

GM 4

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaiian Homes Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee WALLACE ISHIBASHI, JR., for a term to expire 6-30-2017.



HAWAII LABORERS-EMPLOYERS COOPERATION AND EDUCATION TRUST

October 29, 2013

Honorable Maile Shimabukuro, Chair
Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Wednesday, October 30, 2013 – Special Session
10:00 a.m., Conference Room 224, State Capitol

SUBJECT: GM No. 4 - TESTIMONY ON THE APPOINTMENT OF WALLACE ISHIBASHI, JR. TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION

TO THE HONORABLE MAILE SHIMABUKURO, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

ALOHA!! My name is Clyde T. Hayashi, and I am the Director of Hawaii Laborers-Employers Cooperation and Education Trust (LECET). Hawaii LECET is the labor-management partnership between the Hawaii Laborers Union, Local 368, and its unionized contractors.

Hawaii LECET **strongly supports GM No. 4**...the appointment of Mr. Wallace Ishibashi, Jr. to the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

I have known Mr. Ishibashi for over 25 years and have worked with him on numerous Hawaii Island projects and efforts. From his work at the ILWU, Local 142 Hawaii Division to his volunteer work as a board member and leader on the Hawaii Island United Way Board of Directors, he has been an excellent community leader, always deeply involved in efforts to improve the Hawaii Island community.

Throughout the years we have worked together, he has always had the interests of the Hawaiian community at the forefront. I have found him to be extremely knowledgeable of issues facing the Hawaiian community which he learned from his family, from his professional experience, and his many volunteer experiences.

Mr. Ishibashi is an excellent choice for the Hawaiian Homes Commission and I think he will serve the Hawaiian Homes beneficiaries well. He brings with him years of professional and community experience, and a strong commitment to the Hawaiian community. He is hard-working, dedicated, and honest.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony in **strong support of GM No. 4**...for Mr. Wallace Ishibashi's appointment to the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

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LOCAL 5 HAWAII

Eric Gill, Financial Secretary-Treasurer

Hernando Ramos Tan, President

Godfrey Maeshiro, Senior Vice-President

Monday, October 28, 2013

The Honorable Maile Shimabukuro, Chair
and Members
Hawaii State Legislature
Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
State Capitol
415 S. Beretania Street

Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Hee and members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs:

On behalf of UNITE HERE Local 5, a local labor organization representing nearly 10,000 hotel, health care and food service workers employed throughout our State, I hereby register our organization's support of GM 4 and the confirmation of Mr. Wally Ishibashi Jr. to the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Wally Ishibashi has spent many years advocating for the interests of Hawaii's people. His experience goes beyond the general concerns of the general public; his life's work enables him to understand the detail of how public policy affects real people dealing with real problems in our community. His decisions will be informed by his many years of helping people deal with the many vital issues that affect their employment and benefits.

Wally will bring to the Hawaiian Homes Commission the skills acquired in a lifetime of leadership. Wally knows how to have the difficult conversations, make the difficult decisions, and do the difficult things that are necessary to help the HHC achieve its mission.

Further, Wally is accustomed to bringing people together. A lifetime fighter for the rights of Hawaiian people, Wally's record shows that he also knows the necessity of bringing people of all kinds together in order to make progress.

Local 5 is glad that there is such a qualified and appropriate candidate available for the Big Island seat on the Hawaiian Homes Commission. We ask that you vote to confirm his nomination.

Sincerely,
Eric Gill
Financial Secretary-Treasurer



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October 28, 2013

Testimony in support of Wallace A. Ishibashi, Jr.'s appointment to the Hawaiian Homes Commission

Thank you for considering my testimony in support of Wallace A. Ishibashi, Jr.'s appointment to the Hawaiian Homes Commission (HHC).

First, based on his wide range of experience, I believe it would be hard to find anyone better qualified than Wally to represent East Hawaii on the HHC. Currently, Wally serves as Cultural Officer for the Office of Mauna Kea Management, chair of the Hawaii County Windward Planning Commission, and a member of the Big Island Community Coalition.

The HHC must overcome many difficult challenges in order to achieve its stated mission "to manage the Hawaiian Home Lands trust effectively and to develop and deliver land to native Hawaiians. [The HHC] will partner with others towards developing self-sufficient and healthy communities."

In light of these goals, Wally has devoted his entire life to working out effective resolutions to difficult—often conflicting—subjects and situations. He worked his way up through the rank-and-file to become a respected leader and officer of ILWU Local 142 where he served as a business agent, contract and benefits negotiator, and worker compensation specialist. He also cultivated close ties to the community through his service as a highly respected youth basketball and baseball coach and other volunteer projects.

Time and again, Wally has demonstrated his commitment to do what is right for the future of Hawaii. I believe that Wally will bring his positive, can-do attitude and unique skills as an effective leader and mediator to the important business confronting the HHC.

Thank you for this opportunity to share my thoughts about Wallace A. Ishibashi, Jr.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barry K. Taniguchi". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Barry K. Taniguchi
President
KTA Super Stores

From: Susan Bambara <hypnosusan@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, October 28, 2013 2:41 PM
To: HWNTestimony
Subject: NO on Wallace Ishibashi, Jr. to the Hawaiian Homes Commission

Dear Honorable Senators,

Please do not appoint wallace Ishbashi, Jr. to the Hawaiian Homes Commission. He does not represent the people in the communities within which he would be making decisions for us that we do not want.

Eternity will be the judge of us, and especially you, who are ENTRUSTED to represent the will of the people, not people out to grow the larders of big corporations at the expense of people - the people you are to care for not appoint people who could care less about our communities and the aina!

Mahalo,

Rev. Susan Bambara, C.Ht. LLC
Kurtistown

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2013 9:42 AM
To: HWNTestimony
Cc: apohi21@gmail.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for GM4 on Oct 30, 2013 10:00AM (Written Only)

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Submitted on: 10/29/2013

Testimony for on Oct 30, 2013 10:00AM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Bill Brown	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a member of the homesteads from our ho'opulapula, Wally Ishibashi would make a wonderful commissioner for the Big Island. Furthermore KANA'IOWALU should be abolished from the islands for nothing comes good out of that measure for the native Hawaiians via HHCA aka., DHHL

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From: Richard Ha <richard@hamakuasprings.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2013 12:34 AM
To: HWNTestimony
Subject: Wallace Ishibashi for DHHL commissioner

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro and Vice Chair Hee,

I strongly support Wallace Ishibashi for DHHL commissioner. He is very well respected in the Hawaiian community. I have worked very closely with Mr Ishibashi regarding the TMT. He and I were also co chairs on the geothermal working group.

Mr Ishibashi is someone you can do business on a handshake. His word is his bond. With Mr Ishibashi the question; "what about the rest." Is always on his mind.

You cannot do better than appointing Mr Ishibashi to the DHHL board.

Aloha
Richard Ha

Cell 960 1057

Sent from my iPad

28 October 2013

To Whom It May Concern:

I am submitting this letter in support of the nomination for Wallace Ishibashi to be selected as a member of the DHHL Commission. His commitment, dedication, and connection to the land, the culture, and the community of Hawai'i Island is like no other.

I became familiar with Wallace during the work that he got involved with for Maunakea – the University's comprehensive management plan and the community discussions around the Thirty Meter Telescope project that Wallace helped to facilitate. Wallace has a good pulse on the community, and because of people's great respect for him, he was able to facilitate healthy and productive discussions amongst some very difficult conversations. He has the ability to work with many diverse networks, bringing them together, for a common good for our island.

Every generation has a few outstanding leaders, Wallace Ishibashi is clearly one of them. His commitment to Hawai'i has been demonstrated through so many of what Wallace has done. His humility and sincere aloha for this place is what makes Wallace an excellent choice for your Commission.

I feel honored to support Wallace Ishibashi and I know that he will prove to be an invaluable member of your DHHL Commission.

Mahalo nui,
Ka'iu Kimura

Community Member

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Saturday, October 26, 2013 12:23 AM
To: HWNTestimony
Cc: OccupyHiloMedia@yahoo.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for GM4 on Oct 30, 2013 10:00AM (Written Only)

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Submitted on: 10/26/2013

Testimony for on Oct 30, 2013 10:00AM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Kerri Marks	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Mr. Ishibashi supports both the Thirty Meter Telescope and geothermal development. I do not support his appointment to the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

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1206 Malawaina Place
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October 24, 2013

The Honorable Senator Maile Shimabukuro
Hawaii State Senate
415 S. Beretania Street, Room 222
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Confirmation of Wallace Ishibashi, Hawaiian Homes Commissioner

Dear Senator Shimabukuro:

It has come to my attention that Governor Abercrombie has nominated Wallace Ishibashi as a commissioner on the Hawaiian Homes Commission. I have personally known Mr. Ishibashi for more than 20 years and wholeheartedly support his nomination.

I first met Mr. Ishibashi in the late '80's where he was a founding member of the Hawaii Island Geothermal Alliance and we have been friends ever since. I have had the privilege of working with him in various community organizations and projects, including the Hawaii Island United Way and most recently, the Mayor's Geothermal Energy Working Group, a group which he served as Vice-Chairman. Mr. Ishibashi is intelligent, professional, and always maintains a "can-do" attitude. He is a good listener and independent thinker who deserves respect.

Mr. Ishibashi will serve the Hawaiian Homes Commission honorably. I urge the Senate to confirm Wallace Ishibashi as commissioner.

Sincerely,



Barry T. Mizuno

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2013 9:05 AM
To: HWNTestimony
Cc: Lon Paresa
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Lon	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support Mr. Wally Ishibashi Jr.

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From: Shannon Rudolph <shannonkona@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 28, 2013 8:37 PM
Subject: NO on Wallace Ishibashi Jr. to the Hawaiian Homes Commission

Aloha Senators!

Please do not confirm Wallace Ishibashi Jr. to the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Wallace is pro geothermal and residents living near the geothermal facility don't want more geothermal in their neighborhoods because of the toxic, hazardous gases and many other associated problems with this technology. These facilities do not belong in residential neighborhoods. Geothermal is dinosaur technology!

Wallace also supports the TMT - and many people I know think the 18 story telescope is a sacrilege on Mauna Kea, especially at such a low lease rent.

Mahalo!



Shannon Rudolph
P.O. 243 Holualoa, HI, 96725
30 year Hawai'i resident

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How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world. ~ Anne Frank

From: Sarah Smith <sarahkauai@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, October 28, 2013 11:03 PM
To: HWNTestimony
Subject: NO on Wallace Ishibashi Jr. to the Hawaiian Homes Commission

NO on Wallace Ishibashi Jr. to the Hawaiian Homes Commission

Sarah Smith
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