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March 30, 2010

The Honorable Clayton Hee
Chair, Senate Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs
Hawai'i State Capitol
Via Facsimile

Subject: GM 242, Kaulana Park, March 31, 2010, 3:15 pm, Room 229

This communication to you and your Committee members is my sincere and respectful request that your Senate Committee vote "aye" for Kaulana Park for Chairman of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

I personally know Kaulana. He has what it takes. Kaulana has the character to be pono, to always do the right thing for our Hawaiian people. Kaulana also has competence and compassion to do the right thing for our Hawaiian community members.

I highly recommend Kaulana Park for Chairman of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands until his term expires at the end of 2010.

Respectfully, and with much aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donald B. Cataluna".

Donald B. Cataluna
Trustee, Kaua'i and Ni'ihau

cc: The Honorable Jill Tokuda, Vice Chair, WTL
The Honorable Robert Bunda, Member, WTL
The Honorable Carol Fukunaga, Member, WTL
The Honorable Russell S. Kokubun, Member, WTL
The Honorable Dwight Takamine, Member, WTL
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**Submitting for consideration and confirmation as Chairman of the Department of
Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee, KAULANA PARK.**
Senate Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs

March 31, 2010

3:15 p.m.

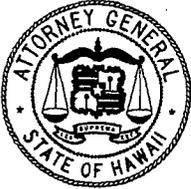
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The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS** GM242, which would confirm Kaulana Park as the Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission and the Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, for a term to expire on December 31, 2010.

Over the last decade, Mr. Park has served in a number of positions that allowed him to showcase his leadership skills while working closely with the Native Hawaiian community. Prior to his appointment at DHHL, Mr. Park served as the manager of OHA's Native Hawaiian Revolving Loan Fund, where he supported the growth of a number of Native Hawaiian businesses. In 2002, Mr. Park left OHA for DHHL, where he served first as the Executive Assistant to the Chair and later as the Deputy to the Chairman. In 2006, Governor Linda Lingle appointed Mr. Park to lead the state's efforts to address the homeless crisis on O'ahu's Leeward Coast and throughout the state. In addition, he helped guide DHHL through a leadership change as he was named the acting Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission in July 2009 after the departure of former Chairman Micah Kāne.

Mr. Park is well versed in the complex issues that face DHHL and has the demonstrated experience to lead the department. If confirmed, Mr. Park will ensure that the agency remains focused on its mission to provide homesteading opportunities for native Hawaiians.

Therefore, OHA urges the Committee to PASS GM242. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



**TESTIMONY OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE, 2010**

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ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

G.M. NO. 242, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS CHAIRMAN OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, KAULANA PARK, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 12-31-2010.

BEFORE THE:

Senate Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs

DATE: Wednesday, March 31, 2010 **TIME:** 3:15 p.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 229

TESTIFIER(S): Mark J. Bennett, Attorney General, or
Diane K. Taira, Deputy Attorney General

Chair Hee and Members of the Committee:

I strongly support the nomination of Kaulana Park as Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Mr. Park has extensive experience in management, business development, and strategic planning, both in government and in the private sector. He is an outstanding leader with a well recognized ability to bring people together to work collaboratively toward the goal of improving the quality of life for the people of Hawaii. And he is a capable administrator, noted for his work on operations efficiency, administration workflow, and leadership development. He is well respected for his accomplishments in numerous projects related to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands' mission to develop and deliver lands to Native Hawaiians, and for his work to address the problem of homelessness.

In addition to his professional responsibilities, Mr. Park has demonstrated a strong commitment to the well-being of the community through his service with many community organizations.

Mr. Park has been with the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands for more than seven years, and has served capably as its Deputy Director since 2008. I believe he will continue to excel as the head of the department, and I respectfully ask the Committee to recommend confirmation.

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GOVERNOR



RUSS K. SAITO
COMPTROLLER

SANDRA L. YAHIRO
DEPUTY COMPTROLLER

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES

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March 30, 2010

Ernest Lau
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Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture
And Hawaiian Affairs
THE SENATE
State Capitol, Room 229
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Hee and Members,

Subject: Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation as Chairman of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands,
Gubernatorial Nominee, Kaulana Park

I strongly support the confirmation of Mr. Kaulana Park as the Chairman of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

I have had the honor and pleasure of working with Kaulana on the Governor's HEART team which worked to address the problems of homelessness on Oahu's leeward coast. Through Kaulana's leadership, vision, and dedication, our team developed in three years, four emergency and transitional housing facilities that can house 1,000 people daily. This effort began with a search of over 100 sites along the coast from Kalaeloa to Kea'au, many of which, Kaulana personally inspected.

In addition to Kaulana's dedication to this effort, I personally witnessed his strong compassion and care for people. One day, I received a call from him to join him after work to visit the homeless families on the beaches of Ma'ili. Not knowing what he had in mind, I decided to join him anyway. To my amazement, the back of his SUV was loaded to the brim with toys and games for children. It was the Christmas season, and Kaulana made a special trip to distribute the toys and games to the keiki of the homeless families on the beaches of Maili. It was beautiful to watch how much love they had for Kaulana that evening.

Working to help resolve of the problems of homelessness is not easy, but I saw in Kaulana, the strength and resolve to take on this challenge. The challenges facing the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands are even greater. I know that Kaulana is more than qualified to provide the leadership, vision, and dedication needed.

I respectfully request your support for the confirmation of Kaulana Park as the Chairman of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ernest Y.W. Lau".

Ernest Y.W. Lau, Administrator
Public Works Division
Department of Accounting and General Services

LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR



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STATE OF HAWAII
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TESTIMONY
OF
RUSS K. SAITO, COMPTROLLER
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES
TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE
ON
WATER, LAND, AGRICULTURE, AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
ON
March 31, 2010

Support

G.M. 242

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as Chairman of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, gubernatorial nominee, KAULANA PARK, for a term to expire 12-31-2010.

Chair Hee and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on G.M. 242.

As Director of the Department of Accounting and General Services I strongly support the confirmation of Kaulana Park, as the Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL), and Chairman of its Board. Having worked with Kaulana in his role as special assistant, initial team leader of the Governor's Homeless initiative, Deputy Director and now Acting Director of DHHL, I have seen him work well with people and provide effective leadership when necessary.

As initial team leader of the Governor's Homeless Initiative, Kaulana named the Team that was assembled the HEART Team, for Homeless Efforts Achieving Results Together. The name he chose epitomized the compassion Kaulana brought to the job. He truly cared for the homeless people the State was committed to helping find their way

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out of homelessness. The momentum he created carried the efforts forward even as he moved on to become Deputy Director of DHHL.

In his service as special assistant and Deputy Director of DHHL, Kaulana has helped his predecessor achieve record results in building homes and qualifying native Hawaiians to move into them. For native Hawaiians, the DHHL represents hope for home ownership and Kaulana has helped many fulfill their dreams. His strengths go beyond his business and administrative skills. He is a persuasive and effective leader who people trust because of his sense of values and character.

I believe that Kaulana Park, currently Acting Director of DHHL, has shown that he is qualified to be the Director of DHHL, and urge you to recommend his confirmation as Director of the DHHL.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.



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STATEMENT OF

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BEFORE THE

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, AGRICULTURE, AND
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Wednesday, March 31, 2010

3:15 P.M.

State Capitol, Conference Room 229

**G. M. 242 – SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND
CONFIRMATION AS CHAIRMAN OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, KAULANA PARK,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 12-31-2010.**

Having had the opportunity to work with the nominee for the last six months and being impressed with his grasp of the issues, opportunities and challenges facing this critically important State agency, I offer my **support and endorsement for his confirmation** as the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (“DHHL”).

During the unbeaten regular season put up by Colt Brennan and the 2007 Warriors of the University of Hawaii, I was impressed not so much by the amount of wins that the team accumulated, but by the poise, team work and grit that the team displayed. I am equally impressed by the demeanor and the manner in which Kaulana has conducted himself in the last six months at the helm of the DHHL. Because of his performance and qualities, I ask that his nomination is confirmed.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of his confirmation.

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March 30, 2010

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Chairman Clayton Hee and Members of the Committee on
Water Land Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs
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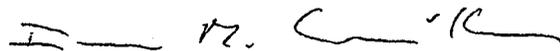
Re: GM 242
WTL Testimony in Support of Confirmation of
Kaulana H. R. Park as Chairman of Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

Dear Chairman Hee and Members of the Committee on
Water Land Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs:

I write in support of the confirmation of Kaulana H. R. Park as Chairman of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands in my capacity as General Counsel of the Sovereign Councils of the Hawaiian Homelands Assembly and Chairman of the SCHHA's Committee on Energy and Sustainability.

Since Mr. Park's appointment as Chairman of DHHL by Governor Lingle, I have had the opportunity to work with Chairman Park on behalf of the SCHHA. I have been impressed with Chairman Park's receptivity to the pleas for help from the beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Home Lands trust, particularly through the leadership of the SCHHA. He seems genuinely caring about the concerns which have been brought to his attention. More important than his empathy, he has taken action to address and resolve matters which have been pressing and of grave concern to beneficiaries. Based on Chairman Park's commitment to resolve a major concern to leaders of the residents of the Hawaiian Home Lands communities on the island of Kauai, I have recommended to the SCHHA and to the Moku-puni O Kauai that strong support be given to the confirmation of Kaulana H. R. Park as Chairman of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Me ke aloha pumehana,



Ivan M. Lui-Kwan

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Karen Piltz
55 S. Judd St., #903, Honolulu, HI 96817

Karen Piltz Support

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The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair and
Committee Members
Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture, and
Hawaiian Affairs
Hawaii State Senate, State Capitol
415 S. Beretania St., Rm. 228
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: GM 242 Consideration and Confirmation as Chairman of the Department of Hawaiian
Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee Kaulana Park

Dear Senator Hee and Committee Members:

My name is Karen Piltz and I am writing in support of Kaulana Park in his nomination as the
Chairman of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

I believe that Kaulana's background and experience as a banker, in sports, as a strategist, a leader
and as a family man from a prolific Hawaiian family, provides him with all of the tools that are
necessary to be the Chairman of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

I have known Kaulana and his family for many years and have watched him grow exponentially
through his life experiences. His very diverse business background has been the training ground
that has prepared him for his role as the Chairman of the Department. He has a well-rounded
educational, business, and financial background. Throughout his career he has learned patience,
fortitude, and how to be a team player as well as a leader. He has faced the daunting issue of
homelessness and has found creative solutions to fix the problem. Kaulana has proven that he is
able to find creative solutions for very complex and challenging problems. He sets high goals
and has managed to meet the challenges that have been set before him. His ability to see the "big
picture" while whittling through the minutiae is invaluable.

On a personal note, Kaulana is someone who manages to find a balance between work, his
family, culture and his faith. I believe that Kaulana's perspective in balancing the goals of
keeping Hawaii a special place, of safe guarding our native cultural traditions and lifestyle while
providing opportunities for growth and development for a sustainable, live-able Hawaii, as well
as a vibrant and economically stable environment for Native Hawaiians will serve the trust well.

Thank you for this opportunity to express my comments and I respectfully ask that you support
the confirmation of Kaulana as the Chairman of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

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A Hui O Hana Pono Company



March 27, 2010

Michael Rawlins
Support

The Honorable Clayton Hee
Chairman, Senate Committee on Water, Land
Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs
State Capitol, Room 228
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: G.M. No. 242 – Chairman, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

Honorable Senator Clayton Hee,

I am honored to submit this letter in support of the appointment of Kaulana Park as the Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission and Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. He exemplifies strong character traits that are predictive of future success ... integrity, loyalty, humility, compassion, courage, high energy and physical fitness. Kaulana is a decisive leader and team player that will always work to achieve DHHL and the State's goals and initiatives.

In the years that I have known Kaulana I have been impressed with his commitment to his faith, family and community. Working with our young athletes in the community he teaches them the value of team work, commitment and sportsmanship. He has dedicated numerous hours working with our young athletes instilling in them the importance of training and preparation and how it applies to athletics, school and their daily lives. He is an active member of New Hope Hawaii Kai's frontlines ministry team with his wife Diane. He is a dedicated husband and father to his three sons, Dante, Micah and Kawai.

It is within our Native Hawaiian DNA to voyage, to journey into challenges that provide the kind of experiences and wisdom to assist the Native Hawaiians in becoming better citizens, better community advocates, better family members, better stewards of our precious aina, and better creators of wealth to provide for better education, health, service and ho'okupu to our community.

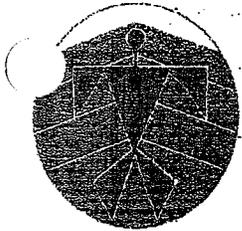
Your approval of Kaulana as the Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission and Director of Hawaiian Home Lands will lead our State in improving the lives of our Native Hawaiian people.

Sincerely,

Michael E. Rawlins
President

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TESTIMONY OF HUI KAKO'O 'AINA HO'OPULAPULA BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, AGRICULTURE AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

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Submitting for consideration and confirmation as Chairman of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee, Kaulana Park, for a term to expire 12/31/10

DATE: Wednesday, March 31, 2010
TIME: 3:15 p.m.
PLACE: State Capitol Room 229

Aloha Chairman and members of the Committee. I am Dutchie Saffery, President of the Board of Hui Kako'o 'Aina Ho'opulapula (Hui Kako'o), a non-profit organization serving the interests of Applicants for Hawaiian Home Lands leases. This measure seeks confirmation of the appointment of Kaulana Park to Chairman of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Hui Kako'o strongly supports G.M. 242.

As a beneficiary organization working closely with the Department, Hui Kako'o has had the opportunity to observe and work with Mr. Park during his association with the Department, first as executive assistant to the chairman, then as deputy, then as chairman. He has proven up to the tasks inherent in these jobs even when they were not easy or pleasant to effectuate. He was tapped by the Governor, during his tenure at the Department, to find solutions to the homeless issue, which affects many Hawaiians, and was able to marshal the community stakeholders into finding a workable solution.

We believe Mr. Park is dedicated to the Hawaiian community and will be a contributor to its wellbeing for many years to come. We believe this dedication is what the Department needs at this time. During the past two years the Department has been through unsettling times. In May, 2008 the offices were moved to Kapolei, and for five months preceding the move the various Divisions were housed in different locations throughout the city, making it hard for the beneficiaries to locate or communicate with them. Then, many of the old-time staffers moved to other jobs, in part, I believe, because they did not want to commute to Kapolei, thus leaving a void in the institutional memory which brought a measure of efficiency. This resulted in the need to hire or promote others with the attendant downtime for training them. Then former Chairman Micah Kane moved to undertake the trustee position at KSBE. It has been a tumultuous time and the beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Home Lands Trust do not need yet another change, particularly since the appointment expires in nine months. Kaulana Park has been steady and served us well during his tenure with the Department, for which we are very grateful. We urge you to confirm his appointment.

Moana Akana

From: on behalf of Moana Akana
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Sent: Tuesday, March 30, 2010 3:31 PM

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT
OF THE CONFIRMATION OF
MR. KAULANA PARK
AS DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOMELANDS

COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, AGRICULTURE AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

MARCH 31, 2010

Chairman Clayton Hee and Vice-Chair Jill Tokuda, Members of the Committee, Aloha!

My name is, Moana Akana, a member of the Waimanalo Hawaiian Homes Association and a resident of the Waimanalo Hawaiian Homestead. I would like to submit this written testimony in support of Mr. Kaulana Park as the Director and Chairman of the Department of Hawaiian Homes Association Commission.

Mr. Park has demonstrated on numerous and proven occasions his abilities to serve the community in his capacity as chairman supporting the programs in Waimanalo which directly benefit the homesteaders of our Waimanalo Hawaiian Homes Association.

Kaulana just stepped in and became totally involved with all of the homestead associations and without hesitation and or discrimination. He listens, discusses, and engages all homesteaders to vent whatever needs to be shared. But, he does have firm convictions on what he has to accomplish without compromising the Department or his position. I respect his diligence and persistence whenever we have pilikia and or joyous moments. It is not easy to step into another person's "shoes" and then be expected to carry on the mission without a flaw. I eagerly look forward to have this relationship with Kaulana Park and his staff.

I strongly urge this committee to confirm Mr. Park's appointment as the Director of the Department of the Hawaiian Homelands. Kaulana will be able to continue on this positive journey for the Kanaka Maoli.

Aloha Ke Akua,
Moana Akana



3/31/2010

The Pacific Resource
PARTNERSHIP



Testimony of Kyle Chock
Executive Director
The Pacific Resource Partnership

Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs
Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
Senator Jill Tokuda, Vice Chair

**GM 242 – Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation as Chairman of the
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee, Kaulana Park**

Wednesday, March 31, 2010
3:15 P.M.
Conference Room 229

Aloha Chair Hee, Vice Chair Tokuda, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Kyle Chock, Executive Director for the Pacific Resource Partnership (PRP), a labor-management consortium representing over 240 signatory contractors and the Hawaii Carpenters Union.

PRP respectfully request that your Committee favorably consider the nomination of Kaulana Park to serve as Chairman of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Upon Governor Lingle's appointment, since Micah Kane's departure in July of 2009, he has been acting as the Chairman and Director of DHHL. His experience as the Executive Assistant and Deputy has made the transition seamless.

Mr. Park has been a part of the hardworking, dedicated and goal driven team at Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) since 2003. As the lead strategist, he helped to successfully make great strides and successfully implement a 5-year strategic plan which identified goals on moving the department forward. Together with his team, Mr. Park has achieved the following:

- DHHL transitioned its development approach from being a pocket developer to a master-plan developer which created a more cost efficient approach to developing residential opportunities and increases the number of available units substantially.
- Guided the Department through a lease acceleration effort that provided more that 2,400 new lease awards since 2003.

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- Developed new types of lease awards that provide homeownership opportunities to those families who have been passed-up time and time again due to financial difficulties.
- Developed a new program called Home Ownership Assistance Program (HOAP) to empower beneficiaries to qualify and purchase or construct homes on Hawaiian home lands.
- With the help of the Legislature, has developed various new private mortgage financing opportunities for its beneficiaries.
- In coordination with its beneficiary group, has set aside necessary lands for the purpose of income generation.
- Formed a partnership with the Salvation Army KROC Community Center which will result in a \$110M facility in Kapolei that Hawaiians and non-Hawaiians will benefit from.
- Established the ground work to move its entire Honolulu operation to Kapolei, giving Hawaiian Home Lands a permanent place for its beneficiaries to which is close to their communities.

Mr. Park continues to show his commitment in developing new strategies to address affordable housing needs in and around Hawaiian communities and, through its Community Regional Development Plan initiatives, has taken leadership role throughout the state of Hawaii to provide quality of life for Hawaii's citizens.

PRP respectfully ask for your *favorable* consideration of Mr. Park's nomination to serve as Chairman of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.



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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, AGRICULTURE, AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

March 31, 2010, 3:15 P.M.
(Testimony is 2 pages long)

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF KAULANA PARK (GM 242)

Aloha Chair Hee and Members of the Committee:

The Sierra Club, Hawai'i Chapter, **supports** confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee, KAULANA PARK, as Chairman of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, for a term to expire 12-31-2010.

Mr. Park has been instrumental in crafting and deploying innovative policies and strategies to build homes and communities that are energy efficient, self-sufficient, and sustainable. The Sierra Club, Hawai'i Chapter, is particularly supportive of Mr. Park's effective advocacy and execution of DHHL's Ho'omaluo energy policy, and deep understanding of the cultural and environmental aspects under which it is derived. It is a model policy appropriate not only for the Hawaiian community, but for the broader community.

The policy begins with five objectives that the Sierra Club, Hawai'i Chapter heartily endorses:

- Mālama `āina: Respect and protect our native home lands;
- Ko`o: Facilitate use of diverse renewable energy resources;
- Kūkulu pono: Design and build homes and communities that are energy efficient, self-sufficient, and sustainable;
- Kōkua nō i nā kahu: Provide energy efficiency, self-sufficiency, and sustainability opportunities to existing homesteaders and their communities; and
- Ho'ona'auao: Prepare and equip beneficiaries to promote a green, energy efficient lifestyle in and around communities.

Mr. Park has also been effective in carrying out DHHL's Home Ownership Assistance Program (HOAP) for energy self-sufficiency and sustainability. In the past several years, Mr. Park has overseen the institution of renewal energy systems in each of DHHL's new housing

developments. Renewable features include, but are not limited to, solar water heating systems, photovoltaic panels and inverters, roofing designs that reduce heat gain, low-/no-VOC paints, low VOC carpets or linoleum vinyl on floors, dual flush water saving toilet, outlet and conduit for future electric vehicle charging stations, outdoor clothes lines, and carbon monoxide monitors.

We ask for your favorable consideration to confirm Kaulana Park as Chairman of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Mahalo for this opportunity to provide testimony.

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Submitted on: 3/30/2010

Comments:

Kaulana was Deputy Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands under Micah Kane. When Micah became a Bishop Estate Trustee, he left his position and Kaulana was appointed as the Chairman of DHHL. There's 7 months left in his term. Kaulana is doing an excellent job as Chairman--he's focused on the same course of action--no surprises or jolts, he's focused on building green homes and communities, energy self-sufficiency, and has compassion for the returning native Hawaiians back to the land.

I have had the privilage of knowing Kaulana since high school at Kamehameha. He has excelled in everything from sports to business, and with his family. He has high moral values to go along with his local roots. I have also worked with his brother Radford when I was stationed at fire station #6 in Kalihi, they both share the strong values in stilled in them by there late Father who I'm sure is very proud looking over his family.

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Garla Souza Roy
Support

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:

Along with a number of my classmates from Kamehameha Class of 1980, I would like to ask for your support of Mr. Kaulana Park, Director of Hawaiian Homelands. His term will expire December 2010 and in his brief tenure with Hawaiian Homes, he has been instrumental in developing and working with HECO and other companies in developing green communities.

He has the education, ability and the commitment to help the Hawaiian communities strive into the future. Following his predecessor, Micah Kane, Kaulana will be able to continue the great work already started. They have been able to provide more opportunities for the Hawaiian communities and awarding more Hawaiians with a place they can call home.

Let's all give him a thumbs up!

Palena 'ole and Imua Kamehameha

Aloha nui,

Garla Souza Roy RN, BSN, CCMC
Administrative Coordinator/Night Supervisor
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Wednesday, March 31, 2010

LATE TESTIMONY

Cynthia McKeague

Support

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as WTL Chairman of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee, KAULANA PARK, for a term to expire 12-31-2010.

I testify that I have known Kaulana Park since high school as we were both students of the Kamehameha Schools, graduating in 1980. Kaulana has always been an exemplary student, a stalwart leader and a true example of what our Princess Pauahi called "good and industrious men...". He's done all of this while remaining humble, compassionate and caring. He is the leader we want in OHA not only because he knows the job but, he is also a true representative of the Hawaiian people...always looking out for our interest. Your selection of Kaulana is crucial for this state.

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March 31, 2010

Senator Clayton Hee,
Chair, Senate Committee on Water, Land and Ocean Resources
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 228
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: GM 242, Confirmation of KAULANA PARK as Chairman, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

Aloha Senator Hee and committee members,

The Wai'anae Valley Homestead Community Association supports the passage of GM 242. Kaulana Park has served our community well in the past and we are confident that he will continue to do so in the future. There is much to be done before 2011 and Kaulana Park is the man to do it.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify,
Jocelyn Lokana Keliikoa-Pua
President, Wai'anae Valley Homestead Community Association

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March 25, 2010

The Honorable Clayton Hee
Chairman, Senate Committee on Water, Land,
Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs
State Capitol, Room 228
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Re: G.M. No. 242 - Chairman, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

Dear Senator Hee:

I write in strong support of the nomination of Kaulana Park for Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission and Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. I wholeheartedly believe that he is the right leader to continue the good work of the Commission and the Department, and that our state and our native Hawaiian population is blessed to have a person of his caliber willing to serve in this capacity.

Over the years, both of our operating companies and numerous community and charitable organizations with which I am associated have worked with Kaulana, and every experience has been tremendous in its positive outcomes for native Hawaiians and toward fulfillment of the Commission and Department's kuleanas. Permit me to speak of one such experience which I believe represents Kaulana's value to our state and our native Hawaiian population.

Early on in his career with the Department, and early on in my career as head of our operating subsidiary, American Savings Bank, we had a dream to expand the availability of private mortgage financing to Department lessees instead of lessees just having to rely on federal government guaranteed loans. When we started, no one thought it was possible, but Kaulana was instrumental in making it happen. I saw the following:

- Kaulana is visionary. When he saw that Department lessees should be entitled to the same kind of financing as the general population, he resolved to help make it happen.
- Kaulana doesn't let apparent barriers stop him. In order to establish the program, laws had to be changed. Kaulana was willing to take on the task of leading the charge to change the laws.
- Kaulana has the ability to motivate and inspire others. It wasn't easy to convince Department staff to take on such a difficult and complex project. Kaulana's leadership was instrumental in bringing staff to the table to collaborate, cooperate and even be creative to get the program approved.

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- o Kaulana is the perfect public servant in that he respects his constituency and involves them in the process. Kaulana was committed to include many Hawaiian organizations in the process to obtain their thoughts and insight. This was key to the instant success of the program once it was approved and the fact that it was embraced by the native Hawaiian population. Kaulana made sure everyone involved respected and followed the right protocols.
- o Kaulana has the right combination of cultural sensitivity and passion with the skills and knowledge to work within our established Western system to get things done and get them done right so that they work and continue on into the future.
- o Kaulana knows how to leverage Department actions through creating helpful public and private partnerships so that the Commission and Department can better fulfill their mission with more helping hands. 'A 'ohc hana nui ke alu 'ia.

More recently, our other operating company, Hawaiian Electric Company, is partnering with the Department under Kaulana's leadership that will benefit native Hawaiian homesteaders while at the same time set an example for all of Hawaii through the development of affordable, energy self-sufficient and sustainable communities, starting with Kaupuni Village in Waianae.

The examples of Kaulana leading in innovative and pono ways could go on...and on...

Without a doubt, since Kaulana joined the Department in 2003, the flow of benefits for Native Hawaiians has been accelerated, and I strongly believe that Kaulana has proven his leadership ability and is most deserving of this appointment.

Most respectfully submitted,



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The Honorable Clayton Hee and Committee Members

Re: Appointment of Kaulana Park as Chairman of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

Dear Senator Hee and Honorable Members of the Committee:

I strongly urge you to approve the appointment of Kaulana Park as Chairman of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (the "Department").

I represent Hawaii DeBartolo, Inc, the developer of the Ka Makana Ali'i project in Kapolei on land leased from the Department (the "Project"). Over the past 3 years, we have worked with former Chairman Micah Kane on the Project and through this experience we have gained a great deal of respect for the work and commitment that the Department has in serving the Hawaiian people.

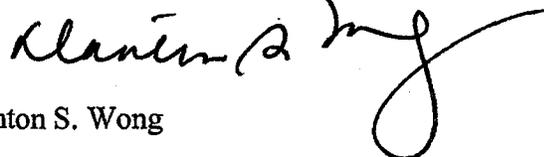
When built, this Project is intended to provide a steady source of income to the Department, funds to be used to support the housing and social needs of its beneficiaries. The Project is at an important phase in its development and needs the continued support of the Department.

I believe that Mr. Park is sincere in his commitment to continue to pursue the vision established by his predecessor and to work with us to create a retail shopping center that will benefit everyone. A delay in the appointment of Mr. Park could significantly hamper and delay the development of the Project.

I ask you to give him favorable consideration.

Very truly yours,

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Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs
Senator, Clayton Hee, Chair
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Wednesday, March 31, 2010

Support of Kaulana Park

My name is Alice Greenwood; I am an advocate for the Homeless, Environmental Justice and Director of "The Concern Elders of Wai'anae".

This young man, through his courage, independence and remarkable leadership skills, overcame obstacles and won the hearts of our children, elders, indigenous/and homeless people along our coast.

Where we couldn't attend community meetings, he took the time to come to the beach park and introduce the master plans for the intending shelters that were going to be built; he took the time for personal visit, to see how we were doing, along with food and gift for the occasions.

And for many of those who were still on Hawaiian Homes Waiting List, he left our spirits with his positive attitude and unmatched dignity.

Kaulana Park has a profound impact on people of diverse backgrounds, and we have a leader and role model, especially for Hawaii's children and young adults.

Once again we are in full support of Kaulana Park!!!

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Testimony in Support of the Nomination of
Kaulana Park

as

Chairman of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands
Submitted by Diane K. Taira

Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs
Hearing on March 31, 2010
3:15 pm

Chair Hee and Members of the Committee,

I support the nomination of Kaulana Park as Chairman of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Mr. Park is a diligent public servant who, in his various roles within the Department including interim Chairman, has worked first and foremost in the best interest of DHHL and its beneficiaries. Mr. Park is of the highest integrity, approachable, able to understand and communicate at all levels, handles difficult situations well, is adept at outreach to the community and as a mediator. He invites and welcomes and considers the input of others. He recognizes the need for administrative efficiency and measures to increase efficiency are proceeding under his administration.

In my position as a Deputy Attorney General, I have worked with Mr. Park throughout his tenure with DHHL. There are varied and sometimes difficult issues confronting the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Based on what I know of Kaulana Park, I am assured that his decisions on such issues will be made only after being sufficiently briefed on the issues and with the best interest of DHHL and its beneficiaries in mind.

I support the nomination of Kaulana Park as Chairman of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and hope that he will receive your endorsement as well.

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