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TESTIMONY OF RYAN G. ANDREWS, STADIUM MANAGER STADIUM AUTHORITY DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM ON April 11, 2022 3:00 P.M. Conference Room 224 and by Video Conference

G.M. 826

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Misalucha, and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony in support of Mr. Michael Yadao to the Stadium Authority Board.

While we have not yet had the pleasure of working with Mr. Yadao, a review of his resume reflects a comprehensive career that includes directly applicable knowledge and experience in the construction industry, the legislative process, and in the executive branch of state government at its highest level. Experience in these areas will prove to be invaluable in providing guidance and support to lead the Stadium Authority towards meeting its goal of building a New Aloha Stadium Entertainment District (NASED), inclusive of its real estate development.

In the upcoming months, the Board is positioning itself to address very challenging and complex decisions involving the development of NASED and we believe Mr. Yadao's comprehensive professional experience will be instrumental and invaluable in supporting and guiding the Board through completion of the NASED project.

Ross I. Yamasaki Chairman, Stadium Authority

> RYAN G. ANDREWS Manager

We look forward to Mr. Yadao's participation and involvement as well as his leadership roles and past experience that reflects the ability to strategically guide various groups to meet its goals and objectives. As such, I respectfully ask for the Committee's favorable consideration in confirming gubernatorial nominee, Mr. Michael Yadao 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 Mr. Yadao.

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April 8, 2022

Glenn Wakai, Chair Committee on Energy, Economic Development & Tourism Senate State Capitol



Dear Honorable Chair Wakai and Members of the Committee on Energy, Economic Development & Tourism:

Re: Support for Michael Yadao GM826 – Stadium Authority Board

I would like to state that we are in strong support of Mr. Michael Yadao to serve on the Hawaii Stadium Authority Board.

Mr. Yadao has numerous experiences with issues surrounding the construction industry. He

also supports our working men and women of Hawaii. He knows one of the major needs for them are jobs and housing, which is unfortunately out of reach with the high cost of living in Hawaii. Mr. Yadao knows during this transition to a new stadium we not only need an entertainment venue, but affordable housing for the middle class. He understands that as a stop on the rail line this will be a vital cog for future growth in the area and for Hawaii at large.

Michael is an advocate for the middle class, this has been shown when he advocated for those who built the structures are unable to afford a unit in these buildings. Michael knows that he needs to build a better future for his sons and the children of Hawaii. As a member of the Stadium Authority Board, he can do this for the future.

I strongly support Michael Yadao to be on the Hawaii Stadium Authority Board. Thank you for your time and consideration.



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April 8, 2022

Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair Senator Bennette E. Misalucha, Vice Chair Members of the Senate Committee on Energy Economic Development and Tourism Thirty-First Legislature Regular Session 2022

RE: GM 826 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Stadium Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, MICHAEL YADAO, for a term to expire 06-30-2025

Hearing Date: April 11, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

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

Mahalo for the opportunity to express my support for GM 826 confirming Michael Yadao to the Stadium Authority. I have known Michael for more than 20 years both as a colleague and a friend. In his professional career, Michael has developed a strong knowledge in the construction industry and in government operations. He has been successful and supporting development of important projects throughout the state. In addition, Michael is a person of strong moral character and leadership skills, and has always exhibited a commitment to community service.

As a current member of the Stadium Authority, I understand the time and effort that goes in to serving on this board. The NASED project is at a critical point in its development. With the legislature's commitment to provide the funding and support to redevelop this important community asset, strong leadership at the Stadium Authority is needed to carry the project forward. Michael is the type of leader that can assist the NASED project from RFP to completion of the new stadium and ancillary development.

For these reasons, I strongly urge you to support GM 826 and confirm Michael's appointment as a member of the Stadium Authority.

Mahalo,

Michael L. Iosua



April 8, 2022

Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair Committee on Energy, Economic Development and Tourism Hawaii State Capitol Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: SUPPORT for GM 826 Gubernatorial Nominee Michael Yadao

Aloha Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Misalucha, and members of the EET Committee:

My name is Gino Soquena, Executive Director of the Hawaii Building & Construction Trades Council which represents 18 construction trade unions here in the State of Hawaii. I would like to offer this letter in STRONG SUPPORT of Michael Yadao who is a Gubernatorial Nominee to the Stadium Authority.

I have worked with Michael Yadao professionally for the past 10 years. He has a great understanding of the construction and labor industry which would be an asset as a member of the Stadium Authority.

Michael Yadao is honest and a man of integrity. For these reasons I hope that this Committee agrees with my recommendation in appointing Michael Yadao to the Stadium Authority.

Mahalo Nui Loa,

Gíno Soquena

Gino Soquena Executive Director Hawaii Building & Construction Trades Council





DATE: April 11, 2022

 Senator Glenn Wakai
Chair, Committee on Energy, Economic Development and Tourism Submitted Via Capitol Website

FROM: C. Mike Kido

GM 826 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Stadium Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, MICHAEL YADAO, for a term to expire 6-30-2025.
Hearing Date: Monday, April 11, 2022, 3:00 p.m.

Conference Room: 224 and Videoconference

Dear Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Misalucha, and Members of the Committee on Energy, Economic Development and Tourism:

I am pleased to write this letter of support for Michael R. Yadao to the Stadium Authority. I have had the opportunity to work with and watch Mr. Yadao grow through his various life and work experiences to become an increasingly active and contributing member of Hawaii's community. I truly believe that Mr. Yadao will have the community interest and well-being top of mind as he fulfills his duties and responsibilities as a member of the Stadium Authority.

I respectfully ask for your favorable consideration of Mr. Michael R. Yadao to become a member of the Stadium Authority. Thank you for your consideration of Mr. Yadao's nomination.

With warmest regards.





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Hearing Date: Monday, April 11, 2022 Time: 3:00 PM Place: State Capitol, Conference Room 224

The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair The Honorable Bennette E. Misalucha, Vice Chair Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism

Subject: **GM 826** – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Stadium Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, MICHAEL YADAO, for a term to expire 06-30-2025.

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

I <u>strongly and whole-heartedly</u> support the confirmation of Mike Yadao to the Stadium Authority, for a term to expire 06-30-2025. He is a fundamentally decent person, a multi-talented and enthusiastic hard worker, a committed family man, and someone I am proud to have as a good friend.

Over the past six years, I have gotten to know Mike both professionally and personally, particularly though our work together on Governor David Ige's 2018 campaign. (Mike was the Campaign Manager and I was the Campaign Secretary for David Ige for Governor as well as one of the campaign's Grassroots leaders. I'd also worked with him a bit on Mayor Caldwell's campaign in 2016.)

Running a statewide campaign is hard, really hard, for all kinds of reasons that folks like you who run for office understand in a way that no one else can. It takes a wide-ranging set of skills—the ability to see and shape a big picture vision of the candidate, issues, and goals, while at the same time having an obsessive attention to the details and, most importantly, the people who will turn visions into reality. While no one can say there weren't any bumps in the road, over the course of the 2017-2018 campaign, Mike demonstrated that he has all of those skills.

Mike's broad skillset is ideal—necessary, I think—for the Stadium Authority as it works to make the vision of the New Aloha Stadium Entertainment District a reality.

Finally, I would be remiss if I did not mention what I believe to be the main motivation in Mike's life: his wonderful family. Mike didn't abandon his family during the statewide campaign; his wife Chelsea, sons Matt, Jon, and Tommy, father Frank, and father-in-law Dexter

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all worked really hard on the campaign! I'm grateful that they shared their time and talents and allowed us to get to know them. We've kept in touch ever since (well, as much as possible given the pandemic), and they, with Mike, have become part of my inner circle of trust and respect.

Based on his actions with his family and conversations we've had over the years, I believe that Mike does what he does to help make Hawaii a better place for his family, and he feels a sense of urgency to make that happen. Serving on the Stadium Authority and helping the New Aloha Stadium Entertainment District become a reality is right up his alley.

I have practiced as an attorney in both the private and public sectors, served as the Chief of Staff/Committee Clerk of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, and been one of the primary drafters of Hawaii's condominium law (as the Real Estate Commission's Condominium Law Recodification Attorney), among other things, and I believe that Mike Yadao is a most deserving and well-qualified candidate for appointment to the Stadium Authority. I respectfully urge the Senate to confirm his nomination.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly by phone at (808) 542-1542 or by e-mail at gordonarakaki@hawaiiantel.net.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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