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Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, ALENA MEDEIROS, for a term to expire 6-30-2018.

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STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
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April 15, 2015

Memorandum

To: The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
The Honorable Josh Green, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Human Services and Housing

From: Rachael Wong, DrPH, Director

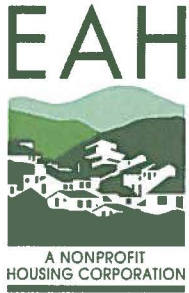
Subject: **GM 795 Submitting** for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority, gubernatorial nominee, ALENA MEDEIROS, for a term to expire 6-30-2018.

Hearing: 1:15 PM, Thursday, April 16, 2015
Conference Room 016, State Capitol

I am writing in **strong support** of the confirmation of Ms. Alena "Nani" Medeiros for the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA). Nani is a longtime advocate for affordable housing, underserved communities, and social justice.

The Department of Human Services (DHS) provides empowering programs, services, and benefits to those in our community who are vulnerable with the goals of expanding their capacity for self-sufficiency, self-determination, independence, healthy choices, quality of life, and personal dignity. The well-being of our children, families, and *kupuna* is directly connected to the social determinants of health: education, transportation, access to healthcare, safety, job opportunities, environment, and housing. Public housing is an integral part of our mission, and DHS appreciates partnering with the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to provide access to homes in our community.

Thank you for your serious consideration of Nani Medeiros' confirmation for the HPHA Board of Directors. Please do not hesitate to contact me for more information.



April 14, 2015

Hearing: GM 795
Date: Thursday, April 16, 2015
Time: 1:15 PM
Room No. 016

Senate Committee on Human Services and Housing
Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senator Josh Green, Vice Chair

Re: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT of GM 795, Nomination of Alena Medeiros to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority

Chair Chun Oakland, Vice Chair Green and members of the committee:

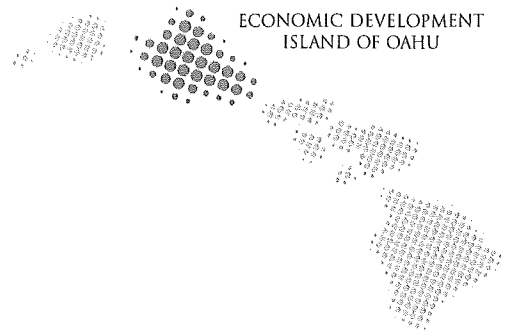
Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in Strong Support of GM 795, the nomination of Alena "Nani" Medeiros to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA).

I am Kevin Carney, Vice President of EAH Housing and President of Housing Hawaii. I first became acquainted with Nani when she worked for Governor Lingle over 10 years ago. We both attended the HUD sponsored conference in Waikiki in November 2005 entitled, "Affordable Housing in High Cost Areas" from which we both joined a Leadership Committee that lead to the creation of Housing Hawaii, a 501 (c) 3 non-profit that promotes and supports affordable housing. In 2008 Nani became Executive Director of Housing Hawaii and I had the opportunity, as President, to work very closely with her on our efforts to increase awareness of the State's housing shortfalls. I found Nani to be dedicated to our mission, extremely knowledgeable of the core issues relating to our housing crisis, and creative in finding ways to get our message across.

The Governor has made an excellent selection in nominating Nani to the HPHA Board. She has over 10 years of working on housing or housing related issues. Housing is not just a matter of shelter but encompasses a broad spectrum of social issues like early education, health care and general quality of life. Nani understands how having a safe place to call home can impact a family. In short, Nani knows housing and can use that expertise to help guide the HPHA Board in its quest to provide more homes for those in need.

Sincerely,

Kevin R. Carney, (PB), NAHP-E
Vice President, Hawaii



April 16, 2015

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland
Chair, Committee on Human Services and Housing
Senator Josh Green
Vice Chair, Committee on Human Services and Housing
Hearing on GM795
State Capitol, Conference Room 016

Aloha Chair Chun Oakland, Vice Chair Green, and Committee Members,

Enterprise Honolulu stands in strong support of the confirmation of Alena Naniolu Medeiros to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority. I have had the good fortune of knowing Nani for nearly 20 years and have been working with her on the Chamber of Commerce Public Health Fund Board for the past 4 years.

She's clearly an advocate for our community at large and understands the importance of serving those who appear less fortunate than most. In the COCPHF, it was Nani who redefined the methods and metrics to more fairly assess how we rate and administer grant funds in public health. She has a keen mind for intention and purpose, surely a compliment to any organization she's in. It would be a great blessing to have Nani serve on the Hawaii Public Housing Authority Board to help our individuals and families who need our attention in public housing and the ecosystem of health and education associated with it.

Please feel free to contact me directly should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Pono Shim
President and CEO
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**Testimony of
Gary M. Slovin / C. Mike Kido**

DATE: April 14, 2015

TO: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland
Chair, Committee on Human Services and Housing
Submitted Via HSHtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov

RE: **GM 795 – Consideration and Confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, Alena Medeiros**
Hearing Date: Thursday, April 16, 2015 at 1:15 p.m.
Conference Room: 016

Dear Chair Chun Oakland and Members of the Committee on Human Services and Housing:

We respectfully submit this testimony in support of the nomination of Alena Medeiros to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority. Nani's resume is reflective of a deep and abiding caring for her home-Hawaii. Nani's seventeen years of policy analysis and articulation on vital benchmarks of Hawaii's society will be reflective in her participatory dialogue as a Hawaii Public Housing Authority Board member

Nani's current community service on the Board of Directors of the Institute of Human Services, the Chamber of Commerce Public Health Fund Committee, and the State Workforce Development Council demonstrates her willingness to participate to make Hawaii a better environment for all.

The undersigned respectfully ask for your favorable consideration of Alena Nani'olu Medeiros as a member of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

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Thank for the opportunity to testify on this nomination.



SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES AND HOUSING

Friday, April 16, 2015
1:15 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 016

GM 795: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority, gubernatorial nominee, ALENA NANI'OLU MEDEIROS, for a term to expire 06.30.2018.

Dear Chair Chun Oakland, Vice Chair Green, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in support of the nomination of Alena "Nani" Medeiros to serve on the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA).

Adequate housing and healthcare go hand in hand to provide a solid foundation for Hawaii's families. In her previous position as Executive Director of Housing Hawaii and her current position as Policy and Public Affairs Director of the Hawaii Primary Care Association (HPCA), she has continued to advocate for the health and well-being of a less fortunate population.

We believe Nani's knowledge of, and concern for, this population would be an asset to the HPHA Board and that she would invest every effort toward improving the housing issues in Hawaii.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'George W. Greene', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

GEORGE W. GREENE, Esq.
President and CEO



HPCCA

HAWAII PRIMARY CARE ASSOCIATION

Senate Committee on Human Services and Housing

The Hon. Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair

The Hon. Josh Green, Vice Chair

Testimony in Support of GM795
Submitted by Hawaii Primary Care Association
April 16, 2015, 1:15 pm, Room 016

The Hawai'i Primary Care Association, which represents community health centers in Hawai'i, **strongly supports** the nomination of Ms. Alena Nani Medeiros to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

The HPCA is a staunch believer in the social determinants of health, those economic and social conditions that influence an individual and a community's health status. These conditions serve as risk factors endemic to a person's living and working environment, rather than their behavioral or genetic histories. Factors such as income, education, access to recreation and healthy foods, housing, and employment, can and do have measurable impacts on a person and a community, both in health and financial outcomes.

At the HPCA, nobody embodies this commitment to community development and caring for indigent populations more fully than Ms. Medeiros. In her five years with the organization she has tirelessly advocated for the funds and programs necessary to combat social determinants in Hawaii, including securing resources to address health inequities, restore dental services in the Medicaid population, and provide for the state's uninsured. In addition, she has cultivated numerous collaborative relationships with the state Departments of Health and Human Services, as well as countless private and non-profit entities. Her work has extended to all neighbor islands as well, tailoring her approach and message to communities both urban and rural.

Prior, and in addition, to her time with the HPCA, Ms. Medeiros has worked extensively in the public housing sector. As a former executive director of Housing Hawaii, a co-founder of the Hawaii Housing Alliance, and an active board member for the Institute of Human Services, she will bring a vast wealth of experience and knowledge to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

Paired with a decade of public service at the state capitol and a deep compassion for those individuals affected by the housing crisis in Hawaii, Ms. Medeiros will be a vital asset to the HPHA board. For these reasons it is with great pleasure that the HPCA strongly supports her nomination.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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TO: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senator Josh Green, Vice-Chair
Senate Committee on Human Services and Housing

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HEARING DATE: April 16, 2015 at 1:15 p.m.

RE: Testimony in Support of GM795 Relating to the Appointment of Alena Medeiros to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority

Good morning Senator Chun Oakland, Senator Green, and members of the Committee. My name is Dyan Medeiros. I am an attorney and a partner at Kleintop, Luria & Medeiros, LLP. I submit this testimony in support of GM795 and Alena Nani'olu Medeiros' appointment to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority.

I am proud to say that Alena Nani'olu Medeiros ("Nani") is my younger sister. Not only is Nani more than qualified to sit on the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority, she will do everything in her power to ensure that the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority's mission is achieved.

The Hawai'i Public Housing Authority's website states

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority helps provide Hawai'i residents with affordable housing and shelter without discrimination. HPHA efforts focus on developing affordable rental and supportive housing, public housing and the efficient and fair delivery of housing services to the people of Hawai'i.

Nani has spent much of her life working tirelessly in different capacities to improve affordable housing opportunities for the people of Hawai'i. Nani has also spent much of her life working to alleviate homelessness in Hawai'i. The overlap of these two (2) areas means that Nani is uniquely qualified to analyze and evaluate affordable housing options and the delivery of affordable housing services to our community.

Her extensive background working in the Legislature (from 1999 through 2003), in the Governor's office (from 2003 through 2008), and most recently for private sector non-profit organizations (from 2008 through the present) also gives her an uncommon understanding of the context in which the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority exists and the issues (both substantive and administrative) it faces.

Beyond her work experience, however, Nani was born and raised in Honolulu and is now raising her daughter here in a single parent household. She understands how expensive housing is and the challenges that exist here for Hawai'i's people simply to find affordable housing. She is compassionate towards those members of our community who face these challenges everyday and she is passionate about doing everything she can to alleviate those challenges and improve the lives of Hawai'i's people.

For all of these reasons, I support Nani's appointment to the Board of Directors wholeheartedly and without hesitation.

Thank you.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
david derauf	Kokua Kalihi Valley	Support	No

Comments: Support this nomination. Applicant is well qualified for the position and will serve the State well in this role!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Curt Nakamura	Individual	Support	No

Comments: To whom it may concern, Please accept this testimony as my full support for the nomination of A. Nani Medeiros as a director for the Hawaii Public Housing Authority. I have worked closely with Nani as we both are directors on the board for the Institute for Human Services. Nani has proven to be an invaluable member of our team as she is extremely intellectual and insightful in dealing with the complex issue of homelessness. I am confident that Nani will be a worthy and valuable addition to the board of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority. Thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony. Curt Nakamura

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14 April 2015

Subject: Testimony in Support of GM795, confirmation of Alena Naniolu Mederios to the Board of Directors, Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

Dear Madame Chair and members, Senate Committee of Human Services and Housing:

I wish to submit my testimony in support of Alena Naniolu Mederios' confirmation to the Board of Directors, Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

I have known Nani since the mid-90s when she worked for the Senate Ways and Means Committee. I have since followed her professional growth and maturity from the Senate Minority Research Office, Policy Office with the Governor's Office, Executive Director for Housing Hawaii to her current position as Policy and Public Affairs Director, Hawaii Primary Care Association.

She is articulate with a broad understanding of the numerous issues involved. I'm confident that she will bring to the board a fresh perspective in dealing with the complex and emotion issues of Public Housing and related human services.

Please contact me at (808) 371-5988 or email: fujii3comm@yahoo.com if I may be of further assistance.

Sincerely



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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Diana Shaw	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support the nomination of Alena Medeiros to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority. Ms. Medeiros has over seventeen years of experience in policy, advocacy, lobbying, and legislative work, including strategic planning and coalition building. She has participated in numerous boards, committees, and task forces over the course of my adult life. And she is currently serving on the Board of Directors of the Institute for Human Services, the Chamber of Commerce Public Health Fund Committee, the State Workforce Development Council, and volunteers when she can with the Hawaii Housing Alliance which she co-founded. I have known her for several years in both a professional and personal capacity. She is responsible, dedicated, knowledgeable and caring -- exactly the type of person needed for this board. Mahalo for this opportunity to submit testimony.
Diana M V Shaw, PhD, MPH, MBA, FACMPE

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Frank Smith	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in full support of Alena Nani Medeiros as a Director of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority Board. I serve with Alena on another Board and she is the most passionate, tireless and dedicated professional I know, in all areas of helping the People of Hawaii; whether it be Healthcare, Homelessness, Housing or plain compassion. Her knowledge and spirit will serve our Governor, The HPHA Board and Hawaii well. Great nomination. Absolutely my full support.

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April 13, 2015

Senate Committee on Human Services and Housing
Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland
Senator Josh Green

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 795
Nominating Alena Nani Medeiros as a Public Member, At-Large
Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority

Aloha.

Nani is one of the rare individuals who can synthesize both the economic and the human elements of policy, and has dedicated her entire adult life to supporting affordable housing as a means to create thriving communities throughout Hawai'i.

In addition to her tenure as Executive Director of Housing Hawai'i, Nani served for five years as Deputy Policy Advisor to Governor Linda Lingle, representing the Governor as a member of the Affordable Housing Task Force, helping to streamline the land use entitlement process.

Her longstanding support of fairer, more supportive housing policies is also demonstrated by her breadth of policy work on the issue, including her service as a board member of the Institute for Human Services, the Hawai'i Housing Alliance, and the Housing Hawai'i Leadership Committee.

She is, undoubtedly, the right person at the right time to serve as a member of the HPHA Board of Directors.

Respectfully,

Matthew A Nagato

April 14, 2015

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
and members of the Human Services and Housing Committee
Hawaii State Capital
415 South Beretania Street Room 226
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: SUPPORT GM 795 Nomination of **Alena Medeiros** to the Board of Directors of
the Hawaii Public Housing Authority

Aloha Senator Chun Oakland and committee members:

I am in **strong support** for the nomination of **Alena Medeiros**. I have known "Nani" for over 15 years. She is an excellent resource for providing leadership on the Board of Directors for HPHA. Having public and affordable housing options in Hawaii is one of the central cornerstones to the well being of the family unit and is also a critical component in moving families up the income scale so that others who are need of public housing will have access. Nani has the knowledge and skill sets in addressing housing needs for our State that will help HPHA move from good to great.

Mahalo,

Sam Moku

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Sen. Josh Green, Vice Chair
Committee on Human Services and Housing
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii

Testimony in Support of Ms. Alena Medeiros

Dear Senators Chun Oakland and Green:

This letter is written in strong support of Ms. Alena (Nani) Medeiros who has been nominated by Governor Ige to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority. I presently serve on the Institute for Human Services Board of Directors with Ms. Medeiros and am aware of her considerable and significant work in the public and private sectors. Her professional positions include serving as a researcher, budget analyst, policy advisor, public affairs director, and executive director—all of which contributed to her development as a formidable strategic thinker who is able to work with others to create solutions to difficult problems.

Ms. Medeiros is an initiator, someone who steps up to take on tasks and responsibly gets them implemented. She is a strong and passionate advocate for Hawaii's most vulnerable citizens—those who are poor, without shelter or health care, too young to fend for themselves, and others. She is an inspiration to many of us to do more for building a better Hawaii.

Ms. Medeiros is a respected member of our community. She understands the strengths and limitations of government, is trustworthy and articulate, and is able to relate positively to individuals of different cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds. The Hawaii Public Housing Authority will greatly benefit from her participation of its Board of Directors, and I urge you to vote positively on her nomination.

Sincerely,

Sylvia Yuen

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senator Josh Green, Vice Chair
Senator Gil Riviere, Member
Senator Breen Harimoto, Member
Senator Sam Slom, Member

Committee: Human Services and Housing (HSH)

Bill No. & Title: GM795, Relating to Board of Directors, Hawaii Public Authority Nominee Alena Medeiros

Position: Support

Date, Time: Friday, April 16, 2015

Place: State Capitol, Conference Room 016

Chair Oakland, Vice Chair Green and Members of the Human Services and Housing Committee:

My name is Tara Coomans, I have known Alena Medeiros in a professional capacity since 2012.

During this time, I have known her to be a passionate advocate for the less fortunate in our state. Alena has an outstanding grasp on complicated matters; she maintains the ability to see the big picture with a keen eye on how individual issues relate to one another.

Perhaps as important as her grasp on complicated matters is Alena's compassion for those she serves and represents. Alena is able to maintain this compassion with a balanced eye towards results and action.

Based on my personal experience, I believe Alena Medeiros will serve the people of Hawaii with only the highest integrity and commitment.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this bill.
Tara Coomans