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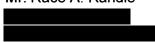


The Senate

STATE CAPITOL HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

April 4, 2011

Mr. Race A. Randle



Dear Mr. Randle:

Re: Nomination to the Board of Directors of the High Technology Development Corporation GM 692

Congratulations on being nominated by Governor Neil Abercrombie to the Board of Directors of the High Technology Development Corporation. To assist the Senate with its confirmation process, I would like to request that the following information be submitted to my office by **Monday, April 11, 2011**:

- (1) A resume with a list of references
- (2) A written statement that addresses the following questions:
 - (a) Why do you wish to be a member of the Board of Directors of the High Technology Development Corporation?
 - (b) How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the Board of Directors of the High Technology Development Corporation?
 - (c) Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a member of the Board of Directors of the High Technology Development Corporation, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise, or knowledge that would aid in your decision-making ability as a member of the Board of Directors of the High Technology Development Corporation.
 - (d) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?
 - (e) Name three qualities that best describe you and that would make you stand out. How would these qualities benefit the Board of Directors of the High Technology Development Corporation?
 - (f) Name one previous experience that would make you stand out. How would this benefit the Board of Directors of the High Technology Development Corporation?

(g) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the Board of Directors of the High Technology Development Corporation? How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest?

Your prompt response in providing the above information will ensure that the Senate confirmation process can proceed in a timely manner.

Sincerely,

Senator Carof Fukunaga, Chair

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Senate Economic Development Committee

RACE A. RANDLE

Senator Carol Fukunaga (Chair) Economic Development and Technology Committee Hawaii State Capitol, Room 216 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Fukunaga,

RE: Nomination to the Board of Directors of the High Technology Development Corporation GM 692.

Thank you for your April 4th letter, I am honored by the nomination to HTDC. Per your letter, below are responses to the questions in numbered format to assist the Senate with its confirmation process. Also attached is a resume along with references as requested.

- (a) Why do you wish to be a member of the Board of Directors of the High Technology Development Corporation?
 - I have a passion to create new and exciting opportunities for the next generation. I believe High Technology, if properly encouraged, can stimulate job and economic growth in Hawaii. As a member of the Board I wish to help the Corporation in its mission to develop the high tech industry into a significant portion of a well diversified Hawaii economy.
- (b) How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the Board of Directors of the High Technology Development Corporation?
 - I believe the role and responsibilities of Board members are to guide the HTDC, through board actions and recommendations, in the furtherance of its mission. In addition, board members should bring new ideas to HTDC and add value to the HTDC via expertise in related fields.
- (c) Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a member of the Board of Directors of the High Technology Development Corporation, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise, or knowledge that would aid in your decision-making ability as a member of the Board of Directors of the High Technology Development Corporation.
 - Though my education and experience, I believe I am qualified to make critical decisions to further the mission of the HTDC. This experience in engineering, real estate, and business administration gives me an understanding of the steps involved with proper execution of new development efforts.
- (d) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

RACE A. RANDLE

I plan to quickly learn the HTDC's challenges, and then offer support and solutions as needed. I hope to rapidly become a contributing member of the board and help lead the HTDC into further success.

- (e) Name three qualities that best describe you and that would make you stand out. How would these qualities benefit the Board of Directors of the High Technology Development Corporation?
 - I believe my sense of fairness, desire to see Hawaii succeed, and decisiveness set me apart and will be a benefit to HTDC. Like a business, I believe HTDC should continue to maximize its efficiency toward reaching its goals maximizing returns while minimizing time and expense.
- (f) Name one previous experience that would make you stand out. How would this benefit the Board of Directors of the High Technology Development Corporation?
 - There are many previous experiences which I believe are relatively unique. One that stands out would have to be during my undergraduate studies when I lived with computer science students during the height of the "dot-com boom". At that time the internet presented a world of new possibilities for innovation and success and the energy and fervor that the students put into their projects and start-ups was contagious. It is that energy for innovation that HTDC is focused on nurturing. I agree that the effort is worthwhile because with high-technology, unlike most other economic drivers, the location is not nearly as important as the <u>ideas</u>.
- (g) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the Board of Directors of the High Technology Development Corporation? How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest?

I don't foresee and conflicts at this time. Furthermore - I will work with the assigned counsel to ensure that my actions and presence do not create real or perceived conflicts during my board tenure.

Mahalo for the opportunity,

Race A. Randle

Development Manager

Forest City Hawaii



Written Statement of YUKA NAGASHIMA Executive Director & CEO

High Technology Development Corporation before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY

Wednesday, April 13, 2011 State Capitol, Conference Room 016 1:15 P.M. In consideration of

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 692
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE HIGH TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION,
BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, RACE A. RANDLE
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2014.
(GM778 TERM TO EXPIRE AMENDED TO JUNE 30, 2015)

Chair Fukunaga, Vice Chair Wakai, and Members of the Committee on Economic Development and Technology.

It is my pleasure to support the appointment of Race A. Randle to the Board of Directors of the High Technology Development Corporation (HTDC).

While I have not had the privilege of working with Mr. Randle, I was impressed with his background in engineering, project management and real estate project development. His profile as represented in his resume is a good match to help achieve HTDC's mission, as well as contributing to the needs of the current board make-up. Our Board currently does not collectively have any experience in real estate project development. Given our current challenge to establish an expanded incubation space for Oahu, his expertise and guidance would be much appreciated.

Further, I was compelled by his motivation to volunteer for this position. Echoed by many other tech industry supporters, he spoke of a better tomorrow for our state, where his peers with technical background are still on the mainland looking for job opportunities which would facilitate their relocation back to Hawaii. He spoke of the next generation of our keiki, who deserves the option to stay if they want to, and for a job in a field they wanted to practice. HTDC is appreciative for qualified folks such as Mr. Randle who are not only willing to serve but wanting to contribute to the community, to be part of the solution for Hawaii's innovation economy.

The Board and the staff very much welcome his appointment and encourage your favorable vote on his behalf.



STATE OF HAWAII

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION 677 QUEEN STREET, SUITE 300

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

IN REPLY REFER TO:

Statement of Karen Seddon

FAX: (808) 587-0600

Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY

April 13, 2011 at 1:15 p.m. Room 016, State Capitol

In consideration of

G.M. 692

GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE RACE A. RANDLE TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HIGH TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

The Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation <u>supports</u> the nomination of Race A. Randle to the Board of the High Technology Development Corporation. The HHFDC has worked with Mr. Randle since he joined Forest City Hawaii in 2008 and some of our staff have worked with him going back to 2005 when he worked for Castle & Cooke Homes Hawaii, Inc.

Race grew up on Oahu's north shore and graduated from Kahuku High School. He is highly energetic and has a proven problem-solving record. He has long been interested in all aspects of "Green Building" and has pushed for incorporating as many energy saving and conservation features as possible in the developments he has represented.

We respectfully ask the Committee to support Mr. Randle's nomination. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

From: <u>JOHN MICHAEL WHITE</u>

To: <u>EDTTestimony</u>

Subject: HIGH TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION - RACE RANDLE NOMINATION TO BOARD

Date: Monday, April 11, 2011 10:31:44 AM

Senator Carol Fukunaga (Chair) Economic Development and Technology Committee 415 South Beretania Street, Room 216 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: <u>Governor Abercrombie's nomination of Race Randle to board of High</u>
<u>Technology Development Corporation</u>

I am writing in <u>SUPPORT of the above nomination</u>. I believe that the governor's decision to nominate Race Randle

is excellent and that Mr. Randle will contribute greatly and positively to the board.

Please feel free to call me anytime, should you have any questions with respect to the above.

Mahalo nui loa,

HAWAII LAND COMPANY

John Michael White President JMW:m

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From: Wallenstrom, Jon
To: EDTTestimony

Subject: Supportive testimony for Race Randle"s nomination to the Board of Directors of the High Technology

Development Corporation

Date: Thursday, April 07, 2011 5:53:33 PM

To:

Senator Carol Fukunaga (Chair)
Economic Development and Technology Committee

From:

Jon C. Wallenstrom President, Forest City Hawaii

Regarding:

Nomination Hearing Scheduled for Wednesday, April 13, 2011

Dear Senator Fukunaga,

I have worked with Race for a number of years and I wholeheartedly support Race's nomination to the Board of Directors of the High Technology Development Corporation. Race has an unusual and impressive mix of talent and understanding that will be important to this board. His level of commitment to the State of Hawaii and desire to do the right thing is unwavering and he will bring important perspective to this important body. In my association with Race he has shown not only an interest but great ability to understand issues associated with Economic Development and Technology.

Please support Race Randle's Nomination.

Aloha,

Jon C. Wallenstrom President, Forest City Hawaii



April 11, 2011

Senator Carol Fukunaga (Chair)

Economic Development and Technology Committee

Hawaii State Capitol, Room 216

415 South Beretania Street

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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Testimony of Support for Race Randle's Nomination to the Board of Directors Re: of the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation

Dear Senator Fukunaga:

This letter is in support of Race Randall who has been nominated to the Board of the High Technology Development Corporation.

I have known Race for several years as a client and friend. During this time, we have worked together in the community input, planning and entitlement process for Kamakana Villages, a large sustainable and affordable mixed-use project in Kona. Throughout this effort, Race has consistently exhibited his interest and expertise in the areas of sustainability, energy and land management.

In addition to technical knowledge, Race has the financial and business background to understand how to take good ideas and make them real. This ability, I believe, will be invaluable to the Board to forward its mission to encourage and facilitate the development of high tech activities in Hawaii.

In addition to his professional abilities, Race is an extremely easy person to work with, very collaborative and simply a nice person. He will help to facilitate a cooperative dynamic on the Board.

Finally, he is a keiki o ka aina. He understands the culture of Hawaii, is a waterman Christine Mendes Ruotola and fisherman. Hawaii means as much to him and his extended family as it does to all of us. I am sure that he will make every effort to exercise kuleana responsibility in this area, should he be confirmed. I, therefore, recommend him to you with no reservations.

Sincerely,

GROUP 70 INTERNATIONAL, INC.

Francis S. Oda, Arch. D., FAIA, AICP, LEED AP

Chairman

From: bo kahui

To: EDTTestimony

Cc: <u>Dora Aio; Kapua Baker; Kumu Keala; Mark Aiona; Wanneta Wilson</u>

Subject: Appointment of Race Randle to the Board of Directors of the High Technology Development Corporation

Date: Tuesday, April 12, 2011 3:26:41 PM

Senator Carol Fukunaga (Chair)

Economic Development and Technology Committee

Hawaii State Capitol, Room 216

415 South Beretania Street

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

April 12, 2011

Senator Fukunaga,

I'm pleased to submit this correspondence to you in **support** of Mr. Race Randle's appointment to the Board of Directors of the High Technology Development Corporation.

I have known and worked with Mr. Randle over the last three years and I have experienced first hand his knowledge and aptitude to facilitate the growth and development of the commercial high technology industry in Hawaii, a requisite for a member of this <u>Board of Directors</u> of the <u>High Technology Development</u> Corporation.

In addition, Mr. Randle's local upbringing and bullet point resume speaks volumes of his experience to compliment the <u>High Technology Development Board and he will</u> serve the Board well.

Lastly, Mr. Randle's young appearance is over shadowed by his capacity, demeanor, knowledge, skill, and direct involvement in the high technology field.

On behalf of Kaniohale Community Homestead Association and membership, we support the appointment of Mr. Race Randle to the High Technology Development Corporation.

Please contact me if you have any further questions.

Mahalo Nui,

Craiq Bo Kahui

KCA Director



April 12, 2011

Senator Carol Fukunaga (Chair) Economic Development and Technology Committee Hawaii State Capitol, Room 216 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Race Randle's Nomination to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation Hearing Set for April 12, 2011

Dear Senator Fukunaga:

I have had the great opportunity to work with Race on a major affordable housing project in Kona. I find Race to be extremely confident, professional and most importantly, sensitive to the local community's needs and requirements.

For this reason, I wholeheartedly support the nomination of Race Randle to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Riehm, A.I.A.

From: Patricia Holmberg
To: EDTTestimony
Subject: Race Randle

Date: Tuesday, April 12, 2011 12:33:06 PM

Aloha Senator Fukunaga,

I have known Race Randle for 12 years and I can say that I highly recommend him for the Board of Directors of the High Technology Development Corporation.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,

Patricia Holmberg