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March 17, 2014

Senator Maile S. L. Shimabukuro, Chair
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: GM 617 – Gubernatorial Nominee William Richardson
Hawaiian Homes Commission

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro and Members:

Mahalo for the opportunity to express my support for the nomination of William Richardson to the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

I have known Mr. Richardson for over 20 years. He is a hard-working, dedicated professional who is community-minded, supportive and a credit to his profession. His experience in property management and public housing administration programs, and his many years of public service will enable him to bring tremendous insight and value to the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Our state would truly benefit from Mr. Richardson's confirmation as a Hawaiian Homes Commissioner. If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mahalo for this opportunity.

Sincerely,

Billy Kenoi
MAYOR

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT
JOBIE M. K. MASAGATANI, CHAIRMAN
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS ON

GM 617

for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaiian Homes Commission,
Gubernatorial Nominee, **WILLIAM RICHARDSON**,
for a term to expire 6-30-2018.

March 24, 2014

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Hee, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of the nomination of Mr. William Richardson to serve on the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Mr. Richardson, with his legal practice and business acumen, will bring needed experience and skills to the Hawaiian Homes Commission that will support thoughtful consideration and sound decision-making. His work in venture capital finance and entrepreneurship, coupled with his work at the University of Hawaii (both as a lecturer in business and law and as a trustee of the University of Hawaii Foundation) and his work in the community with local non-profit organizations will be an asset to the commission. Mr. Richardson's background will be especially valuable to us as we consider options to invest the

Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

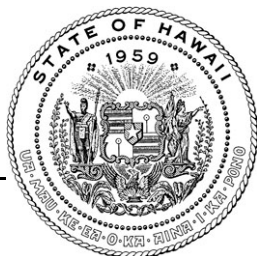
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remaining available Act 14 balances to generate a greater return to the department to support our homestead programs.

We respectfully request your favorable consideration of and urge this committee to advise and consent to this nomination.



**DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS,
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM**

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Written Statement of
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before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Monday, March 24, 2014
2:45 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 224

in consideration of
GM 617
**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE HAWAIIAN
HOMES COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, WILLIAM RICHARDSON.**

Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Hee, and Members of the Committee.

I respectfully urge your **strong support** for the confirmation of William Richardson to serve on the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

William Richardson's extensive experience as a venture capital fund manager and his involvement with the community as a mentor to local businesses, will allow him to make a strong contribution to the Hawaiian Homes Commission in managing the Hawaiian Home Lands Trust and other programs.

I respectfully urge your **favorable consideration** of the nomination of William Richardson.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE HAWAIIAN
HOMES COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, WILLIAM RICHARDSON, FOR
A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2018**

Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

March 24, 2014

2:45 p.m.

Room 224

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS** GM617, which would confirm William Richardson as the O‘ahu representative to the Hawaiian Homes Commission, for a term to expire June 30, 2018. OHA believes that Mr. Richardson’s extensive range of business and professional experience, combined with his personal background, would bring additional opportunities and perspective to the Commission and make him highly qualified to serve on the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Mr. Richardson’s business and professional background would be an asset to the Hawaiian Homes Commission as the Commission continues to address budgetary needs and resources to fulfill its mission of developing and providing residential, agricultural, and pastoral homesteads for its Native Hawaiian beneficiaries. Mr. Richardson has practiced as an attorney specializing in securities documentation, finance, and commercial law. He has also been a general partner of HMS Hawai‘i Management, the General Partner of the leading venture capital funds in Hawai‘i, since 1994. He founded and built a series of venture funds that invested in seventeen companies in Hawai‘i, two of which went public on the NASDAQ exchange. Currently Mr. Richardson is the chair of the board for Pacific DirectConnect, a WiFi integration company; Kona Bay Marine Resources, a marine biotech company; and Hawai‘i Biotech, a bio-therapeutic company. Finally, in addition to his business background, Mr. Richardson is also an Adjunct Professor at the University of Hawai‘i Business School, and a Lecturer at the William S. Richardson School of Law, specializing in teaching Entrepreneurship.

Mr. Richardson’s community work also demonstrates his commitment to public service. He has served as a Trustee on the University of Hawai‘i Foundation, as well as on the Trust for Public Lands, and the Entrepreneur Foundation. He served on the Board of the National Kidney Foundation, and is a current board member of the Pacific Asian Center for Entrepreneurship and E-Business, and the Entrepreneurs Foundation of Hawai‘i.

Therefore, OHA urges the committee to **PASS GM617**. Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify.

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Submitted on: 3/14/2014

Testimony for HWN on Mar 24, 2014 14:45PM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Arvid Tadao Youngquist	Sky Ohana	Support	Yes

Comments: Chair, HWN Committee Vice Chair, HWN Committee We support the confirmation of Mr. William Richardson as the next member of Commission/Board. We believe he is more than qualified through his previous commitment and knowledge. We have spoken to each other once at a State Democratic Party Convention hospitality room for an individual running at that time for Governor of the State of Hawaii. Thank you for this opportunity to submit this testimony in support. Arvid Tadao Youngquist Founder, Administrator, & Spokesman *Note: Registered voter and resident of Kalihi Valley (CD1, U.S. House, Honolulu district future Primary and General Election voter) **The photo we have attached is the inspiration to The Sky Ohana. Photo was taken at our Mitakadai Home garden, Tokyo, Japan, during a period of what is referred as Occupied Japan before the Treaty of Peace towards the end of the Korean War.

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Legislative Testimony

Written Testimony Presented Before the
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
March 24, 2014, 2:45 p.m.

by
Aviam Soifer, Dean
William S. Richardson School of Law
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

GM617: RELATING TO HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION

Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Hee, and Members of the Committee:

I am pleased to write in very enthusiastic support of the nomination of William K. Richardson to the Hawaiian Homes Commission. I have known Bill for well over a decade and he has been a vital supporter and friend to the William S. Richardson School of Law and to me over many years.

Since the death in 2010 of Bill's father--our beloved CJ—Bill has stepped up to follow his father in being a reliable advisor as well as constant presence at the Law School and at our events, big and small. Throughout the past decade, Bill also has taught a useful, challenging, and popular seminar on High Growth Entrepreneurship. This innovative seminar enrolls Richardson J.D. students and Shidler College of Business Administration M.B.A. students, along with a few students from the College of Engineering.

Bill is strikingly reminiscent of his father in that he manages to combine great common sense and vision with characteristic kindness toward everyone. The skills Bill honed at U.C. Santa Barbara and Duke Law School, as well as his extensive experience in multiple aspects of our community, have prepared him very well to be a member of the Hawaiian Homes Commission. Bill's open-mindedness and practicality, his insights and care for others underscore that Bill will be an exceptional commissioner.

Bill Richardson's willingness to serve the Hawaiian community is in keeping with his exceptional abilities and his legacy. I am pleased to recommend that you appoint William K. Richardson and I do so with great enthusiasm and without any hesitation whatsoever.

Thank you.

Testimony in support of William K. Richardson, gubernatorial nominee to the Hawaiian Homes Commission

It is with pleasure that I endorse William (Bill) K. Richardson, the governor's nominee to sit on the Hawaiian Homes Commission. I have known Bill Richardson for over forty years, and watched him grow from a kid who loved sports into a serious adult who is very committed to the prosperity and well being of Hawai'i.

Bill Richardson is the product of a family that has long been closely involved with the progressive politics of Hawai'i. Both his grandfather and father worked hard to give shape to a modern Hawai'i that provided greater access to all. His mother, a former educator, strove to raise the intellectual and scholarly level of Hawaii's youth. Bill Richardson grew up in a family that took civic responsibility and active involvement in community affairs as responsibilities that needed to be met. He learned from his 'ohana the traditions of old Hawai'i and their importance in forging the future. The Richardson family also stressed building a stronger Hawai'i that benefited both Hawaiians and all who came to Hawai'i to make it their home. It is this balanced background that I believe Bill Richardson will bring to his work on the Hawaiian Homes Commission. Furthermore his involvement in civic affairs and work on several community foundations demonstrates his ability to work with many people of differing backgrounds.

The beneficiary of excellent legal training, Bill has taught at the UH Richardson School of Law, and coupled this legal background with work in the business community. This combination of both legal and entrepreneurial skills, make Bill's insights into matters pertaining to the Hawaiian Homes Commission especially valuable. His ability to bring into focus financial and legal issues will be especially important to the commission's goal of enhancing the status of Hawaiians through the administration of the Hawaiian Home Lands.

Bill Richardson is a measured, thoughtful Hawaiian. His diverse background, combined with his vision of where Hawai'i needs to go, will help foster a stronger Hawaiian Homes Commission that can sustain and promote the aspirations of Hawaiians. Bill Richardson will be a diligent steward of the precious Hawaiian lands that remain under the Commission's control. I firmly believe William K. Richardson will make an outstanding contribution to the Commission, and accordingly, heartily support his nomination.

Edward J. Shultz

Former Dean, School of Pacific and Asian Studies

University of Hawaii at Manoa



March 17, 2014

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

Subject: GM 617

Dear Senate President Kim and Members of the Senate,

This testimony is being submitted in support of the nomination of William Richardson to serve on the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

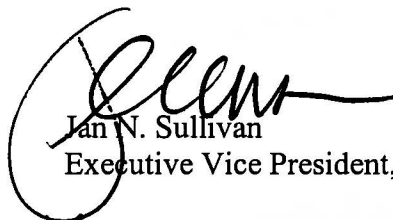
I have known Bill for many years and have admired his dedication and commitment to public service and to our community.

His background as an attorney, a venture capitalist, a professor at the University and his many other experiences allow him to bring a rounded view to the Commission.

I am confident that he will provide an excellent business, as well as community and social perspective to policy decisions and other urgent issues that the Commission must address.

I respectfully provide the highest endorsement to Bill for this position, and would ask for your support in his nomination.

Mahalo,



Ian N. Sullivan
Executive Vice President, COO

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kawika Burgess	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am writing in support of William Richardson's appointment to the Hawaiian Homes Commission. Bill has a strong background in business, law, and finance. He also brings years of community service, having served on various boards and foundations here in Hawaii. He will be an asset to the Department of Hawaiian Homelands.

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March 24, 2014

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The Honorable Clayton Hee, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 224
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RE: GM 617: Confirmation of William Richardson to the Hawaiian Homes Commission

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

I am writing to express my support of the confirmation of Mr. William Richardson to the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

I have known Bill for over 50 years—from small kid time, through our high school and college educations, to both of our returns back ‘home’ and the start of our respective careers. I know that he has strong thoughts about how to make Hawaii a better place, and he has the skills, education and temperament to turn ideas into action. Further, his long involvement with entrepreneurial enterprises will help to bring a fresh and effective perspective to this Commission.

I think the people of Hawaii would be extremely fortunate to have someone of Bill’s caliber contributing his time and input to the affairs of this state. I strongly urge your support of the confirmation of William Richardson to the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

Meredith J. Ching