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Peter H. Cooper



February 25, 2009

Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT State
Capitol, Conference Room 225
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Senator Gabbard:

Subject: Governors' Message No. 295, Consideration and Confirmation to the
Environmental Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, PETER H. COOPER, for a term to
expire 6-30-2010

Dear Senator Gabbard,

I am extremely pleased to have been nominated to the Environmental Council. I like to think of myself as an environmentally sensitive businessman. My deep love for Hawaii comes in part from my eclectic background, but has been furthered as I raise my children and soon to be grand children here in the Islands.

Like a lot of kids growing up in Hawaii, I learned to surf in elementary school. I also swam competitively through junior and high school which got me into rough water swimming and I became a certified NAUI diver at 15. Between High school and University I spent a great deal of time on Maui (6-years) and Kona, where my brother lived. I even took a one month back packing trip with Hawaii Bound hiking the Big Island right out of high school. While living on Maui I was, among other things, a tour guide taking people to I'o Valley, Haleakala and to Hana. My love for being outside and in the ocean compelled me to become a NAUI scuba instructor, which by the way was how I put myself through the business college at UH Manoa. I have been and continue to be enthralled with the islands that I have been so blessed to call home.

By the time I graduated from UH, I had a wife and two children, which meant that I needed to put my business degree to work. I've worked with numerous development companies, my own included, such as Castle & Cooke, Schuler Homes, and A&B properties. I have often seen the interface between the needs of a growing community and our requirements for maintaining our Aina for the next generation, and the generations to follow. For that reason, I co-founded the sustainability committee within the Hawaii Developer's Council and have directed my focus to renewable energy via my company Sun Power Hawaii. Currently, 90% of my time is devoted to sustainable energy issues, including working on the Malama Learning Center, an organization committed to bring students, teachers, residents, and businesses together where they can learn about sustainable environments via art, science, conservation and culture.

I think I bring a unique set of values to the council that will serve the people of Hawaii. I look forward to, and request your support.

Sincerely,

Pete Cooper



SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT
State Capitol, Conference Room 225
February 26, 2009 at 2:45 p.m.
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair English and members of the committee:

My name is Jim Tollefson, President of the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii. The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii works on behalf of its members and the entire business community to:

- Improve the state's economic climate
- Help businesses thrive

The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii is in strong support of the confirmation of Mr. Peter H. Cooper to the Environmental Council.

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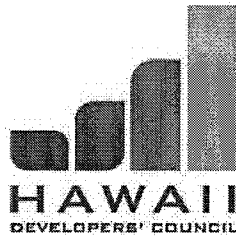
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My name is Dean Uchida, Vice President of the Hawaii Developers' Council (HDC). We represent over 200 members and associates in development-related industries. The mission of Hawaii Developers' Council (HDC) is to educate developers and the public regarding land, construction and development issues through public forums, seminars and publications.

It is also the goal of HDC to promote high ethics and community responsibility in real estate development and related trades and professions.

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BIA-HAWAII
BUILDING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION

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I am Karen Nakamura, Chief Executive Officer of the Building Industry Association of Hawaii (BIA-Hawaii). Chartered in 1955, the Building Industry Association of Hawaii is a professional trade organization affiliated with the National Association of Home Builders, representing the building industry and its associates. BIA-Hawaii takes a leadership role in unifying and promoting the interests of the industry to enhance the quality of life for the people of Hawaii.

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Karen L. Nakamura



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Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair
Senator Kalani English, Member
Senator Josh Green, Member
Senator Gary Hooser, Member
Senator Les Ihara, Member
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Dear Senator Gabbard and Members of the Committee:

Re: Testimony in Support of the Appointment of Pete Cooper to the
Environmental Council

My name is Kathryn Inouye, Chief Operating Officer of Kobayashi Group. I have had the pleasure of working with Pete Cooper in his capacity as a Construction Manager and consultant over the past several years.

I also sit on the board of the Malama Learning Center. This is a project that is to be built on the grounds of the Kapolei High School. *Its mission is to teach and inspire children and our communities to create healthy living environments and to instill a lifelong ethic of guardianship. It will promote sustainable living throughout Hawaii and will be a place where students, teachers, residents and businesses can learn about environmental, economic and social sustainability through science, culture and the arts*

Recently, I have asked Pete to assist the team of the Malama Learning Center. He has the education, passion and motivation necessary to coordinate and focus our team's efforts in the LEED design and construction of this very important project.

His experience both in this area as well as his experience in the private real estate development sector will be necessary and important in order to provide a realistic and balanced approach to issues that will be handled by the Environmental Council.

I thank you in advance for your favorable consideration of this appointment.

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My name is Lance Wilhelm, Senior Vice President of Kiewit Building Group. The Kiewit Companies, celebrating our 125th year in business in 2009, is one of America's largest and most successful construction organizations. We have ongoing operations throughout the United States and have, in fact, been a full-time and active member of Hawaii's construction industry for over 25 years. As a "local boy", born and raised here in Hawaii, it is a great honor for me to be given the reigns of our Hawaii operations some 4 years ago.

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Thank you for the opportunity to share our views with you.

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My name is Matthew Goyke, AIA NCARB LEED AP President of Green Sand Inc. Green Sand Inc. is a full service architecture and design firm with a strong focus on sustainable design and development.

I have known Mr. Cooper for over twelve years. We have worked together for five of those twelve years.

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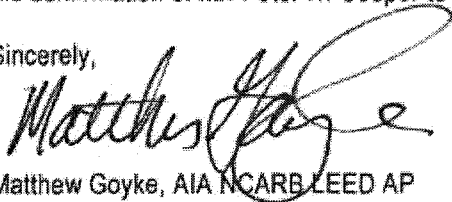
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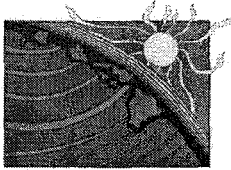
I have known Mr. Cooper for over twelve years. Pete and I have worked together for five of those twelve years. I support the confirmation of Mr. Peter H. Cooper to the Environmental Council. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Matthew Goyke, AIA NCARB LEED AP

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Dear Senator Gabbard:

Subject: Consideration and Confirmation to the Environmental Council
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My name is Myron K. Thompson, founder and President of 21st Century Technologies Hawaii. We are a sustainability company that provides design and build services in the renewable energy arena as well as green building consultation.

I have known Peter Cooper for sometime and have worked with him professionally on a number of projects that provide real benefit to the environment. He is quite sensitive to the need of protecting the environment, and offers a unique perspective when you recognize his numerous achievements in the construction management and real estate world.

I personally feel that he would provide excellent balance to Environmental Council due to his vast experience in real estate, construction management and his sensitivity for doing the right thing in Hawaii.

Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Myron Thompson', written in a cursive style.

Myron Thompson
President
21st Century Technologies Hawaii.

To: Senator Mike Gabbard
Chair, Senate Committee on Energy and Environment

From: Shane H. Peters
Vice President, Land Use and Real Estate

Subject: **IN SUPPORT** - Governors' Message No. 295, Consideration and Confirmation to the Environmental Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, PETER H. COOPER, for a term to expire 6-30-2010

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Aloha Chair Gabbard and members,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Mr. Peter Cooper for nomination to the State Environmental Council. My name is Shane Peters, President of the Hawaii Developers' Council and Vice President of Land Use and Real Estate for Communications Pacific.

Mr. Cooper and I have known each other for several years having worked together on various projects and serving together on the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Developers' Council. He is a person of character with the highest level of ethical standards. He is also a person with intimate understanding and appreciation for Hawaii's environment and the public policy that affects it.

Together with other members of the Hawaii Developers' Council, Mr. Cooper has helped to establish the HDC Green Awards, which recognizes achievements in energy efficient design for commercial and residential real estate development projects in the Islands. In addition Mr. Cooper has an expert background and understanding of alternative energy technology and environmental public policy. Recently, he has even helped to lead the creation of "green collar" jobs in the Islands with the establishment of his new company, Sun Power Hawaii, assisting building owners with increasing energy efficiency, reducing CO2 emissions and decreasing Hawaii's reliance on imported oil.

I strongly urge the Committee to advise and consent to the nomination of Mr. Cooper to the Environmental Council. Our state would benefit greatly from his service to this important post.



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Senator Gabbard:

My name is Gregory Hendrickson and I am the Real Property Administrator for the Hokukano Ranch. The ranch has been working for the past several years on the development of an environmentally conscious residential community that would balance the enjoyment of living in Hawaii with Hawaii's incomparable and highly sensitive environmental qualities. This project includes the use of conservation easements, place-appropriate locating of homes, the use of green materials and energy self-sufficiency.

Pete Cooper has been a critical part of the Hokukano planning team. His environmental ethic combined with his business acumen and sense of economy have been a perfect match for the project we envision here. Pete has been quick to suggest environmentally sensitive improvements while sensitizing the planning team to market realities. We would not have been able to create the project with out the contributions of Pete Cooper.

In my many years as a professional in the conservation community I have encountered few people as thoughtful as Pete Cooper. He is an individual of tremendous character and capacity. I strongly support the confirmation of Pete Cooper to the Environmental Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my opinion.

Sincerely,


Gregory D. Hendrickson