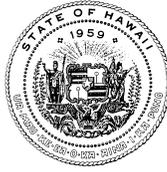


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TO: Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair
Honorable Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair
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FROM: Serafin “Jun” Colmenares, Executive Director, Office of Language Access

RE: **Testimony in Support of GM844 (JENNIFER DOTSON)**
Language Access Advisory Council

HEARING: Wednesday, April 11, 2012, 10:00 a.m., Room 016

Thank you for allowing me to testify today. I am Serafin “Jun” Colmenares, Executive Director of the Office of Language Access (OLA). The OLA strongly supports the reappointment of Jennifer Dotson as member of the Language Access Advisory Council.

Ms. Dotson obtained her Bachelor's degree from Georgetown University and Master's degree from the London School of Economics. Her family is first generation from Vietnam. Ms. Dotson speaks fluent Cantonese and studied Mandarin Chinese at Beijing Teacher's College, National Chengchi University in Taiwan and at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. Previously, she worked at the U.S. Embassy in London and the American Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong. She was former executive director of the Hawaii Chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving, and previously worked as Health Care Services Coordinator for the Muscular Dystrophy Association in Hawai'i.

Ms. Dotson has been very supportive of language access and a very active member of the Language Access Advisory Council, serving as chair of its Annual Hawaii Conference on Language Access for the past three years and for the current year.

Ms. Dotson brings a lot of knowledge, perspective and youthful vigor to the Language Access Advisory Council and should be confirmed as a member.

April 9, 2012

TO: The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair
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The Honorable Malia S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

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FROM: Kristin E. Izumi-Nitao *KI*

SUBJECT: Testimony on GM 844, Consideration and Confirmation to the Language Access Advisory Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, JENNIFER DOTSON, for a term to expire 6/30/2015

Wednesday, April 11, 2012
10 a.m. in Conference Room 016

Chair Hee, Vice-Chair Shimabukuro, and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of gubernatorial nominee Jennifer Dotson for consideration and confirmation to the Language Access Advisory Council.

I have had the pleasure of working with Jennifer through the Junior League of Honolulu ("JLH"), a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. We both served on the JLH's Board of Directors and I have always been impressed with her whole-hearted and irrefutable commitment to the organization. She is extremely reliable, dependable, hard working, and bright. She is also an effective connector and "people-person" who knows our community and our community leaders. Jennifer has the keen ability to liaise important ideas with the right people and organizations. To this extent, I have no doubt that she would be an incredible asset to the Language Access Advisory Council. I am therefore honored to submit this letter in support of her nomination.