



**TESTIMONY TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM**

**Wednesday, April 10, 2019, 2:45 p.m.**

**State Capitol, Conference Room 414**

**TO:** The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair  
The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair  
EET Committee Members

**TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF GM753 RELATING  
TO THE NOMINATION OF CHASON ISHII TO THE HCDA BOARD**

I am Mark Rossi, vice chair, chief administrative officer and general counsel for Bank of Hawaii, testifying in strong support of the nomination of Chason Ishii to the Board of the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA). I have known Mr. Ishii personally and professionally since 2017 and feel qualified to submit this recommendation on his behalf.

Since January 1, 2018, Mr. Ishii has served as President of Atlas Insurance Agency, Inc., Hawaii's largest insurance agency. Prior to joining Atlas, Mr. Ishii served as president of startup environmental company Green Home Solutions Hawaii; president of HHL Holdings, parent company to Honolulu Home Loans Inc.; as well as president of Coldwell Banker Pacific Properties. With over 25 years of experience in various leadership roles in Hawaii's business community, I have the utmost confidence in Mr. Ishii's ability to serve on the Board of HCDA. His experience and knowledge will serve HCDA well in achieving its mission of community renewal by promoting and coordinating public and private sector community development.

In addition, I have had the good fortune to spend personal time with Mr. Ishii. He has a positive and collaborative personality and maintains the highest ethical standards. I strongly recommend his appointment without reservation and respectfully ask for this Committee's favorable consideration.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mark B. Rossi'.

**GM-753**

Submitted on: 4/8/2019 2:55:06 PM

Testimony for EET on 4/10/2019 2:45:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Daniel Nishikawa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

This testimony is to SUPPORT CHASON ISHII for the HCDA Board. Chason is a good and experienced insurance and real estate professional who would be an asset to the Board.

Thank you,

Daniel Nishikawa, EVP & Commercial Real Estate Division Manager

First Hawaiian Bank

**GM-753**

Submitted on: 4/8/2019 11:15:25 AM

Testimony for EET on 4/10/2019 2:45:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Patrick Klein	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I have worked with Chason Ishii for over 14 years in both the private business sector as well as our time serving together on a local nonprofit board helping critically ill children and their families (HUGS). He is a quality individual that is always striving to improve his organization and business partners, as well as to make Hawaii a better place as a whole. I highly support his nomination for the HCDA board.

Patrick Klein

Vice President

Honolulu Star-Advertiser



Imanaka Asato  
A LIMITED LIABILITY LAW COMPANY

April 8, 2019

Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair  
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair  
Members of the Senate Committee on  
Energy, Economic Development and Tourism  
Thirtieth Legislature  
Regular Session, 2019

**RE: Governor's Message No. 753**  
**Hearing date: April 10, 2019 at 2:45 pm**

Aloha Chair Wakai, Vice chair Taniguchi and Members of the Senate Committee on Energy,  
Economic Development and Tourism,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in support of Governor's Message 753, nominating Chason Ishii to the Hawaii Community Development Authority. Mr. Ishii has vast experience in the local business community, especially in real estate development. Currently serving as the president of Atlas Insurance, Mr. Ishii has gained valuable experience in the areas of risk and financial management for residential and commercial properties. In addition, Mr. Ishii has held numerous leadership positions in the residential and commercial real estate industries in Hawaii. These experiences have provided him the qualifications necessary to guide the policies shaping real estate development in Kakaako, Kalaeloa and He'eia.

I strongly believe Mr. Ishii would be a valuable member of the Hawaii Community Development Authority and I hope you will confirm his nomination.

Mahalo,

Imanaka Asato, LLLC

Michael L. Iosua  
Partner



April 09, 2019

The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Senator and  
The Honorable Brian Taniguchi, Senator  
Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 414  
Honolulu, HI 96813

**RE: In SUPPORT of GM753, Gubernatorial Nominee, CHASON ISHII**

Dear Senator Wakai, Senator Taniguchi and Committee Members:

My name is Jason Higa, CEO of FCH Enterprises, which includes Zippy's Restaurants, Napoleon's Bakery, Food Solutions International, Pomaika'i Ballrooms at Dole Cannery, A Catered Experience (ACE), Kahala and Pearl City Sushi, and Germaine's Luau.

I have personally known Chason Ishii since 2006 and served with him on numerous non-profit boards. Our business relationship has been one of mutual trust and confidence. His commitment, high integrity, dedication and strategic thinking will be an asset to the Hawai'i Community Development Authority.

Mr. Ishii has my highest commendations and I am genuinely in support of his confirmation to the Hawai'i Community Development Authority.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jason T. Higa'.

Jason T. Higa  
FCH Enterprises, Inc.  
1765 South King Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96826



April 8, 2019

Re: Hawaii Community Development Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, Chason Ishii

Aloha,

I have had the privilege to know Chason Ishii for approximately 15 years. We have been members of YPO (Young Presidents Organization) for many years and we have discussed a wide variety of business, community and family issues.

Chason is honorable, trustworthy, compassionate and intelligent. As a business leader he has addressed difficult situations in a thoughtful, creative and deliberate manner. Always focusing on doing what is right.

His experience in real estate, insurance and other businesses gives him the expertise, skillset and unique insight to be an outstanding contributor to HCDA.

Sincerely,

Stephen B. Metter  
Chief Executive Officer

**GM-753**

Submitted on: 4/8/2019 8:42:31 AM

Testimony for EET on 4/10/2019 2:45:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Tyler Tokioka	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support the confirmation of Chason Ishii for the Hawaii Community Development Authority. Chason is a person who would serve Hawaii and the Community well.

**GM-753**

Submitted on: 4/6/2019 8:39:35 AM

Testimony for EET on 4/10/2019 2:45:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Charles Loomis	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support Chason Ishii's appointment to the Board of HCDA. I've known Chason for many years, having served together for many years on a Honolulu non-profit Board of Directors. Chason is willing to put in time and effort to get the job done, even in a volunteer position. His real estate and business experience will serve him well and I'm sure he'll be a valuable asset to HCDA. HCDA and the Community will be lucky to have Chason's service. I'm happy to provide more information and comments to support Chason's nomination. I strongly support Chason Ishii's appointment to the Board of HCDA. I've known Chason for many years, having served together for many years on a Honolulu non-profit Board of Directors. Chason is willing to put in time and effort to get the job done, even in a volunteer position. His real estate and business experience will serve him well and I'm sure he'll be a valuable asset to HCDA. HCDA and the Community will be lucky to have Chason's service. I'm happy to provide more information and comments to support Chason's nomination.

Gordon Kagawa  
555 Ahakea Street  
Honolulu, HI 96816

TESTIMONY OF  
CHASON ISHII  
TO THE  
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM  
ON  
APRIL 10, 2019

GM 753

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, CHASON ISHII, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE ON 06-30-2023.

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi and members of the Committee:

I am testifying as an individual and I am in support of Chason Ishii's confirmation to the Hawaii Community Development Authority. I've know Mr. Ishii for over 10 years, mostly in social settings but also having the opportunity to work with him in the insurance business. I have found Mr. Ishii to have an excellent business acumen. In my dealings with Mr. Ishii I have found him to always be courteous and helpful demonstrating sound judgement and dedication to his work.

I believe Mr. Ishii will be an asset to the Hawaii Community Development Authority. I wholeheartedly support his nomination and thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Gordon Kagawa', written in a cursive style.

Gordon Kagawa

DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR



**TESTIMONY BY:**

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April 10, 2019  
2:45 p.m.  
State Capitol, Room 414



**G.M. 753**

**Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Community Development Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, CHASON ISHII, for a term to expire 06-30-2023.**

Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development and Tourism

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** the confirmation of Chason Ishii to the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA).

Mr. Ishii is the President of Atlas Insurance Agency and has served as President of Koa Capital, LLC, HHL Holdings Inc., and Coldwell Banker Properties.

We are confident that Mr. Ishii will deepen the board's credibility and expertise in risk management, startups, real estate, acquisitions and mergers. As such, it is with great pleasure and without reservation that we speak in support of Mr. Ishii's nomination to this very important voluntary role.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.