

# GM756

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the  
Hawai'i Community Development Authority (Kaka'ako  
District), Gubernatorial Nominee, LOIS MITSUNAGA, for  
a term to expire 6-30-2016.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, GOVERNMENT  
OPERATIONS AND HOUSING

TO: The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair  
The Honorable Sam Slom, Vice-Chair  
The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker  
The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland  
The Honorable J. Kalani English  
The Honorable Laura H. Thielen  
The Honorable Glenn Wakai

Date: Monday, April 8, 2013

Time: 2:45 p.m.

Place: Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 216, 415 South Beretania Street

Re: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Community  
Development Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, Lois Mitsunaga, GM 756, for a  
term to expire on June 30, 2016.

Dear Senator Dela Cruz and Members,

Thank you for this opportunity to allow me to present some information about myself and request your support for my confirmation to the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA).

I was born and raised in Hawaii. My family and I lived at One Waterfront Towers in Kaka'ako from 1990 to 2000 and I currently live there now. As a resident of Kaka'ako, I have had the opportunity to see and experience first hand, the growth that has taken place in the neighborhood over the years. As much as the neighborhood has grown, it is my belief, that this area will continue to grow and will become the preferred home for many young working people, such as myself. As someone who grew up in the Kaka'ako area, I want to do all that I can to build a community where people can live, work and play.

Following my graduation from Punahou School, I attended and received a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Southern California and a Master of Science in Structural Engineering from the University of Hawaii at Manoa. However, while my parents taught me from an early age the importance of pursuing an education, they also stressed that I must also contribute to our community. As a result, throughout my life I have sought opportunities to participate in community service and volunteer work.

After graduating from college, I focused on learning the practical skills needed to work effectively as an engineer and a project manager. These skills and experiences have allowed me to serve effectively as a member of the HCDA. I am once again ready to serve the State of Hawaii and my community, if I am fortunate enough to be confirmed by the Senate to the HCDA.

April 8, 2013

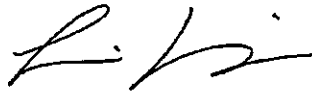
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I have thoroughly enjoyed and hope to continue serving on the HCDA because I believe that with my background and skills as an engineer and work in the architectural, engineering and construction industry, I can contribute to the goals and mission of the HCDA. In addition, as my company specializes in architecture, planning, project management, construction management, civil, structural, mechanical and electrical engineering; I believe that I can call on additional expertise and resources if needed.

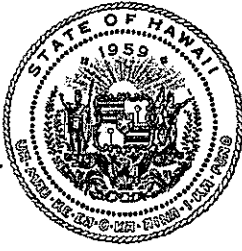
If I am fortunate enough to be confirmed, I promise to put in the necessary time and effort to effectively contribute to furthering the goals and objectives of the HCDA and our community.

Thank you again for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Mitsunaga', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Lois Mitsunaga



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Director  
Department Of Business, Economic Development and Tourism  
before the  
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, GOVERNMENT  
OPERATIONS AND HOUSING**

Monday, April 8, 2013  
2:45 P.M.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 016

in consideration of  
**GM 756**  
**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE HAWAII  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (KAKA'AKO DISTRICT)  
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, LOIS MITSUNAGA  
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-16.**

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Slom, and Members of the Committee.

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism **strongly supports** the nomination of Lois Mitsunaga for the Hawaii Community Development Authority (Kakaako District).

Ms. Mitsunaga is an up-and-coming urban professional that is currently serving on the HCDA Board of Directors. Ms. Mitsunaga's educational and professional background as a structural engineer has helped guide the HCDA with proposed development proposals and zoning applications within the past year. Ms. Mitsunaga is also a member of the Urban Land Institute. Her background and training will serve her well as the HCDA considers developer proposals (both big and small) that are expected to be forthcoming in the next three years for the Kakaako Community Development District. Ms. Mitsunaga's background is consistent with the necessary qualifications for an individual to serve effectively on the Board. I ask that her nomination be confirmed as a member of the Board until June 30, 2016.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments in support of Ms. Mitsunaga.



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BEFORE THE

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OPERATIONS AND HOUSING

ON

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**GM 756 – SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION  
TO THE HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
AUTHORITY (KAKA'AKO DISTRICT) GUBERNATORIAL  
NOMINEE, LOIS MITSUNAGA, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE  
ON 6/30/16.**

Beginning in July 2011 and ending in June 2012 Ms. Mitsunaga served as a member of the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA), Kaka'ako Community Development District (KCDD). Ms. Mitsunaga's educational and professional background as a structural engineer proved to be invaluable to the HCDA during her previous appointment when reviewing and commenting on development proposals and zoning applications before the Authority at that time.

The HCDA is fortunate to have Ms. Mitsunaga once again offer her time and energy to further the development of community and place in Kaka'ako. I believe that her educational background, project management experience, willingness to serve and residence in the KCDD are consistent with the necessary qualifications for an individual to serve effectively on the Authority.

Testimony reflects the view and position of the Executive Director and not that of the Authority.

The HCDA looks forward to working with Ms. Mitsunaga for the next three (3) years as the HCDA moves forward with promoting, coordinating, and constructing an urban village in Kaka'ako in which people can live, work, learn, and play. I ask that her appointment to the Authority is confirmed for a term to end on June 30, 2016.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments in support of Ms. Mitsunaga's nomination.



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Re: GM756 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Community Development Authority (Kaka'ako District), Gubernatorial Nominee, LOIS MITSUNAGA, for a term to expire 6-30-2016  
Hearing: Monday, April 8, 2013, 1445, Room 016

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Slom and Committee Members;

The Hawaii Building & Construction Trades Council, AFL-CIO. The Council is comprised of various construction trade unions and represents the interests of over 15,000 of Hawai'i's unionized construction trades men and women throughout the state.

The Council STRONGLY SUPPORTS for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Community Development Authority (HCDA-Kaka'ako District), Gubernatorial Nominee, LOIS MITSUNAGA, for a term to expire 6-30-2016.

Ms. Mitsunaga has served on the HCDA since July 2011. Her education and business experience in structural and civil engineering as well as overall involvement in and knowledge of the construction industry allows her to serve as a positive contributor to an agency that is charged with the mission of redeveloping and revitalizing designated underused and/or deteriorating urban areas.

HBCTC in fulfilling its' mission, often attends hearings and has interaction with members and staff of HCDA. We have found Ms. Mitsunaga to be of high professional integrity and knowledgeable of the matter at hand. In addition, whether we may agree or disagree on a matter, Ms. Mitsunaga has always made herself accessible for discussion and is a pleasure to work with.

The HBCTC is a member of the AFL-CIO and sanctioned by the Building and Construction Trades Department (organized in 1901). HBCTC serves its members and the community through advocacy and education. We sincerely appreciate the opportunity to provide comments in STRONG SUPPORT of GM756.

Mahalo;

Kika G. Bukoski  
Hawaii Building and Construction Trades Council, AFL-CIO

## Testimony of Glenn Ida

Representing the Plumbers and Fitters Local 675  
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Before the Senate:

Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and  
Housing

Sen. Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair

Sen. Sam Slom, Vice Chair

Monday, April 8, 2013

2:45 PM, Conference Room 016

Re: In strong support, GM756.

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz and Vice Chair Slom and Committee Members,

My name is Glenn Ida; I am representing the active and retired members of the Plumbers and Fitters Local 675.

Local 675 is in strong support of GM756, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Community Development Authority, Ms. Lois Mitsunaga, for a term to expire 6-30-2016.

Ms. Mitsunaga is highly educated and has a background in Structural and Civil Engineering and is currently the financial officer for Mitsunaga & Associates. With her education and work experience she would be an asset to the Hawai'i Community Development Authority.

I respectfully request favorable consideration and confirmation for Ms. Lois Mitsunaga, GM756.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Glenn Ida



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April 8, 2013

Senate Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing  
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**GM 756**

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Community Development Authority (Kaka'ako District), Gubernatorial Nominee, **LOIS MITSUNAGA**, for a term to expire 6-30-2016.

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Lois Mitsunaga has demonstrated wisdom in overseeing the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA). She brings a fresh perspective in understanding the complex and technical issues of the HCDA during the short time she has served.

Her knowledge as an Engineer has been essential to understanding the impacts and structures being considered for development which would include Honolulu's tallest tower, workforce developments, areas for retail, amusement and opens spaces among many others.

As a leader she has been a tremendous organizer to stakeholders and a vital source for information that can help a group of people understand their common objectives.

As a neighboring resident of Kakaako, I trust her vision and commitment to make our community a special place for people of all walks, to live, work and play.

Thank you for the opportunity to show my strong support for my friend Lois Mitsunaga.

To: Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair, Committee On Economic Development, Government  
Operations and Housing  
RE: GM 756 Submitting for Consideration And Confirmation , Nominee Lois Mitsunaga To The  
Board of the Hawaii Community Development Authority

This testimony is submitted in strong support of the nomination of Ms. Lois Mitsunaga to the Board of the Hawaii Community Development Authority.

The Legislature, in its wisdom, created and established the Hawaii Community Development Authority in 1976 to plan for and revitalize urban areas in the State which lawmakers determined were in need of timely redevelopment. This action resulted in joining the strengths of private enterprise with public development and regulation to improve our communities. Therefore, individuals considered to serve on this Board should possess leadership qualities, intellect, and be a beacon for the future of our State.

Ms. Mitsunaga is the ideal candidate. She has exceptional Education credentials. She is a graduate of Punahou School, earned a GPA of 3.96 for her Master of Science in Structural Engineering degree from the University of Hawaii and holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering degree from the University of Southern California.

As the Treasurer of Mitsunaga & Associates, Inc., she has experience in the private and public sector. In budget matters for the company, she has direct responsibility, from preparation of documents to decision-making on construction proposals, including personnel supervision, and on an international level in Korea and the Philippines. This experience aids in her ability to understand the global market and utilize this perspective to assist in economic issues that may come before the Board. Her experience also includes work with our government personnel for which she received a commendation from DAGS for a timely response to the 2006 Earthquake damages to the Laupahoehoe Library on the Big Island. Ms. Mitsunaga is more than ready to serve.

As a friend and participant with Lois in the community, I have seen her display extreme calm under pressure from irate and loving citizens and handle huge projects statewide that included diverse groups of people, and all with the dignity and sensitivity of a person way beyond her youth. Hawaii is fortunate to have someone like her who is interested in serving the community.

I have known Lois for more than twenty years. She is smart, honest, action-oriented and has grown to be an excellent role model for aspiring engineers. It is with the utmost respect and enthusiasm that I wholeheartedly urge your Committee to approve her nomination.

Respectfully submitted,

Pauline N. Namu'o, 04/03/2013  
Former Deputy Director For Administration  
Department of Public Safety

April 3, 2013

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz – Chair, Senate Committee on Economic Development,  
Government Operations and Housing  
Senate District 22  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 202  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Testimony for GM 756 – Ms. Lois Mitsunaga’s Nomination to the Board of the Hawaii  
Community Development Authority

This testimony is in strong support for the consideration and confirmation of Lois Mitsunaga to the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA).

I have known Lois Mitsunaga for more than 20 years and have seen her develop from a young student to a professional and now as she pursues opportunities to serve our community.

She has many accomplishments in her field of structural engineering, such as having the prestigious recognition of being an inaugural scholar in 2008, which speaks to her level of knowledge, commitment and passion for her career.

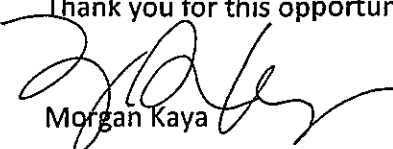
Along with her extensive education in structural engineering from the University of Southern California and University of Hawaii, Manoa, and background and experience in construction and architecture at Mitsunaga and Associates, Lois has exceptional credentials that will equip her to positively contribute to the leadership and progression of the HCDA.

Born and raised in Hawaii, Lois is deeply rooted in our community and has a vested interest in seeing the long-term success of our state. This is also demonstrated in her dedication to sustain and grow her family’s locally owned and operated business that she has been working at since 2001.

She devotes herself to accomplishing her goals and is not afraid of hard work. She will be committed to moving the HCDA forward on its projects and has the know-how and determination to deal with challenges that the HCDA may face.

Lois’ character is one of integrity and honesty and undoubtedly will serve the HCDA and our community well. I believe Lois will be an asset to the HCDA and humbly submit this testimony in her support.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify,

  
Morgan Kaya

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair  
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Senate Committee Confirmation Hearing GM 756, Monday April 08, 2013.

Submitting Testimony in favor for Consideration and Confirmation of Lois Mitsunaga to be Hawaii Community Development authority's Board of Directors.

Honorable Chair Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing:

It gives me great pleasure and honor to submit testimony on behalf of Lois Mitsunaga and humbly ask your consideration to confirm Lois Mitsunaga on the Hawaii Community Development authority's Board of Directors. I have known Lois for many years and have the pleasure to work with her as fellow employee since Lois joining our firm in 2005.

Lois's educational credentials are impressive, earning an undergraduate degree in Civil Engineering from USC and a Masters in Structural Engineering from the University of Hawaii. Lois's educational background and experience as a working Structural Engineer will serve her well in the continuing efforts to update the Master Plan for Kakaako, and reviewing Development Proposals and Zoning applications brought before the HCDA Board.

I can personally vouch that Lois is a very dedicated hard working and very thorough individual whom will serve the HCDA with Professionalism, an open mind and the willingness to work with everyone for the betterment of the Community and task at hand. Lois also has (if needed) the office resources such as staff and/or professional input should the need or opportunity arises.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to provide my testimony in favor and support of Lois Mitsunaga to the HCDA Board of Directors.

Hawaii State Legislature  
Senate Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing

Monday, April 8, 2013  
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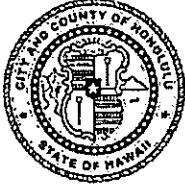
GM 756 - Consideration and Confirmation to the Hawai'i Community Development Authority (Kaka'ako District), Gubernatorial Nominee, LOIS MITSUNAGA, for a term to expire 6-30-2016

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Slom, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Luis Salaveria, current deputy director of the Department of Budget and Finance, and fellow authority member for the Hawai'i Community Development Authority serving as Governor's representative. As such I've had the opportunity to work with Ms. Mitsunanga over the past year and a half on the authority. During this time I have seen her contributions to the Authority as a valuable asset and her willingness to work and volunteer is at an admirable level. Your favorable consideration for Ms. Mitsunanga to continue serving on the authority will help facilitate the movement of current projects that meet the needs of Kaka'ako.

I humbly urge the members of the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing to support Ms. Lois Mitsunanga's nomination and advancing GM 756 for full Senate confirmation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Ms. Lois Mitsunanga to the Hawai'i Community Development Authority (Kaka'ako District).



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5 April 2013

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Senate Committee for Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing (EGH):

I humbly submit my testimony in support of the nomination of Ms. Lois Mitsunaga to the Hawai'i Community Development Authority (HCDA), and I respectfully urge the members of the EGH to her nomination by Governor Neil Abercrombie in favorable consideration.

As a former member of the Hawaii State House of Representatives and now as a member of the Honolulu City Council, I have had the opportunity to work with Ms. Mitsunaga on a number of issues important to both State and City government. Ms. Mitsunaga has proven knowledge, experience, and the necessary skills to serve as a member of the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) having already served on the Board for the past two years. She also has exceptional credentials having graduated from Punahou School and pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Southern California as well as a Masters in Science in Structural Engineering from the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Her experience in the private sector as an engineer will allow her to strongly lead projects in the Developmental Districts assigned to her.

I have the utmost confidence that Lois has the ample capability to serve the Hawai'i Community Development Authority and has the best interests of the people of City and County of Honolulu and the State of Hawai'i in mind. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to testify on behalf of Ms. Lois Mitsunaga on her nomination to HCDA.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by e-mail at jmanahan@honolulu.gov or by phone at (808)-768-5007. Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joey Manahan", is written over a large, stylized circular flourish.

Councilmember Joey Manahan  
City & County of Honolulu, District VII

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April 8, 2013

The Honorable Donovan Delacruz, Chair  
The Honorable Sam Slom, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations & Housing

SUPPORT of GM 756, LOIS MITSUNAGA,  
Gubernatorial Nominee for  
Hawai'i Community Development Authority (Kaka`ako District)  
Senate Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations & Housing  
Monday, April 8, 2013 at 2:45 p.m.

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Slom and Members of the Committee,

My name is Shannon Alivado and I am writing in *support* of the nomination of Lois Mitsunaga to serve as a Board Member of the Hawaii Community Development Authority, Kaka`ako District (HCDA-Kaka`ako). Ms. Mitsunaga is an intelligent and knowledgeable young woman with a diverse background, which includes working on the architectural development of projects, proficiency in the Korean language, and a passion for sports.

Ms. Mitsunaga's experience in the private sector and her dedication to her profession qualifies her to serve as a board member of the HCDA-Kaka`ako. She has practical knowledge and understands the pressures of operating a private business. The HCDA-Kaka`ako refocused district will touch many upcoming smart-growth developments that will help the Kaka`ako district maintain its sense of place, while attempting to meet the needs of Honolulu's residents with workforce housing, commercial and industrial investments and infrastructure improvements.

Ms. Mitsunaga is an ideal candidate for this position because she brings a fresh look to the Board and can lend her expertise of her profession to others. Moreover, through her experiences in Hawaii and abroad she can appreciate the uniqueness of Hawaii.

Ms. Mitsunaga's work in the community and in the public sector will allow her the opportunity to share those successful experiences and put it towards accomplishing the mission of the HCDA- Kaka`ako.

For these reasons, I respectfully request your favorable consideration of Ms. Mitsunaga to the Hawaii Community Development Authority (Kaka`ako District).

April 8, 2013

Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing

Testimony in support of GM 756: LOIS MITSUNAGA nomination to the Hawaii  
Community Development Authority

Submitted by Amy Agbayani

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Slom and members of the Senate Higher Education Committee

I am taking this opportunity to express my strong support for Lois Mitsunaga's nomination to the Hawaii Community Development Authority. Over the years, I have had countless opportunities to observe and work with Ms. Mitsunaga on issues and community projects. I am very impressed with her integrity, knowledge, professional and community experience. Her experience on city and state boards addressing a variety of governmental policies and working with non-profit and business group benefits the policy-making work of the HCDA. Ms. Mitsunaga has a proven excellent track record working collaboratively and effectively as a policy maker and community leader. She is a community leader with relevant professional work experience for HCDA.

I strongly endorse Lois Mitsunaga and am confident she will continue to be a responsible, hard working member of the HCDA.

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