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Testimony

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Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Jul 8, 2023 @ 12:39 PM

Testimony:
Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kiaina, and members of Honolulu City Council,

I am pleased to offer written testimony in support of the appointment of Robert Mederios to serve on the Board of Parks and Recreation of the City and County of Honolulu. I know Robert as a colleague, and he is a fierce advocate for our community. He is a dynamic leader, a systems thinker, and is driven by a desire to serve our keiki and ohana.

Mr. Mederios will be a great addition to the Board of Parks and Recreation, given his experience at Kamehameha Schools and his efforts to serve the community outside of work. I fully support his appointment and humbly request your favorable consideration.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify,
Jennifer Masutani

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Testimony:
To Whom It May Concern,

Mr. Robert Medeiros is an upstanding citizen who always has the wellbeing of the community in mind. I've know Mr. Medeiros for over three (3) years now, in a professional capacity. In my experience with Mr. Medeiros, I've found him to be respectful, caring, and a responsible steward of grant resources. He has my highest recommendation.

Kind regards,
Dr. Rachael Keaouhikane'alei Aquino

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Self	Support	Jul 10, 2023 @ 09:01 AM

Testimony:
RES23-153
CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT MEDEIROS TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

IN SUPPORT

I, Lisa Takatsugi, am testifying in favor of the appointment of Robert Medeiros, to serve on the Board of Parks and Recreation of the City and County of Honolulu. Mr. Medeiros has vast knowledge and insight in the educational systems and communities of Hawai'i. He has worked in both public and private educational spaces, and has contributed to both out-of-school and in-school time programming. Mr. Medeiros will be a valuable addition to the Board for his strategic approach on behalf of community, ‘ohana, and all keiki.

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Testimony:
I support the appointment of Robert Medeiros to serve on the Board of Parks and Recreation of the City and County of Honolulu. I have had the privilege of working with Robert in his advocacy of our community programs, and community supported activities that enhance and improve our Kaneohe Families. I know his personal time has been working and coaching his family in sports activities that often use county parks. The sports he supports and the use of our parks has given him first hand experience in the needs of families within our park system. I feel his understanding of our community programs and more importantly advocacy of community programs give him valuable insight to how our city and county parks can also support and enhance community activities and the supportive programs that make our parks vital to our community health and wellbeing. Please confirm Robert Medeiros to serve on the Board of Parks and Recreation of the City and County of Honolulu. Mahalo for your time.
Malama Pono and Aloha,
J. Kanekoa Kukea-Shultz

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Harold KL Castle Foundation	Support	Jul 11, 2023 @ 11:42 AM

Testimony:
Aloha,
I am pleased to write this testimony in support of Robert Medeiros. Members of the Harold KL Castle Foundation's team have had the pleasure of partnering with Robert during his long tenure at Kamehameha Schools. Together, we have expanded opportunity for young people to learn in 'aina and attend college. He is a well respected community leader that can bring thoughtfulness to the city's efforts to improve our parks and recreational opportunities.

June 10, 2023

The Honorable Tommy Waters
Chair and Presiding Officer and Members
Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street, Room 202
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Waters and Council members:

I am writing this letter as testimony is full support of Robert Medeiros' appointment to the Board of Parks and Recreation. I can say with complete confidence that Mr. Medeiros is highly qualified to advise the Mayor, the Council, and the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation on matters relating to the recreational, cultural, and entertainment activities and facilities of the City and on the beautification of such facilities and public streets of the City.

I have know Mr. Medeiros for five years and have worked with him in his position and Kamehameha Schools to support family engagement in our public schools with high native Hawaiian populations in the Kailua-Kalaheo Complex. In addition, he serves on our Hawai'i 'Ohana Support Network to support family engagement and family resource centers statewide. I have found him to be a service leader of high moral fiber, acutely intune with the needs and the strengths of the community, and particularly those of the native Hawaiian population. He is a strong advocate for our public school system and I feel that advocacy will extend to the mission of the Department of Parks and Recreation to support all Hawai'i residents through activities and allocations that allow cultural connections between people and the land.

I believe Robert Medeiros will serve on this committee with his heart, mind, and soul, all of which are deeply rooted in this place and this culture. He is forward thinking, innovative, and has a talent for bringing people together to get the work done. If I can provide any additional needed information, please feel free to reach out to me.

Sincerely,



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July 10, 2023

Mr. Tommy Waters, Chair
Honolulu City Council
Honolulu Hale
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Waters:

Re: Resolution 23-153: Letter of Support for the appointment of Mr. Robert Medeiros to the Board of Parks & Recreation, City & County of Honolulu

Aloha, it is my honor to offer this letter of support for Mr. Robert Medeiros on his appointment to the Board of Parks and Recreation in the City & County of Honolulu.

I have worked and served the community with Mr. Robert Medeiros for over 15 years and found him to be a person with the highest integrity, aloha and passion for what he does in service to his community.

This appointment suits his abilities because of the importance of what the City Parks and Recreation does for our community especially its children and youth. He will serve the community well with his knowledge and reputation that he has earned over the years as a servant leader. As a Native Hawaiian, he is culturally grounded and lives the values of aloha everyday in bringing people of all backgrounds together to advance what is unique about Hawaii as both a special place with special people!

Please give him your highest consideration for this appointment.

Sincerely,

Herb Lee Jr.
President & CEO
Pacific American Foundation

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