

GM 576

Report Title:

**Board of Directors of the Pacific International Space
Center for Exploration Systems**

Measure Title:

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Pacific International Space Center for Exploration Systems, Gubernatorial Nominee, HENK ROGERS, for a term to expire 6-30-2014

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February 26, 2013

Senator Will Espero
Chair, Senate Committee on Public Safety,
Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

Dear Senator Espero,

Re: Nomination of the Pacific International Space Center
for Exploration Systems (PISCES)

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve the people of Hawai'i as a member of PISCES. This the information you requested to help you and the other members of the Senate with the confirmation process:

(1) I wish to become a member of the PISCES because I am very passionate about space exploration and colonization. It has become one of my missions in life to make a back up of life, as we know it through the exploration and colonization of the Moon, Mars and beyond.

I believe that by bringing the space exploration business to Hawai'i, we will be creating a high pay tech sector that will help strengthen our economy at a time when, I believe, we can no longer rely on our representatives in Washington to send us lucrative "earmark" projects.

(2) Based on my understanding of the role and responsibilities of a member of PISCES, I believe that I am qualified for the position because I bring the ability to inspire and motivate engineers, politicians and members of the public to the table.

While I am not trained as a mechanical engineer, I majored in Information and Computer Science at UH. I subsequently have become a serial entrepreneur and built a number of software companies from scratch. My background in running tech companies gives me insight into the business aspects of space exploration.

I have enough of an understanding of the basic technologies required to carry out an intelligent conversation to guide the development of this very important future business sector in Hawaii.

At the request of the Dean of the UH College of Engineering I serve on his Advisory Council. I was asked to serve because of my ability to think outside the box. I think this ability will serve Hawai'i well when it comes to guiding the development of the future Hawaii based space exploration industries that will be the result of our efforts.

I have attended PISCES and International Lunar Research Park meetings for the last few years. In these meetings I have made friends with all of the visitors from NASA and the other Pacific rim space agencies. I have given several keynote speeches at these meetings that have helped give these groups a vision of why we should be exploring space and colonizing the Moon, Mars and any other hospitable planet within reach of our present and future technologies.

I am presently funding a Mars habitat simile called HI-SEAS,

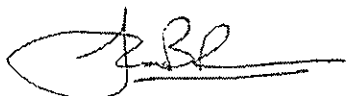
a NASA research project managed by Cornell and UH. I have worked closely with the entire group that is working on this project. I am intimately involved in all design aspects of the habitat. This project is a PISCES project and is the first of many such projects that will be based in Hawaii.

(3) I hope to bring existing space exploration companies like Virgin Galactic, Space-X, Google Lunar X-Prize and Mars-One as well as NASA, JAXA and all the Pacific Rim government space agencies to Hawaii to have them research and develop the next generation space exploration technologies. I will provide vision and energy to those in Hawaii who dream to be a part of the next chapter in space exploration and colonization. I will also be there to help explain, in layman's terms, whatever our legislators might want to know about existing and potential Hawaii based space exploration projects. In the end, I hope to have been instrumental in creating a new and thriving high tech sector that will one day rival the tourist industry.

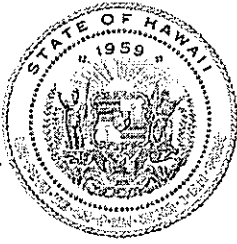
(4) I cannot at this time foresee any conflicts of interest arising during my service on the PISCES. If any decision to be made that financially affected me in any way, I would recuse myself from any such decisions.

I appreciate your considering me for the position and look forward to serving Hawai'i to the best of my abilities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. B. Rogers', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Henk B. Rogers



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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON
PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS**

Thursday, February 28, 2013

2:45 p.m.

State Capitol, Conference Room 224

in consideration of

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**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS OF THE PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL SPACE CENTER FOR
EXPLORATION SYSTEMS, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, HENK RODGERS,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2014.**

Chair Espero, Vice Chair Baker, and Members of the Committee.

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism **supports** the nomination of Henk Rogers to the Board of Directors for the Pacific International Space Center for Exploration Systems (PISCES).

A computer game designer and entrepreneur best known for revolutionizing the video game industry by bringing Tetris to the United States and world market, Mr. Rogers currently spearheads the development efforts for multiple software companies. He also is a visionary philanthropist and founder of the Blue Planet Foundation – an organization committed to the mission of developing non-carbon, clean energy sources that will help reduce and eventually eliminate our planet's dependence on fossil fuels.

As such, we believe Mr. Rogers has the professional skills and experience required to serve on the PISCES Board of Directors and recommend his confirmation to this position.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this nomination.