



GM 534

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

Report Title: Hawaii Community Development Authority

Description:

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Current Referral: HSH

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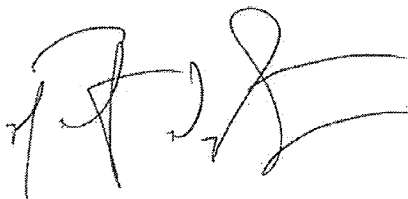
Dear Chair Oakland, Vice Chair Green, and members of the Committee:

My name is Trent Thoms and I strongly support William Oh as Governor Ige's nominee to serve on the board of the Hawaii Community Development Authority.

Although I have not worked with Mr. Oh in a professional capacity, I have been personal friends with Mr. Oh for about four years and know him to be a person of the highest integrity. Mr. Oh is extremely bright and hard-working, and I know he will represent the interests of our generation well on the HCDA. At a time when we need more affordable housing in the Kakaako area, Mr. Oh possesses the vision and tenacity to make that a reality.

I respectfully request that you confirm Mr. Oh to the HCDA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Trent J. Thoms', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Trent J. Thoms (S), CCIM, MBA
Senior Associate

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Dear Chair Oakland, Vice Chair Green, and members of the Committee:

My name is Soo Chae and I strongly support William Oh as Governor Ige's nominee to serve on the board of the Hawaii Community Development Authority.

I highly recommend William Oh for this position. He is smart and one of the hardest workers that I know. Most importantly, he is very responsible and always delivers on the promises that he makes. Because of that, William Oh is respected by his colleagues and friends.

I think that this position will involve a lot of hard decisions regarding real estate development, city services, and much more, and I know that he will think very carefully and listen to the needs of everyone before reaching a decision.

Thank you very much. Please support the confirmation of William Oh to the HCDA.

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Dear Chair Oakland, Vice Chair Green, and members of the Committee:

My name is Chris Kim and I strongly support William Oh as Governor Ige's nominee to serve on the board of the Hawaii Community Development Authority.

I understand that William has been nominated to this board that is responsible for making decisions regarding the development of the Kaka'ako area.

I have known William for over 5 years now in both a personal and professional capacity. He is highly intelligent and a very focused individual. He gives his all in every endeavor, and I have personally witnessed him accomplish great things in his life professionally. He is also a great father to his daughter and a wonderful husband to his wife.

As such, I have confidence that he will fulfill all of the responsibilities of the position and more.

Thank you very much. Please support the confirmation of William to the HCDA.



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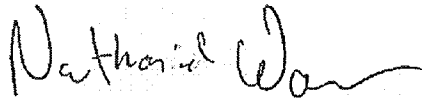
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Dear Chair Oakland, Vice Chair Green, and members of the Committee:

My name is Nathaniel Warner and I strongly support William Oh as Governor Ige's nominee to serve on the board of the Hawaii Community Development Authority. I am a resident of Kaka'ako and wish to see my community developed in a responsible way while keeping the needs of the general public at the forefront; hence my support for Mr. Oh.

I've known Mr. Oh for many years and can speak from experience in regards to his character. Mr. Oh is a thoughtful, principled, person of integrity and the community would be well served by his appointment to the Board of the Hawaii Community Development Authority. If appointed, I feel Mr. Oh will be an independent advocate for young families looking for an affordable place to live in Kakaako while working to maintain an open forum for the current residents to discuss upcoming projects in the area.

Thank you for considering my testimony in favor of the confirmation of Mr. Oh.



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Dear Chair Oakland, Vice Chair Green, and members of the Committee:

Our name is Steve and Haree Cho and we strongly support William Oh as Governor Ige's nominee to serve on the board of the Hawaii Community Development Authority.

We have known William personally for more than 2 years as he's the husband of our friend.

William's daughter is 6 months old, and we've just given birth to a boy as well last month. As fellow residents of Kaka'ako for more than 3 years, it is our hope that Kaka'ako continues to transform into a safe, beautiful neighborhood which we can raise our new family together. We'd like to see the area with the infrastructure needed to do so, such as parks, recreational centers, day care & educational institutions to support our family.

I believe that William shares this view with us and will represent families such as ourselves to the best of his ability.

Please support the confirmation of William to the HCDA.



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Dear Chair Oakland, Vice Chair Green, and members of the Committee:

My name is Kathleen Ahn and I strongly support William Oh as Governor Ige's nominee to serve on the board of the Hawaii Community Development Authority.

I am a resident of Kaka'ako. I have known Mr. Oh for over two years and can personally attest to his high moral character, intelligence, and creativity. I believe we need someone like Mr. Oh on the HCDA who can represent the interests of individuals like me who would like to purchase a home here one day. Mr. Oh understands how difficult it is to live and raise a family in Hawai'i. I know Mr. Oh will look out for the best interest of our community and that is why I strongly support his nomination.

I respectfully request that you confirm Mr. Oh to the HCDA.



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Dear Chair Oakland, Vice Chair Green, and members of the Committee:

My name is Minjin Kim and I strongly support William Oh as Governor Ige's nominee to serve on the board of the Hawaii Community Development Authority.

I know William personally from about 2 years ago.

Our husband and I love this area of Kaka'ako. Our current residence at Imperial Plaza was because of the great location. Before that, I was living in 909 Kapiolani Blvd. which is also in Kaka'ako as well.

My husband and I are pregnant with our first child together and we hope that as William wants too, our area continues to be an area where we can raise our family and children. We want to move in to newer condo in Kaka'ako but the prices are very, very expensive.

William has told us that under HCDA's rules the new buildings going up have to be reserved for working class families such as our family.

I know that William's personality and character will help people that want to be here in Kaka'ako and need a more affordable housing in this area.

Thank you very much. Please support the confirmation of William to the HCDA.



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Dear Chair Oakland, Vice Chair Green, and members of the Committee:

My name is Sean Klein and I strongly support William Oh as Governor Ige's nominee to serve on the board of the Hawaii Community Development Authority. I am a resident of Kaka'ako.

I have known William for a number of years and believe he is the right person to represent the interests and values of local residents in the Kaka'ako District. He will take a thoughtful and deliberate approach to address the issues that face the community. Through collaboration and engagement of the local community he will help to ensure that all who live, work or play in the district will have a say in helping to shape the vision of Kaka'ako. He will fight to provide affordable housing option in the area, especially for those, like himself, who are starting out a young family. Kaka'ako is a special place, and my home, and I truly believe William is the right person to represent me.

Thank you for considering my testimony in favor of the confirmation of Mr. Oh.



Sean Klein
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Dear Chair Oakland, Vice Chair Green, and members of the Committee:


My name is Cecil Robinson and I strongly support William Oh as Governor Ige's nominee to serve on the board of the Hawaii Community Development Authority.

I have known William through a personal and business relationship for more than 5 years. Never have I met such an intelligent individual, combined with superior work and personal ethics as well.

As recent newlywed myself, William and I have had numerous discussions about the lack of affordable and reasonable housing, especially in our resident area of Kaka'ako. He has expressed a keen desire in seeing Kaka'ako transform into a vibrant, thriving community with local working class residents who wish to live closer to work.

As a resident of Kaka'ako I am highly confident that William will fulfill all of the responsibilities placed unto him. You will be placed in great hands.

Please support the confirmation of William to the HCDA.



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Dear Chair Oakland, Vice Chair Green, and members of the Committee:

My name is Matthew Lamon and I strongly support William Oh as Governor Ige's nominee to serve on the board of the Hawaii Community Development Authority.

I have known William for roughly two years. What struck me most about William when we were first introduced was his amiability. I found that he was easy to talk to, and that he had a positive and tempered disposition. It did not take long for me to feel comfortable around William. I believe this is a critical personality trait for any leadership or consensus-building role.

William understands the need for additional housing on Oahu from the perspective of a young, married man trying to raise a child in the challenging economic climate of Honolulu. There are many negative impacts associated with the lack of affordable housing in Hawaii, and Mr. Oh's perspective is that of the young professional trying to stay in the state despite the economic realities of our current housing shortage. Mr. Oh's perspective is one that should be thoroughly represented in the HCDA, and in the politics of our State's leadership.

As a civil engineer, I believe it is important to utilize innovative approaches and to take immediate action towards resolving our housing and traffic crises in Honolulu, and I believe Mr. Oh will rise to the challenge of contributing to the HCDA to that end. The best solution to both of these issues has been previously, and correctly, defined as construction of additional, dense housing communities in our urban core.

The issues of housing and traffic are of the utmost importance for a large and growing constituency in Hawai'i. Our leaders must show that they are dedicated to taking action on these critical issues. By appointing Mr. Oh, a young father who grew up in Hawai'i and lives in the urban core of Honolulu, and who understands these issues first hand, the committee demonstrates its resolve to address these important issues.

Thank you for considering my testimony in favor of the confirmation of Mr. Oh.

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Dear Chair Oakland, Vice Chair Green, and members of the Committee:

My name is Trevor Yee and I strongly support William Oh as Governor Ige's nominee to serve on the board of the Hawaii Community Development Authority. I have known William for over twenty years and I believe he is very well-suited for the position and will bring a lot to the agency.

Sustainable and smart development is William's passion, and I am certain he will work tirelessly to not only ensure that the right decisions are prudently made, but his vision and big picture thinking abilities are valuable qualities that will benefit the citizens of Honolulu.

His teamwork capabilities, leadership qualities, business experience and penchant for always doing things the right way make it obvious that Mr. Oh's nomination is the right one.

Thank you for considering my testimony in favor of the confirmation of Mr. Oh.



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Dear Chair Oakland, Vice Chair Green, and members of the Committee:

My name is Benjamin Rasa and I strongly support William Oh as Governor Ige's nominee to serve on the board of the Hawaii Community Development Authority.

William is a proven and capable leader with a community first attitude. Kakaako is the urban core of Honolulu and is expected to have large growth over the next few years, bringing jobs, housing and a new vitality to Honolulu. William is in sync with this vision and I support his views on creating more affordable housing in the area. William will serve the position with integrity and effectiveness with his desire for HCDA to be more open and collaborative. I have no doubt that he will serve the people of the community with distinction if appointed.

Thank you for considering my testimony in favor of the confirmation of Mr. Oh.



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