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Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, PONO D. SHIM, for a term to expire 6-30-2019.

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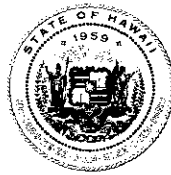
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April 15, 2015

Testimony on GM 800
Confirmation of Pono D. Shim
Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES AND HOUSING
Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senator Josh Green, Vice Chair

Please accept this Testimony in strong support of GM 800, regarding the confirmation of Pono D. Shim to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

Pono D. Shim has worked and lived in Hawaii all his life. He has made local development a priority, and volunteers countless hours as an Advisor and Board Member for a variety of organizations such as Malama Hawaii, Envision Hawaii, Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative, and Hawaii Economic Development Task Force. He is currently the President and CEO of Enterprise Honolulu which is a non-profit dedicated to the economic development of Hawaii.

Pono D. Shim has been a business owner, and a CEO of a non-profit. He understands the problems that face Hawaii and knows how to plan for the future and get things done. He honors the cultural importance of Hawaii and will serve on the Hawaii Public Housing Authority in way that best serves the people of Hawaii.

Sincerely,



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STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
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April 15, 2015

Memorandum

To: The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
The Honorable Josh Green, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Human Services and Housing

From: Rachael Wong, DrPH, Director

Subject: **GM 800** Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, PONO D. SHIM, for a term to expire 6-30-2019.

Hearing: 1:15 PM, Thursday, April 16, 2015
Conference Room 016, State Capitol

I am writing in strong support of the confirmation of Mr. Pono Shim for the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA). Pono is community leader who works in economic development and shares aloha. He has long led community-building initiatives and brings great experience and insights to the many boards on which he has served.

The Department of Human Services (DHS) provides empowering programs, services, and benefits to those in our community who are vulnerable with the goals of expanding their capacity for self-sufficiency, self-determination, independence, healthy choices, quality of life, and personal dignity. The well-being of our children, families, and *kupuna* is directly connected to the social determinants of health: education, transportation, access to healthcare, safety, job opportunities, environment, and housing. Public housing is an integral part of our mission, and DHS appreciates partnering with the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to provide access to homes in our community.

Thank you for your serious consideration of Pono Shim's confirmation for the HPHA Board of Directors. Please do not hesitate to contact me for more information.

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 800
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, PONO SHIM FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2015

PRESENTATION TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES AND HOUSING

BY
BRIGADIER GENERAL ARTHUR J. LOGAN
ADJUTANT GENERAL
AND DIRECTOR OF THE HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
April 16, 2015

Chair Chun Oakland, Vice Chair Green, and Members of the Senate Committee on Human Services and Housing:

I am Brigadier General Arthur J. Logan, State Adjutant General and the Director of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA). I am providing written testimony in **SUPPORT** of Governor's Message 800, which considers and confirms Pono Shim to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

Pono Shim is the President and Chief Operating Officer of Enterprise Honolulu, Oahu Development Board. The organization's efforts support a healthy economy on Oahu by being a leading agent in the growth, retention and recruitment of businesses that support jobs in Hawaii. Enterprise Honolulu is also actively involved in infrastructure, planning and workforce development to build the foundation for a prosperous economy.

His extensive résumé reflects his service with private and community organizations over the years. According to a posted résumé, Pono Shim serves on more than 19 boards of directors and is an advisor for nonprofits, private companies and task forces.

He is known for sharing the techniques that he lives to assist others to build healthy individuals, organizations, and communities. He has been a featured speaker at several leadership conferences with the Hawaii Army and Air National Guard.

Pono Shim will bring his extensive knowledge and experience to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority. His confirmation will definitely benefit the Authority and the State of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in **SUPPORT** of Governor Message 800.



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Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Human Services and Housing
Thursday, April 16, 2015 at 1:15 pm

by
Vassilis L. Syrmos
Vice President for Research and Innovation
University of Hawai'i
WRITTEN ONLY

GM 800 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, PONO D. SHIM, for a term to expire 6-30-2019.

Chair Chun-Oakland, Vice Chair Green, and members of the committee:

It is with great pleasure that I submit this testimony for Mr. Pono D. Shim in strong support of his recent nomination to the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority Board.

I have had the privilege of working with Mr. Shim for a number of years in my current position as vice president for research and innovation for the University of Hawai'i System. With his insightfulness on a broad range of social issues at home and abroad, I can think of no one more qualified to address the challenges of public housing in Hawai'i.

My office is currently engaged with the local business community on the Hawai'i Innovation Initiative, a bold economic stimulus movement, to help create a diversified economy for the state through the successful commercialization of UH research. I'm fortunate to have a person of Mr. Shim's qualifications and character as the head of Enterprise Honolulu and as a confidant. Though his unique ability to find common ground amongst various groups and issues, he has restored the public's faith in the once-maligned organization and has transformed it into an influential leadership hub for the state – which is critical for the initiative's success.

In 2012, Mr. Shim successfully led the efforts of Punawai 'O Pu'u honua's New Market Tax Credit Application that resulted in a \$40 million allocation for economic development in low-income communities in Hawai'i. His core values are further illustrated by his unselfish donation of time and leadership training to various state departments, including: human services, public safety, human resources, judiciary, and welfare services. Mr. Shim also continues to serve on the directory boards or as an advisor to numerous organizations, including the Economic Development Alliance of Hawai'i, Hawai'i Clean Energy Initiative, Malama Hawai'i Advisory Board, Hawai'i Green Growth Initiative and the Hawai'i Public Charter School Network, to name a few.

It is with strong support that I recommend that Mr. Pono D. Shim be appointed as a board member of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority.



April 14, 2014

The Honorable Senator Suzanne Chun-Oakland, Chair
Senate Committee on Human Services and Housing
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Governor's Message No. 800, Letter in Support for Consideration and Confirmation
to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority, Gubernatorial
Nominee, Pono Shim

Dear Chair Chun-Oakland, Vice Chair Green, and members of the Hawaii State Senate:

I am writing to express my strong support for the confirmation of Mr. Pono Shim. I have known Mr. Shim personally for over four years. We first met when I had the privilege of being asked to become a member of the Board of Directors of Enterprise Honolulu.

Mr. Shim, who currently serves as the President and CEO of Enterprise Honolulu, is an extremely dedicated and remarkably effective leader in the area of economic development. Under Mr. Shim's direction over the last few years, Enterprise Honolulu has gone from a struggling entity in serious financial distress to a well-regarded, thriving organization. Today, under Mr. Shim's leadership, the organization continues to build on its earlier successes in building a strong business environment and prosperous community here in Hawaii.

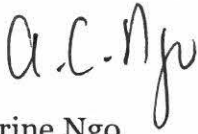
Not only has he made significant contributions as the leader of Honolulu's Economic Development Board, but he has proven himself an exceptional team player by working with various governmental agencies and the State Legislature in the process.

One such example of Mr. Shim's effectiveness is when he successfully led the efforts for the Punawai O Puuhonua's New Market Tax Credit Application. Under his leadership,

the organization was awarded \$40 million from multiple entities for Economic Development in Low Income Communities for Hawaii.

I believe Mr. Shim will bring a high level of tenacity, know-how, and leadership, to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority. In his role as a board member, he will have a tremendous impact on the Board, the State, and for our counties as well. It is for these reasons that I urge the Committee to confirm Mr. Shim as a Public Housing Authority board member. If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (808) 544-3734.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Ngo", written in a cursive style.

Catherine Ngo
President & Chief Operating Officer
Central Pacific Bank



**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Human Services and Housing
Thursday, April 16, 2015, 1:15 p.m.
Conference Room 016
State Capitol
Re: GM800 – Pono Shim
Nominee for the Board of Directors, Hawaii Public Housing Authority**

Chair Chun-Oakland, Vice Chair Green, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Kevin Cockett. I am a friend and business colleague of Pono Shim. I want to thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony to voice my strong support of Governor Ige's nomination of Pono to serve as a Board Member for the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA). I've been blessed to know Pono for more than 30 years and sincerely trust and respect his leadership, character, and true aloha spirit – important attributes which will be instrumental in his role as a member of this Board.

Moreover, I know him to be a person of high moral integrity, honesty and great humility. He manages people and challenges with the genuine aloha spirit. He is an excellent communicator who emphasizes the importance of listening. He is an instinctive problem solver who also has the courage to go against the grain if he believes it is the right thing to do.

Undoubtedly, his successful professional experience and long track record of community involvement with many nonprofit organizations (usually in leadership roles), will speak for itself when you are evaluating Pono's strong background and qualifications. However, I would like to draw your attention to his record of commitment to the economic development realm because I believe his proven genuine desire to further economic sustainability for our community, combined with his passion to help people in general improve their well-being, points to his appointment as an HPHA Board Member to be a natural next step for this leader.

In closing I want to again thank the Committee for allowing me this time to submit testimony. I have great confidence that Pono will take this kuleana seriously because he values our community so genuinely and deeply. Thus, I respectfully urge that you approve Pono's nomination to the HPHA Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Cockett
President – Cockett Communications Inc.



14 April 2015

The Honorable Senator Suzanne Chun-Oakland, Chair
The Honorable Senator Josh Green, Vice Chair
The Senate Committee on Human Services and Housing
State Capitol, Conference Room 016
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

SUBJECT: Support of Pono Shim to Serve on the Hawaii Public Housing Authority Board

Dear Senator Chun-Oakland and Senator Green:

I am writing today in strong support of Mr. Shim's nomination to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) Board.

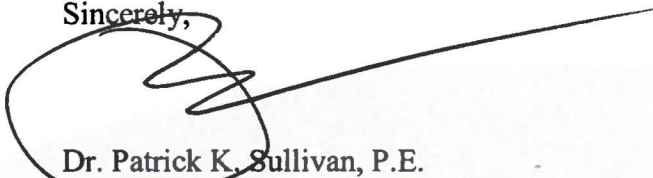
I have known Pono on both a personal and professional level for close to a decade and it was because of his leadership and vision as President of Enterprise Honolulu (EH) that I signed on as a member of the EH Board of Directors.

Under his direction, Pono has turned EH in to a successful not-for-profit in strong part due to his commitment and dedication and to his unique ability of bringing perspective to all Board matters to ensure that every voice is heard and all concerns are considered as a means of accomplishing the goals of the collective.

After a long period of disinvestment, affordable public housing in Hawaii has reached an important crossroads and, after many years of stagnation, the best path forward for the HPHA Board would be to align itself with leaders who possess a strong moral compass and the ability to inspire others to work together for the common good. Pono embodies these important characteristics and many others. I am confident he will be a valuable addition to the HPHA Board and I do hereby humbly ask for your full support of his confirmation.

If you wish to discuss with me in more detail, please call me at 808 292 2740.

Sincerely,



Dr. Patrick K. Sullivan, P.E.
Chairman



April 13, 2015

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

Re: GM800 - Nomination of Pono D. Shim to serve on the
Hawaii Public Housing Authority Board

Dear Senate President Kim and Members of the Senate,

I am writing to express my strong support of Pono D. Shim's nomination to serve on the Hawaii Public Housing Authority Board.

I have known Pono for many years at a personal, as well as a professional level. He has committed his life to helping those in need, standing by the under-privileged, and working selflessly for the greater good of the State.

After many years of disinvestment and neglect, public housing and affordable housing in Hawaii has reached a critical level. HPHA needs strong, visionary leadership that can work with others collaboratively to move the needle on this most complex problem.

I believe that Pono is ideally suited for this situation and could help to re-energize this agency. I watched him quietly turn around Enterprise Honolulu, an organization that was in very dire straits when he took over the reins. Today, it is a thriving non-profit. It has been a unique experience to serve on this board, and to experience his quiet, thoughtful leadership turn the organization and its members into a collective group that interacts on a collegial, positive basis, while moving towards unified strategies and goals.

Pono will be a great addition to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority Board and I respectfully submit my strongest endorsement towards his confirmation.

Sincerely,


Jan N. Sullivan
Executive Vice President, COO

Statement of
Dawn Lippert, Director, Energy Excelsior
at Pacific International Center for High Tech Research (PICHT)
Before the
Senate Committee on Human Services and Housing
Thursday, April 16, 2015
1:15 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 016

In consideration of
GM 800: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority.

Dear Chair Chun-Oakland, Vice Chair Green, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in support of Pono Shim's gubernatorial nomination to serve on the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority.

I have worked with Pono for years on economic development, the Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative, and young leadership initiatives, and consider Pono a friend and mentor. I have no doubt that Pono's insight and thoughtful perspective will be a valuable addition to this Board.

Pono's depth of understanding of economic development certainly qualifies him for this role, but it is his approach to conversations, leadership, and empowering people that I think will make him an especially important contributor. Pono is an unusual person in that on the one hand he demonstrates a deep commitment to Hawaii's culture and heritage, while on the other hand he exhibits a genuine openness to new people, ideas, and approaches no matter where they come from. He walks the talk when it comes to treating people with aloha, and doing what is in the best interest of the people of our very special state.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Pono Shim.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES AND HOUSING

THE HONORABLE SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, CHAIR

THE HONORABLE JOSH GREEN, VICE CHAIR

**GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 800: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to
the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority,
Gubernatorial Nominee, PONO D. SHIM, for a term to expire 6-30-2019.**

Testimony in Strong Support

by Roy Catalani

Vice President, Young Brothers, Limited

April 16, 2015, 1:15 pm, Conference Room 016

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message 800 submitting Governor Ige's nomination of Pono D. Shim to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority (the *HPHA* or the *Authority*). We submit this testimony in strong support of Mr. Shim's nomination.

Administratively attached to the Department of Human Services, the HPHA's mandate, under its Bylaws, is to "perform the function of developing and maintaining public housing, and ensuring that more homeless persons and families are being served and transitioned into permanent housing." The Authority further defines its mandate as helping provide Hawai'i residents with affordable housing and shelter without discrimination and focusing on developing affordable rental and supportive housing, public housing, and the efficient and fair delivery of housing services to the people of Hawai'i.

Mr. Shim's leadership of Enterprise Honolulu, the O'ahu Economic Development Board, is grounded on a vision in perfect accord with the HPHA's mission. Enterprise Honolulu envisions "a prosperous Hawai'i through partnerships, collaboration, and community input." When he assumed the post of president and chief executive officer of Enterprise Honolulu, the organization was faltering under serious financial distress. Under his transformative governance, Enterprise Honolulu has achieved stability and prominence as an influential economic player and leader. Working with Mr. Shim, we have first-hand knowledge and have been the beneficiaries of his vision for and leadership in our community.

In addition to leading Enterprise Honolulu, Mr. Shim serves on numerous boards of directors, is an advisor for nonprofits, private companies, and task forces and works to bridge members of the community. He was selected as one of Hawai'i Business Magazine's 2010-20 for 20 – Hawai'i's Top 20 Break Out Leaders for the Next 20 Years. In 2012, Shim successfully led the efforts of Punawai O Puuhonua's new market tax credit application and was awarded a \$40 million allocation for economic development in low-income communities for Hawai'i.

Through his Aloha leadership, Mr. Shim will bring forward healthy initiatives to get healthy outcomes. He will be a valued and productive member of and leader in the Authority. We respectfully request that you recommend approval of his nomination to the HPHA.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on and support Governor's Message 800.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Adriane Abe	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Senator Chun Oakland,Chair; Senator Green, Vice Chair; and Members of the Committee: This testimony is submitted in support of the nomination of Pono Shim for the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority. I have known Pono to approach all he does with much thought, integrity, passion, and genuine Aloha. He has the rare ability to be able to move groups of people, who are sometimes struggling with very complicated and troubling issues, towards generative discussion and harmony. Pono will be an asset to this group and his presence on this board will serve our community well. Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony.

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April 15, 2015

The Honorable Suzanne Chun-Oakland
The Honorable Joshua Green
Members of the Senate Committee on Human Services and Housing

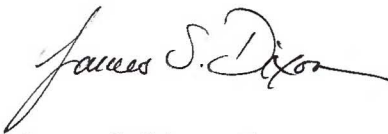
Testimony in support of GM 800 submitting Pono D. Shim for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority

Dear Chair Chun-Oakland and Members of the Committee,

I first met Pono Shim five years ago, and was immediately impressed by his energy, focus and his deep commitment to the welfare of the people of Hawaii. Since then I have had the privilege of discussing the challenges facing Hawaii in the Twenty-first century with Mr. Shim. His insight into the roots of our community's wellbeing gives him a great advantage in framing problems to help others identify potential solutions which may otherwise be overlooked. Mr. Shim has lent invaluable guidance in my own work.

I believe that Mr. Shim's commitment, and insight will be an excellent addition to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority respectfully recommend his swift confirmation.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James S. Dixon". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a long, sweeping underline.

James S. Dixon, Esq.

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GM800: NOMINATION OF PONO SHIM TO HAWAII
PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY, BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY**

TO: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair, Human Services and Housing;
Senator Josh Green, Vice Chair, Human Services and Housing; and
Members of the Committee on Human Services and Housing

FROM: Jan Harada

Hearing: Thursday , April 16, 2015, 1:15 pm; CR 016.

Chair Chun Oakland, Vice Chair Green, and Committee members:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony **in support** of GM800 and the nomination of Pono Shim as a Public Member, At-Large, to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority, for a term expiring on June 30, 2019.

I have had the great fortune and honor to work with Pono over the past 5 years since I have been the CEO at Helping Hands Hawaii, and I have seen this passionate, yet humble man, use the power of Aloha and the characteristics that I think Hawaii needs, to move small and large groups beyond some of our greatest barriers to progress – people and systems. Everything he does, he does with 100% integrity and a true desire to help Hawaii be better for future generations.

He does not seek praise or recognition, those things just come to him through the quiet work he does. People may wonder why so many are eager to listen to him and work with him – I believe it is because he has an innate ability to help groups discussing contentious issues and/or hitting their heads against seemingly insurmountable barriers, move beyond the anger, the egos, the frustration, and the personalization that too often quickly becomes about personal attacks, to a place that is about finding a better way for Hawaii.

Hawaii's housing crisis is at a significant cross-roads, and given the critical role that the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) can play in laying a solutions-based path, it needs a strong Board that have the kinds of soft skills and higher skills that leaders sometimes lack – how we treat each other when times are tough, how we handle conflict and difficult situations, how we engage politely and professionally even when we disagree, how we operate with integrity and for the greater-good (i.e. not out of service to self, ego, or competition), and how we truly pay attention to who is at the table and the stories they bring to it. If you are looking for a Board that will do the right things, for the right reasons (even when those decisions are tough ones), Pono Shim will be that Board member.

TESTIMONY OF KEALI'I LÓPEZ
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
HUMAN SERVICES AND HOUSING

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2015

Thursday, April 16, 2015
1:15 p.m., Conference Room 016

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 800,
NOMINATING PONO SHIM AS PUBLIC MEMBER, AT-LARGE OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HAWAI'I PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY**

TO THE HONORABLE SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, CHAIR,
THE HONORABLE JOSH GREEN, VICE CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

I am writing in **support** of the appointment of Pono Shim to serve as a Public Member, At-Large of the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority ("HPHA").

My name is Keali'i López, and my support for Pono Shim is based on my experience and interaction with Pono for almost five years. During these years I have found Pono to have a high level of integrity and possess exemplary leadership qualities. His strongest quality is his Aloha for Hawai'i and its people. This is exemplified in his "Aloha response" to most situations that others would find distressing and difficult to address head-on.

Note that by meeting something head-on, I do not mean that Pono's approach is aggressive, but rather that he does not avoid difficult situations and seeks to address situations of conflict in a way that looks at the root cause, and facilitate break through solutions and meaningful understanding amongst participants and stakeholders. This together with his extensive experience serving on other Boards of Directors, make him well versed for the unique challenges that HPHA must address in order to become a responsive and highly valued public institution. This clearly cannot be done by any one person, and the Executive Director and current Board members of HPHA, will find Pono to be an asset to their team. He will also help further Governor Ige's vision of increasing transparency and accountability of State agencies.

This is critical to many of the recipients of HPHA's programs and services, as well as the Legislature. Pono will also bring to the Board of Directors his experience and familiarity with Federal grants, fund development and leveraging partnerships and collaborations to the benefit of HPHA. This is vital to increasing funding opportunities, while also ensuring efficacy of existing funding mechanisms and related services.

In conclusion, the State, the HPHA, and more importantly, those that HPHA serves will benefit greatly from someone of Pono's strength and commitment serving on the HPHA Board of Directors.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 800 in support of Mr. Pono Shim's nomination to serve as a Public Member, At-Large of the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority.

Respectfully,
Keali'i López
Nānākuli Resident

April 15, 2015

The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
The Honorable Josh Green, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Human Services and Housing
State Capitol, Room 016
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Chun Oakland, Vice Chair Green, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Luis P. Salaveria and I am the Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism. I am writing to express my strong support of GM #800 for Pono D. Shim's gubernatorial nomination to Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

As the President/CEO of Enterprise Honolulu, the economic development board of the City and County of Honolulu, Mr. Shim is an integral partner of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism. In the period of time I've known him, Pono has demonstrated his desire and goals of making Hawaii a better place. As a man of high integrity with a strong moral compass, he has the right attitude, competence, and character to be a great member of the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority. Most importantly, I believe, Pono is the right person to help address the socio-economic issues that challenge this social safety-net and the people who need assistance from the community.

For these reasons and more, I strongly urge your confirmation of Mr. Pono D. Shim.

Sincerely,



Luis P. Salaveria

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Randy Baldemor	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Chair Chun Oakland, Vice Chair Green and Members of the Committee: I write to express my strongest support for Pono Shim to be confirmed as a member of the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority. Pono is a unique leader, communicator and collaborator who, in all his endeavors, has stayed true to Hawaii's best values. Over many years, as CEO of the Oahu Economic Development Board, he has tirelessly and generously committed his time, energy and unique insights to helping the community and State government move forward. I have great confidence that his unique skills and broad perspective will be tremendously valuable to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority. Thank you for your time and consideration. Aloha, Randy Baldemor

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Robbie Alm	Individual	Support	No

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES AND HOUSING
Testimony of Governor's Message 800
Nomination of Pono Shim

Chair Chun-Oakland and Members of the Committee:

It is my pleasure to support the nomination of Pono Shim to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority Board.

I have known Pono for over twenty years and regard him as one of the fairest and most far thinking community leaders in Hawaii. He understands the values and priorities that we have as a community, and he has applied those to everything he has done from being CEO of Enterprise Honolulu to leading the parent association of Kamehameha Schools. Those values include taking care of all of our people, regardless of their circumstances.

His willingness and desire to serve on this Board is great for our public housing resources and for the people who use these resources. He will approach this great task with a proven record of seeing that all of our citizens have the basic resources they need, including decent housing.

I strongly urge your confirmation of Pono Shim for this position.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tyler Tokioka	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I wish to support the nomination of Pono Shim to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority Board. I have known Pono for a long time and have come to respect him as a person, a person looking out for what is best for Hawaii as it is our home. Pono has a gift to convene, communicate and to create harmony. I believe at this time these are qualities sorely needed to solve the difficult issues that face and will face this Board. I know in my heart that Pono will do right and will have my full support if asked and so I ask that you give him your support and allow him to serve Hawaii.

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Veronica Rocha	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support Mr. Shim's nomination to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority. I have known Mr. Shim for several years as a personal friend and can speak directly to his character. He is poised, experienced and capable of bringing forth positive community oriented solutions. In addition to his excellent professional background and contributions to the State in his current position, he continues to be motivated by an exceptional sense of duty and dedication to the betterment of the people of Hawaii. He will take his responsibility seriously and make reasoned decisions from carefully ascertained facts. Please cast your vote in support. Thank you.

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