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TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2013

Wednesday, April 10, 2013
9:30 a.m.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 725.

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

My name is Keali'i S. Lopez, the Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 725, regarding the appointment of Craig Murayama, to the Contractor's Licensing Board ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Murayama's appointment to the Commission.

Mr. Murayama is being nominated to the Commission as a licensed member.

Mr. Murayama has more than 30 years of experience in the architectural field. He has worked on a variety of projects in scale from private sector to government

buildings in Hawaii and California. Some of his work includes the Mauka Concourse of the Honolulu International Airport, Apple Computers Corporate Campus buildings, Monterey Bay Aquarium Phase 2 and Ellison S. Onizuka Space Center at Kona International Airport.

Mr. Murayama is the owner and director of KYA Design Group on Maui. He has served the community by sitting on design and review boards for Maui County.

The Department supports the confirmation of Craig Murayama to the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects, and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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Senator Rosalyn H. Baker
Senate District 6
Chair, Commerce and Consumer Protection
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 230

Dear Senator,

I am writing to you as a personal friend and long time business associate of Mr. Craig Murayama in support of his nomination to the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects appointed by Governor Abercrombie. I have known Mr. Murayama over 15 years and he has been an instrumental part of nurturing the business relationship between Mechanical Engineers of Hawaii Corporation and KYA Design Group. Over the years Mr. Murayama has displayed remarkable character and great veracity not only as a solid business associate but also as a friend. He has over 25 years of experience in architectural and interior design through his position at KYA Design Group as a Director and involvement in numerous charities.

I truly believe Mr. Murayama will be a significant asset to the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects and the State of Hawaii through his member appointment.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Louis Cheng'.

Louis Cheng, P.E.
President



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April 4, 2013

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker
Chair, Commerce and Consumer Protection
Senatorial District 6
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 230
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Subject: Mr. Craig Murayama's Nomination to the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects

Dear Senator Baker,

It is with honor that I am writing to you on behalf of my business associate and friend, Mr. Craig Murayama, who has been nominated by Governor Abercrombie to sit on the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects. I have had the pleasure of working with Mr. Murayama on various projects throughout the State over the past four years. As Director/Project Manager at KYA Design Group, Mr. Murayama has exhibited the leadership skills and design competency required to produce top notch projects.

Mr. Murayama's knowledge and experiences in the field of architecture have contributed to his many achievements over the years. Professional experiences, both on the mainland as well as in Hawaii, have had an impact on his technical development.

Mr. Murayama is a person of high integrity and is always willing to support his colleagues and teammates on project issues that affect them. This treatment of his colleagues has earned him the highest respect from those who know him.

I strongly support Mr. Murayama's nomination for a seat on the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects based upon his technical competency, leadership skills, professional experiences, and moral character.

Very truly yours,

Sean K. Sugai
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April 9, 2013

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker
Senate District 6
Chair, Commerce and Consumer Protection
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 230
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Baker:

**Mr. Craig Murayama for the State of Hawaii
Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects**

I am writing in support of having my friend and business colleague, Mr. Craig Murayama, AIA, serve on the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects. I have known and worked with Craig over the last 6 years and have found him to be a person of high integrity and ethical character. He has displayed extensive knowledge in project planning, design and construction in both private and government sectors. He relates well with people and has excellent facilitation skills. I believe he will be able to contribute significantly to our profession and the betterment of the State of Hawaii.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Very truly yours,

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President
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April 3, 2013

The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chairperson
and Members of the Senate
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 230
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Baker,

Thank you for your kind congratulations on my recent nomination by Governor Neil Abercrombie to the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects, Governor's Message 725. Below, please find my responses to the request for information received via email from your office, dated March 27, 2013.

(1) Why do you wish to be a member of the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects?

I believe that the professional design industry currently faces significant challenges in adapting to today's changing world. I view my participation as an opportunity to contribute to this professional Board's vital efforts to ensure that we, as design professionals, are leading and facilitating the rapid and necessary evolution of our industry.

(2) How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects?

The primary responsibility of the Board is to ensure that appropriate professional standards of care are being maintained throughout our community and to provide enforcement when necessary.

The role of the Board is also to continually evaluate the requirements for becoming professionally licensed and for maintaining professional licensure.

(3) Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities as a member of the Board, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise or knowledge that would aid in your decision-making ability as a member of the Board.

I have been professionally engaged in the field of architecture for nearly 30 years. I have been professionally licensed in California for 27 years and in Hawai'i for 17 years. I owned and managed my own architecture firm on Maui for 12 years and have been a Director with the firm of KYA Design Group, Inc. for the past 5 years.

My continued licensure in both the states of California and Hawai'i provide me with an awareness of the differences in approach and direction toward licensure, while my management experience provides me with the ability to strategically plan and make difficult decisions.

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(4) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

I am interested in making sure that licensing requirements reflect the current needs and future direction of our community and industry. I believe that licensing requirements can indirectly affect the local university educational curriculum and focus of its new, as well as anticipated, architectural graduates. I also believe that the continuing education requirements can profoundly influence the thinking of architects seeking to maintain their credentials, and are a valuable means of establishing or building a unified awareness, or even mindset, amongst a community of professionals.

(5) Name three qualities that best describe you and how will these qualities benefit the Board?

Three qualities that I would use to best describe myself are honest, humble, and logical. My honesty assures that I will approach this responsibility with integrity and fairness. My humility assures that I will not abuse, or use this position for personal gain or recognition. My logical thinking will assist the Board in moving forward with purpose and making difficult decisions when necessary.

(6) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board member?

While living and working on Maui, I served on the County of Maui's Urban Design Review Board.

(7) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the Board? How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest?

Potential conflicts of interest I can foresee are when matters of the Board pertain to other KYA employees, business colleagues, relatives, or friends. In such case, I would make known to the Board the potential conflict of interest and recuse myself from related discussions and voting.

I thank you and all the members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection for your consideration of my nomination, and look forward to this opportunity to serve my professional community as well as the community at large.

Sincerely,



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