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Support: 2

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 0

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<p>Testimony:</p> <p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>Grant Kagimoto has diligently devoted 21 years of service to the Honolulu Commission on Culture and Arts from 1995 to 2016. His commitment to the Design seat ensured that artists, community groups and not-for-profit agencies were heard with fairness and diligence. He was elected by his fellow Commissioners to Chair of the Committee, 2007 - 2016. Grant's experience with public arts funding, it's accountability process and discussions of appropriate acquisitions ensured that all voices were heard fairly and equitably.</p> <p>Grant now serves on the Grants-in-Aid Advisory Committee drawing upon over 25 years of voluntary civic service. He also draws upon his 45+years as a graphic designer and owner of Cane Haul Road, the company that commemorates local puns into witty T-shirts that celebrate our "local" community. He has donated his design services to more than 40 not-for-profit community organizations; capturing their missions for visual familiarity.</p> <p>Grant's commitment to public service extends into the community. For over 40 years he has served as Board member and held positions and President and Treasurer for Moiliili Community Center and Temari Hawaii.</p> <p>We are all fortunate to benefit from Grant's design expertise, community connections and civic service.</p> <p>Ann Asakura, Temari Hawaii Executive Director</p>		

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September 20, 2022

TO: Members of the Honolulu City Council

RE: Nomination of Grant Kagimoto to the Grant in Aid Advisory Commission

My name is Carl Takamura and I am pleased to offer this testimony in support of the reappointment of Grant Kagimoto to the Grants in Aid Advisory Commission of the City and County of Honolulu.

I have known Grant for many years now, primarily through our service on the boards of Temari: Center of Asian and Pacific Arts and Moiliili Community Center respectively.

Grant is not only a gifted and well-respected local artist, but he is also a community volunteer with an amazing record of service to our city and our state. Besides serving as an elected member of a Neighborhood Board, Grant served for a number of years on the Honolulu Commission on Culture and the Arts as well as on the Board of Lyon Arboretum. He has helped juror many art shows and been actively involved in design work for a variety of businesses and community organizations, including The Bishop Museum, The Hawaii Plantation Village, and the Hawaii Youth Symphony Orchestra and the Youth Symphony Chorus.

Grant has drawn on his professional background and extensive community work in his service on the Grants in Aid Advisory Commission and I urge you to reappoint him to the Commission,