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March 27, 2023

Statement of
Daniel E. Orodener
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Before the
Senate Committee on
Water and Land

Wednesday March 29, 2023
1:00 PM
State Capitol, Room 229 & Video Conference

In consideration of
GM 535 and GM536
FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, BRIAN LEE
to the State Land Use Commission

Chair Inouye; Vice Chair Elefante; and members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land:

Please accept this testimony in support for the confirmation of Brian Lee to fill and interim appointment (to expire June 30, 2023) and a full term (to expire June 30, 2027) with the State Land Use Commission.

Mr. Lee's background in planning, development and housing is extensive. He has worked with boards and commissions and has a good grasp of the process and rules associated with government functions. His labor background provides balance to the Commission. His resume indicates he has significant qualifications to be a State Land Use Commissioner.

Mr. Lee's interactions with the Land Use Commission show a willingness to take on the important work of the Commission in an intelligent, reasoned and open-minded manner. We look forward to working with him.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
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JADE T. BUTAY
DIRECTOR

WILLIAM G. KUNSTMAN
DEPUTY DIRECTOR

STATE OF HAWAII
KA MOKU'ĀINA O HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS
KA 'OIHANA PONO LIMAHANA

March 29, 2023

To: The Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
The Honorable Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair, and
Members of the Water and Land Committee

Date: Wednesday, March 29, 2023

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Place: Conference Room 229 & Videoconference, State Capitol

From: Jade T. Butay, Director
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR)

Re: G.M. 535; Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Land Use Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, BRIAN LEE, for a term to expire 06-30-2023.

G.M. 536; Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Land Use Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, BRIAN LEE, for a term to expire 06-30-2027.

The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR) **strongly supports** the confirmation of Brian Lee as a member to the Land Use Commission.

Mr. Lee serves as the Vice Chairperson of the DLIR's Workforce Development Council and is the Director of the Hawaii Laborers and Employers Cooperation and Education Trust Fund. He has previously served as Chairperson of the Hawaii Community Development Authority and the Honolulu Planning Commission.

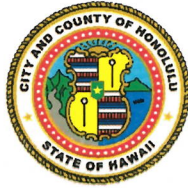
Our priority to build affordable housing is a challenge that involves providing housing and shelter without discrimination, supporting low-income, elderly, handicapped, and Hawaii's workforce families by increasing affordable housing supply through constructing new dwelling units, substantially rehabilitating existing dwelling units, or providing improved land for affordable housing.

The DLIR believes Mr. Lee's experience will foster affordable housing and the general economic development between construction and proper land use planning for residential use that ensures Hawaii's construction workforce thrives while preserving the local life and beauty of our precious islands.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Governor's Message 506.

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March 28, 2023

The Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
The Honorable Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair
and Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land
Hawai'i State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

SUBJECT: GM 535/GM 536, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Land Use Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, BRIAN LEE, for terms to expire 06-30-2023 and 06-30-2027.

Dear Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land:

As the Managing Director of the City and County of Honolulu, and as a former Commissioner of the State of Hawai'i Land Use Commission, it is my privilege to express my strong support for the confirmation of Brian Lee to the State of Hawai'i Land Use Commission.

I know Brian Lee personally and am aware of his important work as the Chair of the Honolulu Planning Commission, the Vice Chair of the Hawai'i Workforce Development Council, the Chair of the Board for the Hawai'i Community Development Authority, and a Board Member of the O'ahu Workforce Development Board.

I respect Brian's accomplishments and body of work immensely. His analytical assessment of issues, independent judgment, professionalism, and strong sense of personal conviction will bring depth of knowledge and much-needed planning, affordable housing, community development, financial literacy, and workforce experience to the Commission.

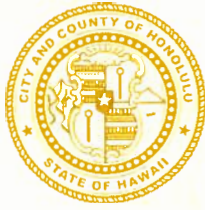
Frankly, there is no one with a more well-rounded resume of volunteer work in service of our communities, directly related to land-use, than Brian Lee. I respectfully ask for this Committee's favorable consideration of Mr. Lee's confirmation as a member of the State of Hawai'i Land Use Commission.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

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Michael D. Formby
Managing Director



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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Senator Lorraine Inouye, Chair
Senator Brandon Elefante, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, March 29, 2023
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415 South Beretania Street

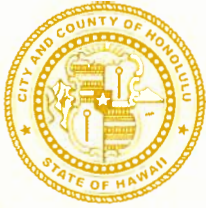
TESTIMONY ON GM535 & GM536

Aloha Senator Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land,

I have known Brian Lee for about 20 years, and support his nomination to serve on the State Land Use Commission.

While at the State Legislature and at the Honolulu City Council, my interaction with Brian has always been informative and productive. As Chair of the Hawaii Community Development Authority, the HCDA created more homes during his term than in the previous thirty years prior, including over 2,000 affordable homes at below market rates.

Brian has decades of experience working with both labor and management in the construction industry, and will be able to share his valuable experience at the State Land Use Commission. As Chair of the Honolulu Planning Commission, Brian was known to handle controversial issues in a fair and balanced manner.



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Thank you for this opportunity to offer my support for Brian's nomination to the State Land Use Commission.

Very sincerely yours,

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Calvin K.Y. Say
Councilmember, District V

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

DEREK S.K. KAWAKAMI, MAYOR

MICHAEL A. DAHLIG, MANAGING DIRECTOR



Testimony of
Derek S.K. Kawakami
Mayor, County of Kaua'i



Before the
Senate Committee on Water and Land
March 29, 2023 at 1:00 PM
Conference Room 229 & Videoconference

In consideration of
**GM 535 and GM 536 Relating to the Appointment of
Brian Lee
Land Use Commission**

Honorable Chair Inouye, Honorable Vice Chair Elefante, and Members of the Committee:

I write in **strong support** of the appointment of Brian Lee to the State of Hawai'i Land Use Commission, which serves to administer the Land Use Law. Mr. Lee's lifetime experience with planning and the building industry will bring depth and strength to the commission and help guide statewide land use planning.

Over the years I have known Mr. Lee, I have been impressed with his ability to bring together groups with varying perspectives and collaborate to find solutions. During his tenure as chair of the Hawai'i Community Development Authority, he led the development of over 2000 affordable homes. As chair of the Honolulu Planning Commission, he deliberated and considered contentious topics including the restriction of short-term rentals.

Mr. Lee's extensive background, skills, and experience coupled with a sound temperament and moral courage will steward his role on the Land Use Commission. I have no doubt Mr. Lee will serve as a thoughtful, deliberative member of the Land Use Commission and always make decisions from a perspective that it is the right thing to do. I ask this Honorable Committee to advise and consent to his nomination and forward to the full Senate for consideration.

Mahalo for the opportunity to present this testimony.



Randy Perreira, President

HAWAII STATE AFL-CIO
Hawaii's Labor Unions

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The Thirty-Second Legislature, State of Hawai'i
Hawai'i State Senate
Committee on Water and Land

Testimony by
Hawai'i State AFL-CIO
March 29, 2023

G.M. 535 / G.M. 536 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Land Use Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, BRIAN LEE, for a term to expire 06-30-2023 / 06-30-2027.

The Hawai'i State AFL-CIO is a state federation of 74 affiliate local unions and councils with over 68,000 members across both public and private sectors. We appreciate the opportunity to testify in **strong support** of the confirmation of the Gubernatorial Nominee, Brian Lee to the Land Use Commission.

Brian Lee is the Executive Director of the Hawai'i Laborers & Employers Cooperation and Education Trust (LECET). He has many years of both professional experience and volunteer service to Hawai'i's building and construction community. Brian currently serves on the Honolulu Planning Commission as the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners. He is a past chair of the Hawai'i Community Development Authority. We believe that Brian's background, experience, and voice will appropriately represent a broad perspective that is underpinned by a keen awareness and understanding of land use issues and the impacts on our community.

We appreciate your favorable consideration of our testimony in **strong support** of Brian Lee's confirmation.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Randy Perreira'.

Randy Perreira
President



March 23, 2023

Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee on Water & Land

RE: Governor's Message No. 536
Hearing date: March 29, 2023 at 1:00 pm

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante and members of the committee,

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of GM 536 – SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE LAND USE COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, BRIAN LEE, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2027.

I have known Brian for nearly a decade as both a colleague and a friend. He has a surplus of knowledge in the areas of construction and land development. He has also served on various commissions and authorities throughout his career, including chairing the Hawaii Community Development Authority. During his time as HCDA chair, he led the development of over 2,000 affordable homes. His extensive knowledge and experience will be invaluable to the Land Use Commission in establishing and implementing long range goals for the State which are in line with the standards of our community.

Brian also demonstrates important leadership qualities and a collaborative nature which will help to ensure a fair and balanced process in achieving the goals of the commission. The Land Use Commission will be well served with him as a member.

It is without reservation that I support Brian's nomination and hope you can confirm him in this important role.

Mahalo,

Michael L. Iosua



Imanaka Asato
A LIMITED LIABILITY LAW COMPANY

March 23, 2023

Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee on Water & Land

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Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante and members of the committee,

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I have known Brian for several years as both a colleague and trusted friend. He has extensive knowledge and experience in the areas of construction and land development and has also served on various commissions and authorities throughout his career, including chairing the Hawaii Community Development Authority. During his time as HCDA chair, he led the development of over 2,000 affordable homes. Indeed, Brian would be an invaluable addition to the Land Use Commission in establishing and implementing long range goals for the State which are in line with the standards of our community.

Brian also demonstrates important leadership qualities and a collaborative nature which will help to ensure a fair and balanced process in achieving the goals of the commission.

I am pleased to support Brian's nomination and urge the committee to confirm him as a commissioner to the Land Use Commission.

Mahalo,

Kimberley W. Yoshimoto



March 23, 2023

Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee on Water & Land

RE: Governor's Message No. 536
Hearing date: March 29, 2023 at 1:00 pm

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante and members of the committee,

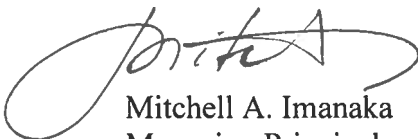
I have known **Brian Lee** for over 10 years. His extensive experience and deep involvement in our community through his service as a member and as chair of many boards and commissions in Hawaii, both in the private sector as well as in government, set him apart as a dedicated public servant.

In my dealings with Brian, he has been fair-minded, solution-oriented, and very thoughtful. He weighs all factors, and does his homework before making decisions.

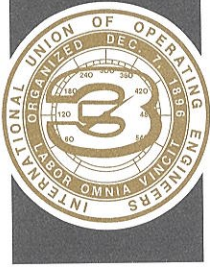
I have no doubt that, if confirmed, he will serve Hawaii and the public well. Accordingly, I urge an early confirmation of his appointment.

Thanks very much for your consideration.

With Aloha,



Mitchell A. Imanaka
Managing Principal



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March 23, 2023

Honorable, Lorraine R. Inouye, Senate Committee on Water and Land, Chair
Honorable, Brandon J.C. Elefante, Senate Committee on Water and Land, Vice Chair
Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Senate Committee on Water and Land

RE: GM 536- SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE LAND USE COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, BRIAN LEE, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2027.

Chair Inouye,

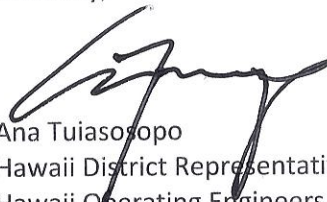
My name is Ana Tuiasosopo. I am the District Representative and Trustee for Operating Engineers Local 3. We are the largest construction union in the United States. I and the members of Operating Engineers Local 3 support GM 536 for the consideration and confirmation to the Land Use Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, Brian Lee, for a term to expire 06-30-2027.

Nominee, Brain Lee has extensive experience in government service. He has served on many commissions and boards. He has a proven track record of working with both labor and management, and as the past Chair of the Hawaii Community Development Authority and the Honolulu Planning Commission. He is in strong support of the Green Administration's goal to create more affordable housing for local families, while balancing protection for our environment for future generations.

From my personal experience, I have seen Brian work with various groups on opposing sides of issues, without bias, and considerate of all viewpoints. He approaches issues with an open mind in a spirit of collaboration, unity, and moving forward in a positive direction.

We look forward to the favorable recommendation from the Senate Committee on Water and Land on the consideration and confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee, Brian Lee.

Sincerely,



Ana Tuiasosopo
Hawaii District Representative, Trustee
Hawaii Operating Engineers Local 3

Matson Navigation Company, Inc.
In Support of GM536
Before the Committee on Water and Land
March 29, 2023

Dear Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and Members of the Committee:

Matson Navigation Company, Inc. (Matson) supports GM536, which nominates Brian Lee to serve on the Land Use Commission. Mr. Lee's decades of experience with state government affairs and service on board and commissions gives him unique insight into operations of the State of Hawaii. Matson has always found Mr. Lee to be upstanding, fair, and transparent. We believe he will execute his duties with fairness and competence.

Thank you for considering our testimony in support.



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March 23, 2023

GM536: Land Use Commission

To: Senate Chair Lorraine R. Inouye and Vice Chair Brandon J.C. Elefante
Committee on Water and Land

From: Valentino Ceria, Business Manager/Financial Secretary, Plumbers & Fitters United
Association Local Union 675

RE: **GM536:** Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the **Land Use
Commission**, Gubernatorial Nominee, **BRIAN LEE**, for a term to expire
06-30-2027.

Aloha, I am Valentino Ceria, Business Manager/Financial Secretary of the Plumbers and Fitters United Association Local Union 675, testifying in strong support of Brian Lee's confirmation to the Land Use Commission.

Representing 2,000 plus working men and women of the Plumbing, Pipefitting, Air Conditioning, and Fire Sprinkler construction industry in Hawaii, we are committed to supporting more affordable housing for local families, while balancing protection for our environment for future generations.

I know Brian shares this commitment having known him for many years serving on the Hawaii Building and Construction Trades Council. I have had the opportunity to work closely with him on many important issues impacting our community and have been impressed with his abilities as an accomplished professional.

I am confident in his abilities and given his proven track record and dedication to making Hawaii a better place. He has had vast experience as the Chairman on the Honolulu Planning Commission, Vice Chair on the Hawaii Workforce Development Council, Hawaii Community Development Authority, and many other organizations.

Thus, I consider it a great honor to submit testimony in support of Brian Lee for the seat on the Land Use Commission.

Thank you, Chair Lorraine Inouye and Members of the Land Use Committee, for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Valentino Ceria
Business Manager/Financial Secretary

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Date: 3/23/2023

Subject: Testimony in support of Brian Lee to serve on the State Land Use Commission (LUC),

To whom it may concern,

I have had the pleasure to serve with Brian Lee over the last 5 years on the board of the Workforce Development Council. In that time, he has always been a hardworking member with innovative ideas. While at the WDC, Brian has served in several roles including Committee Chair and Vice Chair of Hawaii WDC.

Please accept this letter as a strong endorsement of Brian Lee for the State Land Use Commission.

Sincerely,

Sean K. Knox

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sean K. Knox". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line extending from the end.

CEO & President, HiEmployment
Special Projects Chair, Hawaii Workforce Development Council.

GM-536

Submitted on: 3/24/2023 11:10:25 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/29/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lisa Kim	Testifying for Masonry Institute of Hawaii	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

It is my honor and pleasure to submit written testimony in support of Mr. Brian Lee to the Land Use Commission. I have worked with Mr. Lee for several years and he has always shown the highest level of professionalism, intelligence and compassion to listen to concerns. He is constantly keeping my organization informed on issues that affect us and has always guided us through the complexities of the government. Appointing Mr. Lee on the Land Use Commission would be an outstanding choice and we fully support him.



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DATE: March 29, 2023

TO: Senator Lorraine R. Inouye
Chair, Committee on Water and Land
Submitted Via Capitol Website

FROM: Rick Tsujimura

RE: **GM 536 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Land Use Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, BRIAN LEE, for a term to expire on 06/30/2027.**
Hearing Date: Wednesday, March 29 at 1:00 p.m.
Conference Room: 229

Dear Chair Inouye, Vice-Chair Elefante, and Members of the Committee on Water and Land:

I write in support of Brian Lee. I have known Brian for many years and have known him to be a dedicated and reasoned decision maker.

The Land Use Commission has been criticized for ignoring changed circumstances since its inception during our early years as a state. Whether the criticism is warranted is irrelevant. What is relevant is populating the Commission with persons who bring an ability to balance the competing interests of Hawai'i's citizens.

I am reminded of former Governor John Burns oft quoted statement that "any fool can take a stand". He went on to say that we need people that will bring all of us together to make things work for the benefit of our citizens. I believe Brian brings those skills.

I humbly ask for your support for his nomination.



**International Union of Painters and Allied Trades
District Council 50**

**TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
REGULAR SESSION OF 2023**

**TIME/DATE: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2023, 1:00 P.M.,
ROOM 229 & Videoconference**

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GOVERNOR'S MESSAGES NO. 535 and 536 –
"SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE LAND USE
COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE BRIAN LEE, FOR A TERMS TO
EXPIRE 03-30-2023 and 06-30-2027."**

**TO CHAIR INOUE AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
WATER AND LAND:**

The International Union of Painters and Allied Trades, District Council 50, Painters Local Union 1791, appreciates the opportunity to testify in SUPPORT to Governor's Message Nos. 535 and 536 – "Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Land Use Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee Brian Lee for a terms to expire 06-30-2023 and 06-30-2027." My name is Lorna Woo, Director of Government Affairs, District Council 50, an organization comprised of five (5) unions, the Painters, Local Union 1791; the Glaziers Architectural and Glass Metal Workers, Local Union 1889; the Carpet Linoleum and Soft Tile, Local Union 1926; the Drywall, Tapers Finishers, Local Union 1944; and the Specialty Workers, Local Union 1941, representing approximately 2000 members throughout the State of Hawaii.

I am writing in strong support of Brian Lee to serve on the Land Use Commission. Over the years, I have worked closely with Brian on a number of industry related initiatives and I have enjoyed collaborating with him; he's hard working and very informed on issues. Brian is always someone who is willing to help and make time for a discussion even when he has a lot going on. He possesses a wealth of knowledge and has a keen understanding of the construction industry. He is an excellent communicator which enables him to build and foster relationships and bring all interested parties to the table.

Brian has held many positions throughout his career, he has served as the past Chair of the Hawaii Community Development Authority and Honolulu Planning Commission and he has also served on numerous boards. He is passionate about every venture that he undertakes and never fails to give his one hundred percent. I truly believe that Brian's experiences in the private sector will allow him to make comprehensive and unbiased decisions with a vested interest for all.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify and I humbly ask that you support the confirmation of Brian Lee to serve on the Land Use Commission.

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March 29, 2023

Testimony To: Senate Committee Water and Land
Senator Lorraine K. Inouye, Chair

Presented By: Tim Lyons
President

Subject: GM 535 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Land Use
Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, BRIAN LEE, for a term to expire 6-30-2023.

GM 536 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Land Use
Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, BRIAN LEE, for a term to expire 6-30-2027.

Chair Inouye and Members of the Committee:

I am Tim Lyons, President of the Subcontractors Association of Hawaii and we support this nominee.

Brian has a long and extensive background in the construction industry and based on his knowledge of the industry we believe he will be a definite asset to the Land Use Commission. Brian has served in a variety of positions and based on our interface with him, we have found him to be balanced, inquisitive and forthcoming.

Based on the above, we can highly recommend this nominee and respectfully request your advice and consent.

Thank you.

GM-536

Submitted on: 3/27/2023 8:38:27 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/29/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Christine Camp	Testifying for Avalon Group	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We are submitting this testimony in full support of Brian Lee's nomination to be on the Land Use Commission.

Brian Lee has served on the Honolulu Planning Commission, currently as its Chairman. He has proved to be a balanced leader who allows for all voices to be heard and to ensure that decisions being made are fair while being impactful. His varied background from finance to labor to management reinforces a broad view of the world. We need more leaders like Brian to help guide our land use policies.

We respectfully request your support of his nomination.

Christine Camp

President & CEO

Avalon Group

March 24, 2023

**Senate Chair Lorraine Inouye
Hawaii State Capitol
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813**

Dear Ms. Inouye

I am writing in support for the nomination of Mr. Brian Lee to the State of Hawaii Land Use Commission.

I have known Mr. Lee for over thirty years as we have served on several boards and committees together. He has a very keen insight and, the ability to work with others on finding solutions or common ground for gathering ideas and solving problems. He has served tirelessly on multiple public and industry boards and commissions and will bring this valuable experience and expertise with him to the State Land Use Commission.

Mahalo for your kind consideration of Brian for this important appointment.

**F. H. "Shorty" Kuhn
Vice President & General Manager (Retired)
Island Ready Mix Concrete, Inc.
Masonry Institute of Hawaii, Trustee**

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LEE & MARTIN

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March 27, 2023

Hawaii State Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
Hawaii State Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair
Committee on Water and Land Use
The Senate
Hawaii State Capitol

Date and Time of Hearing:
March 29, 2023
1:00 PM
Conference Room 229

Subject: **Governor's Message No.s 535 & 536**
Relating to the Appointment of Brian Lee
to the Land Use Commission

Dear Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante and Members of the Committee:

Please accept this letter of testimony in support of Brian Lee for consideration and confirmation to the Land Use Commission.

As you can readily ascertain from his resume, Mr. Lee has had an impressive career, in both his professional and civic endeavors, in land use issues. His professional aptitude and reputation are extensive which is evidenced by his current and past appointments to a multitude of public and private boards and commissions, many of which have been in leadership positions. Having interacted with Mr. Lee personally, I believe that his experience and knowledge of land use laws, rules, and regulations at both the county and state levels of government make him a tremendous asset to the Land Use Commission.

Equally impressive is his involvement in leadership positions with the Hawaii Community Development Board and Planning Commission for the City and County of Honolulu, entities that require an extreme level of competence and sensitivity with respect to land use regulations.

Having served in both the executive and legislative branches of government myself¹, I have always had great admiration and appreciation for those individuals who have accepted the "call to serve" through public service appointments, in particular, those individuals that already are involved in challenging professional and personal endeavors. Given his experience and

¹ Chair and Presiding Officer (2011-2016, 2018)
Honolulu City Council

Hawaii State Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
Hawaii State Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair
March 27, 2023
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qualifications, I am confident that Mr. Lee has the aptitude and fortitude to serve the State of Hawaii through his appointment to the Land Use Commission.

In closing, thank you for allowing me to submit testimony in support of GM535 and GM536 and the confirmation of Brian Lee to the Land Use Commission.

Respectfully,

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ERNEST Y. MARTIN
Attorney



March 29, 2023

TO: HONORABLE LORRAINE INOUE, CHAIR, HONORABLE BRANDON ELEFANTE, VICE CHAIR, COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF GM 536.** Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Land Use Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, BRIAN LEE, for a term to expire 06-30-2027.

HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, March 29, 2023
TIME: 1:00 p.m.
PLACE: Capitol Room 229

Dear Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante and Members of the Committee,

The General Contractors Association of Hawaii (GCA) is an organization comprised of approximately five hundred (500) general contractors, subcontractors, and construction related firms. The GCA was established in 1932 and is the largest construction association in the State of Hawaii. Our mission is to elevate Hawaii's construction industry and strengthen the foundation of our community.

GCA is in **support** of GM 536, which submits for consideration and confirmation to the Land Use Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, BRIAN LEE, for a term to expire 06-30-2027.

Mr. Lee's decades of experience with state government affairs and service on board and commissions gives him unique insight into operations of the State of Hawaii. GCA has worked with Mr. Lee on various issues for many years and always found him to be knowledgeable and fair.

Thank you for considering out testimony in support.



March 29, 2023

Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair
Committee on Water and Land
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: In Support of Governor's Message 535 and 536 for consideration and confirmation to the Land Use Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, BRIAN LEE, for a term to expire 06-30-2023/06-30-2027.

Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante and Members of the Committee:

I respectfully request your favorable support for Governor's Message No. 535 and 536 appointment of Brian Lee to serve in the Land Use Commission.

Brian has extensive experience and knowledge to successfully serve in the Land Use Commission. He is currently the Executive Director of the Hawaii Laborers & Employers Cooperation and Education Trust Fund. He previously served as the Director of Research & Communications of the Hawaii International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Director of Enforcement & Compliance at Hawaii Operating Engineers, and Executive Director/Administrator of the Hawaii Construction Industry Association.

Thank you for the opportunity to submitted written testimony in support of Governor's Message 535 and 536.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bruce A. Coppa
President



March 28, 2023

Senator Lorraine Inouye, Chair
Committee on Water & Land
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: SUPPORT for GM 536 Gubernatorial Nominee Brian Lee

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and members of the 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 Brian Lee who is a Gubernatorial Nominee to the Land Use Commission.

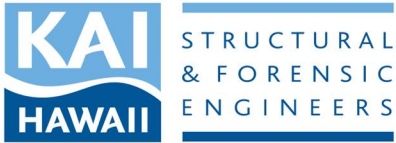
I have worked with Brian Lee professionally for the past 15 years. He has a great understanding of the construction and labor industry which would be an asset as a member of the Land Use Commission.

Brian Lee has all experience, knowledge and qualifications for this position and for these reasons I hope for a favorable decision by the Committee in appointing Brian Lee to the Land Use Commission.

Mahalo Nui Loa,

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Gino Soquena
Executive Director
Hawaii Building & Construction Trades Council



Ken Hayashida, P.E. | *President*
Michael Hunnemann, P.E. | *Vice President*

January 3, 2020

The Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
Committee on Land and Water
Thirty-Second Legislature
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Inouye:

Subject: GM 536 -Nomination of Brian Lee-Land Use Commission

Aloha, I strongly support the nomination of Mr. Lee as he is an effective and creative leader who exhibits strong personal values. I have known him for many years and confirm he is well qualified with his extensive experience in public and private service. Worked in construction industry with him as Executive Director-Hawaii Laborers & Employers Cooperation and Education Trust Fund. Also served as director as he lead as Chairman of City & County of Honolulu: Planning Commission

He is an active community member with high integrity. He will be an excellent Board member providing a diverse skill set and board experience. This will ensure that our State's goal to create more affordable housing for local families, while balancing protection for our environment for future generations.

Sincerely,

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Ken K. Hayashida, President
KAI Hawaii, Inc.



HAWAII GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO

RANDY PERREIRA, Executive Director • Tel: 808.543.0011 • Fax: 808.528.0922

The Thirty-Second Legislature, State of Hawaii
The Senate
Committee on Water and Land

Testimony By
HGEA/AFSCME Local 152
March 29, 2023

GM 536 Submitting for Consideration and confirmation to the Land Use Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, Brian Lee, for a term to expire 06-30-2027.

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO strongly supports the confirmation of Brian Lee to the Land Use Commission for a full term to expire on June 30, 2027.

Mr. Lee brings a strong background of advocacy for working people in the construction industry as well as a positive record of community service to the role of Land Use Commissioner. In his capacity in the Labor Movement Mr. Lee has advocated for the improvement of working conditions and the standard of living for construction employees, as well as the broader worker community. In addition, he has served as past chair of the Hawaii Community Development Authority and the Workforce Development Council and served as a member of Honolulu Planning Commission.

Mr. Lee's background and experience will serve our state well as we grapple with the challenge of developing and providing affordable housing to our residents, while at the same time balancing the need to protect our fragile environment.

For these reasons we offer our unequivocal support of the confirmation of Brian Lee to the Land Use Commission. We strongly urge your favorable consideration of his nomination.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Perreira
Executive Director

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF
Luis P. Salaveria
For GM 535 / 536
Nomination of Brian Lee for the State Land Use Commission

Aloha Chair Inouye and Vice-Chair Elefante,

My name is Luis P. Salaveria, and I STRONGLY SUPPORT the nomination of Brian Lee for Commissioner to the State Land Use Commission. I have had the pleasure of knowing Mr. Lee for over ten years. I first met Brian as Deputy Director of Budget and Finance serving on the Hawaii Community Development Authority. Mr. Lee was then the Chair of HCDA and I found him to be a person of extreme integrity and intelligence. He supported all the board members and ensured that we entered every meeting with the knowledge and understanding of the issues to be deliberated. It was during that time I saw Mr. Lee elegantly and graciously navigate the proceedings of the board and give all stakeholders the opportunity to express their position. I found his demeanor and character well suited for the role and he handled his role with the utmost professionalism.

Over the years I have maintained close contact with Mr. Lee. We would often discuss matters pertaining to Hawaii's housing challenges, the economy, or politics. He possesses immense experience in the areas of planning, economic development, and finance. He has served on multiple boards and commissions, associations, and community programs effectively showing his commitment to Hawaii's progress. As the current Executive Director of the Hawaii Laborers and Employers Cooperation and Education Trust Fund, he is responsible for the collaboration of Hawaii's labor workforce and over 250 signatory contractors. A role he has handled exemplary.

I strongly believe Hawaii will be well served having Brian Lee serve as a commissioner for the State's Land Use Commission. Therefore, I humbly urge you to support his nomination.

Sincerely,

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Luis P. Salaveria

GM-536

Submitted on: 3/22/2023 5:01:07 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/29/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

NO!!

GM-536

Submitted on: 3/23/2023 9:28:35 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/29/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Arnold Wong	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a former member of LUC I believe Brian has the capability of assisting the Commission.

**Meredith J. Ching
P.O. Box 3440
Honolulu, Hawaii 96801**

March 29, 2023

Committee on Water and Land
Hawaii State Senate
State Capitol, Conference Room
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Chair Inouye, Vice-Chair Elefante and Members of the Committee:

RE: GM 535 and 536: Confirmation of Brian Lee to the Land Use Commission

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of the confirmation of Brian Lee to the State Land Use Commission (LUC) through June 20, 2027.

I have known Brian for many years, going back to his time as the Director of Research & Communications with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. Brian has extensive experience with land use matters, having served as chair of the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) and on the Honolulu Planning Commission. I worked with Brian directly when he was Chair of the HCDA and found him to be a thoughtful, smart, fact-seeking decision maker, always aware of the organization's mission. I expect no different from him as a Land Use Commissioner.

Brian's broad-based experience with government entities as well as with the private sector position him to be an effective addition to the Land Use Commission. Brian has a hands-on understanding of how both sectors function, which will greatly assist in navigating through the many complex issues that will inevitably come before this Commission. I believe that Brian has the experience, insight, and ability to effectively help to guide the LUC to better Hawaii's future.

I urge the Committee on Land and Water to confirm the appointment of Brian Lee to the State of Hawaii LUC through June 30, 2027. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Meredith Ching
EVP, Alexander & Baldwin, Inc.

GM-536

Submitted on: 3/23/2023 11:09:52 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/29/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Audrey Hidano	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I respectfully submit testimony in SUPPORT of GM 536 relating to Gubernatorial Nominee Brian Lee for consideration and confirmation to the Land Use Commission for a term to expire 6-30-27. Mr. Lee has a long working experience dealing with both labor and management. Mr. Lee chaired the Hawaii Community Development Authority and the Honolulu Planning Commission. Mr. Lee supports the Gov. Green Administration's goals to create more affordable housing for local families.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in SUPPORT of GM 536.

GM-536

Submitted on: 3/24/2023 6:53:24 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/29/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Brian Tatsumura	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I fully support Brian Lee to serve on the State Land Use Commission. I have worked with Brian Lee Vice Chair on the State Workforce Development Council the past few years. He is a great listener willing to hear all points of view on the subject matter. He is able to breakdown complex subjects and articulate to the Council so that is understood by all. His style is one of collaboration and getting all to work for the greater common goal. In closing Brian has the experience and style to be a great asset to the State Land Use Commission. Thank you for the opportunity to submit.

Senator Lorraine Inouye, Chair
Senator Brandon Elefante, Vice Chair
Committee on Water and Land

Wednesday, March 29, 2023
1:00 p.m.; Conference room 229 & Videoconference

RE: GM 536 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Land Use Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, BRIAN LEE, for a term to expire 06-30-2027 and GM 535, for a term to expire 06-30-2023 – IN SUPPORT

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante and Members of the Committee:

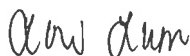
Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Brian Lee's nomination to serve on the Land Use Commission.

I have known Brian for many years and have been impressed by his professionalism, communication and leadership skills, and his commitment to community service. He is currently the Executive Director of the Hawaii Laborers & Employers Cooperation and Education Trust Fund. He most recently served as chair of the Honolulu Planning Commission and previously served as chair, Hawaii Community Development Authority and as president of many other boards.

Brian is passionate about creating more affordable housing for local families, while balancing protection for our environment for future generations. His professional experience, extensive knowledge of issues related to the Land Use Commission, along with his familiarity with State and County governments and collaborative and balanced approach, will serve the Commission well.

I'm confident Brian will be an asset to the Land Use Commission and ask for your favorable action on his confirmation. Mahalo.

Sincerely,



Lori Lum
98-1008 Piku Place
Aiea, HI 96701



March 23, 2023

Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Water and Land
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: GM 535 and GM 536 - Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Land Use Commission, Mr. Brian Lee

Dear Chair Inouye and Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land,

I am in STRONG SUPPORT of the appointment of Brian Lee to the State Land Use Commission and do so with the utmost confidence that he will be a worthy addition to this important state commission.

In the years that I have known Brian, I have found him to be a diligent, compassionate and capable leader who possesses the intelligence and technical knowledge relevant to land use, the environment and public policy.

In all of his various responsibilities, as a community volunteer, businessperson and member for various governmental boards and commissions, Brian has demonstrated a sense of fairness, common sense and good judgment. His strong consensus-building skills will also prove to be invaluable.

I am pleased to provide support of Mr. Brian Lee's nomination to serve on the commission and believe that he is the right person for this position.

Accordingly, I ask for your favorable consideration of Mr. Brian Lee's appointment to serve on the State Land Use Commission.

Mahalo,



Lance Wilhelm

GM-536

Submitted on: 3/24/2023 4:01:22 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/29/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sterling Higa	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I've found Brian to be a wise and thoughtful resource as I've studied housing and land use in Hawai'i. His distinguished service on the Hawaii Community Development Authority and the Honolulu Planning Commission make him more than qualified to service on the Land Use Commission, and I trust him to serve the public interest in this new role. He understands the fine balance between environmental protection and Hawai'i's need for affordable housing, and he is a person who listens and changes his mind when confronted with new evidence.

As an aside, Brian's willingness to share his knowledge with young people who are interested in serving on board and commissions is admirable. He's a public servant who places a strong emphasis on passing knowledge on. He is, in other words, the kind of leader we need in our community, working in the present to provide for the future!

Bennette Misalucha

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Senate Committee on Water and Land
Wednesday, March 29, 2023, 1:00 p.m.
Conference Room 229

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF
GM 535 / GM 536 - BRIAN LEE
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE TO THE LAND USE COMMISSION

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and Members of the Senate Water and Land Committee,

My name is Bennette Misalucha. I am a longtime community leader who has maintained a keen interest in balanced, sustainable, and mindful management of our islands' resources. As the state continues to pursue solutions to our most pressing problems like housing and the necessary infrastructure support, the role of the Commission cannot be overlooked. The Commission ensures that the state's concerns are appropriately addressed in key decisions on land use management for our beloved home.

As such, I am pleased to submit testimony in **strong support** of GM 535 and GM 536, nominating Brian Lee to serve on the Land Use Commission. We need people who are not only qualified, but who will serve with integrity. Mr. Brian Lee is one such person.

I have known Brian for many years and the quality of his work as well as his life experiences will be a valuable addition to the Commission. Brian has volunteered his time and energy on a long and impressive list of organizations, boards, and commissions. Amongst them, I would like to point out two of his past positions relevant to this appointment: the Honolulu Planning Commission and the Hawai'i Community Development Authority. The extensive knowledge, experience, and insights he gained while serving these two organizations formed a solid foundation for his new role on the Land Use Commission. I have no doubt that Brian will be thorough, deliberate, and fair in his decision making, while always keeping the best interests of the state at heart.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Please support his nomination.

Very Truly Yours,
Bennette Misalucha

To: Senator Lorraine Inouye, Chair
Senator Brandon Elefante, Vice Chair and
Members of the Committee on Water and Land

From: William J. Puette, Ph.D.

RE: GM 536 Gubernatorial Nominee, Brian Lee, for terms to expire 06-30-2027.
Hearing: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 @ 1:00pm, State Capitol Conference
Room 229 & Videoconference

POSITION: Strong Support

Good afternoon Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante and members of the Committee on Water and Land. I am William J. Puette. As. Director of the Center for Labor Education & Research (CLEAR), I am pleased to testify in strong support of Mr. Brian Lee's confirmation on the Land Use Commission for terms to expire on June 30, 2027.

Brian Lee is the director of the Hawaii Laborers & Employers Cooperation and Education Trust Fund and the past Chair of the Hawaii Community Development Authority and the Honolulu Planning Commission

Since 2012, when he was appointed by the President of the University of Hawai'i, to represent LECET, he has faithfully served on the Labor Education Advisory Council (HRS §304A-1603). I can, therefore, attest that Mr. Lee has a deep and abiding interest in Labor Education programs, so I respectfully urge you to confirm Mr. Lee as a member of the Land Use Commission.

My testimony is submitted as an individual and not as a representative of the University of Hawai'i.

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



William J. Puette, Ph.D.
Honolulu

TESTIMONY OF SCOTT T. MURAKAMI
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

In consideration of GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 536

Wednesday, March 29, 2023
1:00PM, Conference Room 226

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE LAND USE COMMISSION,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, BRIAN LEE FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2023.

Chair Inouye, Vice-Chair Elefante, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message 536 regarding the appointment of Brian Lee to the Land Use Commission. I **STRONGLY SUPPORT** his nomination.

During my tenure as Hawaii's 21st Director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, I had the honor of working with Brian in his capacity as the Executive Director of the Hawaii Laborers & Employers Cooperation and Education Trust Fund and an active member of the State of Hawaii Workforce Development Council. Brian is a highly insightful, smart, conscientious, and collaborative professional who has an impressive and varied professional career.

What has truly impressed me about Brian is his genuine caring for Hawaii's workers and the economic opportunities that can better their lives. His vast professional experience is complemented by numerous appointments to community boards and commissions that demonstrate his aloha for our state and all who call Hawaii home.

I **WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT** Brian Lee's nomination to serve on the State of Hawaii Land Use Commission. Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify.

GM-536

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 8:12:17 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/29/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jeffrey Masatsugu	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

March 28, 2023

Dear Chair Inouye, Vice-Chair Elefante and Members of the Committee:

This testimony is in support of Governor's Message 536 appointing Mr. Brian Lee to serve on the Land Use Commission.

I have known Mr. Lee professionally and personally for many years now, and I can testify that he is of the highest honor, integrity and compassion.

Professionally, Mr. Lee is well qualified to serve on the Land Use Commission, having significant prior experience with zoning and other land use issues in Hawaii. This experience includes his service as the Chairperson of the Honolulu Planning Commission and as the Chairperson of the Hawaii Community Development Authority.

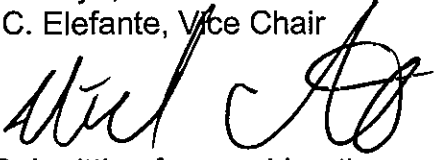
Please vote to recommend Mr. Lee's confirmation to serve on the Land Use Commission. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Jeffrey Masatsugu

March 29, 2023
Conference Rm 229

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

TO: Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair

FROM: William Kunstman 

RE: GM 535 & GM536 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the
Land Use Commission, gubernatorial nominee, BRIAN LEE

I am writing to testify in **STRONG SUPPORT** of Mr. Lee to serve on the Land Use Commission. I have known Mr. Lee professionally for nearly fifteen years and have always been impressed with his sophisticated understanding of the issues, laws, and stakeholders involved in matters of significant importance in our state.

Mr. Lee has served in a variety of capacities as a volunteer board member, including the Honolulu Planning Commission, the University of Hawaii Labor Education Advisory Council, the Hawaii Community Development Authority, and the Oahu Workforce Development Board. I had the pleasure and opportunity to work with him recently as the Vice Chair of the Hawaii Workforce Development Council where he continued to impress me with his perspective and acumen pertaining to workforce development issues.

I believe Mr. Lee would provide excellent service as a member of the Land Use Commission to help ensure that areas of state concern are addressed and considered in the land use decision-making process. I urge the Committee to confirm Mr. Lee's appointment.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Governor's Messages 535 & 536.

Testimony of
Ken C. Kawahara

Before the Committee on
Water and Land

Wednesday, March 29, 2023
1:00 P.M.

State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813
Conference Room 229

In consideration of
GM 535 and GM 536
APPOINTMENT OF BRIAN LEE

Chair Inouye, Vice-Chair Elefante and Honorable Members of the Committee on Water and Land:

I respectfully testify in strong support of the consideration and confirmation of Brian Lee to serve on the State of Hawaii Land Use Commission.

Mr. Lee currently serves as the Executive Director of the Hawaii Laborers & Employers Cooperation and Education Trust Fund. In addition, he has worked as a director and manager of various organizations. Also, Mr. Lee has participated in numerous boards and commissions as well as professional organizations including the Honolulu Planning Commission, Hawaii Workforce Development Council, University of Hawaii Labor Education Advisory Council, Hawaii Community Development Authority, Oahu Workforce Development Board, Hawaii Electricians Trust Funds, Mason Contractors Association of Hawaii, Hawaii Building & Construction Trades Council, Community Television Producers Association, Hawaii Procurement Institute, Aloha Society of Association Executives, Hawaii Union Builders Scholarship Foundation, Waikiki Improvement Association Awards Committee, Hawaii State DCCA Contractors Advisory Committee and various General Contractors Association of Hawaii Committees.

I am confident that Mr. Lee will make significant contributions on the Land Use Commission and strongly support his nomination based on his knowledge, professional experience and history of serving on various boards and commissions.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.


Ken C. Kawahara, P.E.

Senate Committee on Water & Land
Wednesday, March 29, 2023
1:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

On the following measure:
GM 536 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Land Use Commission,
Gubernatorial Nominee, BRIAN LEE, for a term to expire 06-30-2027.

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice- Chair Elefante and members of the committee,

My name is Will Kane, and as an individual I submit testimony in **strong support** of the confirmation of Brian Lee to the Land Use Commission for a term to expire 06-30-2027.

I have known Mr. Lee for many years and have worked with him on a variety of projects and policies. During this time, I have found him to be extremely knowledgeable and conscientious in his work. He consistently goes above and beyond what is required and has always looked to work collaboratively with all stakeholders involved.

Additionally, in my experience, Mr. Lee's work style is one in which all sides are evaluated and weighed equally, and only after careful consideration of all factors, is the decision made. This approach is especially important to have on the Land Use Commission, as it deals with complex and incredibly impactful issues that affects residents across the state.

In closing, I believe Brian Lee is very well suited for this position and would be a great addition to the Land Use Commission. I humbly request you support this nomination.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.
Will Kane

GM-536

Submitted on: 3/28/2023 12:58:59 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/29/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Shingayi Masiya	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Shingayi Masiya, and I am testifying to express my enthusiastic **support for Brian Lee**, as a nominee for the Hawaii Land Use Commission.

I have known and worked closely with Brian for many years, and I can attest to his exceptional qualifications for this position. He has a deep understanding of the issues involved and has consistently worked to promote sustainable development in our community. He has demonstrated a commitment to find solutions that balance the needs of different stakeholders and ensure that our community's interests are protected.

He has an impressive background working with both labor and management, as past Chair of the Hawaii Community Development Authority, and the Honolulu Planning Commission. He has a keen attention to detail, strong leadership skills, and the ability to work collaboratively with others.

He has my full support, and I respectfully ask the committee to approve his nomination. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of Brian Lee.



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March 28, 2023

LATE

To: The Honorable Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chairperson and Members of the Committee on Water and Land

Subject: **GM 535** and **GM 536: Support** of the Nomination of **Brian Lee** to serve as a member of the Land Use Commission

MEETING DETAILS

DATE: Wednesday March 29, 2023

TIME: 1:00 pm

PLACE: State Capitol Conference Room 229

The Honorable Chair Lorraine R. Inouye and Members of the Committee on Water and Land,

I am Lance M Inouye, CHB of Ralph S. Inouye Co., Ltd. (RSI), a local Hawaii general contractor. I am writing in **support** of the confirmation of **Brian Lee**, to serve as a member of the Land Use Commission of the State of Hawaii through June 30, 2023 (**GM 535**) and on through June 30, 2027 (**GM 536**). For all the years I've had the privilege of knowing him, **Brian** has been devoting his time and corroborative leadership skills in public service for the good of the State of Hawaii, including the City & County of Honolulu. This is evident in his recent service as a member and Chair of the Honolulu Planning Commission, member and Vice Chair of the Hawaii Workforce Development Council and past member of the Oahu Workforce Development Board. He also served as member and past Chair of the Hawaii Community Development Authority. His multiple experience in land use planning both at the City and the State level is a great asset to have in understanding how the two entities work together. He has demonstrated his collaborative leadership style working as Executive Director of a joint Laborers & Employers Cooperation and Education Trust Fund, in various capacities for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and numerous trade associations from multiple perspectives. Wherever he serves, he has shown his leadership in getting people together to solve problems in our Aloha State and will continue to be an asset as a member of the Land Use Commission. The State of Hawaii will be the beneficiary of Brian's vast experience and leadership skills on this Commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion of **Brian** and respectfully request his confirmation. Mahalo.