

GM578

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects, Gubernatorial Nominee, MARC VENTURA, for a term to expire 6-30-2016.

Report Title: Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects

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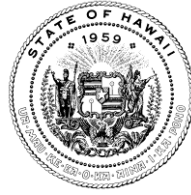
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4/2/2015	S	The committee(s) on CPN has scheduled a public hearing on 04-17-15 8:30AM in conference room 229.



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**PRESENTATION OF THE
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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Regular Session of 2015

Friday, April 17, 2015

8:30 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON **GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 578**, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO **THE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, ARCHITECTS, SURVEYORS, AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS**, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, **MARC VENTURA**, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2016.

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

My name is Catherine Awakuni Colón, Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Governor's Message No. 578, nominating Mr. Marc Ventura for membership on the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, and Landscape Architects for a term to expire June 30, 2016.

Mr. Ventura has resided and worked in the Kauai community since the 1990s as a principal architect and the founder/operator of his own architectural firm that has

contributed to numerous local design and construction projects. His base of knowledge of the different aspects of practice as a Hawaii-based architect is broad, which should allow Mr. Ventura to help the Board effectively manage its responsibilities and address the various issues that come before its members.

As an experienced principal architect and a former member of the Board, Mr. Ventura is familiar with the Board's functions in establishing standards for licensing, revoking or suspending licenses where necessary, and other tasks. In addition, Mr. Ventura understands and accepts the responsibilities that come with service on the Board, including the commitment of time to attend meetings and other Board activities needed to effectively serve. Given his familiarity with the construction industry of Kauai and the Board's processes and operations, the Department believes that Mr. Ventura will be a valuable addition to the Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit these comments in support of Mr. Ventura's nomination to the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, and Landscape Architects.

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**SENATOR ROSALYN BAKER
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Senator Michelle Kodani
Senator Clarence Nishihara
Senator Glenn Wakai
Senator Sam Sloan

Aloha Senators,

I have known Marc Ventura personally and professionally for many years.

He and his family are well respected and of high integrity.

He will be definitely be an asset to the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects.

Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dennis M. Esaki', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dennis M. Esaki

April 9, 2015

The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair and Members
of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 230
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: GM 578, Support of Gubernatorial Nominee, MARC VENTURA to
the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and
Landscape Architects

Dear Chair Rosalyn Baker and Members:

I am writing in support of the confirmation of Marc Ventura to the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects.

I have known Marc since 1997 when I was employed as the President and Chief Operating Officer of the Kauai Economic Development Board (KEDB) which is a Hawaii 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation established in 1984. Marc was hired as the architect and project manager to design, secure building permits for, and oversee the construction of the KEDB's federally funded West Kauai Visitor and Technology Center Phase I project. Marc did an outstanding job as KEDB's "point of contact" with the various County/State permitting agencies as well as coordinating weekly progress meetings with the general contractor to ensure that the construction timelines were met and the building was completed on schedule.

Based on his performance on Phase I, KEDB subsequently contracted Marc's services in 2000 when it was awarded another Federal grant to develop Phase II of the West Kauai Visitor and Technology Center. And again, Marc was able to complete the project on schedule and within budget.

Don't let Marc's casual demeanor fool you. His low key, common sense approach to problem solving has gained him the respect of many building contractors on Kauai. He has a strong sense of professionalism and is focused on compliance with the County building codes, applicable State and Federal laws, and fulfillment of his contractual obligations to the client.

When resolving disputes, Marc has the ability to quickly distill relevant information and focus the decision making process towards achieving realistic and fair outcomes or solutions. He is very approachable, willing to listen, and has a knack for coming across in a very open and nonthreatening way by showing compassion and empathy to all of the parties involved.

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Marc is mindful of the immense responsibilities that comes with this appointment and he understands the important role that the Board performs in reviewing, regulating, and adjudicating disputes involving the licensure of engineers, building and landscape architects, and surveyors. He believes that these types of business activities should be conducted in a professional and ethical manner. For this reason, he is willing to voluntarily contribute his time and energies towards assisting in providing adequate Board oversight even if it could potentially impact his company's profitability.

I am confident that given the opportunity, Marc Ventura will be an asset to the Board. I believe that he possesses the experience, knowledge, and moral character needed to render fair and impartial decisions. Therefore, I strongly support the confirmation of Marc Ventura to the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects. Thank you.

Sincerely,

John Isobe /s/

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April 16, 2015

TO: HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR, AND COMMITTEE ON
COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT FOR MARC VENTURA: Nomination to the Board of Professional
Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects.**

Dear Senate President Kim and Members of the Senate:

HEARING
DATE: THURSDAY, APRIL 17
TIME: 8:30AM
Room: 229

My name is Conrad Murashige, President of Shioi Construction, Inc. a general contractor with employees on Kauai, Oahu, and Maui.

I support Marc Ventura's nomination to the Board of professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects. Marc Ventura is well qualified to serve on the Board of EASLA, as a practicing independent Architect with a strong connection to the Kauai community.

We have worked with Marc as the general contractor on projects for over 20 years, ranging from institutional facilities, resorts, industrial buildings, and offices. He has a good rapport with the County of Kauai building officials and the various agencies involved with our industry. Mr. Ventura has recently been involved with the County amendment to the International Building Codes and issues with electronic submission of Building Permit applications.

Thank you for this opportunity to support Marc Ventura's nomination to the EASLA Board.

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April 14, 2015

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair and Members

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RE: SENATE CONFIRMATION of MARC VENTURA to the STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, ARCHITECTS, SURVEYORS, and LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS.

It is with regret that I will not be able to attend in person this week for the Senate Confirmation Hearings. I thank you for the opportunity of presenting to you some background information on myself to assist you in your evaluation of my serving on the State Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects.

I was raised in Wailua on Kauai in a Fourth Generation Portuguese family. I attended grade school on Kauai before heading off to the Big Island for high school at Hawaii Preparatory Academy, and then off to South Bend Indiana to attend Architecture School at the University of Notre Dame. The highlight of my architectural education was a third year abroad in Rome, Italy where I experienced first hand some of the world's greatest and most awe inspiring examples of classical architecture. Without a doubt my greatest creations and accomplishments to date are my 4 daughters, ages 6, 7, 8 and 10 which I am blessed to be raising here on Kauai with the help of my lovely wife Audrey.

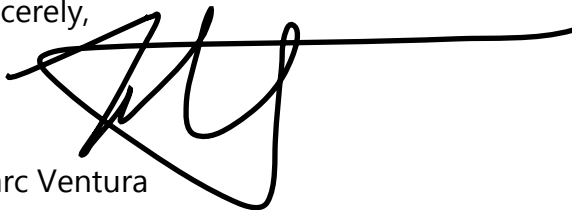
Upon graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Architecture from Notre Dame, I spent a couple of years gaining experience in a large firm atmosphere working for Wimberly, Allison, Tong and Goo in Newport Beach, California. In the early 90s, when the fortunate opportunity to get back to the islands via a transfer to WATG's home office in Honolulu presented itself, I jumped at it! I spent a year and a half with WAT&G and then spent a couple of years working with Kajioka Okada Yamachi Architects in Honolulu, gaining invaluable large firm experience working on a diversity of projects in various work scope capacities.

In 1994, as the building environment in the state slowed to a crawl, another opportunity presented itself, this time allowing me to get back to Kauai and work with my father, an experienced developer on the island, on the development, design and construction management for the new consolidated headquarters of the local electric company, then Kauai Electric. My father assured me that my work experience would continue to diversify and I would get an opportunity to see the finance and development side of the construction industry. The project lasted for a couple of years after which I found myself at crossroads; move back to Oahu or the mainland and corporate architecture, or take a shot at starting my own firm, a dream I had since I began my architectural career. I chose the latter and we are now in our twentieth year as a successful architecture and design firm on Kauai, roughly half of our work in residential design and half commercial.

The past twenty years doing business here on Kauai has given me a wealth of insight into the issues facing our practice of architecture in the state of Hawaii and in particular on the outer islands, along with a better understanding of the problems we face here on Kauai today as a community, and how we can individually and collectively address these issues and ultimately help solve these problems. As architects, I believe we can have a direct impact on helping to creatively confront and resolve these concerns through building design and we, as a firm, are currently actively pursuing avenues for achieving such resolutions. I believe that through my experience in running a small firm including managing the business along with overseeing all aspects of architecture, design and construction management, I have gained a unique and thorough insight into our industry, which I directly apply to problem solving. I consider these skills invaluable assets in my career and as a board member as well.

I feel that an opportunity of serving on the State Board will only continue to help me better understand and further serve my profession and the community in these endeavors. I look forward to broadening my own experiences in serving my colleagues and community and humbly ask for your support of my nomination to the State Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'MV' with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Marc Ventura