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| Measure Title:    | Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Chairperson of the Real Estate Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, MICHAEL PANG, for a term to expire 06-30-2022. |
| Report Title:     | Chairperson of the Real Estate Commission   |
| Current Referral: | CPH   |



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TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE  
Regular Session of 2018

Thursday, March 29, 2018  
9:30 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 591, SUBMITTING FOR  
CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION,  
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, MICHAEL PANG, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE  
06-30-2022.**

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALN H. BAKER, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE  
COMMITTEE:

My name is Catherine Awakuni Colón, Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"), and I thank you for the opportunity to testify on G.M. 591, regarding the **reappointment** of Michael Pang to the Real Estate Commission ("Commission"). The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Pang's reappointment to and as Chairperson of the Commission.

Mr. Pang has been a licensed real estate broker since 1983, and his license is current and in good standing. He has served on the Commission as a real estate broker member since July 2014 and has served as the Vice Chair of the Real Estate Commission's Laws and Rules Review Committee, one of the Commission's three standing committees. As a real estate broker member, he has developed a deep

knowledge of the Commission's regulatory functions and has greatly contributed to the functions of the Commission.

Mr. Pang understands the educational demands required in the condominium and real estate fields and has helped staff jump start and continue these efforts. He was a member of the Commission's Ad Hoc Committee on Education, which advised the Commission on the direction of its continuing education efforts; joined with an educational provider and created an online real estate educational video; provided his expertise to Japanese professors regarding Hawaii's real estate leasehold issues; and, in an effort to better understand the industry, introduced staff to condominium professionals.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of the confirmation of Mr. Pang to the Commission.

**PRESENTATION OF THE  
REAL ESTATE COMMISSION**

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TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE  
COMMITTEE:

My name is Nikki Senter, and I serve as the Chairperson of the Real Estate Commission ("Commission"). The Commission appreciates the opportunity to testify on G.M. 591, regarding the **reappointment** of Michael Pang to the Commission. The Commission strongly supports the confirmation of Mr. Pang's reappointment to the Commission.

Mr. Pang has been and continues to be an outstanding contributor and participant in the work of the Commission. He has served on the Commission as the real estate broker member from the City and County of Honolulu for the past four years. He currently serves as the Vice Chairperson of the Laws and Rules Review Committee, one of the Commission's three outstanding committees. He is always well-prepared for each issue and each meeting, devoting a number of hours studying and researching materials. He has a keen knowledge of all the laws and rules that affect the Commission's work.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of the confirmation of Mr. Pang to the Commission.

Written Statement of  
**John T. Komeiji**  
**Chief Administrative Officer and General Counsel**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH**

March 29, 2018 9:30AM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

**Submitting for consideration and confirmation of the Chairperson of the Real Estate Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, MICHAEL PANG, for a term to expire 06-30-2022**

**GM591 CHAIRPERSON OF THE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION**

**To:** Chair Baker, Vice Chair Tokuda, and Members of the Committee

**Re: Letter of Support for Michael Pang, GM591**

Aloha Honorable Chair Baker, Vice Chair, and Committee Members:

Thank you for allowing me to express my wholehearted support for the confirmation of Michael Pang to the Chair of the Real Estate Commission.

I have known Michael for over fifty years. He is analytical, intelligent and thoughtful. He combines these attributes with common sense and real life experience. As a result, he will bring an insightful and practical voice to the Commission.

He works well with people and has always been a leader. This is demonstrated by his successful business history, as well as his involvement in the broader community. If confirmed, I am confident that he will ensure that all voices will be heard at the Commission and arrive collectively at sound decisions.

Again, thank you for allowing me to express my support for the confirmation of Michael Pang.

**GM-591**

Submitted on: 3/24/2018 6:05:08 PM

Testimony for CPH on 3/29/2018 9:30:00 AM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Present at Hearing</b> |
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| Stan Kuriyama       | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments:

Dear Senator Baker:

I am pleased to submit this testimony in favor of Michael Pang's nomination as Chair of the Hawaii Real Estate Commission. Having served myself for 16 years on the Commission, I believe I have a thorough understanding of the type of person needed to chair the Commission. Mike Pang fits the bill in all respects. He is extremely knowledgeable about real estate (having been a real estate agent for many decades), he is fair, he is intelligent, and he understands the role and purpose of the Commission.

I have known Mike well for over 40 years, and can therefore personally attest to his character. I have no question that he will serve the Commission, and the public, with great integrity and distinction, and am very glad to see that he has been nominated to this important position.

I offer my unqualified support for Mr. Pang's nomination, and would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Best regards,

Stan Kuriyama

**GM-591**

Submitted on: 3/27/2018 6:18:12 PM

Testimony for CPH on 3/29/2018 9:30:00 AM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Present at Hearing</b> |
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| Nora Nomura         | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments:

Chair Baker, Vice-Chair Tokuda and Members of the Committee:

Having known Mr. Michael Pang for over 40 years, I can testify that he is a person of the highest integrity and ability. I have also seen on countless occasions, Mr. Pang's generosity of spirit and willingness to lend a hand where needed. These are attributes that make him an excellent nominee for Chairperson of the Real Estate Commission.

As a former vice-chair of the commission, I know the demands and challenges placed on this body and the importance of its actions. Based on his extensive real estate experience as president of Monarch Properties and his contributions to the industry in various capacities, Mr. Pang is eminently qualified to be the Commission's chairperson. In addition, his ability to forge and maintain relationships and to render good and fair decisions make him the ideal candidate for consumers and real estate licensees alike. We are fortunate that Mr. Pang is willing to take on this responsibility and our State is well served by his experiences and abilities.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Mr. Pang.

Sincerely,  
Nora A. Nomura

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Submitted on: 3/27/2018 7:23:12 PM

Testimony for CPH on 3/29/2018 9:30:00 AM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Present at Hearing</b> |
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| Richard S. Ekimoto  | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments:

The Honorable Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair, Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chair and members of the Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health Committee:

My name is Richard S. Ekimoto and I am testifying as an individual regarding the nomination of Michael Pang as Chairperson of the Hawaii Real Estate Commission. Michael has exceptional leadership skills as well as an extensive knowledge about condominiums and real estate sales. He has used that knowledge while a member of the Commission in its role regulating real estate salespersons and brokers and overseeing aspects of condominium associations. He will serve the public interest and the State of Hawaii fairly and well if he is confirmed as Chair of the Hawaii Real Estate Commission.