<u>GM 806</u>

| Measure Title: | Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Contractors License Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, ANACLETO ALCANTARA, JR., for a term to expire 06-30-2019. |
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TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE Regular Session of 2017

Wednesday, April 12, 2017 10:00 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 806.

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Candace Ito and I am the Executive Officer of the Contractors

License Board ("Board"), Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's

Message No. 806, regarding the reappointment of Anacleto "Joey" Alcantara, Jr. to the

Board. The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Alcantara's reappointment to

the Board.

Mr. Alcantara is being reappointed to the Board as one of its specialty contractor members. He has been licensed since October 28, 2004 and holds the following specialty classifications: Acoustical and insulation; Masonry; Taping; and Plastering. He is the principal responsible managing employee of First Pacific Builders LLC. His license is current, active and in good standing. Testimony on Governor's Message No. 806 Wednesday, April 12, 2017 Page 2

Mr. Alcantara has been a member of the Board since July 1, 2011. He brings to the Board his twenty years of experience in the construction industry and his expertise in drywall, plastering, insulation and masonry work and has attended a majority of meetings. The Department believes that Mr. Alcantara's interest in serving on the Board, desire to contribute to the community, and his expertise in the profession will be an asset to the Board.

The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Alcantara to the Contractors License Board, and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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LETTER OF ENDORSEMENT FOR JOEY ALCANTRA OF GROUP BUILDERS

Dear Senator Baker,

My name is Peter Ganaban, Business Manager/Secretary-Treasurer of the Hawaii Laborers Union Local 368, representing more than 5000 working and retired men and women across the State of Hawaii. I am writing this letter in <u>strong support</u> of <u>Joey Alcantra</u> as he seeks his <u>second term</u> to the State of Hawaii's Contractors License Board (CLB).

Joey Alcantra, the son of Lito Alcantra of Group Builders, started with the Hawaii Laborers Union in 2000, and was member of the Hawaii Laborers Union first apprenticeship graduating class in 2004. Since that time, Mr. Alcantra went on to manage his father's warehouse at Group Builders and then started his own company in 2010, First Pacific Builders specializing in drywall and finish carpentry.

We feel that considering Mr. Alcantra's roots with the Hawaii Laborer's Union, his years of subsequent experience as both a worker and owner in Hawaii's construction industry, and the experience, expertise and knowledge he has gained over time makes him an invaluable asset to the CLB.

Therefore, I, and the over 5000 working and retired men and women that I represent, stand in <u>strong support</u> of Mr. Joey Alcantra's appointment to the State of Hawaii Contractors License Board for his second and final term.

Very truly yours,

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THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION OF 2017

TIME/DATE: 10:00 A.M. - Wednesday, April 12, 2017, Room 229

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 806 – "Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Contractors License Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, ANACLETO ALCANTRA, JR., for a term to expire 06-30-2019."

TO CHAIR BAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH:

My name is Dwayne Arelliano, Business Representative of the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades, 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 1941 – approximately 2000 members statewide. I appreciate the opportunity to testify in support of Governor's Message No. 806 – "Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Contractor License Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, ANACLETO ALCANTRA, JR., for a term to expire 06-30-2019."

I would like to thank you for this opportunity to recommend Anacleto "Joey" Alcantara, Jr., for a second term, serving as a Board Member on the Contractor License Board. For approximately seven years, I have had the opportunity to interact with Joey and his father, Anacleto "Lito" Alcantara, CEO and President, Group Builders, both on and off the jobsites. Joey possesses intelligence, experience, and the knowledge of the construction Industry. He has worked for Group Builders since 1999, and is the first Filipino construction company to receive this honor of "Top 20 General Contractors in Hawaii." Joey has worked for many years under the tutelage of his father before venturing out on his own to start First Pacific Builders. I find Joey to be a very smart, knowledgeable, dedicated, honest, friendly, and an impartial person and I humbly request your consideration to confirm Anacleto "Joey" Alcantara, Jr. to serve for a second term on the Contractor License Board.

GM806 Anacleto Alcantara: Contractors License Board

(1) Why do you want to be a member of the Board?

I want to be able to serve the board and the community, pursue and enhance the board's mission and goals, uplift and possibly improve the standards or criteria in determining and processing of certified licensees.

(2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board?

As a member of the board, my role is to promote the regulations in screening applicants who are trying to obtain their license, also to maintain the business standards of licensed contractors, ensuring that they comply with the requirements and responsibilities. This way, the public and the community who are the client consumers are protected from unnecessary, unfair, and improper business ethics and misconduct.

(3) In what ways do you feel that you can help protect the consumer?

By carefully discerning, recommending and properly checking pertinent background information or references of applicants; be responsive or attentive to the queries and inquiries of the consumers, or the public in general, conduct the proper investigations or background checks if called for, and are necessary. It would also help to be constantly updated on the status of licensees to make sure they are in compliance, assist those who need help with their license so they can properly comply.

(4) Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a Board member, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise and knowledge that would aid you as a member of the Board.

I have been trained and have been in multiple type of business for over 20 years and over 10 of those years in construction. I deal directly with all clients and associates of the businesses, all departments (Accounting, Field Operations, Administrative, Human Resources, Management) from bottom to the top positions. I am confident that my passion and enthusiasm help to motivate others in the pursuance of being an entrepreneur and a licensed contractor. I believe that the continuous learning experience, lessons contribute to my knowledge of analyzing and evaluating the capability, quality and other concerns of contractors. I also have professional mentors who constantly guide, support and assist me with challenges I encounter.

(5) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service

To help the board be more proactive in promoting what they do for the community, I myself will try to set a better example for contractors like me, foremost is complying with the rules of being a licensed contractor and maintaining the status of an active licensee. I would also suggest having programs to educate people on being an entrepreneur in line with being a licensed contractor because being certified means upholding to the rules, regulations and standards set by the board.

(6) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Board.

Team player -I am able to work with people from all walks of life, whether they be beginners, or experts in any field of interest; I am able to be part of a small business, a large business, any organization whether business or community. I work well with people

Good listener – Part of being an expert in any field of learning is by being a good listener. We are not perfect, that's why we have to be open to learning, in order to become successful in any field of endeavor

Proactive - anyone can be doing a certain task, but it takes someone proactive to get the task done better and faster. Sometimes, we may not be able to see the many sides of things so we make mistakes or even fail, but if we pay attention to why mistakes and failures happen, we will learn how to correct them and improve ourselves and our surroundings so we will minimize the negative effects and instead focus on the positive things, try to prevent mistakes from recurring.

(7) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board member.

When I was Chair of International Affairs in the year 2000 at the Filipino Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, I coordinated and established the Sister City Relations between Mandaluyong City in the Philippines and Honolulu, Hawaii, USA. This was very significant because I had to learn about people's businesses and investments to gather and convince them, along with other dignitaries to join the Trade Mission, having them travel from Hawaii and meet the business people and dignitaries in the Philippines. This included about two weeks itinerary of events like courtesy meeting with the President of the Philippines and other dignitaries, learning about establishing business in a foreign country, learning about the culture or the people as well as each country's economy. To me, this was an important learning experience because it helped me focus on the goals of the Trade Mission, at the same time focus on each of the individual businesses' perspectives, just like the license board where there are standards to follow for the. Board, but we also look into each individual businesses' concerns. Looking at the small and bigger picture helps to grow and improve an organization's mission and goals, whether local or global scale.

(8) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the Board? How would you overcome conflicts of interest?

I believe that all problems and any conflicts of interest can be worked on and have possible solutions if we know how to handle and are properly trained. Experience makes a big difference in handling different situations, and consulting the right people who can guide and assist or support the decisions are necessary. Foremost is trying to stay within the parameters of rules and regulations because any organization can only succeed and be effective if the bylaws are followed and maintained.