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Committee: Senate Human Services and Housing

Person Testifying: Camille Masutomi

Governor's Message: GM 800, BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY

Purpose of Bill: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, PONO D. SHIM, for a term to expire 6-30-2019.

I strongly support GM 800 nominating Pono D. Shim to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

Pono D. Shim currently is the President and CEO of Enterprise Honolulu, Oahu Economic Development Board and serves on numerous non-profit boards, for-profits, task forces, and advisory boards, including the Friends of Iolani Palace, Hawaii Public Charter School Network, University of Hawaii at West Oahu Council of Advisors, Economic Development Alliance of Hawaii, Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative Advisory Board, Chamber of Commerce Public Health Fund Advisory Board, Manager of Punawai 'O Pu'uhonua, Envision Hawaii Advisor, and Hawaii Green Growth Initiative Member.

In 2012, Pono D. Shim successfully led the efforts of Punawai O Puuhonua's New Market Tax Credit Application and was awarded a \$40 million allocation for economic development in low-income communities for Hawaii. The projects funded three solar farms on West Oahu, Hilo Hawaiian Hotel renovations, and the West Hawaii Community Health Center in Kona. The total project costs exceeded the \$40 million allocation, and he was instrumental in attracting two other community development entities from the continent to bring an additional \$13 million from their organizations to help our state. New Market Tax Credits are allocated under the U.S. Department of the Treasury. The purpose of the credits is to inspire economic development in Qualified Census Tract Economically Distressed Communities.

Since March of 2013, Pono D. Shim donates time and leadership training to various state departments including the Department of Defense Hawaii National Guard, Department of Human Resources Development, Department of Human Services (DHS), DHS Child Welfare Services, Department of Public Safety, Department of Transportation, and the Hawaii State Judiciary.

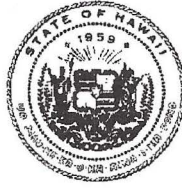
A gifted storyteller, who uses illustrations to connect with people, Pono D. Shim has a quiet history of facilitating communities with various issues to common ground.

In 2009, Pono D. Shim was asked to take over the leadership of Enterprise Honolulu. At that time the organization was in serious financial and public sentiment distress. Today the organization is financially stable and considered an influential leadership hub in the state. Pono D. Shim considers his exposure to Hawaii leadership philosophies as a child to be the backbone to his ideas, actions, and words. He is a loving husband to Dawn and has been married for 28 years. He is a loving father to daughter, Chantele, a 26 year-old working in China for the Abercrombie and Fitch Corporation. In 2013, he donated a kidney to a friend. I have personally

asked and received guidance, support, and most importantly his aloha for our islands, its people, and its culture.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on his nomination.

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Statement of
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Hawaii Public Housing Authority
Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES AND HOUSING

April 16, 2015 at 1:15 P.M.
Room 016, Hawaii State Capitol

In consideration of

G.M. 800

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HAWAII' I PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, PONO SHIM, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2019

Honorable Chair Chun Oakland and Members of the Senate Committee on Human Services and Housing, thank you for the opportunity to provide you with comments regarding Governor's Message 800 (G.M. 800), submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, Mr. Pono Shim, for a term to expire June 30, 2019.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) supports the confirmation of Mr. Shim to the HPHA Board of Directors. The HPHA Board needs directors with a variety of life experiences and professional expertise in order to effectively fulfill its role as a policy guide for the agency. For over 31 years, Mr. Shim has worked in the Food and Beverage Industry, and most recently in the non-profit sector as the President and CEO of Enterprise Honolulu. His experience in Hawaiian cultural and historical issues, growing and supporting Hawaii's economy through job creation, recruiting new businesses, and assisting residents in gaining the skills necessary to compete in the global economy will assist the HPHA Board when reviewing state housing policy and legislation. Furthermore, Mr. Shim's hard work ethic and integrity will be great assets to the HPHA Board and he will bring a fresh perspective in developing sound and thoughtful policy decisions.

The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the Senate Committee on Human Services and Housing with the agency's position regarding G.M. 800. We respectfully request the Committee to confirm Mr. Pono Shim to the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority Board of Directors.



Chamber of Commerce HAWAII

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**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Human Services and Housing
Thursday, April 16, 2015 at 1:15 P.M.
Conference Room 016, State Capitol**

**RE: GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 800 SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND
CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HAWAI'I PUBLIC
HOUSING AUTHORITY, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, PONO D. SHIM**

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

The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii ("The Chamber") **supports** the confirmation of Mr. Pono D. Shim to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority.

The Chamber is Hawaii's leading statewide business advocacy organization, representing about 1,000 businesses. Approximately 80% of our members are small businesses with less than 20 employees. As the "Voice of Business" in Hawaii, the organization works on behalf of members and the entire business community to improve the state's economic climate and to foster positive action on issues of common concern.

Mr. Shim boasts an impressive background with his past experience as Vice President & Kahu of Enterprise Honolulu before becoming President & CEO in 2009. Mr. Shim was also the Owner of Concierge Services at Ward and a Corporate Trainer & Marketing Manager at A Pacific Café.

Mr. Shim is also involved in the community through various organizations: the Economic Development Alliance of Hawaii, Ohia Productions, Friends of Iolani Palace, Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association, Malama Hawaii, Kumu Kahua, and many others.

Mr. Shim's extensive experience and dedication to the community make him an ideal candidate to serve on the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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April 15, 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 GM800
State Capitol, Conference Room 016

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

Dori Baba supports the confirmation of Pono Shim to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

Working with Pono at Enterprise Honolulu allows me to see and feel how much he truly cares for the people of Hawaii and this very special place we call home. He is a passionate leader who is able to bring people together and make them see their value which allows them to do the right thing. I believe that Pono will take on this responsibility as a deep commitment to serve the people of Hawaii and our community to long term health while honoring the mission of the Housing and Community Development Corporation.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit my testimony in support of Pono Shim.

Sincerely,



Dori Baba

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April 15, 2015

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

I write in strong support of confirming Gubernatorial Nominee Pono D. Shim for the Board of the Directors of Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

As an attorney, advocate, researcher, educator and community-based collaborator for over 20 years, 12 years working on Hawaii Island, Molokai and Maui, I have seen a multitude of housing challenges can exacerbate and worsen a variety of other social issues related to poverty, family violence, criminal behavior, underemployment and poverty. Working as a direct service provider, legal representative and teacher, I have seen first-hand, how systems that are designed to help, can do more harm than good, despite well-meaning policy makers, system administrators and providers due to a lack of coordination, communication and inefficient use of limited resources. This is especially so for those in our most vulnerable and at-risk populations including children, elderly, and those with physical and mental disabilities.

Pono Shim is an invaluable asset to Hawaii due to his high character and integrity, willingness to put the benefit and well-being of all of Hawaii's people first and foremost, and ability to practice revered values shared by all the cultures of Hawaii in every interaction and exchange. His gift for communication and connecting with others enables him to inspire those around him to hold him/herself to a higher bar, and he leads those around him to connect with – rather than arming up and building allies against – others with conflicting views or positions. Not only does he have the unique ability to see solutions where others do not, but also he is able to mobilize and inspire those who have been adversaries entrenched in problems to find common interests that lead to values-based solutions that serve the greater good. Through modeling mindfulness, aloha and humility he provides a model of doing the right thing, at the right time for the right reasons that inspires others to emulate this manner even when dealing with the most complex and seemingly hopeless situations. Through his talents, commitment and relationships, he will provide wise leadership and cultivate a culture of cooperation and harmony on the Board and throughout Hawaii's Public Housing Authority.

Thank you for your consideration and for your service to Hawaii.

Pualani Enos, Esq.

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April 14, 2015

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF NOMINEE PONO SHIM FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY

My name is Denise Nohealani Wilson, Consultant at Family Health Hawaii, Senior Account Executive at Land Home Financial and board member of the Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce.

Please accept this testimony in support of Pono Shim for Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

I have had the honor of being mentored by Pono through his leadership group and, therefore, understand that he possesses an amazing ability to lead and inspire others.

I believe that Pono's knowledge, expertise, strong leadership and higher thinking will positively serve this very important board, the people of Hawaii and the generations to come.

Mahalo,

Naki Nohealani Wilson

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Testimony for HSH on Apr 16, 2015 13:15PM in Conference Room 016

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Lon Paresa	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support Mr. Pono Shim for the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

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