

STATE OF HAWAI'I STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES PRINCESS VICTORIA KAMĀMALU BUILDING 1010 RICHARDS STREET, Room 122 HONOLULU, HAWAI'I 96813 TELEPHONE: (808) 586-8100 FAX: (808) 586-7543

March 31, 2021

The Honorable Jarret Keohokalole, Chair Senate Committee on Health Thirty-First Legislature State Capitol State of Hawaii Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Keohokalole and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: GM 580 – State Council on Developmental Disabilities Gubernatorial Nominee Philip Ana

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS GM 580** to confirm the nomination of Philip Ana for a term to expire June 30, 2022.

The Council's Federal mandate (P.L.106-402) is clear in determining the composition of this body to ensure that all the players involved in the development, implementation, and use of DD supports are represented. The law specifically requires that 60 percent of the membership of the Council be comprised of individuals with DD, their parents, or family members. Additionally, the following agencies are required to be on the Council: Department of Health; the agencies that administer funds provided under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act; the Older Americans Act of 1965; Titles V and XIX of the Social Security Act; the Protection and Advocacy Agency; the Centers for Excellence in DD Education, Research, and Service; agencies and private non-profit organizations concerned with services to individuals with DD. The Governor's nominee meets all the Federal requirements for Council membership.

Mr. Ana is the Long-Term Disability Specialist for the Executive Office on Aging. His appointment fulfills the requirement to have a representative from the Older Americans Act of 1965. As a representative from the Executive Office on Aging, Mr. Ana would assist the Council in bringing together the aging and disability networks to increase collaboration among agencies, especially at a time of limited and reduced resources. State Council on Developmental Disabilities Gubernatorial Nominee Philip Ana March 31, 2021 Page 2 of 2

He will be a member of the Council's Community Supports Committee that addresses the goal, "To increase the number of adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities to love where they live by promoting and enhancing community-based supports and services." He would contribute his expertise in addressing the development of policies for home and community-based approaches that cut across the aging and disability populations. His experience is an asset to the Council in promoting systems change and advocating on behalf of individuals with DD and their families. Mr. Ana's perspective will be valued in creating and implementing our new five-year state plan that will begin next year.

The Council is pleased to have Mr. Ana reappointed to the Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our strong support for GM 580.

Sincerely,

ty Partillie

Daintry Bartoldus Executive Administrator

DAVID Y. IGE GOVERNOR OF HAWAII

ELIZABETH A. CHAR, M.D. DIRECTOR OF HEALTH



CAROLINE CADIRAO DIRECTOR

> Telephone (808) 586-0100

Fax (808) 586-0185

STATE OF HAWAII EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON AGING NO. 1 CAPITOL DISTRICT 250 SOUTH HOTEL STREET, SUITE 406 HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813-2831

Testimony in SUPPORT of GM 580 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Gubernatorial Nominee: Philip Ana

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH SENATOR JARRETT KEOHOKALOLE, CHAIR SENATOR ROSALYN BAKER, VICE CHAIR

Testimony of Caroline Cadirao Director, Executive Office on Aging Attached Agency to the Department of Health

Hearing Date: March 31, 2021 1:00 p.m. Via Videoconference

1 EOA's Position: The Executive Office on Aging (EOA), an attached agency to the Department

2 of Health, strongly supports the nomination of Mr. Philip Ana to the State Council on

3 Developmental Disabilities.

4 **Comments**: Mr. Ana is reapplying for a second term to the State Council on Developmental

5 Disabilities for a term to expire 6-30-2025. Mr. Ana has served as the Long-Term Care

6 Disabilities Specialist at the Executive Office on Aging for the last 8 years. While employed at

7 EOA, Mr. Ana has learned about programs and services for older adults. His knowledge with

8 issues facing our kupuna and caregivers will make him effective at serving the aging and

- 9 disability community. Mr. Ana's knowledge of the Older Americans Act (OAA) will serve him
- 10 well in his role as the OAA/Title III representative. In addition, Mr. Ana has 34 years of
- 11 experience as an advocate for individuals with disabilities will make him an excellent candidate

- 1 for the Council on Developmental Disabilities. Mr. Ana has been an active member of the DDC
- 2 for the last 4 years.
- 3 For these reasons, EOA strongly supports the confirmation of Mr. Philip Ana to the State
- 4 Council on Developmental Disabilities.
- 5 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

P.O. Box 4777 Kaneohe, HI 96744

March 31, 2021

The Honorable Jarrett Keohokalole Chair Senate Committee on Health Hawaii State Capitol 415 S. Beretania Street, Room 231 Honolulu, HI 96813

> Re: Governor's Message 580 Nomination of Philip Ana to the State Coordinating Council on Developmental Disabilities

Dear Chair Keohokalole, Vice Chair Baker, and members of the Senate Committee on Health,

I support the nomination of Philip Ana to serve on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DDC).

I am testifying as a business owner, disability advocate, and retiree of the Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB). I have known Mr. Ana for 30 years. He was a primary resource for me when I worked as staff at DCAB, and he often provided information about available services and resources for people with disabilities in the community.

When I first met him, Mr. Ana worked at the Hawaii Centers for Independent Living, and now he is now employed at the Executive Office on Aging. He has always been a strong advocate for people with disabilities and has done his best to provide the most current and accurate information available for people with disabilities to obtain assistance in the community.

As a person with a disability he knows the impact of what it means to receive accessible services, and work towards improving and developing such services for people with disabilities.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of his nomination to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Respectfully submitted,

DEBBRA L. JACKSON Owner Alii Interpreting Services, LLC