



GOV. MSG. NO. 20

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
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NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
GOVERNOR

October 22, 2013

The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim, Senate President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senate President Kim and Members of the Senate,

In accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section 6, of the Hawai'i State Constitution, I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration and confirmation, the following interim nomination to the **State Boxing Commission of Hawai'i**:

STATE BOXING  
COMMISSION OF HAWAII

TERM TO EXPIRE

Quenton Brown

6/30/2016

Sincerely,

NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i



NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
GOVERNOR

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TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
INTERIM OF 2013

October 29, 2013  
10:00 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 20**

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR,  
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Alan Taniguchi, Executive Officer for the Hawaii State Boxing Commission, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to present testimony in support of Governor's Message No. 20, regarding the appointment of Quenton Marselles Brown to the Hawaii State Boxing Commission ("Commission").

Mr. Brown was appointed to the Commission as an interim appointee on June 28, 2013. He has a long history in both amateur and professional boxing and has fought four world champions. With this experience came lasting friendships with numerous people in the boxing industry. Mr. Brown intends to use these relationships to help bring professional boxing back to Hawaii. There has not been a professional boxing event in Hawaii since July 2011.

The Department believes that Mr. Brown's interest in serving on the Commission and his desire to contribute to the community will be an asset to the Commission.

Therefore, the Department is pleased to support the confirmation of Quenton Marselles Brown to the Hawaii State Boxing Commission, and thanks you for the opportunity to present testimony.

SAM PULETASI  
91-1027 Laulauna St. #20B  
Ewa Beach, HI 96706

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Palasi Sam Puletasi and I am medically retired as a Special Agent for Department of Homeland Security. I'm an active community leader, serving on the Hawaii Medical Board, as one of the ninth region chairs for the Hawaii Democratic Oahu County Convention and part of the party's executive committee as well as several boards including the Civil Air Patrol and the Council of Samoan Chiefs and Orators in Hawaii of which I was Vice President and treasurer plus I have run for office twice. I am also an entertainer both solo and with my band and have performed for many community and political events. I graduated from Chaminade University of Honolulu in 1983 and have attended other graduate schools.

I have known Mr. Marselles Brown and his wife Michelle for several years as active leaders as well as Marselles as being an important official of the Democratic Party elected as Vice Chair under my region 7. We have served on committees together and he has always been a leader, intelligent, persuasive, and very good at moving members to a consensus.

Mr. Brown is an active member of Ewa Beach community providing services to its members and voters. He is involved in educating the community and others outside his community about voter registration, rallies, campaigns, caucus elections and platform issues.

Because of Mr. Brown's both professional and personal background, he is a considerable resource to the community, particularly for the State of Hawaii. He is known as the tallest Heavyweight boxer of the world and was well known for representing the USA at the Olympic games.

The community in Hawaii will be very proud to have Mr. Brown part of the team leader and I truly believe he can do more for the youth. He is a strong, loyal, and positive force and his best strength lies in helping people to work together for their community and their future.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Sam Puletasi

October 3, 2013

Dear Senator Baker

My name is John Ioane of Kapolei, Hawaii. I have resided on the island of Oahu for the past 10 years, and am employed with the State of Hawaii's Department of Public Safety as a Contract Monitor, tasked to monitor, manage and oversee the contract between the State of Hawaii's Department of Public Safety and the Corrections Corporation of America; a private prison company, in the care and custody of nearly two thousand Hawaii inmates housed in Arizona. I have developed this letter to convey my testimony and support to the character and person of Mr. Mr. Marcellus Brown.

As he is a recent transfer to the islands from Nevada, Mr. Brown and I met at a church marriage seminar, in which I staffed and where Marcellus and his wife Michelle had attended in the latter part of 2011. From the outset I found Marcellus to be forthright and honest in nature. Throughout the seminar he was very deliberate, candid and frank in his rebuttals, yet open and willing to hear the points of others within the course. Articulate and straightforward, his interactions within the group added great depth in the class dialogue collectively and individually. Marcellus's experience and extensive personal history and in his past profession with people of wide-ranging backgrounds brings forth a great awareness and know how regarding one on one and group interactions. Also a man of great character, he has committed to establish himself within his new community as a teacher for the youth. As a former professional boxer, Marcellus has tirelessly committed and focused himself on working and establishing a non-profit youth center to help aid and develop young people on island, physically, mentally and spiritually. To date, he continues to push to secure this vision specifically for the youth on the west side of the island of Oahu. Lastly, although recently arriving to the islands from Nevada, Marcellus has already established good associations here on island. At the University of Hawaii coach Norman Chow and his new football staff recruited Marcellus's son to play at linebacker all the way from Georgia. An all-American, his son Quinton was highly recruited by schools such as Ole' Miss, Auburn, Central Florida and Florida State to name a few, however, Quinton chose to come to islands to play football and be close to his father; a "win - win" for both the University of Hawaii and the Brown family.

As stated, I developed this letter to convey a testimony to the character of Marcellus Brown. As such, it is with great sincerity and hope that this brief narrative expresses a genuine account to the makeup of Mr. Marcellus Brown.

Sincerely,

John I Ioane  
State of Hawaii  
PSD - Contract Monitor

Senator Rosalyn Baker

Chairman Consumer & Commerce Protection Committee

Senatorial District 6

Hawaii State Capitol, Room 230

From: Dr. Alonzo M. Jones  
Board Chair  
Southern Nevada Gang Task Force

Subject: Letter of Recommendation

Dear Senator Baker

I have known Quenton Marselles Brown for approximately 7 years. I have known him to be a man of integrity, service before self and excellence in all he does. His academic and athletic education and attention to detail makes him invaluable in any organization that is concerned with success.

Mr. Brown loves the art form of boxing and believes that Hawaii should be the number one center of boxing revenue. With a brief perusal of his back ground it is easy to see that through his connections in the boxing world he could turn Hawaii into a boxing Mecca.

Moreover I have observed his political and business savvy and am convinced that he has what it takes to make Hawaii a number one attraction for boxing and the income it can generate for Hawaiian citizens.

If you have any questions please contact me at (702) 265-5635 or [ajonesngtf@gmail.com](mailto:ajonesngtf@gmail.com).

*Alonzo M. Jones*

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**Kelli-Rose Hooser**

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**GM20**

Submitted on: 10/25/2013

Testimony for on Oct 29, 2013 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testifying in Person</b>
Ivan Pauole	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in FULL support of nominee Quenton Brown

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Submitted on: 10/26/2013

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testifying in Person</b>
Elizabeth Pauole	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Mahalo

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Layton Veira	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Quenton Brown is an amazing boxer and has a heart of gold. He is passionate with everything he does in life and he is always there to lend a helping hand.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Patricia Owens	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in full support of Mr. Quenton Marselles Brown, he has been a valuable part of the community and is very serious about what he does. Mr. Brown has been involved with boxing all his life that being said he will bring a wealth of knowledge and wisdom as boxing commissioner.

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**GM20**

Submitted on: 10/28/2013

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Marla Wain	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Vw Lynch	Individual	Support	No

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TESTIMONY  
OF  
QUENTON M. BROWN SR.  
TO THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE  
ON  
COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION  
ON  
October 29, 2013  
G.M. 20

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii State Boxing Commission Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, QUENTON M. BROWN SR, for a tem to expire June 30, 2016.

First and foremost I would like to sincerely thank Governor Neil Abercrombie for nominating me. Chairman Baker and members of the Committee I want to also thank you for giving me the opportunity to appear before you today.

I would like to take this time to extend my warmest mahalo to those whom have submitted letters of support on my behalf and to those who are in attendance today.

My name is Quenton Marselles Brown Sr., I am 7 feet tall. I am an ex-professional boxer. I have over 30 years experience in boxing, I have had an extensive amateur career plus over 45 fights as a professional.

I feel that with my many relationships that I have with well known promoters in the US, I may be able to assist with stimulating boxing shows in the Great State of Hawaii, that will help aid in generating venue to Hawaii's economy.

After carefully conducting a small self-survey here in Hawaii, I am at the understanding that boxing is very dim. I know that it will take hard work and dedication. This I am willing to commit to in order to bring boxing back and put Hawaii back on the boxing map

Again I would like to thank the Committee for considering my nomination. I look forward to serving on the Hawaii State Boxing Commission Board.

**1. Why do you wish to be a member of the State Boxing Commission of Hawai'i?**

This has been a lifelong dream for me to become a member of the Boxing Commission, after many years of Professional boxing. To have regularity and activity of the Boxing Commission Board. And, also to bring back the foundation of quality Boxing events that were once a part of Hawai'i.

**2. How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the State Boxing Commission?**

First and foremost it is an honor to be a Member of the State Boxing Commission Board. I feel that it is highly important to an effective and supportive Board member to the Chair and to follow and adhere to the Hawaii State Boxing Rules and Regulations.

**3. Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a member of the Board, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include in a brief statement of your skills, expertise, or knowledge that would aid in your decision-making ability as a member of the Board.**

I believe that being a former Boxer that I have a clear understanding from a Boxer's point of view and also dealt with several state's Boxing Commission Boards; so, I understand both sides clearly. I have great people skills and good relationships with many boxing promoters through out the US.

**4. What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?**

I hope to gain more in depth knowledge on Hawaii's Boxing laws and statutes. I would also like to attract more promoters to hold big-time Boxing/UFC events and have them come the great state of Hawai'i. To help aid and assist on generating revenue for Hawai'i's economy.

**5. Name three qualities that best describe you and will these qualities benefit the Board?**

Integrity – I feel this quality would be most beneficial that I would be able to adhere to moral and ethical principles and make honest decisions.

Assertive - In a manner of behaving confidently and able to say in a direct way what I believe to be true and correct.

Fair - By being able to listen to details and treat people or situations in a way that does not favor one side over the other, but fairly.

**6. Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board member**

Currently I am the Vice President for my District Precinct 43; this has helped me to understand the concerns of my community and to assist with a solution or an approach to handling sensitive matters. Also, attending many Government events has given me a clearer understanding to the issues and concerns that the people of Hawai'i are encountering.

**7. Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the Board? How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest?**

No, I do not foresee any conflict of interest arising during my service to the Board. Although if any should arise during my service, I would discuss this with the Chair and my fellow Board members for an appropriate approach to the matter.

*Mahalo, Quenton Marselles Brown Sr.  
Interim, Hawaii State Boxing Commission*