

GM 342

Dick E. Smith

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Health, Gubernatorial Nominee, DICK E. SMITH REHS, MPH, for a term to expire 6-30-2013.

**MARCH 1, 2009  
LETTER OF INTENT  
RICHARD SMITH  
BOARD OF HEALTH**

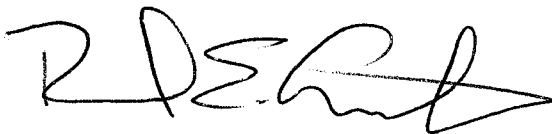
**Chair Ige, members of the Senate Health Committee, thank you for this opportunity to present background information about myself in your consideration of my confirmation for a second term to the Board of Health (BOH). I have been a member of the BOH since July 1, 2005**

**I retired in 1996 as a state of California Registered Environmental Health Specialist, after a 32 year career working for three different local health departments in the State of California. This included traditional environmental health programs such as food, water, sewage, solid waste and land development. The last ten years were managing hazardous materials, hazardous waste, and biohazardous waste enforcement programs.**

**In 1997, my wife and I moved to our home in Hanalei that we have owned since 1992. There, I am active in my community as a volunteer teaching science at Hanalei Elementary School, paddling competitively with an outrigger canoe club, and also volunteering at a botanical garden. My passion is triathlons and your Waikiki Rough Water Swim.**

**There are serious issues facing our islands that include providing adequate personal health care and protecting the public against the degradation of food, water, land and air resources. With my interest and experience I feel that I can be a conduit for the exchange of information between the Department of Health and my community. An appointment to the Board of Health will allow me to continue to participate in the field of public health. I am willing and able to serve on the board at this time.**

**I am excited about the opportunity to continue to serve, and I ask for your support in my nomination to the Board of Health.**



**Richard E. Smith**

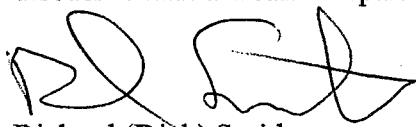
March 4, 2009

To: Senator David Y. Ige  
From: Richard (Dick) Smith

Subject: GM342 Nomination to the Board of Health

Questions:

1. Why do you wish to be a member of the Board of Health?  
My education, experience and interest has been a major part of my life with public health.
2. How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the Board?  
I continue to attend the Board meetings and bring my expertise in that field.
3. Why do you believe that you are qualified for the position including a brief statement of your skills, expertise, or knowledge that would aid in your decision-making ability as a member of this Board.  
My education and experience after a 32 year career working for local Public Health Departments in California, and understanding the issues on Kauai.
4. What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?  
I will continue to attend all Board meetings in Honolulu at my expense and provide my experience.
5. Name three qualities that best describe you that would make you stand out and to benefit the Board of Health.  
I attend all meetings. I have undergraduate and graduate degrees in Public Health. I have worked for Public Health Departments for 32 years.
6. Name one previous experience that would make you stand out and benefit the Board of Health.  
I am familiar with the Federal Block Grant Program and have helped in determining the distribution of the Funds in Hawaii.
7. Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the Board of Health? How would you overcome these?  
I can foresee no conflicts of interest. If so, when aware of one, I would discuss it with a Health Department Administrator.



Richard (Dick) Smith



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March 2, 2009

Senator David Y. Ige  
State of Hawaii Senate Health Committee  
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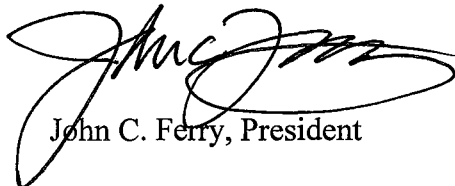
Re: Richard E. "Dick" Smith  
County of Kauai Member of the State of Hawaii Board of Health

Dear Mr. Ige,

Richard "Dick" Smith has submitted a request to be re-appointed as County of Kauai Member of the State of Hawaii Board of Health. Dick is an excellent choice for this position. He has had a long career in Public Health and maintains his interest in Public Health through volunteer programs such as teaching science at Hanalei Elementary School and the Hanalei Watershed Hui.

I have known Dick for many years. He believes in health, fitness and Public Health. He is already a great asset to the island of Kauai and would continue to be a tremendous asset for the State as a member of the Board of Health. I highly recommend his re-appointment

Sincerely,



John C. Ferry, President

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February 27, 2009

The Honorable David Ige, Chair  
Hawaii State Capitol; Room 215  
415 S. Beretania St.  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Re-appointment of Richard Smith  
State Department of Health

Dear Senator Ige:

I have known Mr. Richard Smith for over 18 years. Mr. Smith has been a full time resident of Hanalei since 1996.

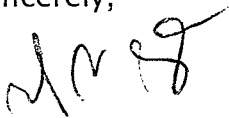
Mr. Smith has been active with the local public school in Hanalei. He teaches science on a volunteer basis to several grades. He is active with other community events and contributes to the well being of our community.

Mr. Smith also is active in the local canoe club and comes into contact with many long-time residents of the North Shore of Kauai. We are fortunate to have Mr. Smith in our community.

I humbly ask that you confirm his reappointment to the State Board of Health.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Michael G. Ching

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February 27, 2009

Senator David Y. Ige  
Chair, State of Hawaii Senate Health Committee  
415 S. Beretania Street, Rm. 215  
Honolulu, HI 96813.

Re: Mr. Richard E. Smith – State of Hawaii Board of Health

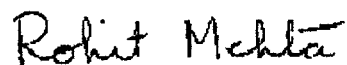
Aloha Senator:

I very highly recommend Richard (“Dick”) Smith to be the Kauai member on the State of Hawaii Board of Health.

I have personally known Dick for almost ten years and share his passion for the sport of Hawaiian outrigger canoe paddling. I have served with him on the Board of Directors of the Na Molokama O’Hanalei Canoe Club. Dick is a person of exceptional integrity and his temperament is well suited for position being considered. In addition, as you may be aware, he has over 30 years of experience in the Public Health area together with an advanced degree in the field. His depth and breath of knowledge in this area make him an ideal candidate for the position.

In closing, I believe that Dick will serve our State and County with distinction as the Kauai member on the State of Hawaii Board of Health. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me if you have further questions.

Sincerely,



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February 28, 2009

Senator David Y. Ige, Chair  
State of Hawaii Senate Health Committee  
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Richard E. Smith

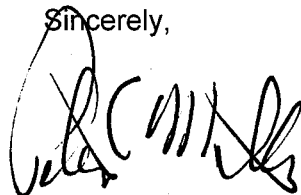
Dear Senator Baker:

I am thankful for the opportunity to recommend Richard Smith for this important position in public service. He is well suited to it. From my years of close acquaintance with him and his wife, I have been constantly aware of his considerable expertise in the areas of public health issues.

Perhaps even more important is the energy, enthusiasm and follow-through that he brings to all projects that he undertakes. He is always ready to work hard and efficiently for the common good.

If I can supply any further information that would be useful to you, please feel free to call upon me.

Sincerely,



Peter C. Miller

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March 3, 2009

Senator David Y. Ige, Chair  
State of Hawaii Senate Health Committee  
415 South Beretania Street, Room 215  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Richard E. Smith

Dear Senator Ige,

This letter is in support of the confirmation by the Senate of the appointment of Richard E. Smith to be Kauai's member on the State of Hawaii Board of Health.

I have been a practicing attorney for over 45 years and have practiced on Kauai for 18 of those years. As of the end of last year, I have retired from my practice. I have know Mr. Smith for over 12 years as an active member of the Hanalei community.

Mr. Smith has represented Kauai very well the last four years as a member of the Board of Health. This is because Mr. Smith's entire working career has been in public health. It is an area in which he has a bachelor's and master's degree. It is an area in which he has a passion. He has spent time weekly teaching science to students at Hanalei Elementary School. He has volunteered his time to monitor, for contamination, the various water sources in the Hanalei area. He is health conscious in his personal life by keeping himself fit by competing in innumerable triathlons and other athletic events.

I highly recommend Richard E. Smith be confirmed by the Senate to be Kauai's member on the State of Hawaii Board of Health.

Yours very truly,

  
MALVIN D. DOHRMAN