



GOV. MSG. NO. 278

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR

February 12, 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 **Hawai'i, Board of Directors of the PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY (HPHA)**:

Roger K. Godfrey

Term to Expire: 6/30/2013

Sincerely,

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

LINDA LINGLE

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March 9, 2010

Senator Norman Sakamoto
Chair Senate Committee on Education and Housing
The Senate
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Sakamoto:

In response to your letter of February 24, 2010 the following answers are related to your list of requested information:

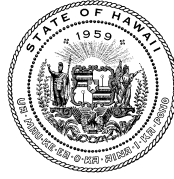
- (1) Resume and references attached
- (2) Questions
 - (a) I would like to be a member of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) board because it will afford me the opportunity to serve the State of Hawaii in an area of continuing concern. The situation for our citizens who need assistance to live in decent housing conditions will be a continuing challenge, and I hope to be able to assist this group by participating on the HPHA board.
 - (b) I perceive my responsibilities as a HPHA board member to include regular attendance at Board meetings; review of all documents and material sent from the HPHA office; periodic visits to the various public housing facilities; as requested, review financial matters as a member of the financial task force; interface with other Board members to help develop good HPHA policies and procedures; respond to the individual needs of the tenants whenever appropriate.
 - (c) I have been a member of the Hawaii business community for over 35 years, and some of the knowledge I have gained of Hawaii during this time can be applied to the functions and responsibilities of the Board. I was a member of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Board and I am a member of the Oahu Workforce Investment Board, so I have gained some knowledge of the working of our government systems. My areas of expertise are in fiscal responsibility including budgeting, cost control, capital expenditures, over sight of daily operations and development of a responsible team concept.

- (d) I would stand out as a HPHA board member because I take my Board responsibilities seriously; I have high ethics standards; I am a good team player. These three traits will lead to my contributing to the HPHA Board functions and benefit the HPHA because any responsibility I take on leads me to make a maximum effort to help develop Board goals, execute effectively the Board plans and use my vision of the future to help guide the overall functions of the Authority.
- (e) I do not see any possible conflicts because I am only doing consulting in the grocery industry at this time. If a conflict would arise I would discuss the matter with Chairman Travis Thompson and not vote on any item related to the conflict.
- (f) HPHA needs to revise and improve the plan to keep more housing units in livable shape and occupied. A plan should be developed for greater involvement of the tenants in all aspects of maintaining the facilities and improving general living conditions. A new or better plan should be developed to help tenants improve their personal situation so they can leave public housing. Please keep in mind that I have been involved in HPHA for less than two months, so my scope of knowledge to answer this question is limited.
- (g) One goal should be to develop a plan to narrow the HPHA losses and make progress to ultimately get the HPHA to a breakeven position. Line by line analysis of expenses and revenues will lead to ideas to stimulate changes that will decrease expenses and increase revenues.
- (h) Staffing of the accounting department management is one challenge for HPHA. This will lead to timely and accurate accounting reports. This should be one of the first initiatives for the new Executive Director, and with the proper staff she can make better and timely decisions. Increased occupancy through the reduction of units that cannot be occupied due to repairs is another challenge. Tenant involvement to help maintain occupied units and preventative maintenance programs will help keep units from falling into being closed for new occupancy. A third challenge is to complete the Michaels' development package for Kuhio Park Terrace and Kuhio Homes. This will require close coordination and communication between the Executive Director, the Board and Michaels.
- (i) Due to my very short tenure with the HPHA Board I have limited knowledge about SB 2276, 2277, 2278. It is my understanding that the Board looks favorably at these three measures in their current form.

If there are any questions, you may contact me at 223 3948 or roger_godfrey@yahoo.com.

Sincerely:


Roger K. Godfrey



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Testimony of
Linda L. Smith
Senior Policy Advisor to the Governor

Before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION & HOUSING

Monday, March 22, 2010, 1:15 PM
State Capitol, Room 225

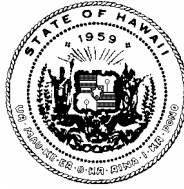
GM 278 Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority
ROGER K. GODFREY

Chair Sakamoto, Vice Chair Kidani, and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of the confirmation of Roger K. Godfrey to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) Board of Directors.

As a current member of the HPHA Board, I believe that Mr. Godfrey's background provides him with a solid foundation from which he will be able to contribute positively to the Board and the constituency we serve. Mr. Godfrey has extensive experience in the private business sector and has demonstrated a commitment to the community through his participation in organizations such as the Hawaii Food Bank and Tax Foundation. As an interim Board member he has helped us with critical fiscal issues facing the Authority and his financial acumen will be a helpful asset as the Board looks at developing its assets for the benefit of public housing residents.

I urge your favorable consideration of Mr. Godfrey's confirmation to serve on the Board of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
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March 22, 2010

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Norman Sakamoto, Chair
Senate Committee on Education and Housing

FROM: Lillian B. Koller, Director

SUBJECT: **G.M. 278 – GUBERNATORIAL NOMINATION OF ROGER K. GODFREY TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY**

Hearing: Monday, March 22, 2010; 1:15 p.m.
Conference Room 225, State Capitol

The Department of Human Services supports the nomination of Roger Godfrey to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA).

Mr. Godfrey brings extensive private sector business experience to the HPHA Board. He is currently serving on the Board's Finance Subcommittee where his background will be especially valuable for improving the HPHA financial systems and in the public-private redevelopment projects.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony to this Committee.

LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR



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BARBARA E. ARASHIRO
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Statement of
Denise M. Wise
Hawaii Public Housing Authority
Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND HOUSING

March 22, 2010 1:15 P.M.
Room 225, Hawaii State Capitol

In consideration of
G.M. 278

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority (HPHA), Gubernatorial Nominee, ROGER K. GODFREY, for a term to expire 6-30-2013.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) strongly supports G.M. 278, to confirm Roger Godfrey as a member of the HPHA Board of Directors.

The HPHA Board needs directors with a variety of life experiences and professional expertise in order to effectively fulfill its role as policy guide for HPHA. Mr. Godfrey's appointment to the Board brings extensive private sector business experience. He is serving on the Board's Finance Subcommittee and his background will be especially valuable for guidance in improving our financial systems and in the public-private redevelopment of Kuhio Park Terrace.

We urge the Committee to confirm Mr. Godfrey as a Director on the HPHA Board.

March 22, 2010

Senator Norman Sakamoto and
Members of the Education and Housing Committee

RE: Confirmation of Roger Godfrey to the HPHA Board of Directors

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Roger Godfrey for confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

I have only known Roger since he was appointed to replace Kaulana Park on the HPHA Board, however, I feel that Roger brings to the board the experience and knowledge of a successful, private sector business person. It is very important and beneficial to have that kind of perspective on the HPHA Board at this time. I have observed that Roger takes the learning curve experience seriously especially since his background has not been in the housing arena. He comes prepared by reading and reviewing the complex assortment of materials we receive in preparation for any decision making we may need to make in order to put HPHA on the right track for the accomplishment of our mission.

I look forward to working with Roger in the future and feel his presence on the HPHA Board will be valued and beneficial to the Housing Agency. I highly recommend the confirmation of Roger Godfrey to the HPHA Board.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rene Berthiaume
Member HPHA Board of Directors