

GM812 Nathan Olanda

- (1) Why do you wish to be a member of the Board of Electricians and Plumbers?** To ensure all applicants met their qualifications to take their journeyman license.
- (2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board of Electricians and Plumbers?** To review applications of apprentices that want to take the Journeyman test. To ensure the minimum experience in the disciplines required to qualify to take the state license are met. To verify information on applications is not fraudulent.
- (3) Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a Board of Electricians and Plumbers 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.** 36 years as an electrician and 2 years as an electrical inspector. Versed in all disciplines. Supervised both Journeymen and apprentices throughout majority of career. Exposed to all licensed electrical contractors and their technicians on a daily basis as a C&C inspector.
- (4) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?** Ensure better more competent technicians are being allowed to apply for and take the State license. Ultimately, help ensure public safety.
- (5) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Board of Electricians and Plumbers.** I'm versed in all phases of electrical installation methods and materials. I'm detailed oriented. I'm fair and team oriented.
- (6) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board of Electricians and Plumbers member.** I feel that my combined 38 years of industry experience will serve this board well in evaluating the experience of any applicant.
- (7) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the Board of Electricians and Plumbers? How would you overcome conflicts of interest?** No.



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Testimony of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

**Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Friday, April 8, 2022
9:30 a.m.
Conference Room 229 and Via Videoconference**

**On the following measure:
G.M. 812, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE BOARD OF ELECTRICIANS AND PLUMBERS,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, NATHAN OLANDA,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2026**

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Catherine Awakuni Colón, and I am the Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (Department). The Department supports the appointment of Mr. Nathan Olanda to the Board of Electricians and Plumbers (Board) as a licensee member.

Mr. Olanada has been employed as a City and County of Honolulu Electrical Inspector since 2020 and has over 40 years of valuable residential and commercial technical experience in the trade.

The Department believes that Mr. Olanda's extensive background and his willingness to serve the public will greatly enhance the Board's effectiveness.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Testimony for CPN on 4/8/2022 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gerald Yuh	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

To: Senator Rosalyn Baker (Chair of Commerce and Consumer Protection)

Re: Nathan Olanda

Subject: Application to Electricians and Plumbers Licensing Board

Dear Senator Baker and Committee Members:

Thank you for allowing me to submit my written support for Nathan Olanda to serve on the Electricians and Plumbers licensing board.

My name is Gerald H Yuh. I am a C-13 Electrical contractor and the former head of IBEW Local Union 1186 (2002-2008) where I also served as Chairman of the Hawaii Electricians Training Trust.

I have known and worked with Nathan for over 30 years. We worked side by side on many our companies largest and complex projects before I left to head the Union in 2002. Nathan is a master at his craft as an electrician and has trained many apprentices...and journeymen alike in all of the disciplines associated with electrical work.

Now, as an electrical inspector for the City and County, he ensures proper electrical installations as dictated by the NEC (National Electric Code) for the island of Oahu. This exposure to all contractors doing permitted work on Oahu gives him a unique perspective for any applicant hoping to qualify to take the State Journeyman's license test.

As a contractor myself that provides emergency electrical services, I see the results of substandard work being performed. Mr. Olanda's role as a Board Member will help ensure only qualified applicants progress towards acquiring a journeyman's license which is critical to ensuring public safety as it relates to electrical work.

On a more personal note, Nathan is a committed husband and father of 3 beautiful daughters and is a devote Christian. His ethics and demeanor will serve the board very well.

Mr. Nathan Olanda has my highest endorsement and I urge you to confirm his appointment to serve on this important Board of Electricians and Plumbers.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald H Yuh

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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

To: Senator Rosalyn Baker (Chair of Commerce and Consumer Protection)

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Dear Senator Baker and Committee Members:

Thank you for your time in considering my written support for Nathan Olanda to serve on the Electricians and Plumbers licensing board.

My name is Gary Omori, I am the General Foreman for A-1A Electrician Inc. a signatory Union Contractor with the IBEW Local 1186. Nathan worked for A-1A from 1990 to 2020.

Having worked with Nathan on many complex projects, I know him to be a very competent and knowledgeable electrician. Nathan had the opportunity of working on many diverse projects from residential, high rises, hospital renovation and the Rail Maintenance yard. Nathan worked his way up from Journeyman to Leadman to Job Foreman, he has trained many apprentices and journeyman electricians in all phases of electrical work.

Now, as an electrical inspector for the City and County, he ensures proper electrical installations as dictated by the NEC (National Electric Code). His job provides an opportunity to see firsthand the skill, quality and knowledge of fellow electricians.

Mr. Olanda's role as a Board Member will help ensure only qualified applicants progress towards acquiring a journeyman's license which is critical to ensuring public safety as it relates to electrical work.

Mr. Nathan Olanda has my highest endorsement and I urge you to confirm his appointment to serve on this important Board of Electricians and Plumbers.

Respectfully submitted,

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Comments:

I support Nathan Olanda