

# **GM721**

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

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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.

**DAVID Y. IGE**  
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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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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Alan Gottlieb	Hawaii Cattlemen's Council	Support	No

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Pamela Boyar	Farm Lovers Farmers Markets	Oppose	Yes

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Clarence Ching	Individual	Oppose	No

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April 17, 2015

TO: The Honorable Russell E. Ruderman, Chair and Members  
Senate Committee on Agriculture

FROM: Janice Takahashi

SUBJECT: GM 720 and 721  
Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Board of Directors of the  
Agribusiness Development Corporation Gubernatorial Nominee Lloyd Haraguchi

DATE: April 21, 2015, 2:45 P.M.  
State Capitol, Room 414

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in **support** of the nomination of Lloyd Haraguchi to the Board of the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC).

I have known Lloyd for over 30 years, and believe he has the knowledge and strength of character to guide the ADC in meeting its mission. His asset management experience and “green thumb” will serve the ADC well.

For these reasons, I respectfully request your affirmative approval of his nomination.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
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

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lon Paresa	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support Mr. Lloyd Haraguchi for the Board of Directors Agribusiness Development Corporation.

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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 islands<sup>1</sup> - 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

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.bizjournals.com/pacific/blog/morning\\_call/2011/11/lloyd-haraguchi-to-lead-new-hawaii.html](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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Mitsuko Hayakawa	Individual	Oppose	No

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

Comments: Governor, Legislature, This candidate does not represent We the people. You are commanded to reject him. If you place him on the Board, You will be held accountable to We the People.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Shannon Rudolph	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: 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

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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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sharon willeford	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please consider a NON PLDC person.

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Timothy Sean Payne Hills	Individual	Oppose	No

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Victoria Cannon	Individual	Oppose	No

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

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