

LATE TESTIMONY

GM16

JERRY KALUHIWA
Kaneohe Bay Regional Council

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Senator Malama Solomon, Chair
Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Water and Land

Wednesday, October 30, 2013, 2:30 pm
Conference Room 225, State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: GM 16, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Kane'ohe Bay Regional Council, Gubernatorial Nominee Jerry Leroy Mahilani Kaluhiwa, for a term to expire 6-30-2017.

Aloha Chair Solomon, Vice-Chair Galuteria and members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land. My name is Charles T. Toguchi and I'm providing written testimony today in support of Jerry Leroy Mahilani Kaluhiwa's gubernatorial nomination to the Kane'ohe Bay Regional Council.

I have had the privilege of knowing Jerry Kaluhiwa for over 50 years. Jerry grew up in Ko'olaupoko on the Windward side and Kane'ohe Bay was his "backyard" and recreational playground as he grew up. Over the years, Jerry has successfully adopted and implemented traditional Hawaiian methodology and practices into his fishing, farming and recreational activities in and around Kane'ohe Bay. He is a Native Hawaiian cultural practitioner who understands the fragile nature of the bay's ecosystem and the importance of preserving our natural resources.

A teacher of traditional ways to grow, harvest and conserve our natural resources on our land (aina) and sea (kai), Jerry introduced and started the Limu Restoration Project in Kaneohe Bay in 1979. Jerry is a member of numerous Hawaiian community and educational organizations in Kane'ohe.

As a true native son of Kane'ohe, Jerry Kaluhiwa is very qualified to be a member of the Kane'ohe Bay Regional Council. I strongly urge your favorable consideration of his nomination.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this written testimony.

Sincerely,
Charles Toguchi

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Aloha,

My name is Flora Obayashi and I am the chair of the Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board.

The Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board nominated Jerry L.M. Kaluhiwa to fill an open position on the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council earlier this year and we sent the nomination to Governor Abercrombie's office.

The position opened because another Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board member, Art Machado, had stepped back from the position for medical reasons.

Please know that Jerry L.M. Kaluhiwa was unanimously confirmed by all of us.

Mahalo nui,

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