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JEFFREY MASATSUGU	HAWAII TAPERS MARKET RECOVERY TRUST FUND	SUPPORT
JEFFREY MASATSUGU	PAINTING INDUSTRY OF HAWAII LABOR MANAGEMENT COOPERATION TRUST FUND	SUPPORT
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Scott Derrickson	State Land Use Commission	Support	Yes

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Before the
Senate Committee on Water and Land
April 15, 2015
2:45 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 224

In consideration of

GM813
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION THE LAND USE
COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,
ARNOLD K.H. WONG,
for a term to expire 6-30-2018

Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Galuteria, and members of the Committee on Water and Land:

The Land Use Commission is in support of Arnold K.H. Wong as the Governor's nominee for an At-Large seat on the State Land Use Commission.

Arnold is a welcome and unique addition to the LUC. He has much needed legal training which allows him a detailed and comprehensive understanding of the procedural and legal issues before the commission. His legal training also gives him the capability to fully comprehend issues facing the commission and the implications of such important principals as the public trust doctrine, administrative decision-making requirements and the application of statutory mandates.

Arnold also brings a significant amount of community experience to the Commission. He has worked for the Nature Conservancy of Hawaii and as a Union representative. These two highly different positions give him insights that few have with regard to the issues facing the community and the impacts, economic, social and ecological, that LUC decisions will have on the community. This perspective gives him balance that few others can replicate.

Arnold has also shown himself to be effective as a commissioner. While serving as an interim commissioner he was elected as vice chair and has become a proven leader on the Commission. In proceedings he acts with decorum and respect while still applying himself to the

issue at hand and squeezing key information out of developers and community members alike. He is diligent and focused.

I have known Arnold for over 20 years and can say that he has always shown himself , in every aspect of his life, to be a concerned member of the community. He is ethically beyond reproach and I have not met anyone who cares for Hawai`i as much as he does. He is a dedicated father and husband and has a real concern for the future of his family and children as citizens of Hawai`i.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

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Clyde Hayashi	Hawaii LECET	Support	Yes

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TESTIMONY BY CLYDE T. HAYASHI
HAWAII LECET

THE SENATE
THE TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2015

COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Senator Laura H. Thielen, Chair
Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, April 15, 2015
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State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

TESTIMONY ON GM 813

TO THE HONORABLE LAURA H. THIELEN, CHAIR, BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA, VICE CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Clyde T. Hayashi, and I am the Director of Hawaii Laborers-Employers Cooperation and Education Trust (LECET). Hawaii LECET is a labor-management partnership between the Hawaii Laborers Union, Local 368, and its unionized contractors.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT** for GM 813, which submits for consideration and confirmation Gubernatorial Nominee, ARNOLD K.H. WONG, to the Land Use Commission for a term to expire on 06-30-2018.

Mr. Wong has valuable experience and knowledge in the area of legislative and government affairs, serving as the current government affairs director for the Ironworkers Union Stabilization Fund, Local 625. Mr. Wong is also very committed to community service, currently serving as the Honolulu Fire Commissioner, Trustee for the Ironworkers Union Trust Fund, Campaign Committee Member for Malama Learning Center, Coordinating Committee Member for the U.S. Department of Justice Weed and Seed Program, Member of the Hawaii Interagency Council on Homelessness, and Board Member for both the St. Francis Foundation and non-profit organization Poi Dogs and Popoki.

I strongly believe Mr. Wong will be an excellent addition to the Land Use Commission. His experience and knowledge of the intricacies involved in working with government is invaluable and his commitment to serving the community is commendable. For these reason, I humbly ask for your **SUPPORT** of Arnold K.H. Wong to the Land Use Commission.

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Guy Fujimura	ILWU Local 142	Support	No

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The Twenty-Eighth Legislature
Regular Session of 2015

THE SENATE

Committee on Water and Land
Senator Laura H. Thielen, Chair
Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair
State Capitol, Conference Room 224
Wednesday, April 15, 2015; 2:45 p.m.

**STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON G.M. 813
ARNOLD K.H. WONG
LAND USE COMMISSION**

The ILWU Local 142 supports G.M. 813, for the nomination of Arnold K.H. Wong to the Land Use Commission.

Mr. Wong possesses a wide range of experience as Director of Government Affairs for the Ironworkers Union Stabilization Fund, government grants manager for The Nature Conservancy, executive director for the City's Juvenile Justice Center, homeless coordinator for the City, and a congressional aide. He was educated locally with a bachelor's degree from the University of Hawaii at Manoa and a master's degree in Human Resource Management from Hawaii Pacific University. He is also active in his community as a Honolulu Fire Commissioner, a judo coach for Pac-5, and as a board member for Poi Dogs and Popoki, Hawaii Baptist Academy Alumni Association, and St. Francis Foundation.

Our experience with Mr. Wong has been within the labor community and lobbying at the State Capitol. He has demonstrated an eagerness to learn about issues, a willingness to engage in discussion, and a desire to draw sound conclusions. We believe that Mr. Wong will serve the Land Use Commission well. It is a commission entrusted with considering the best interests of the State and its people and needs commissioners with integrity who will make thoughtful and fair decisions.

The ILWU urges confirmation of Arnold Wong for the Land Use Commission. Thank you for considering our testimony.

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Jeffrey Masatsugu	Carpet, Linoleum and Soft Tile Local Union 1926 Market Recovery Trust Fund	Support	No

Comments: The Carpet, Linoleum and Soft Tile Local Union 1926 Market Recovery Trust Fund (the "Fund") is a labor- management cooperation fund representing the Hawaii Floor Layers Union and unionized contractors. The Fund strongly supports Mr. Wong's appointment as a member of the Land Use Commission ("LUC"). Mr. Wong's experience shows him to have a unique and balanced understanding of land use issues. Mr. Wong also brings prior experience as a member of the LUC. For all of these reasons, the Fund respectfully requests that this Committee consent to Mr. Wong's appointment to the LUC.

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Jeffrey Masatsugu	Hawaii Tapers Market Recovery Trust Fund	Support	No

Comments: The Hawaii Tapers Market Recovery Trust Fund (the "Fund") is a labor-management cooperation fund representing the Hawaii Tapers Union and unionized contractors. The Fund strongly supports Mr. Wong's appointment as a member of the Land Use Commission ("LUC"). Mr. Wong's experience shows him to have a unique and balanced understanding of land use issues. Mr. Wong also brings prior experience as a member of the LUC. For all of these reasons, the Fund respectfully requests that this Committee consent to Mr. Wong's appointment to the LUC.

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Jeffrey Masatsugu	Painting Industry of Hawaii Labor Management Cooperation Trust Fund	Support	No

Comments: The Painting Industry of Hawaii Labor Management Cooperation Trust Fund (the "Fund") is a labor- management cooperation fund representing the Hawaii Painters Union and unionized contractors. The Fund strongly supports Mr. Wong's appointment as a member of the Land Use Commission ("LUC"). Mr. Wong's experience shows him to have a unique and balanced understanding of land use issues. Mr. Wong also brings prior experience as a member of the LUC. For all of these reasons, the Fund respectfully requests that this Committee consent to Mr. Wong's appointment to the LUC.

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Hon. Laura H. Thielen, Chair
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Room 321 - State Capitol
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**GM 813 - Arnold Wong - Land Use Commission
April 15, 2015 - 2:45 p.m. - CR224**

Dear Chair Thielen and Committee Members,

As the Financial Secretary/Treasurer and Business Manager of the Ironworkers Union, Local 625, I firmly go on record to support the nomination of Arnold K.H. Wong to become a permanent member of the land use commission. As you know, he is presently an interim appointee to the commission.

From what I have observed, Mr. Wong has put in many hours away from his work as a lobbyist with the Ironworkers Union Stabilization Fund in carrying out his duties as interim commissioner. In the process, he has gained much experience and knowledge concerning the important issues that are presently before the board. He is well prepared to deliberate on these issues that affect the people of Hawaii.

Based on the above, the Ironworkers Union, Local 625, fully support the nomination of Arnold K.H. Wong to the land use commission.

Sincerely,

Joseph V. O'Donnell
Financial Secretary/Treasurer
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lorna	IUPAT, District Council 50	Support	No

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**TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
WATER AND LAND
TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURES
REGULAR SESSION OF 2015**

TIME/DATE: 2:45 p.m. – WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2015

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 813 – “Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Land Use Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, ARNOLD K.H. WONG, for a term to expire 6-30-2018.”

**TO CHAIR THIELEN AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATE
COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND:**

The International Union of Painters and Allied Trades, District Council 50 (DC50), appreciates the opportunity to testify in support of Governor's Message 813 – “Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Land Use Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, Arnold K.H. Wong, for a term to expire 6-30-2018.” My name is Lorna Woo, Director of Government Affairs, District Council 50. DC50 is an organization that represents five (5) unions, the Painters, Local Union 1791; the Glaziers Architectural and Glass Metal Workers, Local Union 1889; the Carpet Linoleum and Soft Tile, Local Union 1926; the Drywall, Tapers Finishers, Local Union 1944 and the Pearl Harbor Metal Trades Specialty Workers, Local Union 1944 – approximately 2000 members statewide.

Mr. Wong is a seasoned and well-rounded individual. He has worked in both public and private capacities and possesses a keen understanding of financial and legislative matters as well as considerable knowledge in the construction industry. He has held positions ranging from grant manager to government affairs director.

Mr. Wong currently serves on several boards and committees and has proven to be an invaluable asset within the community. His continued involvement in the public

sector combined with his excellent communication skills has enabled him to build and foster relationships that will bring insight and acuity to the Land Use Commission. Mr. Wong's experience in the private sector will allow him to make comprehensive and fair decisions with a vested interest for all.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Governor's Message No. 813, and I respectfully request the confirmation of Mr. Arnold K.H. Wong to the Land Use Commission.

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Randy Perreira	Hawaii Government Employees Association	Support	No

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April 15, 2015

G.M. 813 – CONSIDERATION AND
CONFIRMATION TO THE LAND USE
COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE
ARNOLD K.H. WONG

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO strongly supports the appointment of Mr. Arnold K.H. Wong to the Land Use Commission (LUC).

Currently working as the Director of Government Affairs for the Ironworkers Union Stabilization Fund, Mr. Wong oversees the union's legislative priorities and Political Action Committee, while also working with developers, government and unions to implement construction projects. Mr. Wong has previously served as the Government Grants Manager at the Nature Conservancy, the Executive Director of the City and County of Honolulu Juvenile Justice Center, and Congressional Aide to Congressman Neil Abercrombie. Throughout his nearly 20-year career, Mr. Wong has accumulated a broad understanding of government relations at both the local and federal level.

Mr. Wong is also an incredibly active member of our community. In addition to being a Pac-Five Judo coach, Mr. Wong makes time to serve on numerous boards and commissions including the Ironworkers Union Trust Fund, Honolulu Fire Commission, Hawaii Baptist Academy Alumni Association and the St. Francis Foundation. With his extensive experience and his willingness to help improve our community, we are confident Mr. Wong will be an excellent addition to the LUC.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of Mr. Arnold Wong's appointment to the Land Use Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Perreira
Executive Director

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April 15, 2015

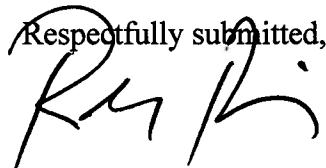
G.M. 813 – Land Use Commission

The Hawaii State AFL-CIO strongly supports the nomination of Arnold K.H. Wong to be a member of the Land Use Commission (LUC).

Mr. Wong has nearly 20 years of employment and community experience that ranges from working for Congressman Neil Abercrombie as a Congressional Aide to being the Executive Director of the City and County of Honolulu Juvenile Justice Center and most recently as the Director of Government Affairs for the Iron Workers Union Stabilization Fund, Local 625. Mr. Wong is also an active participant in the community and provides countless hours of his personal time serving as a Board Member for Poi Dogs and Popoki, a Commissioner for the Honolulu Fire Commission, and as a Board Member for the St. Francis Foundation. Mr. Wong's employment and community experience makes him a highly qualified member for the LUC.

In addition, I have known Mr. Wong for an immeasurable amount of time and can attest to his solid work ethic and commitment to improve Hawaii. Mr. Wong will undoubtedly be able to take on the difficult tasks that lie ahead and I know he will serve the LUC with the utmost integrity and determination to administer the Land Use Law. I can confidently and enthusiastically recommend Mr. Wong to be a member of the LUC.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,


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Randy Swindell	IOMM&P	Support	No

Comments: Masters, Mates & Pilots union strongly supports the nomination of Arnold K.H. Wong to be a member of the Land Use Commission.

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**Re: GM 813 - Arnold Wong - Land Use Commission
Hearing - April 15, 2015 - 2:45 p.m. - CR 224**

Dear Chair Thielen and Committee Members:

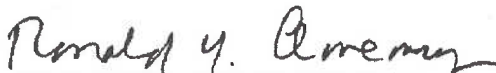
As a fellow lobbyist of the Ironworkers Stabilization Fund, I support GM813, concerning the nomination of Arnold Wong to the Land Use Commission. He presently serves as an interim commissioner of the LUC.

Needless to say, the time and effort one must exert in carrying out his or her duties on this important agency is considerable. Having youth on his side, he has the necessary energy to effectively tend to these duties.

As an aside, it is my understanding that he will be taking a trip to the mainland to attend a LUC related conference with the chair in a few days. For him to be chosen to attend the conference even if he is only an interim appointee should indicate that he has been able to grasp the critical issues before the commission.

I respectfully support the nomination of Arnold Wong to become a member of the Land Use Commission.

Sincerely,



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**Re: GM 813 - Arnold Wong - State Land Use Commission
April 15, 2015 - 2:45 p.m. - CR224**

Dear Chair Chun Oakland and Committee Members,

It is with distinct pleasure that I support the Governor's nomination of Arnold K.H. Wong to the Land Use Commission. Mr. Wong is presently an interim appointee to the commission.

Having served as an interim commissioner for over six months, Arnold has gained much knowledge and experience concerning land use matters affecting the state. The on-the-job training he would have to gain would be minimal, and, he would be able to hit the ground running and effectively deliberate on all matters coming before the commission.

I respectfully submit that Arnold K.H. Wong is most qualified to become a member of the Land Use Commission.

Respectfully Submitted,


T. George Paris
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Wil Okabe	Hawaii State Teachers Association	Support	Yes

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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE
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DATE: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2015

RE: G.M. 813 – SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE
LAND USE COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, ARNOLD
K.H. WONG, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2018

PERSON TESTIFYING: WIL OKABE, PRESIDENT
HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

The Honorable Chair Laura Thielen, Honorable Vice Chair Brickwood Galuteria and
Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii State Teachers Association (HSTA) **supports G.M. 813** which submits for
your consideration, the appointment of Mr. Arnold K.H. Wong for the position of the At -
Large Land Use Commission.

Mr. Wong has an in depth background and experience that is multifaceted. He is
currently the Director of Government Affairs for the Ironworkers Union. He is skilled in
Lobbying Federal, State and County Executive and Legislative branches of government
and ensures the organization's goals and missions are met including drafting new laws,
statutes and ordinances. Through his leadership, Mr Wong strives to foster win-win
positions for all parties, allowing projects to proceed that are culturally and
environmentally sensitive.

Mr. Wong brings forth the kind of experience needed on the Land Use Commission that
will benefit the people of Hawaii.

Mr. Wong is best known for his commitment to the community through community
service, which is reflected in his commitment to serving the public with integrity.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify and show our support for Mr. Arnold Wong.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alan Takemoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Chair Thielen and committee members: I am writing in support of GM 813 Mr. Arnold Wong to the State Land Use Commission. I have found Mr. Arnold Wong as a fair and balance person and always open to hearing everyone's input and comments. Mr. Arnold Wong has a years of experience on land use issues and will be an asset to the State of Hawaii. He understands the importance of proper development and the need to preserve open space and critical habitats. Please support and confirm Mr. Wong's nomination to the State Land Use Commission. Mahalo, Alan Takemoto 808-292-3205

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Alicia Maluafiti	Individual	Support	Yes

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Testimony from Alicia Maluafiti

In strong support of GM 813 - confirmation to the Land Use Commission,
Gubernatorial Nominee, ARNOLD WONG., for a term to expire 6-30-2018

Senate Committee on Water and Land
Wednesday, April 15, 2:45 pm, Room 224

Aloha Chair Thielen and members of the committee,

My name is Alicia Maluafiti and I am testifying in strong support of Mr. Arnold Wong's appointment to the State Land Use Commission (LUC).

As the volunteer President of Poi Dogs & Popoki, a local animal welfare nonprofit, I have had the honor and privilege of working with Arnold who serves as a Member on our Board of Directors. Arnold serves in this capacity as a volunteer and has been a valuable member of our leadership team. I am impressed with his openness and willingness to support our small organization.

It's very difficult to find people willing to give their time, energy and resources to a nonprofit organization and to serve without pay to help animals on Oahu. The fact that Arnold is also willing to serve in a volunteer capacity on the LUC is admirable and indicative of his willingness to give back to the people of Hawaii. It is an additional and impressive sacrifice.

Serving on the LUC is a time intensive commitment. LUC members have a number of meetings with important and complicated issues that require extensive review and discussion. Sometimes the issues brought before the Commission are controversial and challenging. I believe Arnold has the necessary critical thinking and solution-oriented skills to weigh the strengths and weaknesses of the cases being decided by the LUC. It is a difficult position but his strength of conviction and understanding of the challenges facing Hawaii land use and its management will ensure that Arnold is able to be an effective commission member. At the end of the day, Arnold will do what is pono for the people of Hawaii.

I am proud to serve with him on behalf of Oahu pets and their people. I would be honored to have him serve on the LUC. It gives me peace of mind knowing that Arnold will look out for our best interests. I ask for your consideration in approving his appointment to the LUC.

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Brian Miyamoto	Individual	Support	No

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David Duffy	Individual	Support	No

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luke kaili	Individual	Support	No

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Presentation To
Committee on Water and Land
Wednesday, April 15, 2015, 2:45 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 224

TO: The Honorable Laura H. Thielen, Chair
The Honorable Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair

Testimony in Favor of Governor's Message No. 813

I am Neal Okabayashi and I submit this testimony as an individual and not on behalf of First Hawaiian Bank. I support the nomination of Arnold K.H. Wong to serve as a member of the Land Use Commission.

My association with Mr. Wong stems from our interaction during a convention in the early 1980s. Since that day, we have stayed in touch and sometimes working together on legislative issues. Despite our representation of different perspectives, I always found him to be open, honest, and fair, and more importantly, when we shared conversations, one who took a balanced approach to the issues at hand. He considered my views and though we did not always agree, he was able to assess different views and balance them. I think that spirit of balance is a worthy character trait for one who must serve on a commission which is to represent a cross-section of our community in performing long term land use management and regulation of our four basic land use districts on the state level.

He does possess experience and knowledge of the issues as he presently serves as Vice Chair of the Land Use Commission in his capacity as an interim appointment. This background will ensure that there will be no learning curve as he embarks on this journey of public service. It is with great pleasure that I urge this Committee to vote in the affirmative to the Governor's Message to afford him a full term to serve this community.

Neal K. Okabayashi

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April 13, 2015

To: Senator Laura H. Thielen, Chair
Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair
Committee on Water and Land
From: Sister William Marie Eleniki, OSF

Re: GM 813, Submitting for consideration and confirmation of Arnold K.H. Wong
to the Land Use Commission
Wednesday, April 15, 2015, 2:45 p.m.
Conference Room 224, State Capitol

I am pleased to provide written testimony in support of Governor David Ige's nomination of Arnold K.H. Wong for an at-large seat on the Land Use Commission.

I have known Arnold Wong for four years. We served together on Bishop Larry Silva's committee for the "Mother Marianne Cope – A Legacy of Love & Service" benefit dinner that enabled nine Kalaupapa residents to attend Saint Marianne Cope's historic canonization ceremony in Rome. When I witnessed what an excellent fundraiser he was, I knew I had to have him on our St. Francis Healthcare Foundation of Hawaii Board, on which he has been serving since 2013. I can always count on Arnold.

His qualities of integrity and courage, as well as his no-nonsense approach, knowledge of government and community affairs and commitment to community service all make him an asset to the Land Use Commission for the stewardship of Hawaii's lands.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Sister William Marie Eleniki, OSF". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Sister William Marie Eleniki, OSF

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