

## MYLES MIYASATO

Aloha, Chair Lee and the Senate Committee on Water, Land Culture and the Arts,

Please accept my statements regarding these questions.

### **1. Why do you wish to serve as a member of the Land Use Commission?**

The decisions of the LUC affect the lifestyle, resources and culture, its impact or enjoyment for our keiki's future. My wife and I have five adult children and a teenager attending Kamehameha Hawaii campus. We enjoy thirteen grandchildren. I hope this position will afford the opportunity to maintain the special gift of natural beauty and resources, housing and economic prosperity for all our families.

### **2. What is your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a member of the Land Use Commission?**

In no particular order:

Considering the impact of the proposed petition on our natural, cultural, and historic resources.

Uphold the public trust doctrine.

How the petition fits into the State and County plan.

Impacts or improvements to agriculture current and future.

Provides housing and economic opportunities.

Impacts on immediate and surrounding communities.

Review and accept or reject EIS submittals.

### **3. Based on your understanding of the role and responsibilities of this position, please explain why you believe you are qualified to serve. Include a brief description of the skills, experience, expertise, or knowledge you would bring to the Commission and how they would inform your decision-making.**

I previously served as Chair to the Hawai'i County East Planning Commission. I'm currently serving on the LUC and have been for the past two years. I feel my first-hand life experiences over the past sixty-five years, having lived around twenty years each in three counties of our state, allows me insight of communities around the state. As a rancher, I also understand the value of important agricultural lands and ground surface water that fills our reservoir.

### **4. If confirmed, what goals or priorities would you hope to accomplish during your term of service?**

Because I have no control over what type of petitions come before us, what I can say is my goal is to make decisions based on evidence presented before us. Make decisions that

preserve, and protect, and encourage the development and preservation of lands in the state for those uses that are best suited in the interests of the people of Hawai'i.

- 5. Do you believe there is anything that could reasonably be perceived by the public as creating a conflict of interest or otherwise raise questions regarding your character, judgment, or ability to serve impartially on the Land Use Commission? If so, please explain.**

None that I am aware of.

Mahalo for the opportunity.

Sincerely,

Myles Miyasato



# LAND USE COMMISSION

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Statement of  
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State Land Use Commission

Before the  
**Senate Committee on**  
**Water, Land, Culture and the Arts**

Thursday April 23, 2026  
1:00 PM  
State Capitol, Room 225 and Video Conference

In consideration of  
**GM767**

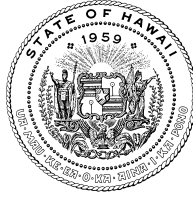
**Consideration and Confirmation to the Land Use Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee,  
MYLES MIYASATO, for a term to expire 06-30-2029**

Chair Lee; Vice Chair Inouye; and members of the Senate Committee on Water, Land, Culture and the Arts:

Mr. Miyasato has been a member of the Land Use Commission ("LUC") since July 1, 2024. He has regularly attended Commission meetings and has participated diligently.

Mr. Miyasato is an important and well-known member of his community. As a ranch owner he has shown a well-balanced perspective on the need for housing as well as the requirements for preservation of agricultural land. Such expertise is valuable to the Commission and useful in its proceedings.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.



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Testimony of  
**Josh Green, M.D.**  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

Before the  
**Senate Committee Water, Land, Culture and the Arts**

Thursday, April 23, 2026  
1:00 p.m.  
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In consideration of  
**Governor's Message No. 767**

Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye, and Members of the Senate Committee on Water, Land, Culture, and the Arts:

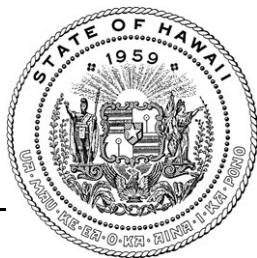
I respectfully ask for your favorable consideration of **Governor's Message No. 767**, the appointment of **Myles Miyasato** to serve on the **Land Use Commission** for a term to expire on June 30, 2029.

Mr. Miyasato was raised on O'ahu, later lived on Maui for work, and has called Hawai'i Island home for the past 24 years. He brings extensive experience in workforce development and labor relations, including 17 years with the Hawai'i Operating Engineers Stabilization Fund, where he served as Executive Director. His career also includes time in the field as a heavy equipment operator and foreman.

This background provides Mr. Miyasato with a practical understanding of how land use decisions affect local communities and workers. His experience brings a perspective to the Land Use Commission that considers economic needs alongside community impact.

I am confident that his experience demonstrates his strong qualifications, and I am pleased to offer my full support for his appointment.

Mahalo for your consideration.



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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
WATER, LAND, CULTURE AND THE ARTS**

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

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in **strong support** of the re-appointment of Mr. Miyasato to the Land Use Commission.

Mr. Miyasato brings a highly valuable balance of experience and insight. As a ranch owner and respected leader within his community, he understands firsthand the importance of preserving Hawai'i's agricultural lands while also recognizing the critical statewide need for housing. This balanced, practical perspective is essential to the Commission's work, particularly as it navigates complex land use issues that directly impact residents, local industries, and long-term sustainability.

Mr. Miyasato's expertise and grounded approach have been an asset to the Commission, and his continued service will strengthen its ability to make informed, responsible decisions.

We respectfully urge the Committee to confirm Mr. Miyasato to the Land Use Commission. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



# HAWAII REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS

April 23, 2026

**TO:** The Honorable Chris Lee, Chair  
The Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Vice Chair  
Members of the Senate Committee on Water, Land, Culture and the Arts

**RE:** **SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE LAND USE COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, MYLES MIYASATO, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2029.**

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

We respectfully support the appointment of Myles Miyasato to the Hawaii Land Use Commission.

The Land Use Commission plays a central role in guiding the long-term use and stewardship of Hawai'i's lands. Its decisions directly impact housing production, infrastructure development, agricultural preservation, and the protection of natural resources. Given the scope of this responsibility, it is important that commissioners bring both technical knowledge and practical experience to the role.

Mr. Miyasato, who currently serves as an at-large member of the Land Use Commission, brings exactly that combination. With decades of hands-on experience across Hawai'i's construction and land development sectors, including work as a heavy equipment operator, foreman, and land surveyor, his background provides a grounded understanding of how land is planned, developed, and managed in real-world conditions.

He also brings a strong record of public service, having served as Chair of the County Cost of Government Commission, as a member of the Transportation Commission, and as Chair of the East Hawai'i Planning Commission. These roles required thoughtful decision-making, balancing competing priorities, and engaging with community stakeholders on complex land use issues.

In addition, Mr. Miyasato served as Executive Director of the Hawai'i Operating Engineers Stabilization Fund, reflecting leadership experience in managing programs and operations with accountability and long-term perspective.

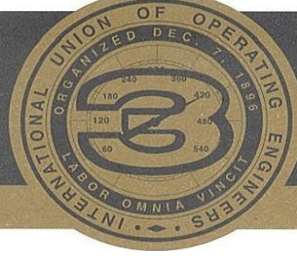
Mr. Miyasato's background reflects a deep connection to Hawai'i's communities and lands, shaped by decades of living and working across multiple islands. His practical perspective, combined with the continuity and institutional knowledge he brings, makes him well-qualified to continue serving in this role.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge the Committee to support the appointment of Myles Miyasato to the Land Use Commission.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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April 20, 2026

Honorable, Chris Lee, Senate Committee on Water, Land, Culture and the Arts, Chair  
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**RE: GM 767- SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE LAND USE COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, MYLES MIYASATO, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2029.**

Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye, and members of the committee,

My name is Ana Tuiasosopo, and I am a Trustee and District Representative for the International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) Local 3, representing heavy equipment operators, mechanics, surveyors, and other skilled tradespeople in Hawai'i's construction industry. I submit this testimony in **strong support of GM 767.**

Myles Miyasato brings exactly the kind of experience this body should value on the Land Use Commission. His resume reflects a career built on real work in Hawai'i's construction and land-related fields. He studied carpentry at Maui Community College, worked as a heavy equipment operator and foreman on Oahu, Maui, Molokai, and Hawai'i Island, worked as a land surveyor and draftsman, and later served for 17 years with the Hawai'i Operating Engineers Stabilization Fund, retiring as Executive Director.

Just as important, he brings public service experience and an understanding of how land use decisions affect local communities. He has served on the County's Cost of Government Commission as Chair, on the Transportation Commission, and on the East Hawai'i Planning Commission, where he also served as Chair. He also states that he is currently serving as an at-large member on the Land Use Commission and understands the importance of the position.

The Land Use Commission needs members who understand Hawai'i from the ground level up — people who know the connection between land, infrastructure, jobs, and the long-term interests of the people of this state. Mr. Miyasato's background reflects that practical judgment and statewide experience.

Sincerely,

Ana Tuiasosopo  
District Representative, Trustee  
Operating Engineers Local 3



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Throughout his career, Mr. Miyasato has shown a commitment to thoughtful decision-making and collaboration. He brings a steady and balanced approach to addressing complex issues, with an emphasis on efficiency, accountability, and long-term outcomes. His ability to work constructively with diverse stakeholders and navigate regulatory processes will serve him well in this role and contribute to effective and responsive governance.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Committee to confirm Mr. Miyasato's appointment under GM 767. His professionalism, experience, and dedication to public service will make him a valuable contributor in advancing policies that support Hawai'i's communities and future growth.

Mahalo for your consideration,

Michael Iosua



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**Testimony in Support of the Reappointment of  
Myles Miyasato  
Land Use Commission  
Submitted on behalf of Avalon Development Company**

**Aloha Chair and Members,**

Avalon Development Company supports the reappointment of Myles Miyasato to the State Land Use Commission.

Commissioner Miyasato brings valuable, on-the-ground experience to land use decision-making, informed by a career in construction, engineering support, and public service across multiple islands. His professional background provides a practical understanding of how land use policies translate into real outcomes for communities, infrastructure, and housing across Hawai'i.

Having served on county commissions and planning bodies, and currently as an at-large member of the Land Use Commission, Commissioner Miyasato approaches complex land use matters with care, fairness, and an appreciation for both technical considerations and community impacts. That experience contributes meaningfully to thoughtful and well-reasoned deliberation.

Hawai'i benefits from a Land Use Commission that reflects a diversity of lived experience and practical expertise. Commissioner Miyasato's continued service helps maintain balance and supports sound, even-handed decision-making on issues of statewide importance.

For these reasons, Avalon Development Company respectfully urges his confirmation.

Mahalo for your consideration.