

# GM 622

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Environmental Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, PAUL CHANG, for a term to expire 6-30-2014.

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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT**

**GM 622, Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee, PAUL C. K. CHANG, to the  
Environmental Council, term expiring June 30, 2014**

**Testimony of Gary Gill  
Acting Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control**

**February 28, 2013**

1 **Office's Position:** The Office of Environmental Quality Control strongly supports the  
2 confirmation of Paul Chang to serve as a member of the Environmental Council.

3 The Environmental Council plays an important role in the implementation of Hawai'i's  
4 environmental review process. The law stipulates that the Council should represent a broad  
5 range of disciplines, professions and community groups.

6 Mr. Chang's experience in the building industry as a carpenter from an apprentice level  
7 to management level will bring an important perspective to the Council. Mr. Chang is also a  
8 member in five different organizations that promote the interests of the carpentry trade. Paul is  
9 an active member of the Board of Directors for Hawai'i Dental Services and the Hawai'i  
10 Occupational Safety and Health Division (HIOSH) Advisory Board, and is a former member of  
11 the Neighborhood Commission, City and County of Honolulu.

12 Mr. Chang's years of experience, active involvement in advancing the carpentry trade  
13 and record of community service are admirable qualities that will enable him to contribute to the

1 work of the Environmental Council. I therefore urge your committee to support the nomination  
2 of Paul C. K. Chang to the Environmental Council.

3 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

The Senate  
Twenty Seventh Legislature  
Committee on Energy and Environment  
February 28, 2013, 2:45 p.m.  
Room 225

Statement of the Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters  
On the Confirmation of Paul Chang to the Environmental Council

Paul Chang will be an asset to the Environmental Council, and the appointment by the Governor should be confirmed.

Mr. Chang has been a working carpenter for most of his career, and a Service Representative for the carpenters union for over ten years. He has experienced working with wage earners and their families, employers and property owners, government officials and regulatory processes.

He has served on advisory committees, most recently to HIOSH, giving him experience in considering information and seeking solutions, while understanding governance roles.

While in a different context, that of the eight hours or more we spend on the job, Mr. Chang has dealt with environmental issues. He will be able to widen his understanding based on his knowledge of chemicals, noise, dust, vehicles, sanitation, etc., as affecting workplace health and safety.

Paul Chang has carried out family and community responsibilities, while enjoying various ocean activities. He will bring broad perspectives and a love for Hawaii to the Environmental Council.

The Pacific Resource  
**PARTNERSHIP**



Testimony of Cindy McMillan  
The Pacific Resource Partnership

Senate Committee on Energy and Environment  
Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair  
Senator Russell E. Ruderman, Vice Chair

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Gubernatorial Nominee, PAUL C.K. CHANG  
Thursday, February 27, 2013  
2:45 pm  
Conference Room 225

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Ruderman and Members of the Committee:

The Pacific Resource Partnership (PRP) is a labor-management consortium representing over 240 signatory contractors and the Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters.

PRP **supports** the gubernatorial nomination of Paul Chang to the Environmental Council. Mr. Chang has a diverse knowledge that will help assure a broad and balanced representation to the Council.

Mr. Chang's years of experience and active involvement in the building industry trades, as an apprentice level carpenter all the way up to management, will bring an important perspective to the Council. He is currently a member in five different organizations that promote the interests of the carpentry trade. Mr. Chang is also an active member of the Board of Directors for Hawaii Dental Service and the Hawaii Occupational Safety and Health Division (HIOSH) Advisory Board, and is a former member of the City and County of Honolulu Neighborhood Commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our views with you and we respectfully ask for your *favorable* consideration of Mr. Paul Chang's nomination to serve as a member of the Environmental Council.

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GENERAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF HAWAII

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February 28, 2013

**TO: HONORABLE MIKE GABBARD, CHAIR, HONORABLE RUSSELL  
RUDERMAN, VICE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE  
ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT**

**RE: SUPPORT OF GM 622: PAUL CHANG, Consideration and Confirmation  
to the Environmental Council, Expiration 6/30/2014.**

Dear Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Ruderman and Members of the Committee,

My name is Marnie Koga Hursty and I am the President of the General Contractors Association of Hawaii (GCA), an organization comprised of over six hundred general contractors, subcontractors, and construction related firms. The GCA was established in 1932 and is the largest construction association in the State of Hawaii. The GCA's mission is to represent its members in all matters related to the construction industry, while improving the quality of construction and protecting the public interest.

**The GCA is in strong support of GM 622 regarding Paul Chang's appointment to serve on the Environmental Council.**

Mr. Chang's background and work experience with the Carpenter's Union and the construction industry will bring a unique and business perspective to the Environmental Council. Mr. Chang's work within the construction industry will enhance the Environmental Council's decision-making process when it comes to the analysis of environmental effects of such projects. The Environmental Council will involve unique challenges, as it is tasked with addressing issues that range from health and safety to environmental impacts affecting and affected by construction and development. Mr. Chang will offer a unique perspective of the construction industry on environmental issues from a business point of view.

The GCA **strongly supports** the appointment of Paul Chang to the Environmental Council and respectfully requests your consideration.

Very truly yours,

Marnie Koga Hursty  
President

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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2013  
2:45 P.M.  
ROOM 225

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 622  
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE  
ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, PAUL CHANG,  
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2014

Chair Gabbard and Vice Chair Ruderman, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Audrey Hidano, office manager for Hidano Construction, Inc. I strongly support the confirmation of Paul Chang to the Environmental Council.

I have known Mr. Chang for about 30 years and served with him on various construction committees and projects. I have found Mr. Chang to be focused, trustworthy, and action oriented. He is always willing to work to help solve any problems/issues for the betterment of the parties involved.

Thank you for your consideration of Mr. Paul Chang to the Environmental Council.

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To: Senate Committee on Energy and Environment  
Senator Mike Gabbard Chair

Chair Gabbard, Vice-Chair Ruderman and Members of the Committee

My name is Paul Chang. I wish to be a member of the Environmental Council because I want to use my experiences as a member of various Boards and Commissions, as well as a carpenter to the Council. I believe that working my way up from an apprentice to my current position of Service Representative will bring another point of view to the table. I've worked side by side in the field with other carpenters as well as different tradesmen. I've also worked with employers, business leaders and government officials. This has taught me to be a listener, and that there are many sides to a story.

I believe my purpose, as a member of the Council, would be to approve or disapprove an EIA after a comprehensive review. This I believe I can do because of the experiences that I've stated above.

What I hope to accomplish as a member would be to familiarize myself with what the Council has done in the past. I would look at the issues, both positive and negative, and then endeavor to see where improvements could be implemented.

Qualities that I believe I can bring to the table are 1.) Trustworthy 2.) Fair 3.) I can laugh at myself. I know that everyone's story is important to them. I believe I can explain to most people that the answer sometimes is no and explain why.

An example of this is:

A member felt that he was wrongfully terminated. The situation wasn't black and white. The circumstances that the employer presented that were damaging to our case. After weeks of talks and a joint board hearing we were able to come to a settlement. No got what they wanted, but both parties did come to an agreement. I felt my ability to listen, do the research and understand the rule/laws I can be a benefit to the Council.