

GM 6

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Disability and Communication Access Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, MARIE KIMMEY, for a term to expire 06-30-2021.

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TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

Governor's Message 6 – Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Disability and Communication Access Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, Marie Kimmey for a Term to Expire June 30, 2021

This testimony is in support of Ms. Marie Kimmey to a position on the Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB).

DCAB is a seventeen-member board, of which a majority are people with disabilities, their families, or caregivers. The Board members are representatives of all Counties of the State of Hawaii. Ms. Kimmey is a practicing architect and partner of Kimmey Unabia Architects, Ltd. in the County of Maui.

Ms. Kimmey has previously served on the Board and has a working knowledge of the Board's functions and priorities as it relates to accessibility to persons with disabilities. Ms. Kimmey will be participating as a member on our Standing Committee on Facility Access. She will be replacing our outgoing Maui architect representative. She also will be the Maui County representative on the Board.

Ms. Kimmey is an experienced architect, who has been involved in a variety of design projects with government entities that have required knowledge of the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines. She has also attended numerous trainings conducted by DCAB to be kept up to date on current accessibility standards.

We ask that the Senate confirm Ms. Marie Kimmey to a position in the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCINE WAI
Executive Director

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Hawaii Architects

August 23, 2017

Heath Williams
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Hawaii State Senate

Subject: Letter of Recommendation for Marie Kimmey (DCAB):

Dear Mr Williams,

I am the 2017 President of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) Maui Chapter. I am writing in support of the interim appointment of Marie Kimmey AIA to the Hawaii State Disability and Communication Access Board. I have known Marie as a friend and fellow Architect for several years here on Maui.

Marie has been active in AIA Maui for a number of years. During this time she has served in all Board positions from President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary. She currently is the Secretary and produces our monthly AIA Maui newsletter. In addition she chairs several of our committees, overseeing some important events and aspects of our Chapter.

Marie has been the "go-to" person for accessibility questions here on Maui for many years. I have great confidence that she will ably serve as a member of the DCAB Board

Sincerely,



Atom Kasprzycki AIA

Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) QUESTIONNAIRE
MARIE KIMMEY AIA
August 23, 2017

- (1) Why do you want to be a member of the Board?
To share my expertise as an Architect versed in the Americans with Disabilities Act and other "Safe Harbors" in order to provide accessibility for the disabled.
- (2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board?
To attend regularly scheduled meetings and to serve on one or more committees at the discretion of staff and Board members. To provide my expertise to issues under discussion where possible.
- (3) In what ways do you feel that you can help protect the consumer?
DCAB has several roles in Hawaii:
- To provide information to the disabled and the general public on the rights and responsibilities of all citizens in providing access for persons with all types of disabilities through education and advocacy.*
 - To provide expert assistance to architects and engineers designing buildings and infrastructure projects for the State of Hawaii in order to provide a high level of accessibility for the disabled and ensure that the state has a level of protection against civil action taken as a result of non-accessible State properties.*
- (4) Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a Board member, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise and knowledge that would aid you as a member of the Board.
I have been involved with a number of Professional and Civic Boards and Commissions in Hawaii for over 25 years as follows:

Professional Affiliations:

American Institute of Architects 1985 – present

- President AIA Maui 1992 & 2007
- Managed affairs on behalf of the AIA Maui chapter members.
- Participated several times (including 2017) in national AIA Grassroots Leadership Conference held in Washington DC at which current issues affecting the practice of architecture are explored in depth. Met with Hawaii Senators and Representatives and their staff members in support of AIA issues and concerns.
- Attended AIA National conferences in Philadelphia and Las Vegas.
- Secretary: 2016 – present

AIA Northwest & Pacific Region Conference / Maui 1996

- Served as chairperson of Region conference on Maui which brought architects from around the Pacific Rim and the Pacific Northwest for discussion of current issues and matters of concern to professional architects.

President AIA Hawaii State Council 1999-2000

- Oversaw affairs on behalf of all of the architects in the State of Hawaii with the assistance of paid staff which managed day to day research and record keeping.
- Presided over review and update of Architect's Policy Statements regarding Standards of Care and Ethics in the Practice of Architecture in the State of Hawaii.

Civic Affiliations:

State of Hawaii Disability and Communication Access Board

- Board Member 2000 – 2009
- Vice-President – 2007
- Chair: Facility Access Committee 2004 - 2009

Kihei Kauhale Nani Community Association

- Board Member 1990 – 2017
- Past President (several terms)
- Secretary: 2014 - 2016

Maui County Board of Water Supply

- Board Member 1991 – 1996
- Chair: 1995-1996

Maui County Urban Design Review Board

- Alternate Board Member: 2004 to 2008 and 2010 to 2014

Maui OnStage

- Board Member 2002 - 2005

Maui Youth & Family Services

- Board member 1999 – 2004
- Vice-Chair: 2004

St. Theresa Church Parish Planning and Building Committee

- Member 2012 - present
- Chair – 2014-present

- (5) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?
It is my intent to represent Maui on the DCAB board and to bring my understanding of current DCAB concerns back to Maui architects and engineers. I also will serve on the Facility Access Committee and help to respond to individual requests for exemptions to the DCAB standards and to formulate official changes to policies where warranted.

- (6) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Board.
- *When the American's with Disabilities Act was first issued in 1991 I made it a point to learn everything I could about the new rule. Since that time I have performed over 100 site audits throughout Hawaii for compliance with ADA, the Fair Housing Act and other safe harbors.*
 - *As an Architect I have been trained as a problem solver and will bring that ability to the DCAB board meetings and my duties as a member.*
 - *It is in my nature to be prompt and to always attend scheduled meetings on time having reviewed prepared materials submitted prior to the meeting.*
- (7) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board member.
- I served two terms on the DCAB Board from 2000-2009. As an Architect I was on the Facilities Access Committee for the majority of that time. During the intervening eight years I have continued to attend DCAB workshops on Maui and on Oahu and to provide Accessibility Audits for government and commercial properties.*
- (8) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the Board? How would you overcome conflicts of interest?
- Our architectural firm (Kimmey Unabia Architects, Ltd.) rarely takes on State or County projects. If we do find ourselves involved in a project under review by DCAB I will recuse myself from any discussions regarding that project.*