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March 30, 2026

Senator Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair  
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair  
And Members  
Committee on Government Operations  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senators McKelvey and Gabbard and Members:

RE: GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 784, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND  
CONFIRMATION TO THE 911 BOARD, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, TERENCE  
GOMEZ, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2030  
DATE: APRIL 2, 2026  
TIME: 3:05 P.M.  
PLACE: CONFERENCE ROOM 225 & VIDEOCONFERENCE

The Hawaii Police Department **supports** Governor Josh Green, M.D.'s nomination of Terence Gomez to serve on the 911 Board for a term to expire June 30, 2030.

Na`u Me Ka Ha`aha`a,



REED K. MAHUNA  
POLICE CHIEF

**GM-784**

Submitted on: 4/1/2026 3:05:22 PM

Testimony for GVO on 4/2/2026 3:05:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Keola Tom, and I am writing in strong support of the confirmation of Terence Gomez to serve as a new State of Hawaii 911 Board member.

I have the opportunity to observe and work alongside Terence, and I can confidently say that he embodies the qualities essential for this role: integrity, sound judgment, professionalism, and a deep commitment to serving our community. His 27 years in law enforcement experience has prepared him well to take on the responsibilities of this position.

Terence has consistently demonstrated the ability to make thoughtful, balanced decisions, even in challenging situations. He listens carefully, considers perspectives, and acts with fairness and accountability. These are critical traits for anyone entrusted with public responsibility.

In addition to his professional qualifications, Terence has shown a genuine dedication to the people they serve. His leadership style fosters collaboration, respect, and trust—qualities that strengthen both organizations and communities.

I respectfully urge the Committee to support the confirmation of Terence Gomez. I am confident that he will serve with honor, fairness, and with integrity.

Mahalo!

Respectfully submitted,

Keola Tom

Assistant Chief of Police, Maui Police Department