

GM720

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee, LLOYD HARAGUCHI, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.

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**TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE**

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

April 21, 2015
2:45 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 414

**GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 720 AND 721
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS OF THE AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, LLOYD HARAGUCHI, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-
2015 AND 6-30-2019**

Chairperson Ruderman and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message 720 and 721 that submits for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors for the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC), Gubernatorial Nominee, Lloyd Haraguchi, for a term to expire on June 30, 2015 and June 30, 2019. The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Haraguchi.

Mr. Haraguchi comes before this committee with extensive private sector and public sector experience. Mr. Haraguchi began his career at First Interstate Bank before moving to the Housing Finance and Development Corporation where he oversaw housing projects on Oahu and Hawaii Island. He then moved back to the private sector working for the Estate of James Campbell where he gained extensive experience in land and property management. These experiences will be of particular use on the Board of the ADC as they move forward with their stewardship of the Galbraith Estate lands.



Mr. Haraguchi's public and private sector experience will bring a unique perspective to the ADC and we look forward to his participation on the Board of Directors for the ADC.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this nomination.

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TESTIMONY OF JAMES J. NAKATANI
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AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Tuesday, April 21, 2015
2:45 PM

GM 720 & GM 721 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee, LLOYD HARAGUCHI, for a term to expire 6-30-2015 & 6-30-2019.

Aloha Chair Ruderman and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. The Agribusiness Development Corporation ("ADC") supports Mr. Lloyd Haraguchi's appointment as a member to the ADC Board of Directors.

Mr. Haraguchi has more than 25 years of land use planning, zoning, and development and leasing experience in both the public and private sectors. He has successfully managed projects from the point of land negotiation and acquisition, to gathering community input, planning, permitting and development. He previously served as the Executive Director of the Public Land Development Corporation and served as Senior Asset Manager for James Campbell Company LLC.

ADC was established to facilitate and provide direction for the transition of Hawaii's agriculture industry from a dominance of sugar and pineapple to one composed of diversity and a multitude of crops.

Since its inception, ADC has taken advantage of its unique position to coordinate federal, state, and private resources to promote agribusiness opportunities. With future acquisitions anticipated over the next several years, ADC would greatly benefit from having a member on its Board with expertise and experience in managing large tracts of lands.

With his years of experience in the area of land development and working knowledge of all aspects of public administration, we believe Mr. Haraguchi will be an invaluable asset to ADC as a member of its Board. For these reasons, we respectfully ask for your consideration and support of Mr. Haraguchi's appointment to serve as a member of the ADC Board of Directors.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alan Gottlieb	Hawaii Cattlemen's Council	Support	No

Comments:

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TESTIMONY BY CLYDE T. HAYASHI
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THE SENATE
THE TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2015

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
Senator Russell E. Ruderman, Chair
Senator Gil Riviere, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, April 21, 2015
TIME: 2:45 p.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 414
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

TESTIMONY ON GM 720

TO THE HONORABLE CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, CHAIR, BREENE HARIMOTO, VICE CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Clyde T. Hayashi, and I am the Director of Hawaii Laborers-Employers Cooperation and Education Trust (LECET). Hawaii LECET is a labor-management partnership between the Hawaii Laborers Union, Local 368, and its unionized contractors.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in **STRONG SUPPORT** for GM 720, which submits for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee, LLOYD HARAGUCHI, for a term to expire on 06-30-2015.

As the former Land Manager for the Estate of James Campbell, as well as the former Project Manager for the State Housing Finance and Development Corporation, Mr. Haraguchi has considerable expertise in the areas of planning, development and land management. Mr. Haraguchi is also the former Executive Director of the Public Land Development Corporation, where he worked tirelessly to promote the value of public-private partnerships for under-utilized State lands, as well as guided the Department through a series of heated and contentious public hearings. Mr. Haraguchi's substantial experience in land management in both the private and government sectors will prove to be invaluable as a member of the Agribusiness Development Corporation, a state board tasked with diversifying Hawaii's farming industry.



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Having known and worked with Mr. Haraguchi directly during his time as the Executive Director for the Public Land Development Corporation, I can attest that he is a man of exceptional fortitude, character and integrity. Despite the contentiousness and hostile environment of the public hearings Mr. Haraguchi presided over, he always maintained his composure and conducted the public hearings with the utmost professionalism and courtesy.

I strongly believe Mr. Haraguchi will be an outstanding addition to the Agribusiness Development Corporation. His political and government experience is invaluable, and his ability to remain open minded and listen to all sides of an issue will prove to be a significant asset to the Board.

For these reasons, I humbly ask for your **SUPPORT** of LLOYD HARAGUCHI to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
clare loprinzi	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: do the pono thing..now... Nathan mentions Haraguchi previously worked for Hawaii Land Management. HLM was a division of the Campbell Estate, one of the largest, and politically powerful, landowners in the state. Appointments to boards and commissions are best understood as attempts by the appointing authority to empower specific special interests, sometimes designated as "stakeholders." Government by councils of "stakeholders" is not "democratic." Stakeholders are defined as those groups powerful enough to need to be included in the decision and inevitably gives controlling interest to corporate and landowning interests. If Labor or "public interest" representatives are appointed, it is generally tokenism, for the appearance of balance. In the case of Labor, it may reflect the fact the union is trapped into a deal with the corporations to support "development" in exchange for union jobs or other concessions. The Agribusiness Development Corporation was formed to encourage the growth of new, large, industrial agricultural operations to fill the hole created by the collapse of the sugar and pineapple plantations. So they have become cheerleaders and facilitators to the transnational chemical companies growing seed corn and are doing virtually nothing to help small farmers, as they see small operations as too inefficient and too much trouble. Not worth the bother. How much easier it is to lease out state lands to the GMO companies for \$50 an acre per year than to help small, land-hungry, local farmers lease 10 or 20 acres. The small farmers are only useful to ADC and Big Ag when they can serve as photogenic faces to mislead the public about Ag policy. The biggest need for small farmers is farm land cheap enough to buy or a longterm lease. And neither the large landowners nor the ADC is willing to help them secure long term leases. That is the single most important change we need from government policy. Not this fraudulent constitutional amendment that would allow larger farmers to secure tax exempt bonds for their investors.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Clarence Ching	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dorothy Bowers	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose the nomination of Mr. Haraguchi to the Agribusiness Development Corporation Board. I believe we need more representation for smaller farmers and I don't believe Mr. Haraguchi can provide that based on his background and record. Thank you. Dorothy Bowers, Kona HI

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From: [Mary Hardy](#)
To: [AGL Testimony](#)
Subject: Mr Haraguchi nomination
Date: Sunday, April 19, 2015 7:56:53 AM

Aloha,

I oppose the nomination of Mr. Haraguchi. Mr. Haraguchi lead the infamous PLDC which aroused such ire in the islands that the legislature had to abolish the entity. He knowingly , it seems, was will to serve the interests of those who appointed him over the best interests of the people of Hawaii. He knew the PLDC was designed to facilitate the development of Hawaii in non representative ways and was not a fair and equitable representation of the will of the Hawaiian populace.

The appointment of this gentleman is an affront to the people of Hawaii who have repudiated the PLDC and its supporters.

Mahalo,

George Outlaw

From: [Janice Palma-Glennie](#)
To: [AGL Testimony](#)
Subject: Oppose Haraguchi appointment
Date: Monday, April 20, 2015 9:16:21 AM

Hearing: Tuesday, April 21, at 2:45 PM
GM720 and GM721

Aloha,

Former Public Land Development Corporation (PLDC) Executive Director Lloyd Haraguchi has been nominated by Governor Ige for the Agribusiness Development Corporation's Board of Directors. I strongly oppose this nomination.

Lloyd Haraguchi's past involvement in the private sector seems to make him unsuitable to this position. For the public who is becoming more and more uncomfortable with the Governor's enthusiasm for "public-private partnerships", the appointment of people so connected to corporate/development interests is troubling.

Please help find a person more connected to Public than corporate interests for this important position.

Mahalo and sincerely,
Janice palma-glennie
Kailua-kona

From: [Jeff Sacher](#)
To: [AGL Testimony](#)
Subject: Oppose Haraguchi
Date: Monday, April 20, 2015 6:50:50 AM

I oppose Lloyd Haraguchi's nomination for the Agribusiness Development Corporation's Board of Directors. This presents a conflict of interest.

Mahalo,
Jeff Sacher
Big Island

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John Gelert	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: We don't want industrial land developers in government. We want somebody who will help small farmers instead.

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Julia Nemoto	Individual	Oppose	No

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**Senate Committee on Agriculture
Nomination Hearing
Tuesday, April 21, 2015
Conference Room 414
2:45 PM**

TESTIMONY in OPPOSITION to GM 720 and GM 721

Aloha Chair Ruderman, Vice Chair Riviere and Agriculture Committee Members:

As an active observer of the Legislative process in the public interest, I am compelled to provide this testimony in opposition to the nomination of Lloyd Haraguchi for the Agribusiness Development Corporation's board of directors.

Most recently, the nominee was ensconced to serve as none other than executive director for the defunct Public Lands Development Corporation (PLDC), a catastrophic concept contrary to the greater public interest that was rapidly repealed by the State Legislature in 2013. The glaring highlight of his work was the inter-island promotion of the grossly unpopular PLDC platform and highly questionable PLDC rules.

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LYxQ3NQL-Co>

Curiously, the Agribusiness Development Corporation, on whose board of directors the nominee presently sits as appointed by the previous governor, has been quietly donning a cloak of similar PLDC fabric.

The duty of the Department of Agriculture and its attached agency, the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC), is to preserve, protect and expand Hawaii's precious agricultural lands for future self-sufficiency and self-sustainability. Yet the nominee's resume features massive land liquidation of approximately 55,000 acres on three islands¹ - inclusive of vast agricultural lands - benefitting a large landowner.

The Agribusiness Development Corporation was intended to encourage growth of new agricultural operations following the demise of sugar and pineapple plantations. But instead of assisting dedicated small local farmers with long-term leases for sustainable, diversified agriculture, the ADC has succumbed to doling out our precious state agricultural lands to national and inter-continental chemical

¹ http://www.bizjournals.com/pacific/blog/morning_call/2011/11/lloyd-haraguchi-to-lead-new-hawaii.html

corporations that heed no caution in poisoning the fertile soil, leaching toxins into the fresh water supply, and polluting the pure air around schools and residential areas. The following is notably listed on the next ADC agenda:

Approve amendment to Syngenta Hawaii, LLC Land License No. L-08202 to withdraw 465.93 acres of tillable land and 267.59 acres of non-tillable land in Waimea, Kauai for a gross acreage of 733.52, Tax Map Key (4) 1-2-02-001

Clearly there must be a change in this fractured policy in order to ensure local food supply sufficiency and sustainability for the health and welfare of our present and future generations. Conversely, the nominee's cumulative history conflicts with such advances in the larger public interest.

Returning this nominee to the Agribusiness Development Corporation would be akin to consenting to enabling a hungry fox, and the private interests whom he represents, to guard the vital breadbasket of present and future generations in Hawaii Nei. Please firmly decline advice and consent for this misguided nomination.

Most respectfully,
Michelle S. Matson
Honolulu

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mitsuko Hayakawa	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Senate Agriculture Committee, I am opposed to the nomination of Lloyd Haraguchi for the Agribusiness Development Corporation's Board of Directors. The people of Hawaii strongly opposed the PLDC and having its former Executive Director serve in a public position of power would be a violation of public trust.

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Pamela Boyar	Farm Lovers Farmers Markets	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Paul A. komara, Jr.	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Governor, Senators, House of representatives: You are commanded to remove this candidate. We the People know who he represents. You are all to be held accountable for this.

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From: [Shannon Rudolph](#)
Subject: NO on Lloyd Haraguchi for ADC
Date: Monday, April 20, 2015 9:55:14 AM

Aloha Senators!

I have to give Gov. Ige credit for recycling but seriously, please vote NO on Lloyd Haraguchi for the ADC Board.

The ADC is so completely unbalanced with those who cater to the biotech companies - it's pathetic. We need some real farmers on the ADC Board who will bring the ADC back to it's original intent of helping real Hawai'i farmers. Mr. Haraguchi IS NOT what we need.

It's past time for fresh, innovative thinking, to restore and revere our public ag lands and get our state out of the hole it's dug for itself on our lack of food self sufficiency and it's biotech hand holding at the public expense.

I'm sure Mr. Haraguchi is a nice man, but this nomination flies in the face of what we really need to break out of this sickly and dangerous status quo.

Mahalo,
Shannon Rudolph - Kona

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How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world. ~ Anne Frank

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shantee brown	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Extreme conflict of interest. Where are the nominees for the people?
Corporations are not people.

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Subject: SRTONGLYOppose Haraguchi nomination!
Date: Monday, April 20, 2015 10:50:44 AM

Former Public Land Development Corporation (PLDC) Executive Director Lloyd Haraguchi has been nominated by Governor Ige for the Agribusiness Development Corporation's Board of Directors.

We fought tirelessly against the PLDC!

I oppose this nomination!

Mahalo

Sharon Willeford (30 yr. DOE teacher)

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Tamara Paltin	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: The Public Land Development Corporation and the Agribusiness Development Corporation are similar projects, so it may be that Lloyd Haraguchi would bring the mindset, skillset and relationships the Governor wants running the ADC. Those of us uncomfortable with the Governor's enthusiasm for "public-private partnerships" which view government's role as serving as a Junior Partner, handservant to corporate interests, may have some concerns. Haraguchi previously worked for Hawaii Land Management. HLM was a division of the Campbell Estate, one of the largest, and politically powerful, landowners in the state. Appointments to boards and commissions are best understood as attempts by the appointing authority to empower specific special interests, sometimes designated as "stakeholders." Government by councils of "stakeholders" is not "democratic." Stakeholders are defined as those groups powerful enough to need to be included in the decision and inevitably gives controlling interest to corporate and landowning interests. If Labor or "public interest" representatives are appointed, it is generally tokenism, for the appearance of balance. In the case of Labor, it may reflect the fact the union is trapped into a deal with the corporations to support "development" in exchange for union jobs or other concessions. The Agribusiness Development Corporation was formed to encourage the growth of new, large, industrial agricultural operations to fill the hole created by the collapse of the sugar and pineapple plantations. So they have become cheerleaders and facilitators to the transnational chemical companies growing seed corn and are doing virtually nothing to help small farmers, as they see small operations as too inefficient and too much trouble. Not worth the bother. How much easier it is to lease out state lands to the GMO companies for \$50 an acre per year than to help small, land-hungry, local farmers lease 10 or 20 acres. The small farmers are only useful to ADC and Big Ag when they can serve as photogenic faces to mislead the public about Ag policy. The biggest need for small farmers is farm land cheap enough to buy or a longterm lease. And neither the large landowners nor the ADC is willing to help them secure long term leases. That is the single most important change we need from government policy. Not this fraudulent constitutional amendment that would allow larger farmers to secure tax exempt bonds for their investors.

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Timothy Sean Payne Hills	Individual	Oppose	No

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Victoria Cannon	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: NO We STRONGLY OPPOSE Mr. Lloyd Haraguchi. Victoria and Trudy Cannon

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