



GOV. MSG. NO. 183

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR

February 5, 2010

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Sirs and Mesdames:

In accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section 6, of the Hawai'i State Constitution, I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration and confirmation, the following nomination to the **ENGINEERS, ARCHITECTS, SURVEYORS, and LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS, Board of Professional:**

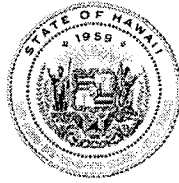
Norman G.Y. Hong

Term to Expire: 6/30/2014

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Lingle".

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TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2010

Thursday, February 25, 2010
9:00 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 183.

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is James Kobashigawa and I am the Executive Officer for the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Land Surveyors and Landscape Architects, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 183, regarding the **reappointment** of Norman G.Y. Hong to the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Hong's reappointment to the Board.

Mr. Hong is being reappointed as an architect member. He has been licensed since May 1, 1975, and his license is current, active, and in good standing.

Mr. Hong is an extremely valuable member and has attended 30 of 44 meetings. He prepares for the meetings and actively participates in discussions, he provides

valuable insights that he has gained over the many years of experience as an architect, and is able to articulate and direct the Board towards meaningful decisions.

Moreover, Mr. Hong has devoted additional time as the Board's delegate to regional and national meetings of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards.

The Department believes that Mr. Hong's interest in serving on the Board, his ability to articulate and direct the Board towards meaningful decisions, and his desire to contribute to the community will continue to enhance the effectiveness of the Board.

Therefore, the Department supports the confirmation of Norman G.Y. Hong to the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



February 17, 2010

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
State Capitol, Room 231
415 South Beretania Street
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**Subject: Re-nomination to the Board of Professional Engineers,
Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects**

Dear Senator Baker:

I am pleased to be re-nominated to the subject Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects. Attached is a copy of my resume citing my background, professional experience and community service.

I have served on the subject Board for the past 4 years (2006 – 2010) and am interested in serving a second 4 year term. I have served on and continue to serve on numerous public and private boards and believe it is my civic and professional responsibility to do so as service to the public and professional design community.

I have been in practice as a licensed professional architect for the past 35 years and have been responsible for the design of a significant number of buildings ranging from single family residences to high-rise buildings. Accordingly, I believe I have the experience, qualifications, and knowledge of my profession and the other related professions that have been of value to the Board. For verification of my qualifications, please feel free to contact Mr. James Kobashigawa, Executive Officer of the subject Board at 586-2702.

Having served on the subject Board for the past 4 years, I understand that the primary role and responsibility of the Board is to ensure that the health, safety and welfare of the public is being protected in the area of design professionals and the built environment. Specific duties include review of applications for licensure (by exam or by endorsement), review and rendering of decisions on various licensure issues, review of legislative actions affecting professional licensure and performance requirements, and monitoring of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) licensing issues relevant to Hawaii's design profession.

Some of the major issues facing this Board include: 1) Ensuring that Hawaii's licensure requirements are consistent with national standards as they continue to evolve, and 2) Maintaining the ability of the Board to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public under difficult economic conditions. These

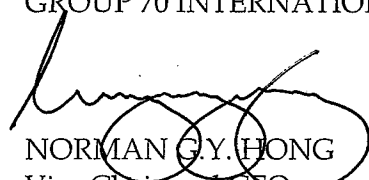
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issues are continually being addressed by the Board by on-going communications with the National Boards (e.g. NCARB) and by careful scrutiny of proposed cost reductions to ensure that they do not adversely affect the ability of the Board to fulfill its responsibilities of protecting the HSW of the public.

Thank you for your consideration of my re-nomination to the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects. I would be honored to continue serving for another term. Please feel free to call me at 523-5866 if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

GROUP 70 INTERNATIONAL, INC.



NORMAN G.Y. HONG
Vice Chair and CEO

Enclosure: Resume