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Hon. Karl Rhoads
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Re: *Nomination to the Board of Registration of the Islands of Kauai and Niihau*
GM No. 648

Dear Senator Rhoads,

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to your questions relating to my nomination to serve the State of Hawaii.

1. Please describe your understanding of the role and jurisdiction of the Board of Registration (Board).

The Board of Registration of the Islands of Kauai and Niihau resolves appeals arising from challenges and decisions relating to voter registrations on Kauai and Niihau.

2. How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the Board?

Members of the Board take evidence relating to a registration challenge or decision, apply that evidence to the law (HRS §§ 11-11 through 11-54), and make a prompt and fair ruling.

3. Why do you wish to serve as a member of the Board? Please note if you initially applied to be nominated to the Board or if you were invited to apply.

I was invited to apply. I accepted that invitation because serving as a member of the Board would be an opportunity for public service.

4. Please describe why you believe that you are qualified to be a member of the Board, and discuss any skills, expertise, knowledge, or volunteer involvement that would aid in your decision-making ability.

I am a retired attorney familiar with the nuances of fact-finding and applying facts to the law. During my career I served as a mediator, court appointed receiver, and trustee – all tasks that involved discretion, investigation, and decision-making.

I also served many years as a volunteer poll watcher in a swing state. That experience gave me a first-hand view of how registration issues can arise.

5. What do you hope to accomplish during your term as a member of the Board?

If appointed I would hope to leave those who come before the Board with a sense that they have been heard, the Board has considered all the evidence, the Board was fair to all involved, and that the Board's decision was based on the applicable law.

6. What issues do you believe that the Board has handled well in the past? What issues do you believe that the Board should address in the future?

I have not had the opportunity to become familiar with past Board decisions.

7. Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the Board? How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest?

I can foresee an issue if a friend or acquaintance came before the board in a contested matter. In the case of a good friend I anticipate that I would recuse myself. In all other cases I would most likely announce the relationship and state that I felt I could set it aside and rule on the issue before the Board.

I have been active in the Democratic party for decades. However, I am a citizen first and believe that, acting as a Board member, I would be able to set politics aside and rule on the facts and the law.

8. Is there any other information regarding your experience and background that you believe should be considered for your nomination?

As you will see from my resume I have a long history of volunteer activities. I look forward to service on the Board as a way to continue to “pay it forward.”

9. Is there anything in your background that might be deemed as negative or controversial by the Senate?

No.

I look forward to a conversation with you in the near future during which I can answer any additional questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

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