



GM 535

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Community Development Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, STEVEN J. SCOTT, for a term to expire 6-30-2017.

Report Title: Hawaii Community Development Authority

Description:

Companion:

Package:

Current Referral: HSH

Introducer(s):

**Committee on Human Services And Housing
Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senator Josh Green, Vice Chair**

**February 17, 2015, Committee Hearing
Conference Room 016
4:00PM**

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**Nomination of Steven J. Scott as Kaka'ako Business Representative of Hawaii
Community Development Authority**


Chair Chun Oakland and Committee Members:

I support the nomination of Steven Scott as Kaka'ako Business Representative of Hawaii Community Development Authority(HCDA).

I am Dexter Okada. I am president of U. Okada & Co., Ltd., a small family business that has been located in Kaka'ako for over 50 years.

Steve Scott will represent the small business community view. He and his company have been a member of the Kaka'ako business community for over fifty years. He knows and understands the issues that face small businesses in Kaka'ako. Steve will provide the Hawaii Community Development Authority board with the much needed knowledge of where Kakak'ako has come from.

Thank you,



Dexter Okada

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Sharon Y. Moriwaki
Kaka'ako Resident and
President, Kaka'ako United

Statement in Strong Support of Governor's Message 535,
Nominating Steve Scott
as the Kaka'ako Community Development District Small Business Representative to
the
Hawai'i Community Development Authority

Chair Suzanne Chun Oakland, Vice-chair Breene Harimoto and Members:

I am Sharon Moriwaki, a resident of Kaka'ako and with Kaka'ako United, an organization of concerned residents and citizens committed to ensuring Kaka'ako is developed to enhance our quality of life.

The Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) has responsibility for ensuring that Kaka'ako is developed to achieve the vision, goals and plans in state law. Critical to its effectiveness are the community members —two representing residents and one representing small businesses in the district.

Steve Scott would be an excellent small business representative for the Kaka'ako Community Development District ("Kaka'ako"). He is owner and president/CEO of Scott Hawaii, a family-owned thriving business in Central Kaka'ako –the core of our service district-- since 1955. He has also served in organizations to improve Kaka'ako – the Kaka'ako Business & Landowners Association and the Kaka'ako Improvement Association. I first met Steve when I was the principal in a UHManoa Department of Urban and Regional Planning study of transit-oriented community development in the urban core, which included Central Kaka'ako. He was on the advisory group focusing on potential opportunities and proposals for the long-term viability of small businesses with the anticipated changes that might come with rail.

Through his years of doing business in the District, he has first-hand knowledge on the plans, infrastructure, and small business needs of the District and he has the networks and commitment to serve the best interests of small business and also of the entire District. He will bring a refreshing and much-needed perspective that will enable the HCDA to develop a vibrant and thriving small business community as envisioned by the Kaka'ako Community Development District law, plans, and rules.

Based on the foregoing, I urge your favorable nomination of Steve Scott as the Kaka'ako small business representative.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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

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Pamela Wood	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the confirmation of Steve Scott as the business representative to the Kakaako HCDA Board. I believe it extremely important Central Kakaako “service businesses” be represented. The Central Kakaako Neighborhood is one of 7 neighborhoods included in the 2011 Mauka Area Plan. This Neighborhood is unique within the Kakaako district. I have attended HCDA meetings and public hearings since 2012 and I am not aware of any HCDA board member representing the interests of this Neighborhood. Chapter 15-217, dated September 14, 2011 states: “The central Kakaako zone will support the continued operation of service businesses including those which are industrial such as repair shops and manufacturing or distribution, as well as residential mixed-use projects within its zone. “ Steve Scott’s family began their business in 1932. They have been in their current Central Kakaako location since 1955. After a Mainland education, Steve returned “home” and became President/owner of Scott Shoe Company, Ltd. in 1967. If this is what we want, the ability to keep our children and family businesses in Hawaii, then let’s be certain their interests are being represented.

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Victoria Cannon	Individual	Support	No

Comments: