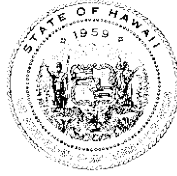


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Statement of  
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Before the  
Senate Committee on Water and Land  
Monday April 30, 2017  
9:30 AM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 224

In consideration of

**GM 727**  
**CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE LAND USE COMMISSION OF**  
**ARNOLD WONG**  
**for a term to expire 06-30-2022**

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and members of the Committee on Water and Land.

I am here to respectfully request that this Committee favorably consider the nomination of Arnold Wong to continue to serve as a commissioner for the remainder of the term expiring June 30, 2022. Mr. Wong is currently serving as the commission's chair.

Mr. Wong has proven himself to be an invaluable member of the Commission. He has shown leadership and a high level of understanding with regard to the key legal and economic issues facing the Commission. He is considered a balanced and effective decision-maker. His diverse background as a union representative and his work for The Nature Conservancy give him a unique perspective.

For these reasons, we respectfully ask for your favorable consideration of Mr. Wong's nomination to serve as an At-Large Commissioner on the Land Use Commission.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify before this Committee.



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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
WATER AND LAND  
TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2018

**TIME/DATE: 9:30 A.M. – Monday, April 30, 2018**

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 727 – "Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Land Use Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, ARNOLD WONG, for a term to expire 6-30-2022."

TO CHAIR RHOADS AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATE  
COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND:

The International Union of Painters and Allied Trades, District Council 50 (DC50), appreciates the opportunity to testify in support of Governor's Message 727 – "Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Land Use Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, Arnold Wong, for a term to expire 6-30-2022." My name is Lorna Woo, Director of Government Affairs, District Council 50. DC50 is an organization that represents five (5) unions, the Painters, Local Union 1791; the Glaziers Architectural and Glass Metal Workers, Local Union 1889; the Carpet Linoleum and Soft Tile, Local Union 1926; the Drywall, Tapers Finishers, Local Union 1944 and the Pearl Harbor Metal Trades Specialty Workers, Local Union 1944 – approximately 2000 members statewide.

Mr. Wong is a seasoned and well-rounded individual. He has worked in both public and private sectors and possesses a keen understanding of financial and legislative matters as well as considerable knowledge in the construction industry. He has held positions ranging from grant manager to government affairs director.

Mr. Wong currently serves on several boards and committees and has proven to be an invaluable asset within the community. His involvement in the public arena

combined with his excellent communication skills has enabled him to build and foster relationships that will bring insight and acuity to the Land Use Commission. Mr. Wong's experience in the private sector allowed him to make comprehensive and fair decisions with a vested interest for all.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Governor's Message No. 727, and I respectfully request the confirmation of Mr. Arnold Wong to the Land Use Commission.



**TESTIMONY OF TINA YAMAKI  
PRESIDENT  
RETAIL MERCHANTS OF HAWAII  
APRIL 30, 2018**

**Re: GM 727 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Land Use Commission,  
Gubernatorial Nominee, ARNOLD WONG, for a term to expire 06-30-2022.**

Good morning Chair Rhoads and members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land. I am Tina Yamaki, President of the Retail Merchants of Hawaii and I appreciate this opportunity to testify.

The Retail Merchants of Hawaii (RMH) is a statewide not-for-profit trade organization committed to supporting the retail industry and business in general in Hawaii. The retail industry is one of the largest employers in the state, employing 25% of the labor force.

The Retail Merchants of Hawaii strongly supports the appointment of Arnold Wong to serve on the Land Use Commission. We have known Arnold for many years. He has always shown to be well spoken, thoughtful, fair, knowledgeable, and an effective leader. With his background, experience and passion in not only business but in the community as well, Arnold will be a significant benefit to the Land Use Commission.

On a more personal note, I have worked with Arnold on various Boards and Committees. He has always brought meaningful insight, innovative ideas and never hesitated to express his opinions during discussions. We believe Arnold will continue to bring exceptional value and perspective to the State of Hawaii.

Again mahalo for this opportunity to testify.

**GM-727**

Submitted on: 4/21/2018 6:07:01 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/30/2018 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
genevieve salmonson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

April 28, 2018

Senate Karl Rhoads  
Senator Mike Gabbard  
Committee on Water and Land

Hearing on the nomination of Arnold Wong to the Land Use Commission  
Monday, April 28, 2018 at 9:30 am

Dear Senators Rhoads and Gabbard and members of the Committee:

I am pleased to submit my testimony in support of the nomination of Arnold Wong to the State of Hawaii Land Use Commission for a term to expire on June 30, 2022.

As a current member of the Land Use Commission, he is knowledgeable on the mission of the Land Use Commission and the procedures inherent in the process. He has proven to have the background and knowledge so necessary to contribute to the Commission and will do so in the future.

The Commission plays an integral role in balancing the needs of the economy and preservation of open space and agricultural land. I am confident that he will continue to play a vital and productive role in that effort.

I have known Mr. Wong for many years and know him to be a person of integrity, honesty, and balanced views. He also has an open mind that is receptive to new and sometime, contrasting views.

I urge you to confirm his nomination so that he can continue his desire to contribute to our community. Thank You.

Very Truly Yours,



Neal K. Okabayashi

- 1) Please describe your understanding of the role and jurisdiction of the Land Use Commission (Commission). *The Commission was created to ensure there is a balance of land for preservation, agriculture and urban needs. This is done through a quasi-judicial process, wherein any petition to redesignate any parcel over 15 acres is reviewed. The Commission also must ensure that the public trust doctrine is considered in every decision.*
- 2) How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the Commission? *The member must ensure that the public trust doctrine and the State's concern are addressed in every action and decision.*
- 3) Why do you wish to continue serving as a member of the Commission? Please note if you initially applied to be nominated to the Commission or if you were invited to apply. *I would like to continue to serve to ensure that a proper balance be struck between preservation, agriculture, and human needs.*
- 4) Please describe why you believe that you are qualified to be a member of the Commission, including your designation as an at-large member. Please discuss any skills, expertise, knowledge, or volunteer involvement that would aid in your decision-making ability. *I bring my diverse background and knowledge to the Commission. Presently, I am employed by a construction labor union and previously worked at the Nature Conservancy. I also worked for a Hawaii Congressman. As such, I believe this knowledge and experience will serve the commission well.*
- 5) What are some of your accomplishments as a member of the Commission and what would you like to accomplish during an additional term? *As Chairman of the Commission I wanted to ensure that the commissioners had adequate knowledge to make decisions. I instituted an educational program every quarter, on different issues that affected the Commission. Additionally, I was delighted to be part of a commission that voted on specific parcels to be designated Important Agricultural Land. One project that I would like to tackle in the future would be to create an enforcement process that is more flexible than the commission presently operates under. Presently, we can only revert the land back to its original designation.*

- 6) What issues do you believe that the Commission has handled well in the past? What issues do you believe that the Commission should address in the future? *I believe one of the biggest strength of this Commission is the diverse knowledge and expertise in different fields. Each commissioner brings different viewpoints and experiences when we deliberate on each issue. Collectively, we are able to take these different viewpoints and use them to work toward a common goal. I believe one of the issues we need to address in the near future pertains to reviewing old decisions and ascertain if there is a need to revert the parcel in question to its original designation, and, establish other enforcement tools.*
- 7) During you service on the Commission, were there possible conflicts of interest involving you that arose? How were those potential conflicts addressed? If you continue to serve, can you foresee any other possible conflicts involving you? *Not to my knowledge.*
- 8) Is there any other information regarding your experience and background that you believe should be considered for your nomination? *No*