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JOSH GREEN, M.D.  
GOVERNOR  
KE KIA'ĀINA

Testimony of  
**Josh Green, M.D.**  
Governor, State of Hawaii

Before the  
**Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs**  
Monday, April 17, 2023  
10:30 a.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 225 and Videoconference

In consideration of  
**Governor's Message No. 674**

Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Fevella, and members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs:

I respectfully ask for your favorable consideration of Governor's Message No. 674, the appointment of Makai Freitas to serve as a Commissioner on the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Makai brings over 20 years of labor organization, elected leadership and all aspects of union representation along with a long history of community service, which includes serving various volunteer coaching roles in youth and high school sports and serving as a member of the Waimea Community Association.

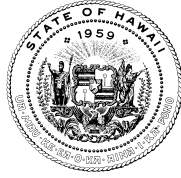
Since being appointed to the Commission, Makai has been an active and diligent Commissioner -- attending monthly Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) Commission meetings and contested hearings, attending various DHHL community events in Waimanalo and Kapolei, meeting with beneficiaries from his district to learn more about the ongoing issues that they are facing and working with DHHL staff to try to find solutions, meeting with local elected representatives to discuss issues facing beneficiaries within their district, and working with DHHL staff to familiarize himself with the Act 279 Strategic Plan and its execution.

For these reasons, I am confident that Makai will serve our State well as a Commissioner on the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Mahalo for your consideration.

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GOVERNOR  
STATE OF HAWAII  
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Hawai'i*

SYLVIA J. LUKE  
LT. GOVERNOR  
STATE OF HAWAII  
*Ka Hope Kia'āina o ka Moku'āina  
'o Hawai'i*



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**DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS**  
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**TESTIMONY OF KALI WATSON, CHAIRMAN**  
**HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION**  
**BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**  
**HEARING ON APRIL 17, 2023 AT 10:30AM IN CR 225**

**IN SUPPORT OF**

**GM 674**

for consideration and confirmation to the  
Hawaiian Homes Commission,  
Gubernatorial Nominee, **MAKAI FREITAS**,  
for a term to expire 06-30-2025

April 17, 2023

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Fevella, and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Makai Freitas to the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

DHHL is confident that Mr. Freitas will serve his fiduciary duties to the Commission, the Hawaiian Home Lands Trust, and the beneficiaries to the Trust with competence and discernment. Mr. Freitas's generational ties to Hawaii Island, his current involvement with the Waimea Community Association, as well as his previous work in youth development and family services, reflects his leadership abilities to listen and serve Hawaii's communities. Mr. Freitas's work in the public and private sector also demonstrates his ability to collaborate and cross different spheres of work for the betterment of the beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act and the DHHL which works to manage the Trust in service to the beneficiaries.

DHHL looks forward to working with Mr. Freitas and we respectfully ask your committee to advise and consent to this nomination. Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.



## **Hawai'i County Committee – District 8 Council**

*North/South Kohala - Waimea, Waikoloa, Waiki'i, Kawaihae, Kapa'au, Hawi D1*  
**April 13, 2023**

**RE: State Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs**

**Hearing Monday, April 17, 2023 – 10:30 AM**

**GM674 – Appointment of Makai Freitas as West Hawai'i DHHL Commissioner**

**To: Senator Maile Shimabukuro, Senator Kurt Fevella and Committee Members:**

As background, District 8 members of the Hawai'i County Democratic Party have met monthly since electing new Council officers based on new House Districts as defined by Reapportionment, and we collaboratively prioritized conveying to you – the 2023 State Legislature – our district's support for issues, projects, programs and CIP aligned with our County and State Platform and Resolutions adopted at the 2022 State Convention. This collaborative effort has been challenging – with party members needing to get to know each other and dig deep into understanding the issues, concerns and sometimes competing needs of the district.

We are proud of the progress we have made, and today we write to convey consensus support for the appointment of Makai Freitas as the new West Hawai'i DHHL Commissioner and ask you to confirm his nomination.

Makai was elected District 8 Vice Chair and has served effectively to organize our legislative subcommittee. He has also shared with us his initial experiences and observations related to DHHL needs and priorities – recognizing that the Trust owns substantial acreage in the Waimea/Kawaihae area. There is a very long-standing, active homestead community here with many needs and challenges. The well-being of these homesteaders and beneficiaries impacts every single resident here.

We believe Makai has the skills, experience, education and community ties and roots to be an effective advocate for both current lessees and the huge list of potential beneficiaries on the waitlist.

Thank you for considering our recommendation and mahalo, again, for the \$600M authorized last session to help move the Trust forward.

Mahalo,

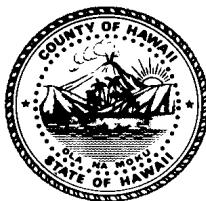
***Malama Solomon, District 8 Chair***

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April 17, 2023

Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair  
Senator Kurt Fevella, Vice Chair  
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

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

**RE: GM 674, MAKAI FREITAS – HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION**

Dear Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Fevella, and Members of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs,

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in **strong support** of GM 674, Gubernatorial Nomination of Makai K.C. Freitas to the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

I have the privilege of representing two homestead communities, Keaukaha and Pana'ewa, on the beautiful island of Hawai'i. While I provide comment in my official capacity, I would also share for members of this Committee that my family resides in the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands in Pana'ewa. As of 2022, the Department of Hawaiian Homelands has a landholding of 117,551 acres, about 57% of its entire lands within the state, and manages 2,522 homestead leases on Hawai'i Island. These numbers reflect the significant responsibility and opportunity the Hawaiian Homes Commission has to fulfill its trust obligations to our Native Hawaiian people.

Mr. Freitas is an excellent candidate for the Hawaiian Homes Commission. He has demonstrated his leadership abilities and commitment to serving the Native Hawaiian community in various capacities. He has been a board member of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, a trustee of the Queen Lili'uokalani Trust, a director of the Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation, and a member of the Native Hawaiian Education Council. He has also been involved in numerous cultural and educational initiatives that promote the preservation and perpetuation of our language, history, and traditions.

In addition, Mr. Freitas deeply understands the issues and needs of our homesteaders on Hawai‘i Island. He is familiar with the land use planning, development, and management processes that affect our homestead lands. Mr. Freitas is also aware of the social, economic, and environmental challenges impacting our beneficiaries’ well-being and quality of life. Finally, he has a vision for creating sustainable and thriving homestead communities that honor our ancestral ties to the ‘āina.

Mahalo, again, for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of Makai Freitas’ nomination to the Hawaiian Homes Commission. Mr. Freitas has the experience, knowledge, skills, and passion for serving as an effective and dedicated commissioner for Hawai‘i Island. He will be a valuable asset to the commission and a strong advocate for our beneficiaries.

Aloha Piha,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan L.K. Lee Loy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "R" at the end.

Susan “Sue” L.K. Lee Loy  
Council Member, County of Hawai‘i, District 3

**Malama Solomon, Ph.D.**

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April 12, 2023

**To: Chair Maile S.L. Shimabukuro  
Vice Chair Kurt Fevella, Vice Chair  
Members of the State Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs**

**From: Malama Solomon, Ph.D., DHHL Homesteader, Waimea Hawai'i**

**RE: GM 674 – DHHL Hawaiian Homelands West Hawai'i Commissioner Makai Freitas  
Hearing: Mon., April 17, 2023 – 10:30 AM - SUPPORT**

Aloha Kakou,

I strongly support Makai Freitas's nomination per GM 674 as the Department of Hawaiian Homelands West Hawaii Commissioner. I am well acquainted with the nominee's professional career, educational background, community service, and upbringing as a Hawai'i Oiwi.

Makai is committed to the betterment of conditions for the beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Homes Commission and also knows DHHL's success is a key element to the socioeconomic well-being of the future of this State.

Moreover, he understands the historical significance of the Act and what it will take to fully implement the fiduciary responsibilities as a Commissioner. He is committed to working in collaboration with the three branches of government, as well as the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, to facilitate the reduction of the 29,000 waitlisted, to support the State of Hawai'i's position to reduce the blood quantum requirement for successors, and to continue programs to the advancement of those who are homesteaders.

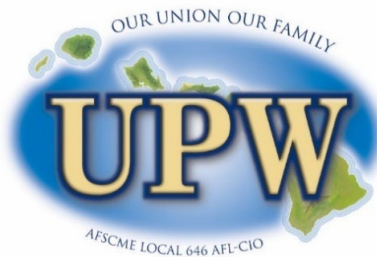
Solutions provided by the Commissioners to this work in progress will move the Hawaiian people closer to the original intent of the Act and clarify the State's responsibility as the administrator of the Hawaiian Homes Land Trust.

I believe the nominee's extensive background as the elected Chair of ILWU 1201 Big Island Stevedores gives him a deep understanding of the importance of collaboration and advocacy on behalf of homesteaders between the public and private sectors to move DHHL initiatives forward.

Please support Makai Freitas' appointment as the West Hawai'i DHHL Commissioner.

Mahalo –

***Malama Solomon***



**THE SENATE  
KA 'AHA KENEKOA**

**THE THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2023**

**COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**  
Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair  
Senator Kurt Fevella, Vice Chair

Monday, April 17, 2023, 10:30 AM  
Conference Room 225 and via Videoconference

**Re: Testimony in SUPPORT of GM674 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaiian Homes Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, MAKAI FREITAS, for a term to expire 06-30-2025.**

Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Fevella, and Members of the Committee:

The United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO (“UPW”) is the exclusive bargaining representative for approximately 14,000 public employees, which includes blue collar, non-supervisory employees in Bargaining Unit 1 and institutional, health, and correctional employees in Bargaining Unit 10, in the State of Hawaii and various counties. The UPW also represents 1,500 members in the private sector.

UPW **supports** Governor’s Message 674, which submits for consideration and confirmation to the to the Hawaiian Homes Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, MAKAI FREITAS, for a term to expire on June 30, 2025. As one of the State’s largest public employee unions, many of UPW’s members are lessees in Hawaiian homestead communities or are applicants that remain on the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands’ (“DHHL”) Waiting List. We believe that Mr. Freitas’ experience as a labor leader within the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (“ILWU”) and a deep understanding of the core issues that impact Hawaii’s working families are critical to developing collaborative solutions to support the needs of DHHL beneficiaries.

We humbly ask that this committee support Mr. Freitas’ confirmation to the Hawaiian Homes Commission. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Sincerely,

Kalani Werner  
State Director

**TESIMONY IN SUPPORT OF  
GM 674  
Monday, April 17, 2023, 10:30am, Rm.225, & Videoconference**

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaiian Homes Commission,  
Gubernatorial Nominee, **MAKAI FREITAS**, for a term to expire 06-30-2025.

Senator Maile Shimabukuro, Chair, Senator Kurt Fevella, Vice-Chair, and members of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs. I am Pauline N. Namuo, Oahu Commissioner of the Hawaiian Homes Commission. I am submitting my testimony in support of Makai Freitas to the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Makai's exceptional and impressive background in Labor and community engagement is a huge asset for our beneficiaries. He is young, (same age as my eldest son), respectful, and give huge hope for our future here in Hawaii. His appointment is a significant asset to the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on behalf of Makai Freitas. Your significant authority of Advice and Consent to this gubernatorial nominee will help us to move forward, together, for all beneficiaries of the Trust.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Pauline N. Namuo*



**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/13/2023 9:19:33 AM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Michael Hodson	Testifying for Waimea Hawaiian Homestead Assoc.	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

WHHA has met with the nominee and we are satisfied with his ability and knowledge needed to properly represent the beneficiaries of the HHCA as the West Hawaii District Commissioner. We are strongly in support of his confirmation

Mike Hodson, President WHHA

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/16/2023 4:12:11 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Patty Kahanamoku- Teruya	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Senator Shimabukuro, Chair and Senator Vice Chair Fevella:

My testimony is in support for Makai Freitas as the nominee for the Hawaiian Homelands Commission for the island of West Hawaii . Makai is an experience leader with solutions in supporting today's working women and men, and the passion for our beneficiaries.

For the few months, serving with Makai, he has shown so much acknowledge and strive to assist our waitlisters. His knowledge in lot development, water issues in his island and to move forwrd on all new proejcts, to benefit may beneficiaries.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit support for Makai Freitas in serving on the DHHL Commission . I urge the Hawaiian Affairs Committee to support Mr. Freitas.

Mahalo,

Commissioner Oahu DHHL - Patty Kahanamoku-Teruya

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April 13, 2023

Senator Maile Shimabukuro, Chair

Senator Kurt Fevella, Vice Chair

Members, Hawaii State Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

## **Re: Makai Freitas, Commissioner for Dept of Hawaiian Home Lands (GM674)**

My name is Riley Smith. I am writing in support of Makai Freitas, Nominee, for Commissioner for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Living on Hawaii island (Kamuela), I have come to know Mr. Freitas as a very intelligent and hard-working individual. For a “younger” person, he has impressed me with his attention to detail and willingness to learn from others. Aside from our interactions in the Waimea community, we also run into each other, flying back from Oahu. He returning from work or DHHL Commission meetings and myself returning from the Board of Land and Natural Resources meeting, as I am the representative for Hawaii island.

Some of the specific instances in which I have observed, or interacted with Mr. Freitas:

- a. Above all, he is a **family man**. Supporting his wife Aulani (the County of Hawaii’s Film Commissioner) and their two young girls. Coming from an athletic family, he supports his children’s efforts to participate in the Kona Stingrays, Youth Basketball Program (organize by Bobbie Awa, of the Konawaena High School Basketball program). Makai and his wife, make the time and sacrifice to pick up their children from school in Waimea and drive them to and from their practices and games. For those of you that aren’t familiar with Hawaii island, this is a 100 mile round trip drive (think about living in Hawaii Kai and driving to Waianae and back!).
- b. **Community Engagement:** Makai is involved in the community that he works and lives in. He attends Waimea Community Assn meetings, Democratic Party organizational meetings, coaches for Hawaii Preparatory Academy, in addition to his busy work schedule. Since January, he has participated in the Hawaiian Homes Commission, prior to his confirmation. What I always say, if you want to get something done, find a busy person to lead the charge; they have excellent time

management skills and the ability to distill complex matters, reams of information, into simple decision-making frameworks, to determine successful strategies, in order to move forward.

- c. **Humility/respect:** Makai was raised with local values. If he is thrust into a situation where he needs advice or counsel, he talks to others that have this knowledge and working relationships. He asks those older than himself, that have specific experience, for their thoughts and ideas. He takes the time to listen, before talking. This is not a common trait today. He also knows that when talking to a kupuna or elder, that your discussion is pau, when they are done talking. I think this attribute is an important one, for a DHHL Commissioner.
  
- d. **Thorough/does his homework:** I have heard from others in our community, that Mr. Freitas does his homework, before he shows up for a Commission meeting. When he shows up at these meetings, he has his binder, that includes the 1920 Trust document and other background documents. I even understand that DHHL staff, as well as other longer - term Commissioners, ask him where he obtained that info, how they can get a copy. To me, that's very impressive.

For the above reasons, I wholeheartedly support Makai Freitas, as a Commissioner for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Riley W. Smith".

Riley W. Smith, P.E.  
President/Chief Executive Officer



**LOCAL 142**

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April 13, 2023

Aloha Hawaiian Affairs Committee Chair Maile Shimabukuro and Vice Chair Kurt Favella,

The International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) Local 142 Hawaii Longshore Division strongly supports consideration and confirmation for Makai Freitas to the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide this testimony,

Dustin Dawson  
ILWU Local 142  
Hawaii Longshore Division Director

“AN INJURY TO ONE IS AN INJURY TO ALL”



**LOCAL 100**

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April 14, 2023

**STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 100 ON GM 674 - SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, MAKAI FREITAS, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2025**

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro and Vice Chairperson Favella

The ILWU Local 100 wholeheartedly supports the nomination of Gubernatorial Nominee, MAKAI FREITAS, to the Hawaiian Homes Commission for a term to expire 06-30-2025.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support of GM 674**

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Mueller  
President  
ILWU Local 100

**"AN INJURY TO ONE IS AN INJURY TO ALL"**

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/11/2023 4:33:37 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Dana Keawe	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/11/2023 6:14:48 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
kahana albinio	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Support!!!



**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/11/2023 6:41:15 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kama Hopkins	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Fevella and members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs,

I testify in SUPPORT of GM 674 for the appointment of Makai Freitas to the Hawaiian Homes Commission. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Aloha...

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/12/2023 10:14:11 AM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Marion K A Kapuniai	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**STRONG SUPPORT WITH NECESSARY AMENDMENT TO CORRECT TERM OF OFFICE:**

**TERM OF OFFICE FOR MAKAI FREITAS AS WEST HAWAII HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSIONER SHALL BE FOR 4 YEARS, THE STANDARD TERM FOR HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSIONER. HE HAS ALREADY BEGUN THE WORK.**

**Thank you, M Kapuniai**

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April 12, 2023

TO: Maile S. L. Shimabukuro, Chair  
Kurt Fevella, Vice Chair  
Members of the State Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

FR: Ma`ulili W. G. Dickson & Edith K. Kawai

DT: April 12, 2023

RE: GM 674 – DHHL Hawaiian Homelands West Hawai`i Commissioner, Makai Freitas

As keiki o ka `āina who have grown up in the Waimea area of Hawai`i Island, which has a strong Homesteader settlement, we strongly support Makai Freitas' nomination pursuant to GM 674 as the Department of Hawaiian Homelands West Hawai`i Commissioner.

We believe that Mr. Freitas' understanding of the realities and challenges with which Hawaiian Homesteaders are faced is strong and well-backed and that he is prepared and committed to improving the conditions for existing and future Hawaiian Homes beneficiaries. In addition, Mr. Freitas is well aware that there is much to be improved within the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands so that the people it serves can indeed flourish as Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalanianaʻole intended.

Mr. Freitas has a deep understanding of Hawaiian people. He has followed his father's footsteps in his participation in government. Mr. Freitas' interest and participation in his local and island community is much needed and appreciated.

We ask for your support of Makai Freitas' appointment as the West Hawai`i DHHL Commission.

Mahalo nui,  
Ma`ulili W. G. Dickson & Edith K. Kawai

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/13/2023 7:05:22 AM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Charmaine Kamaka	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support the appointment of Makai Freitas to the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/13/2023 8:03:23 AM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
James Hustace	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Mahalo for your consideration.

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/13/2023 9:23:39 AM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Craig Bo Kahui	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Support for GM674 - I support the Governor's appointee Makai Freitas to serve as Department of Hawaiian Home Lands Commissionor representing West Hawaii.

Mahalo, Bo Kahui

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/13/2023 9:41:23 AM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Nancy Taylor	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Thank you for your attention to my support of GM674.

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/13/2023 12:25:14 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Michael Kaleikini	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Fevella and members of the Committee On Hawaiian Affairs, I SUPPORT the confirmation of Makai Freitas to the Hawaiian Homes Commission. In the several months that I have come to know Mr. Freitas as a colleague and friend, I am very confident and very assured that Mr. Freitas will be a welcomed and productive member of the Hawaiian Homes Commission, representing beneficiaries of West Hawaii, Hawaii Island, and the entire State.



**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/13/2023 11:19:49 AM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Donna Dean Sterling	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In support of Makai Freitas confirmation as Dhhl big island commissioner. He comes well qualified to move the issues of beneficiaries forward by utilizing all of his education skills history of employment and especially his coaching skills.

he is refreshing to watch him commit his services to issues in front of him.

definitely an asset to the commission and beneficiaries

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/13/2023 1:01:23 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Curt Kalama	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

I am in full support for Makai Freitas. It's time for a change. A new face of the community. His agenda as long as I knew him is that he's all about Ohana. I truly believe he will do what's best for the Hawaiian community.

Mahalo,

Curt Kalama

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/13/2023 1:36:48 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kaipo Bee	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support Makai Freitas in his nomination for Hawaiian Homes commission!

Patti Cook

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April 12, 2023

**TO: Senator Maile S. L. Shimabukuro, Chair  
Senator Kurt Fevella, Vice Chair  
Members, Hawai'i State Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs**

**RE: Hearing – Monday, April 17, 2023 – 10:30AM – SUPPORT for GM 674 -  
Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaiian Homes Commission,  
Gubernatorial Nominee, MAKAI FREITAS, for a term to expire 06-30-2025.**

Though born and raised here in Hawai'i, I am not native Hawaiian so not eligible to be a beneficiary of the Hawaiian Homes Land Trust. However, I believe the success of the Trust goes far beyond serving its beneficiaries. It impacts all of Hawai'i and it depends heavily on the integrity, expertise, commitment, compassion and far-sightedness of the commissioners.

I have known and worked with Makai Freitas prior to this appointment to the commission and appreciate his persistent advocacy for the working men and women of Hawai'i and their families as an ILWU labor leader. I also have observed his community involvement, especially as the father of two young girls to ensure they and other Hawaiian children, and in fact all of the children of Hawai'i, have the opportunity to remain here in Hawai'i as adults and thrive.

Makai's decade-plus involvement in youth sports coaching and working with young adults/families caught up in the juvenile justice system have helped him become acutely aware of the challenges faced by so many in our community, including lessees and beneficiaries, as well as of the opportunities to move forward.

Also helping with this will be his business-labor negotiation experience, which will serve to help him in working with fellow commissioners and staff to motivate and inspire existing and potential DHHL public and private community partners to develop innovate solutions including more sustainable funding and infrastructure opportunities for DHHL.

Since his appointment to the commission, I have observed an impressive effort to fully understand the letter and spirit of the law and Trust, and to reach out and learn from many others across the district, island and state. As you well know, DHHL is extremely complex and has struggled for a variety of reasons to fulfill its obligations to current lessees and potential beneficiaries. The gift of \$600M authorized by the 2022 Hawai'i State Legislature is incredibly valuable to helping them move forward and Makai is up to this challenge – working in close partnership with fellow commissioners, the legislature, federal, state and county leadership, OHA and most importantly, current lessees and wait listers. Makai is experienced with finding the “sweet spot” to move things forward in the face of competing interests, needs and priorities.

Thank you for considering his nomination. Please confirm his appointment.

**Mahalo – *Patti Cook***, Waimea, Island of Hawai'i

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/13/2023 2:51:50 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lyle Nicely	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support the consideration and confirmation of gubernatorial nominee Makai Freitas, To the Hawaiian Homes commission.

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/13/2023 3:05:06 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Falaniko Vitale	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support GM674!

Mahalo

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/13/2023 3:09:12 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
J White	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I stand in strong support of nominating Mr Makai Freitas to the Hawaiian Homes Commission

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/13/2023 3:46:59 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Sean Stoltzman	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Support



**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/13/2023 3:55:17 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
David Maeva	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support Makai Freitas

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/13/2023 4:02:28 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Thomas CathcartIII	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support this bill

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/13/2023 4:18:01 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Collin Mansanas	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support confirmation of Makai Freitas.

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/13/2023 5:05:54 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Keone Bee	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in support of makai Freitas for hawaiian homes commision

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/13/2023 5:36:24 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I support this candidate

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/13/2023 6:30:29 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Edward J Klaneski	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this.

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/13/2023 6:31:20 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I support this bill.

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/13/2023 6:31:36 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Alana Kaili	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In support of GM674



**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/13/2023 6:31:38 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Seen Morimoto	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In full support of Bill GM674.

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/13/2023 6:31:41 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Walter Walker	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly support

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/13/2023 6:31:58 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Adrian Kaleo Nakashima	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support GM674.

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/13/2023 6:32:33 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Chauncey Dunhour	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support!

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/13/2023 6:32:54 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
James Mueller	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I SUPPORT confirmation of "MAKAI FREITAS" for Hawaiian Homes Commission.

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/13/2023 6:33:12 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kelsey Beck	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I SUPPORT MAKAI FREITAS

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/13/2023 6:33:28 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ka'ena Paikai	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support.

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/13/2023 6:33:40 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Paquito KHD Capillan	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Support



**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/13/2023 6:34:13 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Noah Campbell	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In full support for Makai Freitas and GM674

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/13/2023 6:34:28 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jowen Murray-Thornton	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support am in support of Makai Freitas!

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/13/2023 6:34:40 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jonovan Tuinei	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support.

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/13/2023 6:34:53 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jacob Ramos	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support Bill GM674 in appointing Makai Freitas for Hawaiian Homes Commission.

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/13/2023 6:35:15 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Zorich Palimoo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support Makai Freitas for HWN

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/13/2023 6:35:19 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Robert Enriquez	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly support GM674!!!

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/13/2023 6:35:41 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Conan K Donahue	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support!

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/13/2023 6:36:17 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
KAIKA SASAOKA	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support the consideration and confirmation of Makai Freitas!



**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/13/2023 6:39:00 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Anthony Kassebeer	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support this Bill.

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/13/2023 6:40:54 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Dustin Vierra	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in support of Maikai Freitas.

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/13/2023 6:41:33 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Chad Amasiu	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

GM

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/13/2023 6:47:48 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Chaz Bajet	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support Makai Freitas

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/13/2023 6:51:22 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Pita Hiko	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support GM674

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/13/2023 6:54:24 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Sierra Revilla	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Written testimony only.

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/13/2023 6:56:23 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Dane Kaluhiwa	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Support

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/13/2023 7:05:31 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jeremy Inferrera	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Support



**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/13/2023 7:16:33 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Clinton Blackman	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In support of GM674 Makai Freitas

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/13/2023 7:17:00 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Brandon Parker	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support Makai Freitas

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/13/2023 7:18:43 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
thomas Ilae-Timoteo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Im in support of GM674

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/13/2023 7:30:55 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jordon kapu	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/13/2023 7:41:03 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
B. Hansen	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Support

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/13/2023 7:46:27 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
William Campbell	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support GM674

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/13/2023 7:52:19 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kekoa Bruhn	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support Makai Freitas for the Hawaiian homes commission. Mahalo

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/13/2023 7:56:38 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
anthony padilla	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support gm674



**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/13/2023 8:00:03 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Montgomery Meyer	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/13/2023 8:12:44 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kaleo Buck	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support Makai Freitas for Hawaiian Homes Commission.

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/13/2023 8:19:35 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Blair Nahale	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support gm674

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/13/2023 8:20:37 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kaai Bruhn	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/13/2023 8:34:08 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Christopher Finau	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Support!

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/13/2023 9:54:31 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I fully support Mr. Freitas nomination. He has the leadership and experience to get the job done...

Mahalos

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/13/2023 10:05:31 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Robert Decker	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Support for Makai Freitas

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/13/2023 10:06:34 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Manny Kulukulualani	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support GM674



**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/13/2023 10:24:05 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
kainalu paikai	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/13/2023 10:30:14 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Dave Teriirere	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly support...

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/13/2023 11:12:21 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kekoa masutani	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill and Makai Freitas

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/13/2023 11:15:01 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Tyler Yuu	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Support

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/13/2023 11:54:35 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lawrence DeCosta III	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in support

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/14/2023 12:13:19 AM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Robert Like	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I, Robert like, support GM 674.

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/14/2023 2:02:37 AM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Keoni Mendiola	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In full support of nominee Makai Freitas.

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/14/2023 5:20:47 AM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Clayton Glass	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support!



**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/14/2023 5:21:39 AM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
John Rabanal	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am a supporter of this bill

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/14/2023 5:33:42 AM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Michael Misunas	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support Makai Freitas

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/14/2023 6:42:10 AM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ikaika Curnan	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In support of Makai Freitas for Hawaiian homes commision. Has a lot of integrity and will do the right thing.

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/14/2023 6:52:36 AM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I support this nominee

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/14/2023 6:54:07 AM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Alfred Horner	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Alfred Horner supports GM674

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/14/2023 6:55:08 AM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Stephen Paling IV	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support GM674

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/14/2023 7:18:35 AM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ashkhon Kuhaulua	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support GM674 and Makai Freitas.

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/14/2023 7:33:35 AM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Bo Kahui	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

On behalf of Laiopua Community Development Corporation, by unanimous consent , we support the Governor's message 674 regarding the appointment and approval of Mikai Freitas to the Hawaiian Homes Commission- West Hawaii.

Craig "Bo" Kahui, Executive Director



**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/14/2023 8:27:13 AM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Aaron Miyashiro	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Support GM674

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/14/2023 8:38:07 AM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Christian Monsell	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support Makai 100% for this position

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/14/2023 8:38:27 AM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Troy keithley	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support Makai Freitas for this hawaiian homes commission position.

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/14/2023 8:44:29 AM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Albert Ainuu	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support Makai Freitas

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/14/2023 9:04:25 AM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Mike Sullivan	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I'm support of Makai Freitas. A leader, with compassion and integrity and a good family man that always makes the effort to help all in need (family, friends and the less fortunate).  
aloha

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/14/2023 9:16:18 AM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Nathan Dudoit	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support the nomination of Makai Freitas for the Hawaiian Homes Commission. In my opinion, Mr. Freitas possesses the character, integrity and intelligence necessary to perform the duties he will be asked to perform. I've known Makai upwards of 15 years and have nothing but great things to say about him. He has my complete confidence and support. I strongly urge you to confirm his appointment.

Mahalo,

Nathan Dudoit

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/14/2023 9:55:27 AM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Sy Delizo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support this bill

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/14/2023 10:00:33 AM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lon Paresa	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support Mr. Makai Freitas as a member of the Hawaiian Homes Commission. Mahalo.



**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/14/2023 10:56:01 AM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
blayne dikito	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly support.

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/14/2023 11:07:58 AM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kanoa Leahey	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha to the Committee,

My name is Kanoa Leahey, and I am writing in support of the nomination of Makai Freitas to the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Our families have known each other for many years. Our father's interacted frequently within the sports community, and I have considered Makai a friend going back to our young, childhood days, playing with and against each other in various youth sports in the Kalaniana'ole Athletic Club.

What stands out to me about Makai is his loyalty. He is a man of incredible allegiance to both his family and his community. He is also a man of tremendous integrity. He brings with him an unwavering commitment to the people and the issues in which he believes. When my father , Jim, passed away recently, Makai was there to provide his support immediately. On the day of the service, first thing in the morning, he brought his family down to site of the ceremony and assisted in the extensive set-up process, no questions asked. He is that brand of friend. The kind of person who will make a promise, give you his word, and allow you to rest assured that he will follow through in whatever way possible.

Just like his father, the late Rockne Freitas, Makai adheres to a certain code, that prioritizes the Hawaiian people, whether it be educationally, socially, or socio-economically. And that code prompts him to put forth an unrelenting effort in that particular endeavor.

Leadership is a quality that runs deep within the Freitas family, and Makai is no different. I have the ultimate belief that Makai Freitas would take on this great responsibility with the Hawaiian Homes Commission with the utmost respect, good faith, and appropriate perspective so as to be an honest and valuable contributing member.

Please accept my testimony as someone who obviously cares deeply for and greatly respects Makai Freitas, but also as someone who can objectively vouch for his principled forthrightness.

Mahalo,

Kanoa Leahey



**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/14/2023 11:18:08 AM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ted Scott	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support confirmation for Makai Freitas for Hawaiian Homes Commission

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/14/2023 12:39:47 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Hubert Pruett	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/14/2023 2:52:39 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Levi Archuleta	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support him.

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/14/2023 6:39:50 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I support GM674



**Wayne Kawika Wills**  
Papaikou, Hawaii 96781

April 14, 2023

Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro  
Chair  
Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs  
State of Hawaii

Senator Kurt Fevella  
Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs  
State of Hawaii

RE:GM674

Dear Senators Shimabukuro, Fevella and other Committee Members,

I submit this correspondence in support of consideration and confirmation of Makai Freitas to the Hawaiian Homes Commission. I have known Makai for over twenty years and he comes from a lineage of compassion, integrity and excellence.

While continued doubt of politicians and public servants exists within our community, I am confident that Makai will embrace the assignment and execute assigned duties with fairness and courage.

I am confident Makai will serve the lāhui well.

Mahalo Nui Loa,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wayne K. Wills', written over a white background.

Wayne K. Wills



**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/15/2023 12:04:06 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Keenan Luke	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in support of bill GM674

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/15/2023 3:00:26 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Brandon Ching	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support Bill GM674

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/15/2023 5:57:36 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
patrick estes	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To Members of The Committee on Hawaiian Affairs,

I have known Makai Freitas since childhood. I no longer live in the islands but would like to take a moment to explain why I believe the Commission of Hawaiian Homes would benefit greatly by having Mr. Freitas involved-and ultimately benefiting the Hawaiian People. Mr. Freitas in my eyes exemplifies what it means to be a proud Hawaiian, and I am very familiar with how important the local people of Hawaii are to him. Hence, his interest in being able to serve on this commission and spend his time, energy, and insight expanding and improving Hawaiian Homes. Mr. Freitas has shown an exceptional ability to lead as well as work collaboratively to reach a common goal. His track record and position within the Longshoreman Union is clearly a testimony to this. In addition to these strengths, He is someone who, when in position, would never stray from the best interests and common goals of that which he has been asked to serve. This is because I know that Mr. Freitas is of the highest moral character and is in constant pursuit of doing the right thing. The qualities I have described above will result in having a relentless advocate for the mission of Hawaiian Homes and all that it serves. So I would like to sincerely ask that you please consider for, and confirm Makai Freitas for this position.

Thank you for your time,

Patrick Estes

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/15/2023 6:24:54 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lafaele Koka	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support consideration and confirmation of Makai Freitas to the Hawaiian Homes Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee.

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/15/2023 6:59:33 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Michael C Brum	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please Consider Makai Freitas for Hawaiian Homes Commision. It is with great pride that I humbly ask for your support this gentlman for the job. Honesty cannot be bought but only taught. This is what our Hawaiian people need and deserve going forward in todays world. This man I feel embodies that. Mahalo again for his support.

Respectfully.

Michael C Brum Sr.

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/15/2023 7:00:49 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kalua Bee	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I've known Makai for for over 20+ years as a fellow longshoreman, he always has shown great leadership and excellent work ethics. His hard work and determination will carry on with a nomination to Hawaiian Homes Commission. Mahalo

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/15/2023 7:21:14 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Albert Makana Bee	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support the consideration and confirmation of Makai Freitas as the Hawaiian home lands commission.

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/15/2023 7:23:15 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Bryan Talatala	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaiian Homes Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, MAKAI FREITAS.



**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/15/2023 7:23:23 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ian Black	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I consideration and confirmation to the Hawaiian Homes Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, MAKAI FREITAS, for a term to expire 06-30-2025.
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**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/15/2023 8:07:04 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Arthur Mahoe	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**I support the Appointment of Makai Freitas to the Hawaiian Homes Commission**

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/16/2023 5:50:24 AM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
josephine tanimoto	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha. Myself and my ohana SUPPORT Makai Freitas. We ask you please consider his appointment. Mahalo

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/16/2023 6:53:16 AM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Sheila Apisa	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I highly support Makai Freitas for this position. He is knowledgeable and more than willing to look and listen to all sides of a proposal. He has been involved in his continued learning of items that will help the people of Hawaii. He is fair and willing to continue learning so that he can make the best decisions possible. I've known Makai since he was born and I am very proud of the man he has become. Sheila Apisa

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/16/2023 7:18:56 AM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Tai Apisa Jr	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I've known Makai Freitas his whole life and believe that he will be fair and impartial in his decisions with the committee. He is very dedicated and more than willing to work for the betterment of the Hawaiian people.

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/16/2023 8:20:37 AM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Scott Hendricks	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Makai Freitas is a natural born leader who would bring a unique blend of knowledge, understanding, and determination to the Hawaiian Homes Commission. He is a committed family man who is deeply involved in our community. His experience makes him as at home in the boardroom as he is coaching a football game or helping at a family ranch cattle branding. Makai's upbringing and sense of place give him the perspective necessary to understand the complex issues facing the people of Hawaii.

Sincerely, Scott Hendricks

The Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs  
April 17, 2023  
10:30 AM  
Room 225

RE: **Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaiian Homes Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, MAKAI FREITAS, for a term to expire 06-30-2025.**

Attention: Chair Maile Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Kurt Fevella, and Members of the Committee

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony in **strong support of GM 674**, to confirm the appointment of Makai Freitas to the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

My 'Ohana has very close ties to the Freitas 'Ohana. Growing up with Mr. Freitas, I can share with you that his upbringing instilled in him the Hawaiian qualities, ha'aha'a (humility), lokomaika'i (kindness), kōkua (to help/assist), and kuleana (responsibility), which he carries with him at his core and uses in all aspects of his life.

Mr. Freitas has developed an important quality that often goes unnoticed, active listening, a skill that he first learned from his late father, Rockne Freitas, and has been honed in his leadership positions. Mr. Freitas understands the importance of actively listening to all parties, whether it's part of a dispute or disagreement, or simply differing opinions. He assesses each situation based upon the information provided, respecting all perspectives, and only speaks once he has come to an informed decision or recommendation. This is a rare quality, one his late father perfected, and one that he has continued to hone throughout his life and career.

Mr. Freitas is a dedicated and loyal individual, who does not shy away from difficult tasks or decisions. He brings valuable personal and professional qualities to the Hawaiian Homes Commission, and will be a great representative of the Hawaiian Community at a critical juncture.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony in **strong support of GM 674**, to confirm the appointment of Makai Freitas to the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Me ke aloha,

Christian L. Fern  
4746 Farmers Road  
Honolulu, HI 96816

Aloha. I am Kaulani Almeida native Hawaiian qualified beneficiary of the HHCA 1920, amended 1921. I am a current lessee homesteader in the Panaewa Homestead Tract located in the ahupuaa of Waiakea on the island of Hawaii and also the current President of the Panaewa Hawaiian Home Lands Community Association (PHHLCA). We support his confirmation to the Hawaiian Homes Commission, as West Hawaii Commissioner. He accepted our invitation to attend a meeting at our Panaewa Community Center and was willing to answer any and all questions from an audience made up of leaders of East Hawaii homestead leaders and members. He was approachable and confident that even though he represented West Hawaii, this was one big island and he looked forward to doing his very best job for all the HHCA beneficiaries.



Aloha e Chair Senator Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Fevella & honorably members of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs...as a native Hawaiian, as defined by the HHCA, 1920 and a resident of East Hawaii Keaukaha Community Association and here to fully SUPPORT Makai Freitas as the incoming West Hawaii Hawaiian Homes Commissioners.

I'm encouraged by his forthrighteousness in articulating what he believes is Fair & Equitable in getting native Hawaiians on the waitlist...OFF the waitlist and help them acquire homeownership pursuant Act 279...

I am available for any further information this Committee may need...at (808) 937-8217

Aloha

Patrick L. Kahawaiolaa

**LATE**

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/16/2023 3:56:21 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Dennis L. Neves	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support the confirmation of Makai Freitas for commissioner. In the short amount of time he has been on the commission he has shown integrity and sound decision making. I believe he would be a great asset to the commission in representing his district and the overall needs of all our beneficiaries.

**LATE**

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/16/2023 5:52:50 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
randy awo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Senators. I am a life long Department of Hawaiian Homelands beneficiary. Currently, I reside in Waiehu Kou, Maui. I continue to serve as the Hawaiian Commissioner for the island of Maui. Today, I submit testimony in strong support of Makai Freitas to serve as the Commissioner to represent Hawaii Island until June of 2025. In the relatively brief period he has served as an interim Commissioner, Mr. Freitas has demonstrated a sincere desire to serve the best interests of our beneficiaries. He has also shown a willingness to learn and to be thoughtful in carrying out the responsibilities of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act. I respectfully ask for your support in approving his nomination. Mahalo for your consideration on this matter.  
Aloha - Randy Awo

**LATE**

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/17/2023 7:02:57 AM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kale Ornellas	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in support . Makai Freitas is a strong intelligent Hawaiian, who will be a genuine and resourceful advocate towards decision making. I believe he will and is the best person for this position ! Thank you ..

**LATE**

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/17/2023 8:27:05 AM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
KIMBERLY Honda	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I have known Makai Freitas for the last four years as my son's high school football coach and more recently as his daughter's teacher. He is a devoted community member and has a big heart. He has been an excellent mentor to my son and is a devoted father to his daughter. He is intelligent, community-minded, and constantly on the move working to better our community. I wholeheartedly support him for the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

**LATE**

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/17/2023 9:11:38 AM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I believe Makai Freitas would be an excellent candidate for Hawaiian Homes Commission. With a strong foundation and roots in Hawai'i. He leads by example and he wants to make a difference in our Hawaiian communities. Not only to help our people now, but to also help shape a better future for Hawai'i. And I believe he is the change we need.

Mahalo

**LATE**

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/17/2023 11:52:00 AM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Aleki Pascua	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support Makai Freitas

**LATE**

**GM-674**

Submitted on: 4/17/2023 3:32:19 PM

Testimony for HWN on 4/17/2023 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Hunter Mako Morton	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this