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Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura
Chair, Senate Committee on Health and Human Services
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Honolulu, HI 96813

Aloha Senator San Buenaventura,

My name is Marty Oliphant and I am grateful for this opportunity to be consider for the position on the Commission of Fatherhood. I am a father of two amazing adult children My wife and I were fortunate to raise our children with the guidance and support of our own village (our parents, family, and friends). We were able to learn and appreciate the continued learning in how to support our children as they navigate through life and explore their own pathway. It would be an honor and a privilege to serve on the Commission of Fatherhood.

Thank you for allowing me to answer the following questions:

(1) Why do you wish to be a member of the Commission on Fatherhood?

I wish to contribute to the efforts and initiatives of the Commission. I have over thirty years of working in social services organizations with children and their families. In my experience I have seen how parents play a crucial role in the healthy development of children and youth. The Commission of Fatherhood has a significant role in promoting the benefits of having fathers actively involved in the lives of their children.

(2) How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the Commission on Fatherhood?

The role and responsibilities of a member of the Commission on Fatherhood is support the following activities: 1) provide information and education; 2) promote and uphold policies and practices; 3) support public relations and promotions of the commission; and 4) participate in events and recognition. Members of the commission support the ongoing initiatives of the commissions.

(3) Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a member of the Commission on Fatherhood, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise, or knowledge that would aid in your decision-making ability as a member of the Commission on Fatherhood.

During my tenure in social services organizations (community-based and public) I provided direct service support to children/youth and their families. I served in leadership roles for the past twenty-three years. While serving in those organizations, I developed and applied skills that supported the strengthening of the family home to elevate the

wellbeing of children/youth and their families. In addition, I have served on boards and committees (local and national) as a member and, in some cases, as the chair. I am very familiar with how boards function and I would apply my knowledge and expertise to my decision-making ability on the Commission of Fatherhood.

(4) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

My hope is to accomplish the following activities during my term of service: 1) support the current initiatives of the Commission; 2) assess and develop a plan address additional needs of the Commission; and 3) assess the current partnerships (individual, groups, and/or organizations) to increase the impact of the Commission's efforts.

(5) Name three qualities that best describe you and that would make you stand out. How would these qualities benefit the Commission on Fatherhood?

The three qualities that best describe me would be that I am a good listener, problem-solver, and action oriented. I believe these qualities combined provides for all voices to be heard, when faced with challenges the group will discuss solutions to the presenting issues/concerns. Once the solutions have been determined then a follow-up plan can be implemented. These qualities would helpful when the Commission needs support in moving forward when making difficult decisions.

(6) Name one previous experience that would make you stand out. How this benefit the Commission on Fatherhood?

I served on State of Hawai'i Board of Psychology from July 2013 to June 2021 as the public member. The last few years of my tenure on the board, I served as the Vice Chair. My knowledge and experience with a state board is recent and I will be able to draw on that experience to support my service on the Commission.

(7) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the Commission on Fatherhood? How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest?

I do not foresee any possible conflicts of interests. If there are any potential conflicts, then I will notify the Chair of the Commission to evaluate the potential conflict. I would overcome any possible conflicts of interest by recusing myself from any discussion and/or decision pertaining to the conflict.

Thank you for your consideration. Please let me know if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,

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