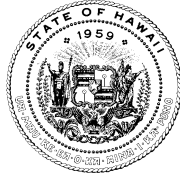


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COMMENTS OF JOBIE M. K. MASAGATANI, CHAIRMAN
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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

IN SUPPORT OF GM 742 SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO
THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, Michael Puamamo
Kahikina, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2019

April 15, 2015

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro and Vice Chair Galuteria and Members of the
Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of
the confirmation of Michael Puamamo Kahikina. Commissioner Kahikina is
completing his first term as an Oahu Commissioner. The Department of
Home Lands looks forward to his contributions in his second term.

Mike's extensive history of organizing communities, his past
leadership roles as a State Legislator, and leadership role with the
Sovereign Councils of the Hawaiian Homesteads Assembly (SCHHA), brings
a wealth of knowledge to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

His experience as a Homesteader in Nanakuli gives him a unique
and valuable perspective which he adds to the Commission.



Department of Land and Natural Resources
Aha Moku Advisory Committee
State of Hawaii

Testimony of
Leimana DaMate, Executive Director
Aha Moku Advisory Committee

Before the Senate Committee on
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Wednesday, April 15, 2015
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State Capitol, Conference Room 224

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 742- SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, MICHAEL KAHIKINA FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2019.

The Aha Moku Advisory Committee (AMAC) expresses its support for the confirmation of Michael Kahikina to serve as a member of the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

AMAC, through its attachment to the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) works closely with Native Hawaiian communities on natural and cultural resources. We have worked with homestead communities who are also moku and ahupua'a residents who are involved with watershed protection and water issues.

Mr. Kahikina has worked well with us and has been open to discussions on different resources on the islands where Hawaiian Homesteads are. However, he is from the Waianae Moku and in our work with him since he first became a Commissioner, we have found him to be compassionate to others, yet passionate about Waianae; accessible, fair and dedicated to the welfare of Hawaiian Homes beneficiaries. We look forward to working with Mr. Kahikina in the future and support his nomination.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Blossom Feiteira, President	Association of Hawaiians for Homestead Lands	Support	No

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Jimmy Lewis, Native Hawaiian Healer	WCCHC, Native Hawaiian Healing Center	Support	No

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Kamaki Kanahahele	Sovereign Councils of the Hawaiian Homelands Assem	Support	No

Comments: Your honorable chair and committee members: Please accept my testimony in support of the confirmation of Michael Kahikina as a member of the Board of Director/Trustees for the Department of of Hawaiian Homelands. Mr. Kahikina has served in this capacity for the past few years and has served honorably and honestly. He is very knowledgeable about the needs of Native Hawaiians, specifically those on homesteads and those awaiting homestead awards. Mr. Kahikina will continue to a positive asset to the Native Hawaiian community. Please confirm. Mahalo. Kamaki Kanahahele

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Kupuna Agnes Cope	AHA Kupuna Council, SCHHA	Support	No

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Kali Watson, Chairperson	SCHHA, Economic Development and Housing Committee	Support	No

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Tasha Kama, Chairperson	SCHHA, Genealogy Committee	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of the continuation for Commissioner Micheal Kahikina.

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Al Harrinton, Chairperson	SCHHA, Native Tourism	Support	No

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Branscombe Richmond, Chairperson	SCHHA , Telecommunication, Viral Media, Productions Committee	Support	No

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Helen O Connor Lewis, Chairperson	SCHHA Health Committee	Support	No

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Annie Au Hoon, Homesteader and Board Member	Waiehu Kou Phase III Association	Support	No

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Aulani Takatsuka, Vice President	Waiohuli Undivided Interest Lessees Association	Support	No

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Beatrice Hew Len, Historian	Waianae Kai Hawaiian Homestead Association	Support	Yes

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Carol Lee Kamekona, Treasurer	Waiohuli Undivided Interest Lessees Association	Support	No

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Danny Kanahale, President	Waiehu Kou IV	Support	No

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Emma Abihai Yap, President	Waiohuli Undivided Interest Lessees Association	Support	No

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Fairai Richmond, Homesteader	Waiohuli Hawaiian Homestead Association	Support	No

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Herbert Hew Len, President	Waianae Kai Hawaiian Homestead Association	Support	No

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Jarette Waa, Homesteader	Princess Kahanu Estates Association	Support	No

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Johanna Jocintho, Board Member	Waiohuli Undivided Interest Lessees Association	Support	No

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Kamaki Kanahale, President	Nanakuli Hawaiian Homestead Community Association	Support	No

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Karen Park, Treasurer	Keokea Homestead Farm Lots Association	Support	No

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Kekoa Enomoto, Secretary	Keokea Homestead Farm Lots Association	Support	No

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Leilani Richmond, Homesteader	Waiohuli Hawaiian Homestead Association	Support	No

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Leilani Wallace	Kapaakea Homesteade Association	Support	No

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Leiohu Richmond, Homesteader	Waiohuli Hawaiian Homestead Association	Support	No

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Kaupe'a Homestead Association

Testimony in **SUPPORT** of GM742

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro and Vice Chair Galuteria, on behalf of the Kaupe'a Homestead Association, we support the confirmation of Michael Kahikina to the Hawaiian Homes Commission for a term to expire in June 2019.

We support Commissioner Kahikina's re-appointment for three primary reasons. First, he is a beneficiary who was born and raised on Hawaiian Homelands. Second, he has been a long time advocate on Native Hawaiian issues with expertise in understanding the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act. Finally, he has proven through his first term as a Commissioner that beneficiaries of the trust are his top priority.

Mike Kahikina is an excellent choice to serve on the Hawaiian Homes Commission because he has first hand experience as a lessee. In addition, he has served the Nanakuli homestead community as a leader for many years. His life experiences and his community service in Nanakuli make him an ideal candidate.

In addition to being a lessee, Mike Kahikina has been a long time Native Hawaiian advocate with an expert understanding of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act and its purpose. He is clear about his roles and responsibilities in accordance with the Act and embraces his kuleana as a commissioner of a native Hawaiian land trust. We appreciate Commissioner Kahikina's leadership that is grounded carrying out the vision of Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole.

Finally and most important to the Kaupe'a Homestead Association's leadership is that Mike Kahikina has demonstrated his commitment to homestead beneficiaries. In every action, decision and vote he takes as a commissioner, Mike Kahikina demonstrates his priority of putting beneficiaries first. He continues to seek ways for greater inclusion of beneficiaries in addressing issues at DHHL and supports beneficiary engagement and participation for a healthier trust.

Kaupe'a Homestead Association is happy to offer our strong support of Governor Ige's nomination of Michael Kahikina to serve on the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Michelle Kauhane – President

Lono Koholua – Director

Kanani Wond – Vice President

Iwalani Laybon-McBrayer - Secretary

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Richard Soo,President	Kalawahine Streamside Association	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Robin Newhouse, Board Member	Keokea Homestead Farm Lots Association	Support	No

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Rod Paahana, President	Villages of Leialii Association	Support	No

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Stephen Park, Board Member	Keokea Homestead Farm Lots Association	Support	No

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Terani Richmond, Homesteader	Waiohuli Hawaiian Homestead Association	Support	No

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Vivian Ainoa, President	Kamiloloa One-Alii Homesteaders Community	Support	No

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Annie AuHoon	Individual	Support	No

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Danny Kanahale, President	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Darrell Young	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Committee Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Galuteria and members of the committee, I am writing in strong support of Mike Kahikina as a member of the Hawaiian Homes Commission. I have known Mr. Kahikina personally and professionally since his days as a member of the House of Representatives in the Hawaii State Legislature. His passion and advocacy for native Hawaiian issues is unsurpassed, and while he may not always see eye to eye with his fellow commissioners, he brings another perspective to the deliberations which in the end allows for full and complete discussion of the issues. Additionally, as a leader in his homestead community of Nanakuli, he makes sure that his community is at the forefront of economic development opportunities for all. I humbly ask that you confirm his nomination. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Doreen Napua Canto	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
George Steven York	Electrician Contractor, Maui	Support	No

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Helen O Connor Lewis	Individual	Support	No

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TESTIMONY IN *STRONG OPPOSITION* TO THE GM 742

RE-APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL KAHIKINA AS

COMMISSIONER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS (DHHL)

Honorable Senate Chair and Committee Members, Aloha!

My name is Josiah “Uncle Black” Ho’ohuli a resident of the Nanakuli Hawaiian Homestead community and am submitting this written testimony in *strong opposition* of the re-appointment of Michael Kahikina as a Commissioner of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) Commission.

Mr. Kahikina’s past performance as a Commissioner of the DHHL has never provided relevant and current information to the Nanakuli Hawaiian homestead community residents regarding the status important for the beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Home Lands Trust to protect and ensure their rights as lessees. Mr. Kahikina’s performance during the past term was never supportive of the DHHL Chair position and in protecting the trust lands and its lessee’s.

Therefore, we ask the Hawaii State Senate and this committee to reject the re-appointment of Michael Kahikina for another term as Commissioner for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Please contact should you have any concerns. Mahalo nui loa.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kanani Kapuini'ai	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a fellow homesteader, I am in support of Commissioner Micheal Kahikina for another term, Mahalo

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Kupuna Joseph Kepa	Individual	Support	No

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Leilani Wallace, President	Individual	Support	No

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April 9, 2015

COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Senator Maile Shimabukuro, Chair

Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair

Committee Members

It is my pleasure to write in support of MICHAEL PUAMAMO KAHIKINA's reappointment to the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

I have known Mike for the past fourteen years—we have been associated with various initiatives/committees designed to elevate the health and wellbeing of the Hawaiian people, particularly native Hawaiians living in Homestead communities.

Mike has an impressive record of service to the people of Hawai'i, particularly the Hawaiian people, that makes him extremely well qualified to serve as a Hawaiian Homes Commissioner. He is currently serving or has served as the

- Commissioner, Hawaiian Homes Commission
- Executive Director of Kahikolu Ohana Hale 'O Wai'anae—managing homeless transitional units and affordable housing units on the Wai'anae Coast
- Chair of the Legislative Committee for the Sovereign Councils of the Hawaiian Homelands Assembly—overseeing all matters pertaining to state legislation impacting beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Homelands trust
- Vice-President Nānākuli Hawaiian Homestead Community Association—assisting in overseeing all matters pertaining to the wellbeing of the residents of the Nānākuli Homestead
- Clubhouse Director of the National Football League-Youth Education Town Hawai'i/Boys & Girls Club, Nānākuli—supporting young people to reach their full potentials as productive, caring, responsible citizens
- State of Hawai'i House Representative for Nānakuli—chaired or served on various committees including Housing and Human Services, Finance, Health, International Affairs, Policy, Higher Education, and Education
- Program Coordinator (Alternative Learning Center, Queen Liliu'okalani Children's Center)—helped establish the Nānākuli Youth Agriculture Project and Ka'ala Learning Center

Mike's service contributions that impress me the most have to do with the health and wellbeing of Native Hawaiian children and youth through education. As is known to everyone in Hawai'i and beyond, the statistics on the Native Hawaiian people are damning—in terms of student achievement, Hawaiian children as a group score in the bottom quartile on standardized tests of reading and mathematics, are overrepresented in special education, and have the highest

school drop out rate. Long term effects of this educational failure can be seen in the social indicators of Hawaiian wellbeing—Native Hawaiian people experience the worst health, have the highest rates of homelessness, are in the lowest socio-economic group, have a high rate of drug use, and are over represented in the prison population. A special concern is that, among Native Hawaiian youth, the suicide rate is greater than found for any other population in Hawai'i.

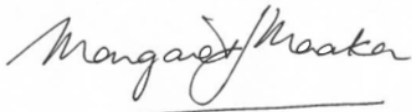
In keeping with Section 101, b(5) of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1921

Providing financial support and technical assistance to native Hawaiian beneficiaries of this Act so that by pursuing strategies to enhance economic self-sufficiency and promote community-based development, the traditions, culture and quality of life of native Hawaiians shall be forever self-sustaining

Mike has established an impressive record working tirelessly to provide opportunities for young people in Hawaiian Homestead communities to excel in life. It is this passion and commitment that continues to make Mike an exceptional Hawaiian Homes Commissioner. I firmly believe that as a Commissioner, Mike will continue to make great strides in raising life opportunities for his people.

It is with this in mind that I write in full support of his reappointment.

Ke aloha,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Margaret J. Maaka". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Margaret J. Maaka, PhD
Director, Ho'okulāiwi Center for Native Hawaiian and Indigenous Education,
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa
Co-Chair, Sovereign Councils of the Hawaiian Homelands Assembly's
Committee on Education

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

Comments: I offer strong support for the confirmation of Mike Kahikina to serve as a commissioner on the Hawaiian Homes Commission. In his first term, Commissioner Kahikina has proven to be a champion for beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act. He has demanded a more transparent and accountable DHHL and continues to support the need for written policies for greater efficiencies. Commissioner Kahikina also demonstrates a clear understanding of administering our unique native Hawaiian land trust. He embraces beneficiaries as a priority and continues to collaborate with homestead communities to be an integral component to making improvements at DHHL.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Myron Brumaghim	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support Mike P. Kahikina's reappointment to the Hawaiian Homes Commission. He is trustworthy, reliable and always has the best interests of the Hawaiian People.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nalani Benioni	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Chair and Committee Members: Please accept my testimony in support of Mr. Mike Kahikina as a member of the board for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Mr. Kahikina has been very supportive to the needs of native Hawaiians, specifically on the Leeward Coast of Oahu; however, he is very up to date with the State-wide needs of our people. He has served diligently and will continue to do so. He understands the native Hawaiian people, cultural needs, and socio-economic challenges. Please accept my testimony in support of Mr. Kahikina. Mahalo nui loa.

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Ray Garland Fite	Transport Driver	Support	No

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Rosa Navorro Harrington	Individual	Support	Yes

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Victoria Kapuni	Individual	Support	No

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TESTIMONY IN *STRONG OPPOSITION* TO THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF GM 742
MICHAEL KAHIKINA AS COMMISSIONER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS (DHHL) FOR THE NEXT TERM.

State Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Wednesday, April 15, 2015; 1:15 pm

Conference Room 224

Hawaii State Capitol Building

Honorable Madame Chair Sen. Shimabukuro and Vice Chair Galuteria and Committee

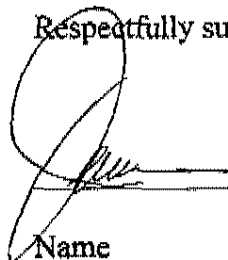
Members, Aloha kakou!

My name is, *Teuekuan Kirkland* a resident of the Nanakuli

Hawaiian homestead and would like to submit this testimony in *strong opposition* to GM 742 of the re-appointment of Michael Kahikina as Commissioner on the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL). It was during his past term as a commissioner that he was very unsupportive of the Commission and its Chair leadership which questioned his actions as whether acting for or on behalf of the beneficiaries, but instead for private or personnel reasons which we find this to be "unacceptable" behavior.

Therefore, we ask the Committee to seriously consider the suitability of Mr. Kahikina and ask *not to support* his re-appointment. Mahalo nui loa,

Respectfully submitted,


Name

K Kirkland

April 14, 2015

Date

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Honorable Madame Chair Sen. Shimabukuro and Vice Chair Galuteria and Committee

Members, Aloha kakou!

My name is, KERON H KIRKLAND a resident of the Nanakuli
Hawaiian homestead and would like to submit this testimony in *strong opposition* to GM 742 of
the re-appointment of Michael Kahikina as Commissioner on the Department of Hawaiian Home
Lands (DHHL). It was during his past term as a commissioner that he was very unsupportive of
the Commission and its Chair leadership which questioned his actions as whether acting for or
on behalf of the beneficiaries, but instead for private or personnel reasons which we find this to
be "unacceptable" behavior.

Therefore, we ask the Committee to seriously consider the suitability of Mr. Kahikina
and ask *not to support* his re-appointment. Mahalo nui loa,

Respectfully submitted,

Keron H Kirkland

Name

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Honorable Madame Chair Sen. Shimabukuro and Vice Chair Galuteria and Committee

Members, Aloha kakou!

My name is, Sylvester Kalei Kahagena a resident of the Nanakuli Hawaiian homestead and would like to submit this testimony in *strong opposition* to GM 742 of the re-appointment of Michael Kahikina as Commissioner on the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL). It was during his past term as a commissioner that he was very unsupportive of the Commission and its Chair leadership which questioned his actions as whether acting for or on behalf of the beneficiaries, but instead for private or personnel reasons which we find this to be "unacceptable" behavior.

Therefore, we ask the Committee to seriously consider the suitability of Mr. Kahikina and ask *not to support* his re-appointment. Mahalo nui loa,

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvester Kalei Kahagena

Name

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Members, Aloha kakou!

My name is, Natalie I. Kalo a resident of the Nanakuli
Hawaiian homestead and would like to submit this testimony in *strong opposition* to GM 742 of
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be "unacceptable" behavior.

Therefore, we ask the Committee to seriously consider the suitability of Mr. Kahikina
and ask *not to support* his re-appointment. Mahalo nui loa,

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie I. Kalo

April 14, 2015

Name

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Members, Aloha kakou!

My name is, Christina Alvarez a resident of the Nanakuli

Hawaiian homestead and would like to submit this testimony in *strong opposition* to GM 742 of the re-appointment of Michael Kahikina as Commissioner on the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL). It was during his past term as a commissioner that he was very unsupportive of the Commission and its Chair leadership which questioned his actions as whether acting for or on behalf of the beneficiaries, but instead for private or personnel reasons which we find this to be "unacceptable" behavior.

Therefore, we ask the Committee to seriously consider the suitability of Mr. Kahikina and ask *not to support* his re-appointment. Mahalo nui loa,

Respectfully submitted,



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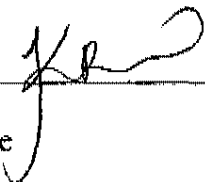
Members, Aloha kakou!

My name is, Kunlei Onaona Perera a resident of the Nanakuli
Hawaiian homestead and would like to submit this testimony in *strong opposition* to GM 742 of
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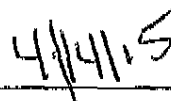
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Members, Aloha kakou!

My name is, Kristine Lehua Pangorang a resident of the Nanakuli
Hawaiian homestead and would like to submit this testimony in *strong opposition* to GM 742 of
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Members, Aloha kakou!

My name is, *Olga Rodriguez* a resident of the Nanakuli Hawaiian homestead and would like to submit this testimony in *strong opposition* to GM 742 of the re-appointment of Michael Kahikina as Commissioner on the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL). It was during his past term as a commissioner that he was very unsupportive of the Commission and its Chair leadership which questioned his actions as whether acting for or on behalf of the beneficiaries, but instead for private or personnel reasons which we find this to be "unacceptable" behavior.

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PWA	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Mr. Kahikina has served his term as a Commissioner. It's time give someone else an opportunity to serve.

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