clients and I have found Mr. Louie to be a supremely competent attorney, diligent in his efforts and an outstanding manager of his work. His demeanor and instincts further enhance his ability to bring practical results for his clients.

Mr. Louie possesses the skills to manage the state's legal matters and the office of the Attorney General. He has been involved in public service as President of the Hawaii Bar Association and various professional committees. I have no doubt that David Louie will be a credit to the State of Hawai' as its next attorney general.

Please feel free to contact me if I can be of any assistance to your committee regarding the confirmation of Mr. Louie.

Very truly yours,

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Re: David M. Louie for Attorney General - GM #510 - Support

Dear Senator Hee and Senator Shimabukuro:

This is a letter in support of confirming David Louie as the next Attorney General. I have known David for approximately seven years in both a professional capacity (fellow lawyer) and social capacity (fellow soccer-dad).

As a lawyer, David is a zealous advocate for his clients while being civil and professional. He is bright, articulate, hard working, and prepared. He has served as his firm's managing partner for over two decades. He also has donated significant time to bettering the legal profession, most notably serving as a past President of the Hawaii State Bar Association. In social settings, David has a loud easy laugh and a good sense of humor. He is a devoted husband and father who puts his family first.

The State is extremely fortunate to have a person with David's acumen, experience, and skills to serve as the Attorney General. He will be a good and conscientious leader who will seek ethical, reasonable, and practical solutions to difficult issues and disputes.

Thank you for considering this letter in support of David's confirmation.

Sincerely

Charlie Price

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January 25, 2011

VIA HAND DELIVERY

Senator Clayton Hee, Chair Judiciary and Labor Committee Hawaii State Capitol, Room 407 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: David M. Louie for Attorney General - Support

GM #510

Dear Senator Hee:

I am writing this letter in support of David M. Louie's nomination for the position of Attorney General of the State of Hawaii. I have known Mr. Louie for over 20 years, and I can say without reservation that he possesses the keen intellect, leadership skills, and impeccable ethics and professionalism that make him the ideal candidate for this position.

Having worked closely with Mr. Louie on several cases over the years,

I know him to be both extremely organized in his approach to litigation and tireless in his
efforts on behalf of his client. He is able to apprehend the minutiae of a case without
losing sight of the larger picture. While Mr. Louie is a tenacious advocate, his style does

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not alienate others or cause divisiveness. He strikes a balance between idealism and pragmatism that enables him to resolve matters when it is appropriate or necessary.

I have also discussed the practical aspects of law firm management with Mr. Louie on several occasions. I know from personal experience and from his reputation in the legal community that Mr. Louie is able to manage attorneys and employees with economy, efficiency and sensitivity.

I believe that Mr. Louie will provide the State with the legal guidance, leadership and expertise necessary to successfully navigate the obstacles and opportunities that he will face in the challenging days ahead.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my comments. If I can provide any additional information regarding Mr. Louie, please don't hesitate to call on me.

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RE: David Louie for Attorney General

Dear Senators Hee and Shimaburkuro,

I am the former owner of Honsador Lumber Corporation and have lived in Hawaii for 45 years. I am quite familiar with David Louie and his firm, Roeca Louie and Hiraoka. David has represented me personally and Honsador in a number of legal matters. I was named a defendant in a lawsuit regarding the sale of Honsador involving millions of dollars. His calmness and professionalism eventually caused the Plaintiff's to dismiss me from a case that later went to trial. What I really appreciate about David is his ethical and straight forward approach to making decisions. When he wasn't sure about something, he told me and sought counsel from others. He always made sure me, the client, got first consideration.

During my working career, I have been involved with most of the major law firms in Hawaii on both sides of being a Plaintiff and Defendant. David would certainly rank among the top five attorneys I know. He is being considered for a most important position as Attorney General of our State. We need a highly qualified attorney who knows how to get things done and manage a diversified staff of people. David brings this type of leadership and experience.

His law firm partners support his decision knowing that it is of great financial sacrifice for both the firm and David personally to accept this position. His family has a history of public service and is proud they he would chose to serve. Your support of David for Attorney General is a recommendation you can make with great confidence.

Sincerely,

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January 28, 2011

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Re: David M. Louie for Attorney General - Support

Dear Senator Hee:

I am the Vice-President and Managing Attorney for First Insurance Company of Hawaii, Ltd. and have been practicing law for over thirty (30) years. I have had the honor of getting to know David Louie for nearly my entire career through practicing in the same fields of law. David is one of the most competent legal practitioners I have ever had the pleasure of working with and against.

In additional to being very proficient in the law, David has gained the respect of the entire Hawaii bar. He is a Past-President of the Hawaii State Bar Association which is indicative of the respect the attorneys of Hawaii have for him. Even the most experienced attorneys seek out David's counsel to seek solutions to resolving cases without unnecessary litigation.

David has built a very successful law practice from scratch. Those of us in civil practice would definitely miss him. However, his work as Hawaii's next Attorney General is a higher calling that he must answer, and we expect that he will bring increased professionalism and effectiveness to that department.

David is honorable, fair, a hard worker, and has the experience and wisdom to craft legal solutions that not only benefit his clients, but also are win-win solutions for all parties. Above all, David is trustworthy and honest--sometimes painfully so.

I recommend David M. Louie to be confirmed as Hawaii's next Attorney General without hesitation or reservation. If you require any additional information or clarification, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully submitted

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Senator Maile Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Judiciary and Labor Committee Hawaii State Capitol, Room 223 415 S. Beretania St. Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: David M. Louie for Attorney General

GM #510 -- Support

Dear Senators Hee and Shimabukuro:

I am writing to express my strong support for the nomination of David Louie to the position of Attorney General for the State of Hawaii. David's personal and professional attributes make him an exceptional candidate for this very important position.

I have known David on a professional basis for more than two decades. I have opposed David in some cases, and in others we have worked together. Based on that experience, I have observed David to be a smart and tough trial attorney, and a very effective counselor and advocate for his clients. He is not one to waste the time or valuable resources of his client, opposing parties, or the court. Equally as important, David has a high sense of personal integrity and ethics. When he gives you his word, you can trust it. As a result, David has earned the trust and respect of his colleagues and other members of the bar, and he is also highly respected by our judges here in Hawaii, both federal and state. These are important attribute to be possessed by the Attorney General.

In addition to being a skilled trial lawyer, David is also a capable and effective manager. For 23 years he was the managing partner of his law firm. Having myself been

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previously involved in the management of the law firm to which I now belong, I understand and appreciate what a difficult – and often thankless – task that can be. David's former law firm did very well under his stewardship. While I am certain that his former partners are sorry to see him leave that position, I am equally certain they understand that their loss will be Hawaii's gain.

It is worthy of note that David has also freely given back to the legal profession, serving, among other things, as the President of the Hawaii State Bar Association. He has also served on and made important contributions to the work of a number of other bar and professional committees. As a result, David will bring a wide-ranging blend of different perspectives and experiences to the Attorney General's office.

Over the course of time, I also come to know David a little better on a personal level. He is practical, personable, curious, hard working, and has a wry sense of humor. Those are traits that will serve him well in this new endeavor.

The Attorney General is the people's attorney. He or she must be committed to upholding and enforcing the law for everyone, without favor or prejudice to anyone. I am confident that David will do just that, and strongly encourage you vote in favor of his appointment as the next Attorney General.

Thank you for your consideration of these views.

Very truly yours

Peter W. Olson

cc:

Senator Mike Gabbard



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January 27, 2011

Senator Clayton Hee, Chair Judiciary and Labor Committee Hawaii State Capitol, Room 407 415 S. Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: GM #510 - Nomination of David Louie

Dear Senator Hee:

I have known and worked with David Louie for about twenty years. While I do not have a social relationship with him, I have been involved in a number cases with him throughout this period of time.

I strongly support Governor Abercrombie's nomination of Dave as the next attorney general. I recognize the significance of the job and believe that he would be an excellent attorney general. I'm sure he sees the importance of the position to which he has been nominated and humbly considers it an honor.

There are several positive qualities he would bring to the position. He is fair in his dealings with other attorneys and parties. He works hard on his cases. One of the most outstanding qualities is his ability to analyze complex issues, distill them down to the real issue, and present the point in a simple, straightforward manner.

I would like to conclude by making a point that I view as crucial to this process. If any lawyer appears before you, and says that he has names of other attorneys who have reservations about Mr. Louie as attorney general, but that such attorneys are not willing to disclose their names, for whatever reason, I would urge you to reject such testimony. All lawyers know this kind of "testimony," which we characterize as hearsay, is usually inadmissible in court, and should be here. If there is any member of the bar association who has a concern about him, they should have the integrity to attach their name to their comments.

Thank you for taking your time to review my comments. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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Senator Clayton Hee, Chair January 27, 2011 Page 2

Sincerely,

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Date: Sun, Jan 23, 2011 at 3:54 PM

Subject: David M. Louie for Attorney General - GM #510 - Support To: senhee@capitol.hawaii.gov, senshimabukuro@capitol.hawaii.gov

Dear Senators Hee and Shimabukuro;

I am writing in support of the confirmation of David Louie as Attorney General for the State of Hawaii. You know his credentials, education and experience. They are top-notch. But, there are other qualities that will make him an outstanding Attorney General. I have known David for over twenty years. As a fellow lawyer, I have respected his abilities to represent his clients in a respectful and fair manner. He is able to understand the issues and is tireless in pursuing results without abusing the judicial process or the law. He also gives back to his profession, serving in local and regional leadership positions. Most of all, I believe David's desire to learn, to do "doing the right thing" and to give back to the community will serve Hawaii well if he is confirmed.

Please act favorably on his confirmation. Thank you. Respectfully, Alan Oshima

LATE TESTIMONY

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January 27, 2011

Senator Clayton Hee, Chair Judiciary and Labor Committee Hawai'i State Capitol 415 S. Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Senator Maile Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Judiciary and Labor Committee Hawai'i State Capitol 415 S. Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

RE: David M. Louie, Attorney General Nominee GM #510 - Support

Dear Senators Hee and Shimabukuro, and Members of the Judiciary and Labor Committee:

Please consider this letter in full support of the appointment of David M. Louie as the next Attorney General of the State of Hawai'i. I am an attorney who has been practicing since 1978 (30 of those years have been on the island of Kaua'i). I have had occasion to work with him on approximately three (3) separate occasions, once as a mediator in a case, and he has always been courteous, professional and civil in his representation of his clients. It has been suggested of late that members of the Hawai'i bar need to exercise more civility and professionalism in their representation of clients, while appearing before a tribunal, and in dealings with each other, and David possesses those qualities.

He was well-prepared and familiar with the facts of his cases, and of the law applicable to the situation, qualities which our Attorney General should possess, and which the public deserves, and I recall being impressed by his composure and demeanor. He has the drive and the energy to serve Hawai'i well, and I urge you to support him by confirming his nomination.

Thank you for allowing and considering comments on his nomination.

Very truly yours,

Lorna A. Nishimitsu



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From: <mosslawyer@hawaiiantel.net> Date: Thu, Jan 20, 2011 at 10:39 AM

Subject: David M. Louie for Attorney General -- Support

To: senhee@capitol.hawaii.gov, senshimabukuro@capitol.hawaii.gov,

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Aloha, my name is Joe P. Moss. I am an attorney in Lihue, Hawai'i. I know David Louie from working with him on an extremely complicated litigation case involving real estate issues on Kauai. I believe he is very intelligent. He was always well prepared and articulated his arguments quite well before the trial court. He always maintained proper professional decorum and would be a good representative of the State of Hawai'i in the state, federal and appellate courts. I believe he is well liked and respected by his peers. I particularly think he is a good choice because of his litigation experience, especially complex litigation. I think he has a lot of energy and drive and will be a hard worker. Please vote to confirm him. Thank you, Joe P. Moss

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Re: GM #510; David M. Louie for Attorney General—Support

Dear Senator Hee:

I am writing to support the nomination of David M. Louie for Attorney General. I have personally known Dave for over thirty years, both as a lawyer colleague and friend. We have worked together on numerous law cases over the years, and I have been impressed with his intellect, acumen, and calm and reasoned disposition.

An example of his professional skills shone in a recent legal personal injury matter wherein he objectively analyzed the facts, reviewed the legal issues, and calmly laid out prudent case strategy. All involved were impressed with his knowledge and cool demeanor. At the same time, his passion for the law and drive to do the right thing shone through. This example of Dave's legal skills will set a firm foundation for him as Attorney General.

I highly recommend Dave's nomination as the next Attorney General for the state of Hawaii without reservation.

Very truly yours,

Steven M. Nagata, Esq.



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RE: David M. Louie for Attorney General - Support

Dear Senators Hee and Shimabukuro:

It is an honor and privilege for me to support Governor Abercrombie's nomination of David M. Louie, Esq. for Attorney General of the State Of Hawaii. I strongly recommend his nomination and believe that the State Of Hawaii will be very fortunate to have him as Attorney General.

I have known David for in excess of 20 years. During that time, I have worked on various civil litigation matters with David and members of his firm, and have also been co-counsel with them, representing the same client. David has demonstrated consistently superior legal abilities in analysis, communication, argument before the court and in advice to our mutual clients, despite the complexity of some of the cases. His skills as an advocate at trial are well-known and respected in the legal community, and his successes as a trial and appellate lawyer speak for themselves.

David has always conducted himself as a person of the utmost integrity. He has always kept his commitments to me, and has a reputation in the legal community for fair, even-handed and thoughtful dealings with opposing attorneys, the courts and litigants. Frankly, his service as a past President of the Hawaii State Bar Association, as Chair of the Aloha Tower Development Council and in leadership positions in other volunteer endeavors, indicate the respect with which his fellow and sister attorneys, and others in the community, hold him.

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William J. Nagle Attorney at Law

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As exemplary a lawyer as David may be described, he remains an even better person. He has demonstrated wisdom, empathy for other, less fortunate persons, and a sense of social justice in the practice of law. David has always stayed grounded to his value and beliefs. He has shown empathy and sensitivity to injured persons, even though they may be adverse parties in the lawsuits.

I look forward to David's approval by your Committee and confirmation as Attorney General of Hawaii by the Senate. Thank you for your consideration of this letter.

Very truly yours,

William J. Nagle, III

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January 25, 2011

Senator Clayton Hee Hawaii State Capitol, Room 407 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 Senator Maile S. L. Shimabukuro Hawaii State Capitol, Room 223 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senators:

This is to convey to you and to your committee my complete support and highest recommendation possible for David Louie as candidate for the office of Attorney General.

I have known and worked with David for more than three decades. We have faced each other on contested cases and worked together on others. A few of those cases have been tough, even contentious. However, whether as an adversary or cocounsel he has always exhibited the intellect, skills, knowledge, integrity, courtesy and civility that the bar aspires to but does not always see in practice. He is a tough, but fair, adversary and always a gentleman.

David is a first-rate trial lawyer. He has sound management skills, as exemplified by his management of his law firm and his successful stint as president of our Bar Association.

Above all, David has the insight and objectivity to see and to fairly evaluate all sides of an issue and the practical common sense and creativity to resolve it.

I urge you to confirm David Louie for the office of Attorney General.

Very truly yours,

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cc: David Louie, Esq.

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Senator Maile Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Judiciary Labor Committee Hawaii State Capital, Room 223

Re: David M. Louie For Attorney General-Support

Aloha Senator Hee and Senator Shimabukuro,

I am pleased to write this letter in support of David's Confirmation to the Office of Attorney General of the State of Hawaii.

I have known David since his admission to the Hawaii Bar in 1978. My interaction with him includes being on opposing sides of cases when i was in private practice and when he would appear before me representing clients during my tenure as a Circuit Court Judge, Associate Justice and Chief Justice. I have also had occasion to socialize with him over the years. Regardless of the setting, in or out of court, David has and is always a gentleman-respectful, courteous, gracious and thoughtful. In addition, as an advocate he was always well-prepared, knowledgeable about the law, projected an excellent demeanor, articulate, honest, reasonable, reliable and always civil.

While serving as Chief Justice, i had the pleasure of working closely with David during his tenure as President Of the Hawaii State Bar Association in 2001 and when he served on various Judiciary committees to which I appointed him. I appreciated his willingness to serve, his boundless energy, leadership skills, responsiveness and his innovative ideas.

Based upon my personal knowledge of David Louie and his outstanding reputation for the highest level of professionalism i recommend, without reservation, that his appointment to Office of Attorney General of Hawaii be confirmed by the Hawaii State Senate.

If i may be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me. (cell: (808) 286-5608)

Very truly yours,

Ronald T.Y. Moon Chief Justice Retired



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Re: David M. Louie for Attorney General - Support

Dear Senator Hee, Senator Shimabukuro and Members of the Committee:

My name is Michael R. Marsh and I am a Director at Case Lombardi & Pettit. It is my pleasure and honor to submit this letter in support of your confirming David M. Louie as Attorney General for the State of Hawaii. I have known David for approximately thirty years. David is a former colleague and partner of Case Kay & Lynch which is now known as Case Lombardi & Pettit.

David M. Louie is well qualified to be our Attorney General. He has extensive legal experience having practiced in the areas of personal injury, insurance defense, civil and commercial litigation. David Louie is an outstanding attorney and advocate who practices law with enthusiasm, civility, and integrity. He is highly regarded by the Hawaii Bar as evidenced by his selection in 2001 as its President.

I am confident that David M. Louie will serve the people of Hawaii well and with distinction. I respectfully urge you to confirm David M. Louie as Hawaii's next Attorney General.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Marsh



January 25, 2011

Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair Honorable Maile Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee Hawaii State Capitol, Rooms 407 and 223 415 S. Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: David M. Louie for Attorney General - Support (GM #510)

Dear Senators Hee and Shimabukuro:

I am writing to express my strong and heartfelt support for the nomination of David M. Louie as Attorney General for the State of Hawaii. I have known David for over 10 years and am well familiar with his talents and abilities as a lawyer and community leader.

As Executive Director of the Hawaii State Bar Association for 13 years, I had firsthand experience working very closely with David as a Board member of the Hawaii State Bar Association, President-elect, and then President of this important organization which includes over 4,000 practicing attorneys and judges. In every task undertaken and difficult issue faced, David was always diligent, well prepared, thoughtful, open-minded, fair, and passionate. He constantly strived to Improve the administration of justice for the benefit of the clients and public we serve. David works well with all members of the legal profession, including lawyers, judges, and administrators.

In addition to playing a key leadership role in the Hawaii State Bar Association, David served as Vice Chair of the Hawaii Supreme Court Rule 19 Committee Regarding Judicial Performance, a Lawyer Representative for the United States Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the Northwest Regional Governor for the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association.

David's 33 years as a trial lawyer has gained him high respect and admiration from his peers. His 23 years a managing partner of the law firm that held his namesake, will serve him well in his new position. He is a great problem solver and "big thinker."

David is a perfect person for the job and we are lucky that he is willing to share his considerable talents in the larger arena for the public good.

Even after I became CEO of the Hawaii State Chapter of the American Red Cross, I continued to keep in touch with David and his family. Given his high standing in the legal community, expertise, and passion for public service, I believe that David will be a fabulous Attorney General for the State of Hawaii.

I urge you to approve David's nomination and recommend that he be confirmed by the full Senate. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 739-8103.

Sincerely,

Coralie Chun Matayoshi, Esq. Chief Executive Officer

American Red Cross, Hawaii State Chapter

cc: Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee Members

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Re: David M. Louie, Esq. for Attorney General - Support

Dear Senators Hee and Shimabukuro:

I submit this letter is support of David M. Louie, Esq., who has been nominated for the position of Attorney General for the State of Hawai'i.

I am a member of the Executive Committee, the Chair of the Practice Management Committee, the Chair of the Litigation Practice Group, and an officer and director of the Damon Key Leong Kupchak Hastert law firm. I am also a former officer and director of the Hawai'i State Bar Association (HSBA), and a former Co-Chair of the HSBA's Judicial Administration Committee.

Since 1998, I have had the pleasure of serving with Mr. Louie on the Hawai'i Supreme Court's Special Committee on Judicial Performance (Rule 19 Committee). In addition to working with him on the Rule 19 Committee and various, other volunteer activities with the HSBA and the Judiciary, since the early 1980's I have worked with, and against, Mr. Louie on a number of court cases, arbitrations and mediations. As a result, I have observed his judgment, character, professionalism, integrity, and dedication in a number of different situations and venues.

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Finally, I consider myself fortunate to have known Mr. Louie, both professionally and personally, for nearly thirty (30) years. Therefore, without any reservations, I wholeheartedly support Mr. Louie's nomination to be our next Attorney General. I have every confidence that he will do a tremendous job serving as the Chief Law Enforcement Officer for the State of Hawai'i.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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March 28, 2011

The Hon. Clayton Hee, Chair The Hon. Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Committee on Judiciary and Labor Senate, State of Hawaii State Capitol 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813-2425

Re: <u>David M.</u> Louie for Attorney General, State of Hawaii-Support-GM #510

Dear Senators Hee, Shimabukuro, and Committee Members:

I am writing this in strong support of David M. Louie's nomination for Attorney General of the State of Hawaii.

For a three year period, from 2006 through 2009, Mr. Louie represented my organization in a very complex shareholder matter. Throughout this experience, I found Mr. Louie to be smart, creative and highly ethical. I found him to be fair and honest, with an ability to understand the issues and constraints between all parties. Perhaps it was ability to be creative and innovative that set him apart for all the other lawyers involved. Ultimately, the matter was resolved and I attribute the satisfactory conclusion to his ability to understand the issues and manage the process.

I found Mr. Louie to be a tireless fighter from the start of the engagement till the end three years later. It is this energy and stamina he brings that leads me to believe that he would excel in the role as Attorney General of the State of Hawaii.

I respectfully urge you to vote in favor of Mr. Louie's confirmation.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell J. Lau

Vice Chairman and CEO