## GM753

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Community Development Authority (He'eia District), Gubernatorial Nominee, MAHEALANI CYPHER, for a term to expire 6-30-2016.



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF HAWAII STATE CAPITOL HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

April 8, 2013

The Honorable Donna Mercado Kin, Senate President and members of the Senate Twenty-seventh State Legislature State Capitol, Room 409 Honolulu, HI 96813

Letter of Recommendation

Dear Senate President and Senate Members:

It is with distinct pleasure that I write on behalf of Mahealani Cypher as a nominee to the Hawaii Commission Development Authority (He'eia District) for a term to expire June 30, 2016.

I have known Ms.Cypher for many years and have found her to be intelligent, hardworking, focused and extremely knowledgeable of Hawaiian culture. In fact, Ms. Cypher has been a valuable resource in drafting legislation related to Hawaiian issues including land and water, fisheries and cultural preserves. Her leadership exercised with Hawaiian community organizations, and civic groups is exemplary. While supportive of the groups' goals, she is watchful of the projects' impact on Hawaii's natural resources.

Perhaps as important is Ms. Cypher's commitment to practicing the spirit of aloha while carrying out her civic duties.

It is for these reasons that I strongly recommend Ms. Mahealani Cypher to be nominated to the Hawaii Commission Development Authority. If you have any questions regarding this recommendation, please do not hesitate to contact me at 586-6870.

Sincerely

Ken Ito State Representative 49<sup>th</sup> District – Kaneohe Maunawili, Olomana



## **Dane Wicker**

From: Sent: To: Subject: Gerald De Mello [gmello@hawaii.edu] Monday, April 08, 2013 12:17 PM Dane Wicker Re:GM 756 Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation, Nominee Lois Shindo to the Board of Hawaii Community Development Authority

April 8, 2013

Submission of Written Testimony in support of Lois Shindo to the Board of the Hawaii Community Development Authority

Dear Senator Donvan Dela Cruz, Chair of Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing (EGH), Vice Chair Sam Slom and Members of the Committee

I am writing to support Lois Shindo who is the subject of confirmation of reappointment to the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA). I am pleased to learn that Lois has been nominated for reappointment to this Board. I have known Lois for many years, I have watched her grow into a young lady who has developed notable professional expertise and a strong community service sensibility. Clearly, she has the professional, personal and community service attributes that brings very effective service to the Board.

In the course of conversations with Lois about her service, it is evident that she has developed a mature community mind set and a passion to serve on the HCDA. Clearly, the Board will benefit to have someone with Lois professional credentials, interest, and commitment on HCDA. Ms. Shindo's professional background and work experiences will serve the Board well. She has the background to review proposals that will be brought before the Board and also, as a result, of her work experiences will be able to help move forward HCDA on the proposals that are the scope of the Board. Yet, at the same time has the insight and acumen to look at the long view. In my view, we are at a critical time in our history challenged by accelerated change and unprecedented economic uncertainty, therefore, people who service on this Board--collectively, need to be innovative thinkers, prudent decision makers, have leadership qualities and be visionary to help assure a better future for Hawaii. This said Lois with the above mentioned qualities will contribute to the "long view" of the Board.

Given the aforementioned, I believe, that Lois has the necessary breadth of talent, project management skills and work experiences to continue to be a productive Board member. To reiterate, her background will provide the Board with an individual who will contribute effectively to the collective working body of the Hawaii Community Development Board.

I am pleased to have the opportunity to confidently support Ms. Lois Shindo's confirmation and reappointment to the Hawaii Community Development Board I believe that HCDA and the State would truly benefit from her confirmation and reappointment.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide these supportive comments to support Lois Shindo.

Aloha,

Gerald De Mello 381 Haili Street Hilo, Hawaii 96720

## **Dane Wicker**

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## <u>GM753</u>

Submitted on: 4/8/2013 Testimony for EGH on Apr 8, 2013 14:45PM in Conference Room 016

Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	Present at Hearing
John L. Reppun	Individual	Support .	No

Comments: April 8, 2013 KEY Project 47-200 Waihe'e Road Kaneohe, HI 96744 Re: Consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Community Development Authority (He'eia District), Gubernatorial Nominee, MAHEALANI CYPHER, for a term to expire 6-30-2016. Aloha Chair DelaCruz, Committee Members Please accept my expression of full support for the subject nomination. I have know Mahealani all of my adult life, well aware of her passion for culture, the environment and, now, her interest in supporting the future of He'eia Ahupua'a in the form that many of us in Ko'olaupoko have dreamed of for decades. With her watchful eye, following recent years in which she assisted in the creation of the opportunities we see today, we will all be assured of better stewardship, excellent education opportunities emerging from this watershed and solid support for food security that this "breadbasket" of the Windward side can promote. Mahalo, John L. Reppun Executive Director, KEY Project

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