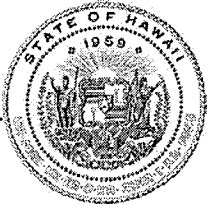


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Statement of
MARSHA WIENERT
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before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM
Thursday, March 25, 2010
2:45 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

in consideration of

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SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HAWAI'I TOURISM AUTHORITY, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, PATRICIA ANN EWING, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2014.

Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Galuteria and Members of the Senate Committee on Tourism.

We strongly support the Governor's nomination of Patricia Ann Ewing to the Hawai'i Tourism Authority (HTA) Board of Directors for a second term.

Ms. Ewing has many years of experience in the retail industry and has been an active member of the community on Kaua'i.

She has proven herself to be a dedicated member of the HTA board, as well as the Budget and Audit and Marketing Standing Committees.

Her experience, knowledge and support of Hawai'i's visitor industry have been an asset to the board.

Therefore, I urge you to support the Governor's nomination of Patricia Ann Ewing to the HTA Board of Directors.

Thank you for the opportunity to support the nomination of Ms. Ewing.

Alice A. Monaghan
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February 21, 2010

I have been a business associate of Patricia (Patty) Ewing for four years. Patty has strong roots in the business field and is admired for her savvy business sense as well as her deep involvement in the community. Her honesty, integrity, knowledge of the Hawaiian culture as well as her impeccable reputation has commanded the respect from her co-workers, business associates and people here on Kauai. Patty has shown her love of the islands by donating her time to make this place we live in a better for all of us.

As owner of the historical KONG LUNG CENTER in Kilauea, Patty shares the buildings history with events and familiar "Talk Story" sessions with visitors and residents here on the island.

I firmly believe Patty will be an invaluable asset to the board of the HTA and will continue to beneficially serve the board, the industry, visitors and residents of the islands.

It is a pleasure to write this recommendation for such an upstanding member of the community, Patricia Ewing.

Sincerely,



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February 20, 2010

Senator Clarence Nishihara
Chair, Senate Committee on Tourism
State Capitol, Room 213
Honolulu, HI 96813

RF: Supporting the re-appointment of Patricia Ewing to the MTA Board

Dear Senators,

I'm writing in support of the reappointment of Ms. Patty Ewing to the Hawaii Tourism Authority Board. I've known Ms. Ewing for over 30 years, and as a continuing Board member her numerous skills will be an asset to the group. She is a good listener who is always open to new ideas, evaluates a variety of opinions and options, and then makes an informed decision. Her business experience and community participation add a "big picture" perspective to her vision and judgment.

If re-appointed, I am confident that Ms. Ewing's substantial skills, knowledge, commitment and energy will contribute greatly to the work of the Board.

Aloha,



Barbara Robeson