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Ms. Linda Chock

Re: Nomination to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission GM 869

Dear Ms. Chock:

Congratulations on being nominated by Governor Neil Abercrombie to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission. To assist the Senate with its confirmation process, I request that the following information be submitted to my office by **Monday, April 9, 2012:**

- (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 commissioner of the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission?
 - (b) How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a commissioner of the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission, particularly in terms of your nomination by the Royal Order of Kamehameha I?
 - (c) Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a commissioner of the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission, 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 commissioner of the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.
 - (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 King Kamehameha Celebration Commission?

- (f) Name one previous experience that would make you stand out. How would this benefit the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission?
- (g) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission? 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. The committee is scheduling your confirmation hearing on Wednesday, April 11, 2012 at 1:15pm in Conference Room 016. Please contact Doris Lam or Ashley Advincula, EDT Committee Clerk at 586-6890 if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,



Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chair
Senate Economic Development Committee

April 7, 2012

Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chair
Senate Economic Development Committee
The Senate, State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Re: Nomination to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission GM 869

Aloha e Senator Fukunaga

Mahalo for your consideration of my nomination by the Honorable Governor of the State of Hawaii, Neil Abercrombie to serve on the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.

(1) A resume with a list of references (attached)

(2) A written statement that addresses the following questions:

(a) Why do you wish to be a commissioner of the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission?

- (1) To contribute to the mission of the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission in honor of King Kamehameha the Great.
- (2) It is a position of honor and great responsibility and I believe it is important to remember and honor King Kamehameha as to our namesake The Benevolent Royal Society Ahahui Kaahumanu - Kaahumanu - favorite wife of Kamehameha I
- (3) An opportunity to showcase our proud heritage
- (4) Help perpetuate this celebration and all Ali'i celebrations throughout the state
- (5) Reconnect with both Hawaiian and non-Hawaiian communities
- (6) Give back to our community

(b) How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a commissioner of the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission, particularly in terms of your nomination by the Royal Order of Kamehameha I?

The Royal Benevolent Society, Ahahui Kaahumanu has always donated its time and resources to help with the lei draping ceremony at the statue, attendance at the Royal Order of Kamehameha I lighting ceremony for King Kamehameha and participated in the King Kamehameha Day Parade. I will continue to encourage not only the Ahahui support but also the extended members' ohana to help grow this celebration exponentially by participation and financial support.

(c) Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a commissioner of the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission, 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 commissioner of the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.

(1) Fiscal Responsibility. I have held positions of authority and leadership that required both an understanding/managing of budgets and fiscal projects.

(2) Reasonable judgment. I am a leader in my own right but understand the importance of consensus and team support. I am able to listen to varying points of view, weigh the pros-cons, determine a reasonable and acceptable course of action and execute/administer the plan. I can and will contribute to a cohesive and well-functioning Commission.

(3) Independent thinking and decision-making. In my management roles, I demonstrated my ability to analyze, evaluate and problem solve issues before me. I have a wealth of experience in both “for profit” and “non-profit” work environments.

(4) Networking. My work experience has taught me how to build and maintain short and long-term relationships. These skills are important in growing and sustaining organizational, community, business and government support for this commission/celebration.

(5) Strategic thinking. Work to develop a vision and long-term strategy to grow and expand this celebration (financially and operationally) so it can sustain itself in the future.

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

(1) To continue the undying legacy of perpetuating our Mo'i Kane Kamehameha 'Ekahi.

(2) A strategic plan for the Commission.

(3) Expand participation by the community and for the community.

(4) Introduce educational component regarding ali'i history and the celebration.

(4) Start strategic thinking on how to finance this celebration and make it self sustaining over time.

(e) Name three qualities that best describe you and that would make you stand out. How would these qualities benefit the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission?

- (1) Menemene; COMPASSION to those with objective viewpoints regarding financial support from the state and respecting their perspectives. (Visitor industry, profit and non-profit experience)
- (2) Ha'aha'a Remaining HUMBLE and approachable. My people skills, combined with my power of communicating to multitudes and my networking ability has always been a plus in building long and lasting partnerships and achieving goals.
- (3) Eleu To be ENERGETIC with the "can do" attitude as I am an optimist. If you believe you can, you will...I believe I will!

(f) Name one previous experience that would make you stand out. How would this benefit the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission?

I humbly refer to my almost 40 years of dedication in the Visitor Industry, serving the people of Hawaii, the Senate, the Legislature, for profit and non-profit, organizations and finally combining it into my years of service at the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum as their Director of Sales, Events, Facility Rental, Visitor Services & Asia Pacific Marketing. I have succeeded at generating revenue from beyond our state and uplifting our Hawaiian culture globally.

(g) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission? How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest?

In conclusion, I will respond to both questions in one statement. "I would not engage in any type of conflicts of interest that would cause harm to me, my family or my position on the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission".

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Chock, CTA/CTC
41-680 Ala Koa Street
Waimanalo, HI 96795

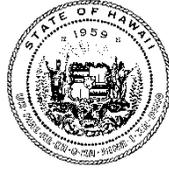
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GM 869

Ms. Linda Chock
King Kamehameha Celebration
Commission

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TESTIMONY
OF
DEAN H. SEKI, ACTING COMPTROLLER
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES
TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE
ON
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY
ON
April 11, 2012

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 869

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE KING
KAMEHAMEHA CELEBRATION COMMISSION, LINDA CHOCK

Chair Fukunaga and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on G.M. 869. The Department of Accounting and General Services supports Ms. Linda Chock's confirmation to the Commission.

Section 8-5, HRS, requires that the Commission have at least one member from 'Ahahui Ka'ahumanu. Ms. Chock is a member of 'Ahahui Ka'ahumanu. Her appointment fulfills the statutory requirement for representation on the Commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.



GM 869

**Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the King Kamehameha Celebration
Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee,
Linda Chock**

Senate Committee on Economic Development and Technology

April 11, 2012

1:15 p.m.

Room 16

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS** the nomination of Linda Chock to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.

Through her professional background, Ms. Chock has demonstrated her on-going commitment to the Native Hawaiian community and the people of Hawai'i at large. Her dedication to the perpetuation of Hawaiian culture her experience in sales, marketing, and organizing highly complex events make her an excellent fit for the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission. For example, Ms. Chock has overseen annual large-scale community events such as the Princess Bernice Pauahi Pahi Bishop Awards dinner, the Hawaii Pacific Health "Kids Fest," MAMO Arts Festival & Moonlight Mele, and the Bernice Pauahi Benefit Awards Dinner.

Furthermore, Ms. Chock has been employed by established Hawaiian institutions and other programs that serve not only Native Hawaiians but also the community as a whole. Presently, as a supervisor for Aulani Disney Resort, she provides the model of cultural expectations for hotel and management. Similarly, as the Director of Sales, Event Planning & Asia Pacific Marketing, Ms. Chock facilitated the development of Hawaiian cultural programs for visitors and dignitaries. Not only does Ms. Chock have an impressive profile of professional experience state-wide, she has also worked extensively among international markets as the Director of Developing International Markets at the Hawaii Visitors & Convention Bureau. Moreover, her service to the community includes her participation as an active member of the Benevolent Royal Society of the Ahahui Kaahumanu, and the Daughters of Hawaii.

Ms. Chock's extensive leadership experience, ability to thrive in demanding environments, and sensitivity to the Native Hawaiian community will serve her well as a commission member. Therefore, OHA urges the committee to PASS GM 869. Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Senator Carol Fukunaga
Senate Committee on Economic Development and Technology
And Members

Ref: Hearing Wednesday, April 11, 2012 1:15 p.m. Conference Room 016
GM 869 Linda Chock

I am writing in unqualified support for the nomination of Linda Chock to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission for a term to expire 6-30-2016.

Linda Chock had worked at the Bishop Museum for many years recently as well as having a background in the hotel industry. She has been an active member of the Ahahui Kaahumanu Chapter I for several years and has been an asset to us with her knowledge and background in continuing our legacy, among which is to honor our ali'i.

She has participated in the past years King Kamehameha Celebration as part of the Ahahui and expressed much interest to fill the Commissioner position when it became available. Her interest in fostering increased awareness of our Hawaiian culture is steadfast. She is dependable so I know she will be able to carry out her duties as a Commissioner.

Therefore, I would ask that you approve her nomination to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Lei Smythe, President
Ahahui Kaahumanu Chapter I of Honolulu

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April 7, 2012

Senator Carol Fukunaga
Senate Committee on Economic Development and Technology
and Members

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF
GM869, LINDA CHOCK**
Confirmation to the King Kamehameha Commission

Hearing, Wednesday, April 11, 2012 at 1:15 p.m.
Conference Room 016, State Capitol

Aloha, Senator Fukunaga:

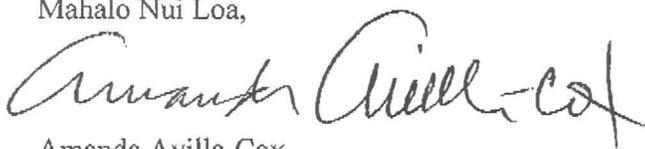
I am writing to express my unqualified support for the nomination of Linda Chock to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.

I have had the privilege of working closely with Linda in her former position as Director of Sales, Events, Visitor Services, Facility Rentals & Asia Pacific Marketing – Bishop Museum, with regard to program development with the Waikiki Trolley Historic Honolulu Sightseeing Tour. And, currently, I feel so fortunate for the opportunity and privilege of again working with Linda in her capacity as Supervisor – Aulani Holo Holo Activities for the guests of Disney Aulani. While working with Linda on current programs and services that we provide through E Noa, Linda continues to display the spirit of aloha with each and every person she comes in contact with.

Most importantly, Linda possesses such integrity, professionalism and a humble attitude with her visiting guests, friends, and colleagues in our visitor industry. And, her love and understanding of Hawaii, its culture and people would truly make Linda a significant asset to the commission.

Please approve her nomination. Thank you for invaluable consideration.

Mahalo Nui Loa,



Amanda Avilla-Cox
Vice President – Sales
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fukunaga2 - Ashley-Jane

From: Raynette Suganuma-Carlson [sugi.carlson@nhrcmalama.org]
Sent: Thursday, April 05, 2012 2:43 PM
To: EDTTestimony
Cc: suganumacarlson.raynette@gmail.com
Subject: Support of Linda Chock

Senator Carol Fukunaga
Senate Committee on Economic Development and Technology and Members

Aloha, Senator Fukunaga

I am writing to express my unqualified support for the nomination of Linda Chock to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.

I have had the privilege of working closely with Ms. Chock as a member of Ahahui Ka`ahumanu. She is resourceful, energetic and committed to accomplishing tasks; she is an absolute model of organization, drive and integrity. Linda's commitment to fostering increased awareness and understanding of Hawai'i and the Hawaiian culture is steadfast, and she would be a great asset to the commission.

Please approve her nomination.

Mahalo,

Clyde W. Namuo

April 9, 2012

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF
GM869, LINDA CHOCK**

Confirmation to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission

Hearing, Wednesday, April 11, 2012, 1:15 p.m.
Conference Room 016, State Capitol

Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chair
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair
Members, Committee on Economic Development and Technology

Aloha mai, kākou

I am writing to express my 100% support for the nomination of Linda Chock to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.

As the chaplain for Kamehameha Schools-Kapalama, I had many opportunities to participate in countless events at the Bishop Museum when she was the manager for coordinating community activities. I found her excited about what she was engaged in, whether it was organizing, encouraging, managing or leading the event. She was always positive and full of smiles and positive energy. I believe she is the kind of person who listens to our concern, and implements them with fortitude, or she would communicate fairly why that suggestion was not possible. She is a joy to work with. Having someone in our Kamehameha Celebration Commission with such drive and compassion for our Lahui, would be a fantastic benefit.

It is an honor for me to support Linda Chock in her nomination. Mahalo.

Iesu pu,

Kahu Kordell Kekoa

1288 Kapiolani Blvd, Apt 1905
Honolulu, Hawaii 96814
April 5, 2012

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF
GM869, LINDA CHOCK**
Confirmation to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission

Hearing, Wednesday, April 11, 2012, 1:15 p.m.
Conference Room 016, State Capitol

Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chair
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair
Members, Committee on Economic Development and Technology

Aloha mai, kākou

I am writing to express my unqualified support for the nomination of Linda Chock to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.

I have had the privilege of working with Linda in the capacity as President of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs on arranging activities at the Bishop Museum when she was the manager for coordinating community activities. I found her engaging, positive, full of energy. I learned that she's the kind of person who listens to your needs and then finds ways to accommodate them. She's also an idea person, a visionary.

As a fellow nominee for permanent appointment to the Commission, I would welcome the opportunity to work with Linda on the commission. She brings a wealth of resources and organizational skills that would enhance our work.

Please approve her nomination. Mahalo for your consideration.

Me kealoha pumehana

/s/ Leimomi Khan (by e-mail)

LEIMOMI KHAN

fukunaga2 - Ashley-Jane

From: Kathleen Imada [pumehana@bishopmuseum.org]
Sent: Monday, April 09, 2012 12:08 PM
To: EDTTestimony
Subject: Testimony in Support of GM869, Linda Chock

TESTIMONY IN Support of GM869, Linda Chock Confirmation to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission

Hearing, Wednesday, 11 Apr 2012, 1:15 p.m.
Conference Room 016, State Capitol

Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chair
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair
Members, Committee on Economic Development and Technology

Aloha,

I write you today to express my whole-hearted support for the nomination of Linda Chock to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.

In the small community of staff that is the Bishop Museum, I have had the pleasure to know Linda as both a friend and a co-worker. The privilege and opportunity to work with such an enthusiastic leader and participant in the day-to-day activities and special events that make up the life of the Museum has always been a great joy and pleasure for me. Linda is the epitome of what Hawaiian hospitality is, at once enveloping, welcoming and comfortable. Her energy and enthusiasm for the work she did here was boundless and always made me feel like stepping right up to help.

You will find in Linda someone who deeply cares about our local culture, is willing to learn more about what she doesn't know, and is willing to share that knowledge.

I believe that Linda will exhibit these same qualities in her capacity on the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission and will prove to be an enthusiastic, charismatic asset.

O wau me ka ha`aha`a,

Pumehana Imada, Collections Technician / Natural Sciences Vertebrate Zoology Bishop Museum / 1525 Bernice Street / Honolulu, HI 96817 / ph: (808) 848-4198

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From: Nani Mahoe [nanimahoe@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Sunday, April 08, 2012 6:29 PM
To: EDTTestimony
Subject: GM869 - April 11, 2012 at 1:15 pm - Hearing for Linda Chock - Consideration for confirmation to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission

As instructed, I am submitting, in writing, my support for Linda Chock, King Kamehameha Commission representing the Ahahui Kaahumanu organization.

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To: The Honorable Carol Fukunaga, Chair
The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair
Economic Development and Technology (EDT) Committee

Date: April 8, 2012

Subj: Linda Chock - Nomination support to the King Kamehameha
Celebration Committee

I am writing to express my unqualified support for the nomination of Linda Chock to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.

I have had the privilege of working closely with Linda in the capacity of Treasurer (Ahahui Kaahumanu, Chapter I, Honolulu through 2011) and on the Executive Committee charged with the planning and management of the Bishop Museum, Hawaiian Hall Pledge and the 105th Anniversary Celebration Weekend, July, 2010. Both undertakings were successful beyond expectation and raised the bar on all future endeavors.

Linda embraces and practices the "aloha spirit". Her kind and gentle nature makes her accessible and approachable. She is a consensus builder.

She believes strongly in remembering and perpetuating the Hawaiian culture. Her recent tenure as a May Day Princess was one way to give back. She gives generously of her time and knowledge to help others.

Her career in the visitor industry for many years has taught her the value of relationships and networking. She continues to maintain many of these connections and they are often great sources of help in community projects.

In multi-ethnic Hawaii, Linda sees a unique opportunity to learn about all cultures. She often uses examples from her Hawaiian heritage to encourage respect and tolerance in the workplace. She understands the importance of managing by objectives and is an advocate for creating a vision and working the plan with her team.

The Honorable Carol Fukunaga, Chair
Economic Development and Technology (EDT) Committee
April 8, 2012
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She is an effective and persuasive communicator. She intuitively understands who her audience is and tailors her words so she is understood.

Linda's greatest assets are her joy in living and a belief that all things are possible. Her infectious "can do" attitude and energy makes working with her fun and worthwhile.

I believe she will be a great addition and contributing member to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nani N. Mahoe". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Nani" being the most prominent.

Nani N. Mahoe
Former Treasurer, Ahahui Kaahumanu, Ch. 1, Honolulu (2005-2011)

fukunaga2 - Ashley-Jane

From: Kealoha Chang [kchang@hccsmg.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2012 11:47 AM
To: EDTTestimony
Subject: Senate Committee on Economic Development . Nomination for King Kamehameha Celebration Committee for Linda Chock



April 9, 2012

Honorable Senator Carol Fukunaga

Senate Committee on Economic Development and Technology
and Members

Aloha, Senator Fukunaga

I am writing to you to express my sincere support for the nomination of **Ms. Linda Chock** to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.

I have had the privilege of working closely with Linda in her recent endeavors as a director with the Bishop Museum. Linda's ongoing interest in her Hawaiian culture and heritage, together with her mana'o and passion o' Hawai'i are only heightened by her willingness to sharing it with others.

In a education format, Linda was the Hawaii Convention Center's featured speaker at a travel planner event in Chicago. She shared her understanding in the art of hula with the guests to rave reviews.

I liken Linda to the Hawaiian core values of *ho'ohanohano* – to conducting oneself with distinction, honor and integrity in all that she does and *kela* – being committed to excellence and the highest standards in completing her responsibilities.

She would be a great asset to the commission. I ask that you kindly approve her nomination. Mahalo nui loa for your consideration.

O wau me ka ha'a ha'a

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kealoha Chang". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Kealoha Chang

Regional Director of Accounts
Hawai'i Convention Center/SMG
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TO: Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chair
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Technology

HEARING: Wednesday, April 11, 2012
1:15 PM
Conference Room 016

SUBJECT: Testimony for GM 869: Consideration and Confirmation to the King
Kamehameha Celebration Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, LINDA CHOCK,
for a Term to Expire June 30, 2016.

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

I am writing to express my unqualified support of the nomination of LINDA CHOCK to serve on the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission with a term to expire as of June 30, 2016. I have had the privilege of working closely with Linda while we were both employed at the Bishop Museum and was able to see first hand her professionalism, dedication and integrity when interacting with guests, visitors and colleagues. Her respect and love for Hawai'i, its culture and people is evident and she would be an excellent addition to the Commission.

I humbly ask for your support of Linda's nomination and thank you for your consideration.

Ashley Ching

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GM869
LINDA CHOCK, Confirmation to the King Kamehameha Celebration
Commission

Hearing Wednesday, April 11, 2012, 1:15 p.m.
Conference Room 016, State Capitol

April 9, 2012

The Honorable Carol Fukunaga, Chair
The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair
Members, Committee on Economic Development and Technology
Hawai'i State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Fukunaga, Senator Wakai and Committee Members;

I am writing in support of Linda Chock to be confirmed as a member of the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission.

I had the privilege to work with Linda Chock at Bishop Museum where we were department directors planning and managing events, public outreach, promotions, and community engagement. No matter what the event or the pressure, Linda demonstrated grace, leadership, and always embodied the aloha spirit.

Her continued dedication to celebrating the Hawaiian culture is an important part of Linda's life, whether volunteering her time and energy to the community, connecting people who want to contribute to organizations and programs that needed their help, or helping a friend in need. Linda is resourceful, hard working, and someone who can build communities of support.

These are only a few of the reasons why I strongly support her nomination for King Kamehameha Celebration Commissioner.

Sincerely,



Jill Byus Radke

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Jill Byus Radke