

Honolulu, Hawaii

OCT 31 2013

RE: GOV. MSG. NO. 17

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Second Special Session of 2013
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing, to which was referred Governor's Message No. 17, submitting for study and consideration the nomination of:

ENHANCED 911 BOARD

G.M. No. 17 MARK WONG,
for a term to expire 6-30-2017,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee has reviewed the personal history, resume, and personal statement submitted by the nominee and finds Mark Wong to possess the requisite qualifications to be nominated to the Enhanced 911 Board.

Your Committee received testimony in support of Mark Wong from the Department of Accounting and General Services and three individuals. Your Committee received comments from one individual.

Mr. Wong is currently the Director of the Department of Information Technology and the Chief Information Officer for the City and County of Honolulu, serving as the key advisor to the Mayor and other departments on the use of technology to improve city services, communications, online capabilities, and public safety. Mr. Wong has a broad skillset in management, systems development, and a wide range of technologies. He has decades of experience creating systems to improve productivity, empower the workforce, increase efficiency and capability, and take better advantage of technology.

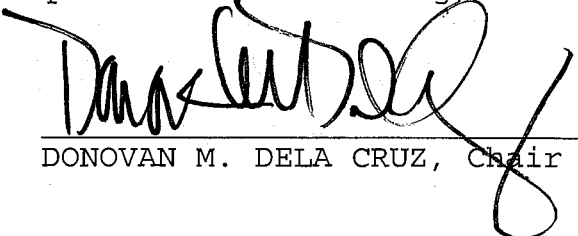


Mr. Wong founded Commercial Data Systems, a company that grew to become the largest Hawaii-based information technology company, ranking eighty-ninth in the Hawaii Business Top 250 for 2011. With offices in thirteen states, Commercial Data Systems specializes in large systems for major corporations and federal, state, and local government. As Chief Executive Officer for nearly twenty-six years, Mr. Wong has helped introduce the Internet to prominent Hawaii businesses, such as Hawaiian Electric Industries, Hawaii Medical Services Association, Sprint Hawaii, Sheraton Hawaii, DataHouse, and Bank of Hawaii. He also holds a Bachelor of Science in computer science from Yale University.

Mr. Wong is extensively involved in the community, volunteering his time and expertise with an array of organizations, such as the American Heart Association, Hawaii Theatre Center, Honolulu Academy of Arts (Honolulu Museum of Art), Honolulu Symphony Foundation, and Muscular Dystrophy Association. Your Committee finds that Mr. Wong's past experiences with developing and managing information technology, as well as his continuing commitment to issues related to computer technology, will be great assets to the Board.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominee, has found the nominee to be qualified for the position to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Economic
Development, Government
Operations and Housing,



DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



