TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

### RE: GM822 – CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION OF JASON BRADSHAW TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTOROF THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2022

### JOSH FROST, CHAIR DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAII LABOR CAUCUS

Chair Chang and Members of the Committee:

The Democratic Party of Hawaii Labor Caucus **supports GM822 Submitting for** consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee, Jason Bradshaw, for a term to expire June 30, 2025.

We are thrilled to support Jason Bradshaw for this appointment and believe he will make an excellent addition to the HHFDC Board of Directors.

Jason has a wealth of experience working on a wide array of issues at the State and Federal level. What's more, as affordable housing is of critical importance for Hawaii's working families today, Jason is well-suited to take on this role. He has worked is entire adult life to advocate for and improve the lives of Hawaii's working people.

We urge you to look favorably on this appointment and to recommend him for confirmation.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony today.

# **IRON WORKERS STABILIZATION FUND**

April 11, 2022

Stanley Chang, Chair Committee on Housing Senate State Capitol 415 S. Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

## Dear Honorable Chair Chang and Members of the Committee on Housing:

## Re: Support for Jason Bradshaw GM822 – Hawaii Housing Finance Development Corporation

I would like to state that we are in strong support of Mr. Jason Bradshaw to serve on the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation.

Mr. Bradshaw has numerous experiences with issues surrounding the working men and women of Hawaii. He knows one of the major needs for them is housing, which is unfortunately out of reach with the high cost of living in Hawaii. Mr. Bradshaw has been an advocate for the middle class and to those who needs affordable housing. He knows that most of the working men and women needs a living wage and can only rent their homes. That is why he always push for rent to own projects.

Jason is an advocate for the middle class this has been shown when he himself had problems affording his American dream. He wants all people to reach this dream by affordable housing.

I strongly support Jason Bradshaw to be on the Hawaii Housing and Finance Development Corporation. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, 1. Serve and T. George Paris Managing Director





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### **GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 822**

APRIL 14, 2022  $\cdot$  SENATE HOUSING COMMITTEE  $\cdot$  CHAIR SEN. STANLEY CHANG

**POSITION:** Strong support.

**RATIONALE:** The Democratic Party of Hawai'i Education Caucus <u>strongly supports</u> GM 822, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee, Jason Bradshaw, for a term to expire 06-30-2026.

Hawai'i residents face the highest housing costs in the nation, at more than twice the national average. Researchers who authored the National Low Income Housing Coalition's *Out of Reach 2021* report found that a full-time worker would need to earn \$37.69/hour to afford a two-bedroom apartment at fair market value in our state, with Honolulu experiencing a 67 percent increase in fair market rent between 2005 and 2015. Average rent for a two-bedroom unit surpassed \$2,000 in recent years, with minimum wage workers needing to log 114 hours per week to afford a modest one-bedroom apartment at fair market value and 149 hours per week to afford a two-bedroom—a number that is equivalent to working over 20 hours a day with no days off year-round. In the past five years alone, Honolulu rent has increased by more than 25 percent. Approximately 41 percent of Hawai'i residents are renters (a number that does not include individuals and families renting outside of the regulated rental market), many of whom can barely afford to pay rent because of Hawai'i's exorbitant cost of living and skyrocketing inflation.

One out of every four households in Hawai'i report that they are "doubling up" or are three paychecks or less away from being homeless, per the Hawai'i Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice. Additionally, over 60 percent of households are severely cost-burdened, following NLIHC data, meaning that they pay more than 30 percent of their income on housing, a number that rises to over 80 percent of extremely low-income households, with only 74 homes available for every 100 households earning 80 percent of their respective area's median income.

Notably, housing costs increased during the pandemic. In Honolulu, median single-family home prices reached a record of \$1.06 million last December, driven largely by sales to residential property investors. Unsurprisingly, our state is now experiencing population decline. Hawai'i saw domestic out-migration increase for a fifth consecutive year in 2021, as the state's high cost of living continued to push people to the mainland. Census estimates show that our state's population dropped by 10,358 people from July 2020 to July 2021, when births, deaths, and migration were accounted for. Hawai'i should have gained population because births outpaced deaths 15,510 to 11,279 during the period, creating what should have been a 4,231-person increase. Thus, in raw figures, about 14,500 people left the state between 2020 and 2021.

HHFDC has continuously failed to put the interests of working families ahead of developers' interests. Accordingly, we strongly support appointing Jason Bradshaw to the HHFDC Board of Directors, given his lifelong commitment to championing financial security for working families. HHFDC is the agency tasked with establishing affordable housing throughout our state. Yet, in comparison with regions that have a similar cost of living index to Hawai'i, our state's calculations for what constitutes affordable housing are far higher than our national peers. We need strong voices from the labor community on HHFDC's board to question why such discrepancies exist and ensure that the agency's operations uplift our most economically vulnerable residents, not the profits of developers for whom our islands are nothing more than an investment product.

Kris Coffield · Chairperson, DPH Education Caucus · (808) 679-7454 · kriscoffield@gmail.com



Testimony of Mufi Hannemann President & CEO Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association

> Senate Committee on Housing Governor's Message 822 April 14, 2022

Chair Chang and members of the Committee, mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony on behalf of the Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association, the state's oldest and largest private sector visitor industry organization.

The Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association—nearly 700 members strong, representing more than 50,000 hotel rooms and nearly 40,000 lodging workers—supports the nomination of Mr. Jason Bradshaw to serve as a member of the Hawai'i Housing Finance & Development Corporation's Board of Directors. We have had the pleasure of working closely with Mr. Bradshaw on a variety of issues in his capacity as Legislative Representative for ILWU, Local 142 and feel strongly that his government affairs and legislative experience will make him an excellent addition to the board.

Mr. Bradshaw's professional experience includes stints with the Hawai'i State AFL-CIO, ILWU Local 142, and the Ironworkers Stabilization Fund. He has also served in the congressional offices of Senator Daniel Akaka and Senator Daniel Inouye. His extensive experience in the realm of government affairs makes him incredibly well suited for this role, and I am confident that the board will benefit from his participation should he be confirmed.

### For these reasons, HLTA supports Governor's Message 822.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide this testimony.



### HAWAII MASONS' AND PLASTERERS' UNIONS HAWAII INDUSTRY STABILIZATION COMMITTEE

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### TO: THE HAWAII STATE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

SUBJECT: Testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of GM822, the consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee, JASON BRADSHAW, for a term to expire 06-30-2026.

DATE: <u>Special Public Meeting</u> Thursday, April 14, 2022 TIME: 1:00PM

Aloha Chair Chang, Vice Chair Kanuha, and members of the Hawaii State Senate Committee on Housing:

I have known Mr. Bradshaw for over ten years and am deeply impressed by his integrity and professionalism. He is well versed in all aspects of the construction industry and has been directly involved in encouraging developments and working to address our affordable housing shortage.

Mr. Bradshaw's background, knowledge and past employment all qualify him for appointment. Jason is a diligent professional with a broad range of experience and a demonstrated commitment to the community that I believe will be beneficial to the corporation.

I strongly believe that Mr. Bradshaw is an asset to the corporation and am grateful for his willingness to serve.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our support for GM822.

Michael R. Yadao Executive Director Hawaii Masons' and Plasterers' Unions Hawaii Industry Stabilization Committee



### **OPERATIVE PLASTERERS' AND CEMENT MASONS' INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION LOCAL #630, AFL-CIO**

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Aloha Chair Chang, Vice Chair Kanuha, and members of the Hawaii State Senate Committee on Housing:

The Operative Plasterers' and Cement Masons' International Association Local 630 is a trade union of plasterers and cement masons. Plasterer members of the union finish the interior and exterior walls and ceilings of buildings and apply plaster on masonry, metal, and wire lath or gypsum. While cement mason members are responsible for all concrete construction, including the pouring and finishing of slabs, steps, wall tops, curbs and gutters, sidewalks, and paving. Local 630 is committed to serve and represent the interest of its members in all matters related to the construction industry. To that end, we are also committed to the health and safety of workers statewide.

On behalf of Local 630, I ask that you support Jason Bradshaw for confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation. Mr. Bradshaw has demonstrated a unique ability to bring parties together to address a wide range of issues. I am deeply impressed with his commitment to public service and to the people of Hawaii.

I strongly believe that Mr. Bradshaw is an asset to the board and am grateful for his willingness to serve.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our support for GM822.

Peter T. Iriarte Financial Secretary-Treasurer/Business Manager OPCMIA Local #630

### <u>GM-822</u> Submitted on: 4/11/2022 3:49:39 PM Testimony for HOU on 4/14/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	Testify
Kate Stanley	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

April 14, 2022

TO: Senator Stanley Chang, Chair Senate Committee on Housing

Senator Dru Kanuha., Vice Chair Senate Committee on Housing

Members Senate Committee on Housing

FROM: Kate Stanley (retired)

SUBJECT: Testimony in support of Jason Bradshaw, nominee for the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation. Governor's Message No. 822, March 30, 2022.

I am Kate Stanley testifying in my individual capacity in support of the confirmation of Jason Bradshaw as a Board Member of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation,

I have known and worked with Jason for over 10 years. Jason and I have worked together on various projects in the Democratic Party of Hawaii. Working together to ensure leadership and funds for the Party have kept us both very busy. Jason has lead the Labor Caucus and helped organize many activities.

Jason's work ethic is excellent. His commitment as an advocate for those who labor in Hawaii is outstanding. Many of you know that Jason has been a tireless voice for issues that benefit the working people of Hawaii.

Jason will be an asset to the HHFDC Board as it works to fulfill its mandated functions. His career in labor organizations and work in the Democratic Party of Hawaii have prepared Jason to serve with distinction.

Please vote in favor of GM No. 822.

### <u>GM-822</u> Submitted on: 4/6/2022 8:12:40 AM Testimony for HOU on 4/14/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	Testify
Mike Golojuch, Sr.	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I definitely support Jason Bradshaw to be on the Board of Directors of the Housing Finance and Development Corporation. Please confirm his appointment. Thank you.

Mike Golojuch, Sr.