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Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura  
Chair, Senate Committee on Health & Human Services  
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Aloha Senator San Buenaventura:

Thank you for the opportunity to address your questions regarding my nomination to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

1. You asked, “why do you wish to be a member of the State Council?” The role of a State Council member is advocacy, policy development, education, resource allocation, collaboration, monitoring, and empowerment of individuals with developmental disabilities. As an advocate at Hawaii Disability Rights Center, I work daily with similarly affected children and adults. My service on the Council gives me an opportunity to know more intimately the issues of the affected individuals and help enhance our community’s response to them.
2. I believe that as a member of the State Council my most important responsibility is to learn, discern and advocate for the most effective and appropriate services required under the law for these individuals. Further, I believe it is my duty to find ways to showcase the important contributions these individuals are making to the Hawai`i community.
3. There are two areas of experience that I bring to the Council. First, is my successful tenure as an advocate at Hawaii Disability Rights Center where I am responsible for assisting individuals and their families in securing every opportunity and service mandated by law. Second, is my successful 50+ year career in advertising, marketing, and community relations in Hawai`i. I know how to freely communicate with every element of Hawai`i society because I have done it all my life.
4. What do I hope to accomplish? I hope to do my part and more to make the lives of individuals with Developmental Disabilities in Hawai`i as wonderful as my own life in Hawai`i has been.
5. Three qualities ...
  - a. Now in my 80<sup>th</sup> year of life, I am virtually fearless.
  - b. I am an excellent communicator.
  - c. I work to make a friend of everyone I meet.

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6. In 1998, I left my position as senior vice president of the Hawai`i advertising agency I'd worked with for 10 years, to move home to Nu`uanu to care for my mother who was in the final year of her battle with stroke-related dementia. I have never regretted it because it made me understand that service, not monetary gain, is the ultimate goal. And, it made clear to me that if you don't know the individual, you will never know the people.
7. I don't foresee any possible conflicts of interest because my employer and the Council would most definitely be on the same side of any issue. Should one arise, I would seek the counsel of both management groups and do as advised.

I hope the above both answers the specific questions and allows you some insight into my life and outlook. I look forward to further addressing any questions at the February 28<sup>th</sup> Senate Committee hearing.

Mahalo,

/s/ Anne M. Chipchase



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The Honorable Senator Joy San Buenaventura, Chair  
Senate Committee on Health and Human Services  
The Thirty-Second Legislature  
State Capitol  
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Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Senator Joy San Buenaventura and Committee Members:

SUBJECT: GM555 - State Council on Developmental Disabilities Gubernatorial Nominee Anne Chipchase

The Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities **STRONGLY SUPPORTS GM555** which is submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Gubernatorial Nominee, ANNE CHIPCHASE, for a term to expire 06-30-2025.

The Council's Federal mandate (P.L.106-402 - DD Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000) is clear in determining the composition of this body to ensure that all the stakeholders are represented and engaged in the development and implementation of a comprehensive system of services and supports for individuals with DD.

The Governor's nominee meets all the Federal requirements for Council membership. Ms. Chipchase's appointment to the Council would fulfill the Federal requirement for a representative of the State Protection and Advocacy (P&A) system. Hawaii Disability Rights Center (HDRC) is the Council's sister agency as both entities fall under P.L. 106-402. Both agencies have distinct roles under the federal law, the Council responsible for systems advocacy, and HDRC responsible for protecting the legal and human rights of individuals with Developmental Disabilities (DD). We look forward to Ms. Chipchase's continued contributions to increase coordination and collaboration between the Council and HDRC. She has been instrumental in establishing community programs for individuals with disabilities to promote the practice of self-advocacy and determination. Her efforts in advocating for disability rights will continue providing valuable insights to the Council to continue the support of our population of individuals with DD.

We appreciate the opportunity to express our **strong support for GM555** to confirm the appointment of Anne Chipchase to continue on the board of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,

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Executive Administrator

**GM-555**

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Comments:

We are very pleased to submit testimony in support of GM 555, nominating Anne Chipchase to the DD Council. We were very fortunate when she expressed an interest in coming to work for us. She brings a lifetime of activity and a wealth of knowledge and experience to the position. It is truly obvious every day that she cares! This is the reason she works for Hawai`i Disability Rights. It is the reason we hired her. It is the reason she has been so successful in advocating for our clients. Currently nearly half of her clients are individuals with some form of Developmental Disability.

Anne spent many years in advertising, marketing, and community outreach. She received the “Advertising Woman of the Year” award from the Honolulu Advertising Federation in 1986. Throughout her career Anne has been active in community and not-for-profit work. She was on the Board of the Hawaiian Humane Society for 10 years. She was the founding president of the board of Project Vision Hawaii, serving a total of 11 years. She is currently in her third cycle on the HCAP (Honolulu Community Action Program) Board where she is also vice chairman of the finance committee.

I think it will be clear to the Committee when you meet with her that she will be an excellent representative from our agency to the DD Council. We strongly support her confirmation.