

February 22, 2024

The Senate
State Capital
Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura
Chair, Senate Committee on Health and Human Services
Honolulu Hawai'i 96813

Subject: Nomination to the Disability & Communications Access Board

Aloha Senator San Buenaventura,

The following are my written responses to your request for information regarding my nomination interest to the Disability & Communications Access Board:

- (1) Why do you wish to be a member of the Disability & Communication Access Board? **I think every person that can participate in public service within their field of expertise should have an opportunity to do so, if possible and in a way that will make a meaningful contribution.**
- (2) How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the Disability & Communication Access Board? **To provide impartial and professional review and analysis of policy and interpretive opinion that may influence our built environment and the public interaction with that environment in our public facilities, and the standards by which design professionals are required to accommodate ADA compliance in their designs.**
- (3) Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a member of the Disability & Communication Access Board, 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 Disability & Communication Access Board. **Yes, I am qualified for this position. I have been a practicing architect for almost thirty years, have licensure in three states and have spent most of my career designing public facilities for public sector agencies.**
- (4) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service? **I hope to provide unbiased, sound, and experienced impartial review and counsel for potential policymaking and/or affecting determinations that can inform and influence how designers create our publicly shared physical spaces.**
- (5) Name three qualities that best describe you and that would make you stand out. How would these qualities benefit the Disability & Communication Access Board. **Experienced. Reasonable. Practical.**

- (6) Name one previous experience that would make you stand out. How would this benefit the Disability & Communication Access Board? **I have experienced health and mobility-impairing issues over my lifetime. These life experiences have informed me how to be a better and more conscientious designer for our built environment and to seek solutions that are holistic, compliant and reasonable.**
- (7) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the Disability & Communication Access Board? How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest. **No. If conflicts are identified I would present them to stakeholders and/or opt out of participating in any ways that could reinforce potential conflicts.**

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Mahalo,



Signature

Title: Managing Member

cc: Kirby L. Shaw, DCAB Executive Director



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February 28, 2024

TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Governor's Message 543 – Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Disability and Communication Access Board, gubernatorial nominee, Scott Fleming for a term to expire June 30, 2027

The Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) strongly supports the nomination of Mr. Scott Fleming to our Board for a second term to expire on June 30, 2027.

The Board is a statewide Governor-appointed Board with a majority of its members being persons with disabilities or family members. The Board's mission is to advocate and promote full inclusion, independence, equal access, and quality of life for persons with disabilities in society.

Mr. Fleming resides on the Island of Hawaii and is one of two representatives from that County. He is an architect who has worked extensively on projects in the County of Hawaii. He brings a wealth of design knowledge to the table as he is intimately familiar with the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines, the §103-50, Hawaii Revised Statutes, plan review process, and the Hawaii Outdoor Design Accessibility Standards.

Mr. Fleming serves on the Board's Standing Committee on Facility Access, which is responsible for establishing accessibility guidelines for the design of buildings, facilities and sites by and on behalf of the State and counties, rendering interpretive opinions on any design guideline the Board is authorized to administer, and approving site specific alternate designs in accordance with §103-50, Hawaii Revised Statutes and Chapter 11-216, Hawaii Administrative Rules.

Thank you for your positive consideration of Mr. Fleming to serve on the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

KIRBY L. SHAW
Executive Director