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Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara
Chair, Senate Committee on Public Safety,
Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: CONFIRMATION OF GERALD J. SILVA AS MEMBER OF THE HAWAII ADVISORY
COUNCIL ON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Dear Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee,

It is a pleasure to endorse the confirmation of Gerald J. Silva to be a member of the Hawaii Advisory Council on Emergency Management. I have known and worked with Gerry for more than 47 years in various capacities in and out of the Hawaii National Guard, Hawaii State and City & County Government, and in the private sector. In every instance, he has impressed me and all whom he engaged as honorable, diligent, and effective in everything he does.

Gerry is particularly qualified to sit on this Council because of his consummate knowledge of the Hawaii Department of Defense where he served for over a decade as Chief of Staff of the Hawaii Army National Guard. He is a brilliant, strategic communicator with a strong record of accomplishment as Chief Operating Officer of Hawaii's only public access broadcasting network, Olelo. In addition, he has a distinguished career as a senior official of the City & County of Honolulu in the area of customer service and management of public concerns.

Gerry continues to be an energetic contributor to causes that insure public safety and well-being as a long-serving State President for AARP Hawaii. He is widely recognized and respected as a reasoned and well-informed voice on many important issues affecting the quality of life for Hawaii's citizens. He will be a strong contributor to this important panel.

Your confirmation of his nomination to this Council is strongly endorsed.

Yours respectfully,

Robert J. Fishman

GM-588

Submitted on: 4/6/2018 3:02:42 PM

Testimony for PSM on 4/12/2018 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David A. Bramlett	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chairman Nishihara and Committee Members:

I provide my strongest endorsement of Mr. Gerald (Gerry) Silva for membership on the Hawaii Advisory Council on Emergency Management. I have known Gerry for well over 20 years and have worked with him in a variety of circumstances. Gerry is the one you want to work with because he wants to get the job done and will do whatever he can to help. And, he is both a team-builder and a teammate. He is remarkable.

His record is before you and it reflects a wide range of experience, and these experiences will serve him and Hawaii well in providing advice and counsel to those charged with emergency management. Gerry and I have discussed his interest in serving our state as a member of this Advisory Council, and his deep commitment to helping and helping in the right way make him an ideal member.

He is a man of principle and integrity. You can count on him.

Please give him a chance to serve our community again, and in this very important position.

Mahalo.

-- General David A. Bramlett, US Army (Ret)

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2018

Thursday, April 12, 2018
1:15 p.m.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

**TESTIMONY ON G.M. NOS. 588 AND 589 – HAWAII ADVISORY COUNCIL ON
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, GERALD SILVA, FOR
TERMS TO EXPIRE 6/30/2018 AND 6/30/2022.**

TO THE HONORABLE CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE
COMMITTEE:

I am writing in support of the nomination of Gerald Silva to the Hawaii Advisory Council on Emergency Management. My name is Ji Sook “Lisa” Kim, Administrator of the Cable Television Division of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA), and I offer, in my personal capacity, testimony in **strong support** of G.M. Nos. 588 and 589.

I have had the privilege of knowing Mr. Silva since 2014 when I joined the Cable Television Division of the DCCA as a staff attorney and he was serving as the Oahu at-large member of the Cable Advisory Committee (CAC) of the DCCA. The CAC offers advice and insight to the Director of the DCCA concerning important cable matters. As a member, Mr. Silva was always conscientious, prepared, and fully engaged, and was known to never have missed a CAC meeting.

Mr. Silva is a person with deep knowledge and experience in the communications field. Among his various professional positions, I learned that Mr. Silva worked as the City Information Officer and Deputy Director of the Customer Services Department for the City and County of Honolulu, and was named Special Assistant to the Managing Director in 1997. In addition, Mr. Silva served as the Director of Communications and Special Projects for the Hawaii Tourism Authority and, later, worked as `Ōlelo Community Media’s Chief Operating Officer where he managed the organization’s multi-million-dollar operating and capital budgets, developed and implemented strategic goals and organizational policies, and managed the

organization's overall operations. Given the depth of his experience, his contributions and insights as a CAC member was always valued. Correspondingly, I truly believe that he will provide the same degree of dedication and provide valuable contributions as a member of the Hawaii Advisory Council on Emergency Management.

Thus, I strongly support Mr. Silva's nomination and respectfully requests that your Committee recommends that the full Senate advise and consent to his nomination to the Hawaii Advisory Council on Emergency Management.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this nomination.

To: Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs

From: Galen Yoshimoto

Date: April 9, 2018

Subject: **Governor's Message 588**, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii'i Advisory Council on Emergency Management, Gubernatorial Nominee, **GERALD SILVA**, for a term to expire 06-30-2018.

Aloha Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Wakai and the members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs:

I submit this testimony in **support** of the nomination of GERALD SILVA to serve the remaining term of a Hawaii Advisory Council on Emergency Management member who resigned.

During my service in the Hawaii National Guard, I knew Gerry Silva as a senior officer who served in many critical leadership and staff positions during his long career. His unprecedented ten-year tenure as the Hawaii Army National Guard's Chief of Staff solidified his reputation as an organizer and planner who got the projects done.

I ask the committee to recommend the confirmation of GERALD SILVA for this term on the Hawaii Advisory Council on Emergency Management.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of this gubernatorial nomination.

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Submitted on: 4/11/2018 7:08:14 PM

Testimony for PSM on 4/12/2018 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Robert Lee	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I **strongly support** the appointment of Gerald Silva to serve on the Advisory Council for State Emergency Management. I have known Mr. Silva for over 20 years and he has the leadership and knowledge of emergency management to be a contributing member of the advisory council. His wise counsel has served me well for many years.

Robert G.F. Lee

Major General,US Army (Ret)

Adjutant General 2003-2011