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The Honorable Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair
And Members of the City Council
City and County of Honolulu
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair and Council members:

This is in support of the confirmation of Michael Nakasone's appointment to Band Master of the Royal Hawaiian Band.

Mr. Nakasone has been a band director in the Hawaii Department of Education for 37 years, of which 28 of those years were spent as bandmaster at Pearl City High School. Mr. Nakasone has served as director of the Hawaii Youth Symphony II Orchestra for the past 16 years.

He has done exceptional work throughout the years with these music programs. His vision has taken the students of the Pearl City High School Music program to many prominent national and international events. He has demonstrated that his view of music and its role in life is global and inclusive. His track record is evidence that he will involve the community in the music of the Royal Hawaiian Band and give the community pride and ownership of this world class ensemble. He has demonstrated that he can bring the music and musicians of Hawaii to the world and spread aloha as musical ambassadors of this state.

I respectfully encourage you to confirm Michael Nakasone's appointment.

Sincerely,

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