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Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Examiners in Optometry, Gubernatorial Nominee, GAYLE C. CHANG, for a term to expire 6-30-2019.

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Wednesday, April 22, 2015
8:30 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO 732.

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

My name is Sandra Matsushima and I am the Executive Officer for the Board of Examiners in Optometry, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 732, regarding the **reappointment** of Gayle C. Chang to the Board of Examiners in Optometry ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Ms. Chang's reappointment to the Board.

Ms. Chang is a reliable member and has attended 25 of 29 meetings. She has been serving on the Board since July 1, 2010. Ms. Chang has been a conscientious Board member who comes well prepared to discuss the matters on the Board's agendas, and whose willingness to learn the issues surrounding the practice of

optometry is quite evident. She actively participates in Board discussions, and is not afraid to speak up or ask questions. She is very effective in providing a perspective from the public's point of view.

The Department supports the confirmation of Gayle C. Chang's reappointment to the Board of Examiners in Optometry, and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

- (1) Why do you want to be a member of the Board?

I am currently serving my first complete term on the Board of Examiners in Optometry. I would like to continue as the public member on this Board.

- (2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board?

I perceive my role as the public member to represent the interest and concerns of the public in regards to Optometry. As a layman, it is important to bring a different perspective to the Board, since the rest of the members are from the profession. My responsibilities are to be attentive, actively participate and keep informed.

- (3) In what ways do you feel that you can help protect the consumer?

I feel that I have a voice in the decision making process while on the Board. I am impressed with the professionalism of the other Board members. The Board keeps the interest of the public foremost in drafting rules and regulations. I want to continue to advocate for the public interest and ultimately for the protection of the public.

- (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 appreciate the opportunity to continue to serve as a Board member. I have previously served two terms on the Board of Dental Examiners as the dental hygiene member. During that time, I served as Vice Chair for two years. My experience on that Board was challenging, educational, and thought provoking. I enjoyed working with my dental colleagues and made life long friends. The Board of Optometry is very different. There are few challenging issues and the profession is a less acrimonious. My strength is that I am an excellent listener and process the proceedings of the meetings. I attend with an open mind and attempt to make decisions after hearing all sides.

- (5) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

Gayle Chang

I hope to accomplish a better understanding and appreciation of public service. I continue to enjoy my time with the Board and hope that I can continue to be a voice for the public when necessary.

- (6) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Board.

Thoughtful, honest, and problem solving.

Thoughtful: when an issue arises and seek the answer to the question.

Honest: because I speak my mind and never compromise my integrity.

Problem solving: always seeking to find the solution and not placing blame, but working toward rectifying the problem and get to the answer or solution.

- (7) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board member.

Served 2 terms on the Board of Dental Examiners as one of two Dental Hygiene Members and served also as Vice Chair.

- (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?

I do not foresee any possible conflicts, but if there was one I would recuse myself in the discussion and not vote on the issue.