

GM722

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee, MARGARITA HOPKINS, for a term to expire 6-30-2018.

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

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

April 16, 2015
2:45 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 414

**GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 722
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS OF THE AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, MARGARITA HOPKINS, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-
30-2018**

Chairperson Ruderman and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message 722 that submits for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors for the Agribusiness Development Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee, Margarita Hopkins, for a term to expire on June 30, 2018. The Department supports the confirmation of Ms. Hopkins.

Ms. Hopkins has an extensive agricultural background. Ms. Hopkins supplemented a Master's of Science degree in Agricultural Economics from Xavier University and Ph.D. level coursework in Agricultural Economics, with practical experiences as part of the Agriculture Leadership Foundation Training program and as the Economic Development Specialist for the County of Hawaii. Furthermore, she has served as a Board member for the Big Island Resource Conservation and Development Council and a Board member for the Papaya Administrative Committee.

Her active involvement in the agricultural industry has resulted in recognition by industry as she was inducted in to the Hawaii Export Nursery Association, Hall of Fame, and honored by the Hawaii Florists & Shippers Association and the Hawaii Papaya Industry Association.



Ms. Hopkins will bring her experience with Hawaii County and her agricultural knowledge to Board discussions and we look forward to her participation on the Board of Directors for the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this nomination.

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TESTIMONY OF JAMES J. NAKATANI
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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Thursday, April 16, 2015
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GM 722 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee, **MAGARITA HOPKINS**, for a term to expire 6-30-2018.

Aloha Chair Ruderman and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. The Agribusiness Development Corporation (“ADC”) supports Ms. Margarita “Dayday” Hopkins appointment as a member to the ADC Board of Directors.

Ms. Hopkins is the former economic development specialist at the County of Hawaii’s Department of Research and Development and was responsible for preparing and updating the County’s agricultural development plan. During her tenure, she established a county-based agriculture program in cooperation with Big Island Resource Conservation and Development Council and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resource Conservation Services. Ms. Hopkins previously served as Hawaii County’s director of research and development and was a lecturer at the University of Hawaii at Hilo College of Business and Economics.

As the Hawaii Island representative, Ms. Hopkins appointment will further expand the depth and broad representation of member attributes already on the Board and would be a welcomed asset. For these reasons, we respectfully ask for your support of Ms. Hopkins' appointment to serve as a member of the ADC Board of Directors.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Alan Gottlieb	Hawaii Cattlemen's Council	Support	No

Comments:

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Hawaii Export Nursery Association

April 14, 2015

To Whom It May Concern,

The Hawaii Export Nursery Association (HENA) is a non-profit membership organization of over 110 Hawaii nurserymen and nurserywomen professional engaged in the export and import of Potted Tropical Ornamental Plants and Flowers. HENA is dedicated to marketing, research, transportation, and educational issues. Our goal is to supply high quality Hawaii grown tropical plants and flowers to the global marketplace. HENA supports the confirmation of Margarita Hopkins, Gubernatorial Nominee, to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

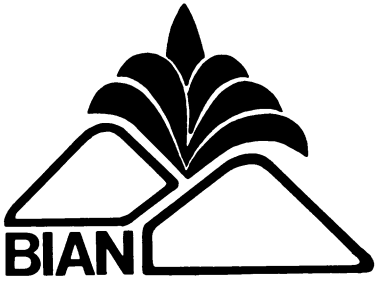
For over 20 years, Margarita has worked tirelessly for the agricultural community in the County of Hawaii. Mrs. Hopkins helped many of our farmers and nursery men and women through her previous position as Agricultural Economic Specialist for Hawaii County's Department of Research & Development, and she continues to make significant contributions to the industry during her retirement.

Our organization has awarded Mrs. Hopkins with our annual Hawaii MIDPAC Hall of Fame award to express our appreciation for all her work with our industry and the agricultural community in general.

We fully support her appointment and ask that you confirm her appointment to the ADC Board of Directors.

Feel free to contact us with any questions you may have or if you wish to discuss our position in this matter.

Warmest regards,
Dawn Kitagawa
President



BIG ISLAND ASSOCIATION OF NURSERYMEN
P.O. Box 4365 * Hilo * Hawaii * 96720

April 14, 2015

To Whom it May Concern:

Founded in 1968, the Big Island Association of nurserymen (BIAN) was organized to promote the nursery industry on the Big Island of Hawaii and to bring together like minded people. Since that time, the Big Island has become the hub of a \$100 million dollar statewide floriculture and nursery products industry. With 70 members and counting, the BIAN actively participates in State and County legislative decisions, bringing forth ideas and points to view specific to people in the agricultural sector. Our goals are to promote the general welfare of our members by the improvement and standardization of nursery products, the advancement of lawful and fair trade practices, and promoting the exchange and sale of nursery stock and related items.

BIAN supports the confirmation of Margarita Hopkins to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation. Mrs. Hopkins has spent over 20 years working with and supporting the agricultural community on the Big Island of Hawaii in her position as Agricultural Economic Specialist with Hawaii County Research and Development. She continues her endeavors to assist the farmers and nurserymen in Hawaii County and around the state in her retirement.

Our membership has honored Mrs. Hopkins with an honorary lifetime membership in our organization to express our appreciation for all her assistance throughout the years. BIAN fully supports her appointment to the Board of Directors of the ADC.

BIAN strongly encourages you to confirm her appointment to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Feel free to contact me at 808-966-7169 or sean@rpetropicals.com with any questions you may have or if you need additional information.

Respectfully,

Sean Spellicy
President



Hawaii Crop Improvement Association

Growing the Future of Worldwide Agriculture in Hawaii

TESTIMONY FROM KIRBY KESTER, PRESIDENT

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SUPPORT OF GM 722

Senate Committee on Agriculture

April 16, 2015, 2:45PM in conference room 414

Aloha Chair Rudderman, Vice Chair Riviere and members of the Committee,

My name is Kirby Kester, President of the Hawaii Crop Improvement Association. HCIA is a Hawaii-based non-profit organization that promotes ag bio tech to help farmers and communities succeed. Through education, collaboration and advocacy, we work to ensure a safe and sustainable food supply, support responsible farming practices and build a healthy state economy.

HCIA humbly and respectfully supports the confirmation of Dr. Margarita Hopkins as a member of the board of directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Dr. Hopkins has been a very strong advocate and voice for agriculture on the Big Island for many years, particularly when she was employed by the County of Hawaii. Her deep and abiding love for this industry has fueled her desire to support farmers even after her retirement and she continues to provide advice and counsel especially to small farms. Her long years of industry experience will serve the state's interests well.

We humbly ask for the Committee's support of Dr. Hopkin's continuing public service to the agriculture community.

Mahalo for your kind consideration.

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Aileen K . F. Yeh	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Margarita (Dayday) Hopkins is an exceptional person of high moral character. She is an intelligent, rational, and open minded individual who has the best intentions for Hawaii. Her enthusiasm and support during her terms in Hawaii County Research and Development have been a valuable asset.

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF DR. MARGARITA HOPKINS

Senate Committee on Agriculture
April 16, 2015 at 2:45 pm at Room 414

Aloha Chair Rudderman, Vice Chair Riviere and members of the Committee,

My name is Bennette Espineli Misalucha, and I am a local community leader with deep roots in the Filipino community and more recently, the agriculture sector.

I would like to strongly endorse the confirmation of Dr. Margarita Hopkins of the Big Island as a member of the board of Directors of the AgriBusiness Development Corporation.

I have known Dr. Hopkins or “DayDay” as everyone knows her, for more than twenty years, and have personally witnessed her honesty, integrity and her passion for public service. She has been involved in agriculture for decades and is intimately knowledgeable and conversant on the challenges that face today’s farmers. Over the past years, she has been a passionate voice for the small farmers, particularly to those who may not speak English as a first language. She is trusted and well respected within the agricultural community.

The insights and perspectives she brings to her role in the AgriBusiness Development Corporation is much appreciated. The mission of ADC is the following: “...to acquire, and manage in partnership with farmers, ranchers, and aquaculture groups, selected high-value lands, water systems, and infrastructure for commercial agricultural use and to direct research into areas that will lead to the development of new crops, markets, and lower production costs.”

Because of the wealth of knowledge that Dr. Hopkins brings to the table, the interest of the State and the good people of Hawai`i will be rightfully served.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony.

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Brian Miyamoto	Individual	Support	No

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Craig Elevitch	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am writing in support of Margarita 'Dayday' Hopkins' nomination to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation. I have know Dayday for over 25 years and know that her committee to public service is exemplary. Dayday has a knack of engaging stakeholders at all levels and integrating diverse opinions when making decisions. Her reputation in our community is exemplary. Given her impeccable record, I believe Dayday will make an outstanding addition to the ADC Board. Aloha mai, Craig Craig Elevitch Director Agroforestry Net, Inc. PO Box 428 Holualoa, HI 96725 USA Tel: 808-324-4427 cre@agroforestry.org <http://www.agroforestry.org>

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Janet Ashman	Individual	Support	No

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John C. Cross	Individual	Support	No

Comments: DayDay is extremely qualified for tis position on the ADC board. She has helped agriculture on the Big Island for decades. Now even in "retirement" she continues to advocate for the farmers and ranchers. Please confirm her appointment.

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Karen	Individual	Support	No

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Shannon Rudolph	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Strongly Oppose

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