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March 29, 2010

TESTIMONY OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, INTERNATIONAL AND  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 371  
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO  
THE COMMISSION ON TRANSPORTATION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,  
**JOHN B. RAY**, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2014.

The State Department of Transportation **strongly supports** the confirmation of Mr. John B. Ray to the Commission on Transportation. Mr. Ray is a current member on the Commission on Transportation (COT) and has proven himself to be a knowledgeable and capable member.

Mr. Ray brings a diversity of knowledge and insights based on his employment history and participation as a member and/or officer on a number of organizations. He is or has been active with the South Kohala Traffic Safety Committee (Chairman), the Parker Ranch Foundation Trust (Trustee), the Waimea Community Association (President), the Hawaii County Charter Commission (Chairman), the Governor's West Hawaii Advisory Committee (Member), the Hawaii County Council (Councilmember), and the Hawaii Leeward Planning Conference (President). Mr. Ray is also an Owner/Operator of a number of small businesses.

With his extensive background and experiences, especially in the various planning and traffic related organizations, Mr. Ray has been a welcomed member of the Commission. Also, having been active in both the private and public sectors, he has provided a balanced perspective on the many issues dealing with transportation. Mr. Ray is a valuable asset to the Commission on Transportation.

The Department of Transportation respectfully requests that this Committee confirm Mr. John B. Ray to the Commission on Transportation.

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**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE JOHN B. RAY TO THE COMMISSION ON TRANSPORTATION (GM371)**

**TIA March 29, 2010 1:15p.m.**

**Hearing in Room 224**

**Submitted by Keith Kato, Executive Director, Hawaii Island Community Development Corp.**

I support the nomination of John B. Ray to the Commission on Transportation.

I have known John in various capacities for many years and consider him to be well qualified to represent the island of Hawaii on planning and transportation issues. His diverse background will be a significant asset to the community and the Commission.

John has served as the Past Chair of the South Kohala Traffic Safety Committee, President of the Waimea Community Association, a member of the Hawaii Island Burial Council, President of the Leeward Planning Conference, and Trustee of the Parker Ranch Foundation Trust.

John also serves as the President of the Hawaii Island Community Development Corporation.

The Hawaii Island Community Development Corporation is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt corporation whose mission is to provide affordable housing for low and moderate income residents. In the course of our work we have developed 444 affordable housing units on the island in a series of self help and rental housing projects for low income residents.

John's guidance and advice has contributed significantly to our ability to deliver affordable housing for the Big Island community. I'm sure that these same skills and insights will be invaluable to the Commission on Transportation.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this matter.

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March 25, 2010

Committee on Transportation, International and Intergovernmental Affairs  
Hearing: Monday, March 29, 2010 – 1:15 p.m.  
Twenty-Fifth Legislature, State of Hawaii  
Conference Room 224, State Capitol

TO: Honorable J. Kalani English, Chair, and Committee Members  
FROM: Stephen P. Bowles  
RE: **John B. Ray, Nominee, Commission on Transportation**

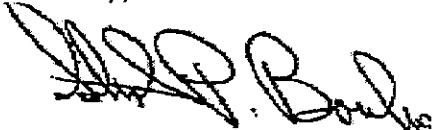
I am writing to express my strong support for your confirmation of John Ray to serve a second four-year term on the Commission on Transportation.

I have known John in professional and civic life for many years. He has served on a number of county and state boards and commissions, as well as two terms as an elected county councilmember in Hawaii County. He brings much experience to his work as a commissioner, as well as an intimate knowledge of West Hawaii, its roads, infrastructure, needs and challenges.

John invariably undertakes these assignments with a high dedication to public service, a fine temperament, and diligent attention to agenda items. He does his homework and considers matters fully and fairly for the community.

Thank you for your consideration of this superb nominee.

Sincerely,



Stephen P. Bowles

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March 24, 2010

Senator J. Kalani English, Chair  
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair  
Committee on transportation, international, and intergovernmental affairs  
Conference Room 224  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

Honorable Senators,

I am writing in support of the re-appointment of John Ray as member of the commission on transportation, a duty he has held for several years.

I have known John for a few years, and have come to respect his deep knowledge of the county of Hawaii and its unique challenges. He has served on the county council and various other civic organizations, tirelessly pursuing the public interest.

I believe that John is supremely qualified to participate as a member of the commission on transportation, based on his long experience in Hawaii and his immediate grasp of the transportation needs of the county of Hawaii as well as the state. His impartial view is refreshing, as is his ability to communicate succinctly to others.

I trust that you will look favorably upon his nomination to the commission on transportation.

Aloha,

Nick

TESTIMONY OF DAVID TARNAS  
IN SUPPORT OF G.M. 371  
CONFIRMATION OF JOHN B. RAY AS A MEMBER OF  
THE COMMISSION ON TRANSPORTATION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, INTERNATIONAL AND  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Monday, March 29, 2010  
1:15 p.m., Conference Room 224

Aloha Chair English, Vice-Chair Gabbard, and members of the Committee,

My name is David Tarnas. I am a resident of Waimea on the island of Hawaii. I have known John Ray for nearly twenty years and worked with him on various projects involving civic and community organizations. The State Commission on Transportation has already benefited from John's work as a member for one term and I strongly support his nomination to serve another term on the Commission to continue this work.

John Ray has shown a strong commitment to community service. Through this service, he has gained a keen understanding of planning and transportation issues facing this community and the State. For example, John has previously served on the South Kohala Traffic Safety Committee as Chairman, and led the Waimea Community Association as its President. He has an in-depth knowledge of cultural issues that must be addressed in development projects including transportation projects through his work as a member of the Hawaii Island Burial Council. John also brings a useful perspective of land use planning and management because of his experience as past President of the Hawaii Leeward Planning Conference and as a former Trustee of the Parker Ranch Foundation Trust.

When I served as a State Representative for North Kona and South Kohala from 1994-1998, John was serving as the County Council Representative for the South Kohala district. We worked together on a number of land use, transportation, and community planning efforts. This experience showed me that John has the ability to work with public and private sector stakeholders and bring them together to develop mutually beneficial decisions in support of projects or initiatives that benefit the greater community.

With all this in mind, I ask for your support to confirm the appointment of John B. Ray as a member of the State Commission on Transportation.

Mahalo.

**From:** Guido Giacometti [guido@kona.net]  
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**To:** TIATestimony  
**Cc:** John Ray  
**Subject:** GM 371-Nomination to The Commission on Transportation

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Date: Thursday, March 25, 2010 11:24 AM

Ladies and Gentlemen: This testimony is in reference to the hearing on the reappointment of Mr. John Ray to the Commission on Transportation to be held on Monday, March 29, 2010 at 1:15PM by the Committee on Transportation, International and Intergovernmental Affairs.

I strongly support this reappointment, for the following reasons:

- 1) I have known John Ray since 1992, and observed his efforts to support community affairs since that time.
- 2) John has been an active and productive member of a number of community organizations which have had positive impacts on our County community.
- 3) His experience includes service as a Hawaii County Councilperson, a Parker Ranch Foundation Trust trustee, President of the Hawaii Leeward Planning Conference, and member of the South Kohala Traffic Safety Committee, the Waimea Community Association, and the Hawaii Island Burial Council.
- 4) Currently, besides being an active member of the business community, John is Chairman of the Board of Directors and President of the Hawaii Island Community Development Corporation, a nonprofit entity devoted to producing affordable housing within the County.
- 5) He is highly qualified to represent Hawaii County on planning and transportation issues that may come before the Commission.

Thank you for allowing me to provide my support for this reappointment.

Guido Giacometti  
Kamuela, Hawaii