



GM 527

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Community Development Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, AMY S. LUERSEN, for a term to expire 6-30-2019.

Report Title: Hawaii Community Development Authority

Description:

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Current Referral: HSH

Introducer(s):



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STATEMENT OF

ANTHONY J. H. CHING, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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BEFORE THE

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES AND HOUSING

ON

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2015

4:00 P.M.

State Capitol, Conference Room 016

in consideration of

**G.M. 527 – SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND
CONFIRMATION TO THE HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, AMY LUERSEN, FOR A
TERM TO EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2019.**

Ms. Amy Luersen has served as a Koolaupoko resident member of the Hawaii Community Development Authority since January 23, 2012. As a resident of the Koolaupoko District and active participant in the affairs of her community, Ms. Luersen is familiar with and understands the challenges facing the Heeia district.

Ms. Luersen has consistently made herself available at meetings discussing Heeia and matters of general import to the Authority. By virtue of her commitment to attend and actively participate in the deliberations of the Authority, she serves as an example of one who is dedicated to maintaining and enhancing the Heeia community development district and the entirety of the Koolaupoko region.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments in support of Ms. Luersen's nomination.



KO`OLAUPOKO HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB

February 16, 2015

To: Sen. Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair / & Members
Committee on Human Services and Housing

From: Alice P. Hewett, President
Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club

Re: G.M. 527, Nomination of Amy S. Luersen to HCDA-He`eia Seat

Aloha, Chair Chun Oakland and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club, I offer our strong support for the appointment of Amy S. Luersen to serve on one of three He`eia seats for the Hawai`i Community Development Authority.

The Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club has partnered with the non-profit Kako`o `Oiwī to restore lo`i kalo fields at He`eia, and we are deeply interested in whoever is appointed to these seats.

We have known Amy for many years, and find her to be a dedicated and committed community advocate. As former chair of the Kahalu`u Neighborhood Board, she has proven herself to be an able and competent leader, and is certain to be an asset to the HCDA board.

We urge your approval of her confirmation.

Mahalo for allowing us to share our mana`o.

The Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club was established in 1937 and is a not-for-profit community organization dedicated to preserving and perpetuating the history, heritage and culture of Native Hawaiians. Its membership is open to people of Hawaiian ancestry and those who are "Hawaiian at heart".

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February 16, 2015

TO: SEN. SUZANNE CHUN-OAKLAND, Chair
& Members, Human Services & Housing Committee

FROM: JERRY KALUHIWA
Kupa`aina Resident of He`eia

RE: Support for GM527, 528 and 529 – He`eia appointments to HCDA Board

Aloha Chair and members of the Committee.

I'm Jerry Kaluhiwa, immediate past president of Kako`o `Oiwī and am presently a board member of this group.

I am speaking in favor of all three appointees for the HCDA He`eia seats, nominated by Gov. David Ige.

I have worked well with or had affiliations with all of them and know of their integrity. I feel they will be an asset to the HCDA board.

Their aloha for the aina and kai, and their willingness to serve the community, should be considered.

Please pass their appointment.

Mahalo nui loa.

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February 16, 2015

TO: SEN. SUZANNE CHUN-OAKLAND, Chair
& Members, Human Services & Housing Committee

FROM: LEIALOHA KALUHIWA
Kupa`aina Resident of He`eia
Vice President, Jones `Ohana

RE: Support for GM527, 528 and 529 –
He`eia appointments to HCDA Board

Aloha Chair Chun-Oakland and Members of the Committee. My name is Leialoha “Rocky” Kaluhiwa, a kupa`aina o He`eia, and wear many hats in our community concerning both land and water issues, and I believe in good land management of our natural resources and sustainability for its usage.

I am speaking in support of all three appointees to the Hawaii Community Development Authority for the He`eia seats, nominated by Gov. David Ige.

I know Amy Luersen will do a good job to represent the He`eia ag lands. She presently sits on the HCDA, and has been a member of the Kahalu`u Neighborhood Board for many years. She is a planner and has good sense when making decisions concerning wise land management in our area. She is fair and will be an asset to the HCDA.

Donna Camvel is a kupa`aina of He`eia, a Kahu, and has just recently acquired her master’s degree in Hawaiian Studies. She has also worked in the He`eia lo`i as part of her work studies and is now working on achieving her doctorate in Hawaiian Studies. As a wife, mother and grandmother taking time out to get her degrees, she is also willing to serve the people. I feel she should be given the chance. I know she will work well in making decisions for our aina. She brings pono to this agency.

Nakoa Prejean has worked in the He`eia lo`i and is familiar with the He`eia aina, which is now owned by our state and is managed by NCDA. I feel someone like Nakoa will bring a better understanding to the Board on the everyday management of what is needed to make the lo`i a success for all of us.

Please pass and accept these nominees to the HCDA board – they all have the aloha aina o He`eia.

Mahalo nui loa.

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Submitted on: 2/14/2015

Testimony for HSH on Feb 17, 2015 16:00PM in Conference Room 016

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michelle Matson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Victoria Cannon	Individual	Support	No

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