DAVID Y. IGE GOVERNOR

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Ross I. Yamasaki Chairman, Stadium Authority

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An Agency of the State of Hawaii March 9, 2022

TESTIMONY

OF RYAN G. ANDREWS, ACTING STADIUM MANAGER STADIUM AUTHORITY DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM ON March 9, 2022, 3:00 P.M. Conference Room 224 & by Videoconference

G.M. 552

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Misalucha, and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony supporting the appointment of Ms. Claire Tamamoto to the Stadium Authority.

With the New Aloha Stadium Development District (NASED) being such a complex and expansive project, it is essential that the Stadium Authority Board's composition provides a holistic approach to pursuing its goals and objectives and ultimately guiding and supporting the NASED project to its completion. I believe Ms. Tamamoto's wealth of leadership and participatory roles in the Aiea community will provide significant value and benefit toward that end.

I have had the pleasure of interacting with Ms. Tamamoto in her capacity as the President of the Aiea Community Association and she displays professionalism, knowledge and understanding of the various needs and concerns voiced within those meetings. As a resident of the Aiea community, she is well respected and qualified to fulfill the board's Aiea Community Representative appointment. We believe we are extremely fortunate to have a person of Ms. Tamamoto's caliber as the Board prepares to address very challenging and complex decisions in the years ahead. As such, I respectfully ask for the Committee's favorable consideration in confirming gubernatorial nominee, Ms. Claire Tamamoto to the Stadium Authority Board for a present term to expire on June 30, 2025.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony in support of Ms. Tamamoto.



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STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF CURT T. OTAGURO, COMPTROLLER DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES TO THE

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

MARCH 9, 2022, 3:00 P.M. VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE, STATE CAPITOL

G.M. 552 SUBMITTING FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE STADIUM AUTHORITY, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, CLAIRE J. TAMAMOTO, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE ON 06-30-2025.

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Misalucha, and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on G.M. 552. My team and I strongly support the nomination of Ms. Claire Tamamoto to the Stadium Authority.

Ms. Tamamoto has a proven track record of true leadership on behalf of the community, serving on numerous boards, associations, and groups that benefit the community. Under her presidency, Ms. Tamamoto has already established the Aiea Community Association as a lead stakeholder in the Stadium Development District by maintaining active participation in its development, beginning with the City and County of Honolulu's creation of the Halawa Area Transit Oriented Development Master Plan from its beginnings in 2015 through to its adoption in October 2020, and continuing to do so in all phases of our New Aloha Stadium Entertainment District efforts. We look forward to Ms. Tamamoto leveraging her leadership skills and passion for community service to more directly contribute to the Stadium Authority. She will provide

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valuable insights and guidance to the Stadium Authority, as we anticipate she will continue to be a strong voice for the community.

Ms. Tamamoto's experience and accolades are many. To name just a few: Director and President of Pep Hawaii since 1984, Director for the Aiea Hongwanji Preschool/Kindergarten since 2010, Member/President of the Aiea Community Association since 1998, and the recipient of the Aiea Community Heroes Award in 2021.

At heart, Ms. Tamamoto is a dedicated educator, compassionate care-giver, and proactive community leader. It's no wonder that her quiet nickname is "Mayor of Aiea."

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.



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AUDREY HIDANO, DEPUTY COMPTROLLER DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM ON

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2022 3:30 P.M. CONFERENCE ROOM 224 & VIDEOCONFERENCE

G.M. 552

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE STADIUM AUTHORITY GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, **CLAIRE TAMAMOTO**, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2025.

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Misalucha, and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on G.M. 552. I strongly support the nomination of Ms. Claire Tamamoto to the Stadium Authority.

I've known Claire Tamamoto for years and worked with her in several of her community affairs. Claire knows her community and gets involved with things that come up that would involve community input. She seeks for a resolve that would be a happy medium for all concerned.

Claire will be an asset to the Authority.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this matter.

DAVID Y. IGE GOVERNOR



Ali'i Pauahi Hawaiian Civic Club Promoting Hawaiian culture and values since 1973 99-045 Nalopaka Place `Aiea, Hawai`i 96701

March 8, 2022

- To: The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair The Honorable Bennette E. Misalucha, Vice Chair, and Members of the Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism
- Date: Wednesday, March 9, 2022
- Time: 3:30 pm
- Place: Conference room 224 & Videoconference
 - Re: GM 552 Relating to Consideration and Confirmation to the Stadium Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, Claire Tamamoto

Aloha Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Misalucha and Members of the Committee,

I am writing on behalf of the Ali`i Pauahi Hawaiian Civic Club, a member of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, which is headquartered in `Aiea, Hawai`i, to express our **strong support** of GM 552, Relating to Consideration and Confirmation to the Stadium Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, Claire Tamamoto.

We have known Claire for over thirty years, as a dedicated, compassionate and visionary leader who cares deeply about the past, present and future of our community. Her seeds of service

were cultivated by her father, Toichi "Pep" Toyofuku, a businessman and community leader who founded the Aiea Boys Baseball, then, Aiea PONY (Protect our Nation's Youth) Baseball leagues and helped guide the `Aiea Community Association (c. 1961) in building sports fields and the town's first library.

In August 1999, following in her father's footsteps, Claire helped reinstate the ACA, to become an active voice for the community, after the closing of the `Aiea Sugar Mill. Over the course of twenty-plus years, she successfully pushed for the building of a new State Library; the creation of a Master Plan for the Pearl Harbor Historic Trail; the commissioning of 140 quality affordable Kupuna housings on the old mill site; and the restoration of one of the last remaining historic fishponds in Pearl Harbor.

A true servant leader, Claire is deeply rooted and respected in our community, and beyond, and her mission to preserve our character, while ensuring a vibrant and loving sense of place for future generations, makes her a critical bridge between the `Aiea/Halawa `areas and the Aloha Stadium Authority.

Based on Claire's extensive knowledge and experience, we believe that she is eminently qualified to help lead the Stadium Authority to a successful outcome.

Mahalo nui loa for your serious consideration of Claire Tamamoto's nomination.

Blessings and Mālama Pono, to you all.

Kehaulani Lum, President Ali`i Pauahi Hawaiian Civic Club 99-045 Nalopaka Place `Aiea, Hawai`i 96701



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Aloha Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Misalucha and Members of the Committee,

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify on this important measure. On February 21, 2022, the `Aiea Community Association unanimously voted to submit its support for GM 552, relating to Governor David Y. Ige's nomination of Claire Tamamoto to the Stadium Authority.

We support Claire's nomination because of her substantial relevant experience and expertise in athletics, multi-generational community engagement, community development, government relations, and fiscal management. In addition, we support her nomination because of the exemplary spirit of Aloha that she practices, in all her actions. For an institution called, "Aloha," to live up to its name, its members should manifest the traits of character that express the charm, warmth and sincerity of Hawai`i's people, as articulated in the Chapter 5-7.5 of the Hawai`i Revised Statutes. Claire embodies this philosophy.

As a second-generation leader in athletics and community service, President of the `Aiea Community Association, for decades, and the inaugural recipient of the `Aiea and Pearl City "Community Heroes Award," Claire brings a depth of respect, awareness and connection to the area that will ensure that the Authority successfully advances its goals. She understands, firsthand, the responsibility that the Stadium Authority has as it maintains, operates and manages the Aloha Stadium.

Based on Claire's extensive knowledge and leadership in the community and across Hawai'i Nei, we believe that she is eminently qualified for this important role.

Mahalo nui loa,

Karen Higa ACA Board of Directors



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<u>GM-552</u> Submitted on: 3/5/2022 8:05:29 AM Testimony for EET on 3/9/2022 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alan Urasaki	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I fully support the confirmation of Claire Tamamoto, and urge this committee to confirm her appointment. Thank you.

<u>GM-552</u> Submitted on: 3/8/2022 8:23:45 AM Testimony for EET on 3/9/2022 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kimberly Mills	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I have known Claire for over 20 years with the Aiea Community Association and I strongly support her nomination to the Stadium Authority. I believe that she will ensure the interests of the community will be addressed with the proposed new development. Claire loves Aiea and it is reflected in all she does.

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March 9. 2022

Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair Senator Bennette Misalucha, Vice Chair Committee on Energy, Economic Development and Tourism Hawaii State Capitol 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: SUPPORT for GM552 – Claire Tamamoto, Stadium Authority

Dear Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Misalucha and Members of the Committee:

I write in strong support for Governors Message 552 Nominating Claire Tamamoto to the Stadium Authority.

Ms. Tamamoto has a long-standing reputation of being a pillar in the Aiea community, which neighbors and overlooks the Aloha Stadium property. Her commitment and leadership in the areas of education, youth sports, advocacy and community involvement, have made her a respected voice and valuable stakeholder in matters involving the Aloha Stadium over the years.

As an interim appointee to the Stadium Authority for the past few months, she has brought her voice, perspective and resources to the board and has proven to be a valuable contributing member as Authority navigates its course toward the development of the New Aloha Stadium Entertainment District.

I strongly urge the Committee on Energy, Economic Development and Tourism to advise the Senate to confirm Ms. Tamamoto's nomination to the Stadium Authority.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written comments.

Sincerely Respectfully Yours,

oss I. Yamasaki

<u>GM-552</u> Submitted on: 3/8/2022 8:23:47 PM Testimony for EET on 3/9/2022 3:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Felicity Toyama	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Thank you for the opportunity to write this note in support of Claire Tamamoto's nomination as a member of the Stadium Authority. Claire is an insanely hard worker, is deeply dedicated to her community and to Hawaii as a whole, and is definitely qualified to serve as a member of the Stadium Authority.

Aloha Stadium is going to go through a period of major change over the next few years. I know that Claire will ensure that the needs and concerns of the surrounding communities are not ignored in the process. Indeed, there are very few people who are as in tune with our community as Claire.

I urge the committee to support this nomination. Thank you.