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RE: State Foundation on Culture and the Arts, and Governor Ige's nomination of architect Dean Sakamoto to serve on the Foundation board.

Dear Legislators,

I heartily endorse Governor Ige's nomination of Dean Sakamoto to serve on the board of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts. As an SF-based but Honolulu-raised journalist, I have had the pleasure of interviewing and writing about Mr. Sakamoto's superb and seminal work in codifying Hawaii's legacy of modernist architecture, particularly in the museum exhibition (and book) "Hawaii Modern: The Architecture of Vladimir Ossipoff" in 2007; as well as in his more recent work organizing an energetic group of young architects and historians into the Hawaii chapter of DocoMomo. Part of a national movement to ensure the survival of important, mid-20th-century modernist landmarks, DocoMomo Hawaii is an ongoing effort to raise awareness of -- and to protect -- the state's modernist architecture, the dominant vernacular style of Hawaii's built environment.

Mr. Sakamoto's local background and his impressive resume qualify him for any culturally important position; his passion and energy will help to forge Hawaii's cultural future.

Sincerely,

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