

Resolution 19-311
Testimony

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January 8, 2020

The Honorable Ikaika Anderson
Chair and Presiding Officer
And Members
Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street, Room 202
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Anderson and Councilmembers:

It is indeed my privilege to provide this letter of support for Mr. Mark K. Yonamine's nomination to serve as the Director of the City and County of Honolulu Department of Design and Construction (DDC).

My name is Collins Lam and I have known Mark for over 10 years, before he was appointed as the Deputy Director at DDC. I have had the privilege to hold both the Deputy Director and the Director position at the DDC and understand the challenge and responsibilities of this position.

Mark far exceeds the Charter Section 6-503 requirement for the DDC Director position. Mark has over a decade of private sector experience as a designer/project manager, which is critical in understanding the design, permitting and construction process. During his 7 years at the City and County of Honolulu as the Deputy Director for DDC, he has excelled at performing as an executive. I have been a Deputy Director in the past and I know that the job of the Deputy Director has always been to run the day to day operations, resolve issues and make hard decisions in the absence of the Director. Mark is battle tested and will make an excellent Director and since he is already very familiar with all the various departments under him and I am positive that he has great ideas on what to do to further improve the department.

Mark's demeanor is excellent for this position. He is a smart administrator with extensive engineering background and has the ability to quickly analyze and make hard decisions. In the Director position, I am confident that Mark will make a huge difference in improving the City's infrastructure. He is already doing it as the Deputy Director and as a Director, I feel that he will be able to establish and implement protocols that will allow the City to operate efficiently. Another of Mark's strong points is his willingness and patience to listen to people (general public, politician, employees) and evaluate what is best for the City.

In conclusion, I humbly ask that the City Council confirms Mark Yonamine's nomination for the position of DDC Director. He is the best man for the position and he is already doing the job.

Please do not hesitate to call me at (808) 226-3239 should you have questions about my written testimony.

Sincerely,



Collins Lam

From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Wednesday, January 8, 2020 10:35 AM
Subject: Public Infrastructure, Technology and Sustainability Speaker Registration/testimony

Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Meeting Date 01-22-2020
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Mark Yonamine is a hard working, honest, and driven man who sacrifices his own personal gain to give back to the people of Hawaii. His involvement in the community through youth sports and sustainability activities also speaks to his own belief that providing for the current and future generations should remain a top priority. Am proud to support and recommend Mark Yonamine for the position of DDC Director.

Testimony Attachment

Accept Terms and Agreement 1

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January 12, 2020

From:
Jaslyn Silver
Hanamura Appraisal Company
P.O. Box 10611
Honolulu, HI 96816

Dear Council Member(s),

I submit this letter to personally recommend Mark Yonamine for the position of DDC Director.

I met Mark approximately 10 years ago when we were members of the Honolulu Executives Association. Mark was a principal at Lyon & Associates at the time. I was, and still am, President of my real estate appraisal practice, Hanamura Appraisal Company. I have continued to be an active member of the Honolulu Executives Association, am a current board member, and have served as the association Vice-President and President. In one word, Mark is diligent. Over the years I have sought Mark's professional expertise on various real estate properties. He has always diligently and carefully examined the issue at hand and given me his honest opinion/recommendation. He is quick to listen, methodical in his approach to problem-solve and fair in his assessments.

It is without hesitation in which I support Mark in his nomination

Sincerely,

Jaslyn Silver
President
Hanamura Appraisal Company
808-735-2600





January 13, 2020

The Honorable Carol Fukunaga, Chair
Public Infrastructure Technology and Sustainability Committee
Honolulu Hale, Room 203
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Support: Confirmation of Mark Yonamine as Department of Design and Construction Director
(RESO 19-311)

Dear Chair Fukunaga and Members of the Committee of Public Infrastructure Technology and Sustainability,

My name is Lance K. Wilhelm, President of The Wilhelm Group. I submit this testimony in strong support of Mark Yonamine's appointment as the Director of the Department of Design and Construction and I do so with the utmost confidence that he will be a worthy addition to this most important City office.

In the years that I have known Mark, I have found him to be a diligent, compassionate and capable leader who possesses the intelligence and technical knowledge relevant to managing the department's various programs and activities and implementing public policy.

Integrity and uprightness portray his character. You can always count on Mark to be open, honest and to stand by his commitments. In all of his various responsibilities, Mark has also demonstrated a sense of fairness, common sense and good judgment.

It is because of these traits that I am confident that Mark Yonamine will be a great asset to our City as Director of the Department of Design and Construction and our community.

Sincerely,

Lance K. Wilhelm

From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Wednesday, January 15, 2020 12:53 PM
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Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Meeting Date 01-22-2020
Council/PH Committee PITS
Agenda Item RESO-19-311
Your position on the matter Support
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Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Dear Chair Fukunaga and committee members,

Written
Testimony

My name is Alan Arakawa, senior vice president at D.R. Horton. I am please to submit this testimony in strong support of the appointment of Mr. Mark Yonamine to the position of Director of the Department of Design and Construction. I have known Mr. Yonamine for years. With his extensive engineering and administrative experience in both the private and public sectors, he will bring a balanced perspective to this very important leadership position and serve the City and County of Honolulu very well. Thank you for this opportunity to testify in strong support of the appointment of Mr. Yonamine.

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BRENNON T. MORIOKA
DEAN

January 19, 2020

Committee Chair Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair Kymberly Pine, and Honorable Members of the
Committee on Public Infrastructure, Technology and Sustainability
City Council
City and County of Honolulu
Honolulu Hale, City Council Chamber
Honolulu, HI 96813

**Re: Resolution 19-311 confirming the appointment of Mr. Mark Yonamine to serve as the
Director of Design and Construction of the City and County of Honolulu**

Chair Fukunaga and Members of the Committee,

I would like to express my support for Resolution 19-311 relating to Mr. Mark Yonamine's
appointment to serve as the Director of Design and Construction of the City and County of
Honolulu.

I have known Mr. Yonamine for over forty years and have also worked with him in both of our
various capacities and regarding numerous initiatives. I have always known Mark to be hard
working, fair, and knowledgeable about the tasks at hand. He has familiarity with both the City
and State processes, has the necessary relationships both in government and the private sector,
and is committed to the well-being of Oahu's residents as a true public servant should. As a
former director myself of a large public works agency in the state, I believe Mark also has the
necessary temperament required to deal with a multi-faceted constituency that a public works
type director must collaborate with. I believe he is a qualified nominee and would ask for your
favorable consideration of his appointment to this position.

Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'BM' followed by a flourish.

Brennon T. Morioka, PhD, PE
Dean

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Testimony of
Ken C. Kawahara

Before the Committee on
Public Infrastructure, Technology and Sustainability

Wednesday, January 22, 2020
1:00 P.M.

City Council, City and County of Honolulu
Committee Meeting Room

In consideration of
MM-141 AND RESOLUTION 19-311
APPOINTMENT OF MARK K. YONAMINE

Chair Fukunaga, Vice-Chair Pine and Honorable Members of the Committee on Public Infrastructure, Technology and Sustainability:

I respectfully ask for your support of the nomination of Mark K. Yonamine to serve as the Director of the Department of Design and Construction for the City and County of Honolulu.

As you are aware, Mr. Yonamine is currently the Director Designate of the Department of Design and Construction since November 2019 and has served as the Deputy Director of the same department since 2013. In addition to his City and County of Honolulu experience, he has worked in engineering in both private consulting and for the State of Hawaii. He has a wealth of experience and his continuation in the position would best serve the City and County of Honolulu.

I am confident that Mr. Yonamine will continue to make significant contributions to the Department of Design and Construction and strongly support his nomination.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.


Ken C. Kawahara, P.E.



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January 20, 2020

Ms. Carol Fukunaga
Honolulu City Council, Committee Chair
Public Infrastructure, Technology and Sustainability (PITS) Committee
Honolulu Hale, Room 203
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: RESOLUTION 19-311, NOMINATION OF MARK K. YONAMINE TO SERVE AS THE DIRECTOR OF DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

Dear Ms. Fukunaga:

On behalf of the Waikiki Business Improvement District Association (WBIDA), we are in support of the confirmation of Mr. Mark Yonamine as Director of Design and Construction for the City and County of Honolulu.

Please contact me at (808) 923-9243, or jnakayama@waikikibid.org if you have any questions.

Mahalo,

WAIKIKI BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

Jennifer Nakayama, P.E.
President and Executive Director

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Testimony by Garret Matsunami
Vice President, Castle & Cooke Hawai'i

City & County of Honolulu, City Council
Councilmember Ikaika Anderson, Chair
Councilmember Ann H. Kobayashi, Vice Chair
Wednesday, January 22, 2020
1:00 p.m.

In Support of Resolution 19-311

CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF MR. MARK K. YONAMINE TO SERVE AS THE
DIRECTOR OF DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION

Dear Chair Anderson, Vice Chair Kobayashi and Members of the Honolulu City Council:

We strongly support the nomination of MARK YONAMINE for the Director of the Design & Construction.

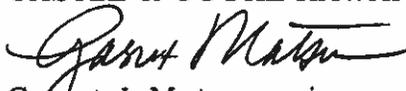
Mr. Yonamine has already successfully served as Deputy Director for the Department of Design & Construction and completely understands the responsibilities of the position. He understands both the public and private sector after experiencing the best of both worlds as a licensed civil engineer. His true value is his ability to work with key members of the administration as well as other public stakeholders to implement projects quickly and effectively. Equally as important in today's world of social media, Mr. Yonamine is always prepared to communicate project information and status to maximize stakeholder satisfaction and minimize potential disputes.

What many may not know is that Mr. Yonamine is a part of a very active community-serving family especially with regard to teaching and coaching children to become better people and better athletes. While Mr. Yonamine has coached baseball for over 20 years, the Yonamine Family has been involved long before that. His uncle Wally Yonamine is the former San Francisco 49er and Japan Baseball Hall of Famer and his father Ken and brothers Dean and Todd all have coached both community and high school baseball and dedicated endless hours for the sake of our youth.

Mr. Yonamine is an honorable man who continues to make decisions based on what is best for the people of Honolulu. There is no better man for the position and we are honored to present this testimony to the City Council in favor of Mr. Yonamine's nomination to serve as the Director of Design & Construction.

Sincerely,

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Garret J. Matsunami
Vice President

From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 2:47 PM
Subject: Public Infrastructure, Technology and Sustainability Speaker Registration/testimony

Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Meeting Date 01-22-2020
Council/PH Committee PITS
Agenda Item RESO 19-311, Item #1
Your position on the matter Support
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Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

It is without hesitation that I write this testimony on behalf of Mark Yonamine in support of his confirmation as Director of the Department of Design and Construction. Mark has the right ability, skills and knowledge for this difficult job. He is able to work with City, State and Federal Agencies as well as private individuals and companies. He is extremely easy to get along with and I have enjoyed working with him.

Written Testimony He has great experience dealing with the City's roadway, drainage, solid waste and wastewater issues as well as working with HART and the design and construction of the new rail system. Working in the private sector before joining the City, he developed the his design skills and practical knowledge of the City's complex infrastructure systems. Managing large projects while in private practice, Mark gained the necessary technical and "people skills" to manage this important department.

It would be in the best interest of the City that Mark Yonamine be appointed as Director of Design and Construction.

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