

RES24-209
Testimony

MISC. COMM. 391

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Meeting Date: Sep 4, 2024 @ 10:00 AM

Support: 55

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 0

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Self	Support	Aug 30, 2024 @ 05:59 PM
Testimony: Aloha Chair Waters and Members of the Honolulu City Council, I am writing in SUPPORT of Resolution 24-409 and the appointment of Ryan M. Toyomura to C&C of Honolulu Board of Appeals. I have known Mr. Toyomura for nearly two decades and can attest to his dedication to serve our community and to the experience (private and public sectors) he will bring to the Board. I respectfully request the City Council to move Resolution 24-209 forward confirming Ryan M. Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mahalo, Jay Ishibashi		
Name:	Email:	Zip:
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Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Aug 30, 2024 @ 11:21 PM
Testimony: September 4, 2024		

Testimony in SUPPORT
Adrian Kamali'i
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Honolulu City Council
Honolulu Hale
530 South King Street #202
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Re: Resolution 24-209; Appointment of Ryan M. Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals – (IN SUPPORT)

Aloha e Chair Waters and members of the Honolulu City Council,

My name is Adrian Kamali'i. I am writing in strong SUPPORT of Resolution 24-209 and the appointment of Ryan M. Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

I have known Ryan for over 15 years. I have watched him as a legislative staffer and now as a practicing attorney. Ryan has a passion for his home. His passion coupled with his academic background/work experience gives Ryan a unique opportunity to shape our close-knit communities.

I'm happy to support homegrown talent who strives to make our home better.

Mahalo nui,
Adrian Kamali'i

Name: arnold wong	Email: arnoldwong1@gmail.com	Zip: 96701
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Aug 31, 2024 @ 06:14 AM

Testimony:
Ryan:

Is a great guy with a lot of experience that will be helpful to the board. I would highly suggest that you approve him.

Thank you.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
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Charles Crumpton	crumpton@chjustice.com	96822
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Aug 31, 2024 @ 09:54 AM
Name: Marlene Uesugi	Email: tailen@hawaii.rr.com	Zip: 96706
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Aug 31, 2024 @ 12:18 PM
Testimony: My name is Marlene Uesugi and I am in SUPPORT of Resolution 24-209 and the appointment of Mr. Ryan M. Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals. I have known and worked with Ryan as a colleague at the State of Hawaii Legislature for many years. I can attest that with his skills and experience, he will be an asset to serve as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Therefore, I respectfully request the Council to pass Resolution 24-209 and to confirm the appointment of Ryan Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals.		
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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 2, 2024 @ 10:40 AM
Name: Will Espero	Email: william.espero@gmail.com	Zip: 96706
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 2, 2024 @ 11:39 AM
Testimony: Aloha Council Members, I am writing in support of Ryan M. Toyomura for a seat on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Ryan worked with me at the state legislature for 6 years as my senior advisor when I served as a Hawaii state senator. He was a valued and important member of my staff helping with writing, community affairs, legislative issues, and government matters. Ryan is very smart, articulate, and a wise calm thinker. He knows how to look at situations, gather data, carefully review information, and make reasonable, common-sense decisions.		

His career as a lawyer will make Ryan a great addition to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Thanks for your time and the opportunity to support Ryan.

Will Espero
Retired State Senator

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Testimony:
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Re: Resolution 24-209; Appointment of Ryan M. Toyomura to
the Zoning Board of Appeals – In Support

Dear Chair Waters and Members of the Council:
My name is Darien Chow, and I am attorney for the State of Hawaii. I am writing in support of Resolution 24-209 and the appointment of Mr. Ryan M. Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Mr. Toyomura's vast experience as a senior legislative advisor, and attorney dealing with land use, property, and government affairs makes him a great candidate for support. Having met Mr. Toyomura during his journey through law school and into the legal field, I have witnessed his growth and passion towards delivering the best in all he does. I am confident that Mr. Toyomura will be able to serve as an effective member of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

As such, I respectfully request the Council to pass Resolution 24-209 and to confirm the appointment of Ryan Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Regards,

Darien Chow		
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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 2, 2024 @ 07:56 PM
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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 3, 2024 @ 04:05 AM
Testimony: September 4, 2024 Isaiah C Baclaan 91-1160 Sisal Street Ewa Beach, HI 96706 Honolulu City Council Honolulu Hale 530 South King Street #202 Honolulu, HI 96813 Re: Resolution 24-209; Appointment of Ryan M. Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals – (IN SUPPORT) Dear Chair Waters and Members of the Council: My name is Isaiah C Baclaan. I am writing in SUPPORT of Resolution 24-209 and the appointment of Mr. Ryan M. Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Ryan’s background as a practicing attorney and previous work in government will provide the necessary skills and experience to serve as an effective member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Therefore, I respectfully request the Council to pass Resolution 24-209 and to confirm the appointment of Ryan Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Sincerely, Name:___Isaiah C Baclaan_____		
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Representing:	Position:	Submitted:

Self	Support	Sep 3, 2024 @ 06:12 AM
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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 3, 2024 @ 09:43 AM
Testimony: Dear Chair Waters and Members of the Council: I am writing in SUPPORT of Resolution 24-209 and the appointment of Mr. Ryan M. Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Ryan's background as a practicing attorney and previous work in government will provide the necessary skills and experience to serve as an effective member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Therefore, I respectfully request the Council to pass Resolution 24-209 and to confirm the appointment of Ryan Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals.		
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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 3, 2024 @ 09:56 AM

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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 3, 2024 @ 11:00 AM
Testimony: Re: Resolution 24-209; Appointment of Ryan M. Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals – (IN SUPPORT) Dear Chair Waters and Members of the Council, I am writing to express my strong support for Resolution 24-209 and Mr. Ryan M. Toyomura's appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals. I have had the pleasure of observing Ryan's professional journey. His extensive legal background and dedication to public service make him an exemplary candidate for this role. As an attorney at Ashford & Wriston LLP, Ryan has honed his		

expertise in various practice areas, including litigation, appeals, land use, and government affairs. His experience clerking for esteemed judges in the Intermediate Court of Appeals has further sharpened his legal research and decision-making skills, crucial qualities for a Zoning Board of Appeals member.

Ryan's commitment to the community is evident through his involvement with organizations such as the Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce and the American Judicature Society. As the current president of the Hawaii State Bar Association, I worked directly with Ryan when he coordinated the most recent Courts in the Community program with the Hawaii Supreme Court. His leadership in this initiative, which brings real court proceedings into schools to educate students about the judicial system, exemplifies his dedication to civic engagement and education.

The Zoning Board of Appeals plays a critical role in ensuring that decisions regarding zoning ordinances and variances are fair, balanced, and in the community's best interest. Ryan's legal acumen and comprehensive understanding of land use and zoning issues will enable him to approach each case objectively and fairly. His experience working with a broad spectrum of stakeholders—ranging from government entities to community organizations—positions him to make informed and equitable decisions that reflect the needs and values of our community.

Given Ryan's legal expertise, government experience, and dedication to public service, he will be an effective and fair member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. His unique qualifications and commitment to the community make him a valuable asset to the board.

Therefore, I respectfully request that the Council pass Resolution 24-209 and confirm Ryan Toyomura's appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Jesse K. Souki

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Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Sep 3, 2024 @ 11:18 AM
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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 3, 2024 @ 11:26 AM
Testimony: Aloha Chair Waters and Members of the Honolulu City Council, My name is Gladys Quinto Marrone and I am providing my written testimony in strong support of the appointment of Mr. Ryan M. Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA). I have known Ryan for many years, dating back to his time at the Legislature. He was always abreast on the issues, worked well with the public, and worked with integrity. Ryan's experience as a practicing attorney and his understanding of real property, land use, and legal procedures will serve the ZBA well. I respectfully request the Council pass Resolution 24-209 and to confirm the appointment of Mr. Ryan M. Toyomura to the Honolulu Zoning Board of Appeals. Sincerely, Gladys Quinto Marrone		
Name: Myoung Oh	Email: moh@wik.com	Zip: 96813
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 3, 2024 @ 11:48 AM
Testimony: Re: Resolution 24-209; Appointment of Ryan M. Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals — (IN SUPPORT) Aloha Chair Waters and members of the Honolulu City Council, I am Myoung Oh writing in SUPPORT of Resolution 24-209 and the appointment of Ryan M. Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeal. Ryan's background, expertise, and experienced professional in legal and government will provide the necessary skills to serve as an effective member of the Zoning Board of Appeals.		

I request your favorable consideration of his appointment.

Mahalo, Myoung

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Name: Lyn Flanigan	Email: lynflanigan@gmail.com	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 3, 2024 @ 01:57 PM
Testimony: Ryan volunteered to assist the Judiciary with its Courts in the Classroom project, in which the Court would hear a case at Kailua High School and windward schools would be invited to attend. This seemed like a simple project since there was a seasoned group of judges, administrators and lawyers on the organizing committee and a "template" for organizing all details, including developing materials and coordination briefings with participating schools. Apparently all didn't go as smoothly as anticipated, and Ryan stepped up and spent hours coordination the event. He did such an admirable job that the Chief Justice has asked him to continue coordination the program, which is envisioned to be held twice yearly. This is the extent of my relationship with Ryan but it has convinced me that when he assumes responsibility, he is willing and able to step up and do what it takes to "get things done". I thus support Ryan's appointment. LYN FLANIGAN		
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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 4, 2024 @ 01:01 AM
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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 4, 2024 @ 03:04 AM
Testimony:		

Dear Chair Waters and Members of the Council:

My name is Francisco Figueiredo, and I am writing in SUPPORT of Resolution 24-209 and the appointment of Mr. Ryan M. Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Ryan's background as a practicing attorney and previous work in government will provide the necessary skills and experience to serve as an effective member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Therefore, I respectfully request the Council to pass Resolution 24-209 and to confirm the appointment of Ryan Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Melissa Pavlicek
1099 Alakea Street, Suite 2530
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Honolulu City Council
Honolulu Hale
530 South King Street #202
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: *Resolution 24-209; Support for Ryan M. Toyomura to
the Zoning Board of Appeals*

Aloha Chair Waters and Members of the Council:

My name is Melissa Pavlicek, and I serve as a small business owner and attorney in Honolulu. I am writing in **SUPPORT** of Resolution 24-209 and the appointment of Mr. Ryan M. Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Please pass Resolution 24-209 and to confirm the appointment of Ryan Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Sincerely,

Melissa Pavlicek

August 30, 2024

Tiare Nakata 2033 Kilakila Drive Honolulu, HI 96817

Honolulu City Council
Honolulu Hale
530 South King Street #202
Honolulu, HI 96813

**Re: Resolution 24-209; Appointment of Ryan M. Toyomura to
the Zoning Board of Appeals – (IN SUPPORT)**

Dear Chair Waters and Members of the Council:

My name is Tiare Nakata, and I am a DUI Adjudicator for the Administrative Driver's License Revocation Office (ADLRO). I am writing in SUPPORT of Resolution 24-209 and the appointment of Mr. Ryan M. Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Ryan and I are 2023 Hawaii State Bar Association Leadership Institute fellows. Recognizing that the practice of law is unique in Hawaii with its melting pot of cultures and rich history, we completed a training program together designed to foster professional growth and enhance our leadership skills. Ryan comes to meetings well prepared. His comments are thoughtful and his questions are insightful.

As a fellow member of the American Judicature Society (AJS) an independent, nonpartisan organization working to protect the integrity of the American justice system, Ryan is concerned with issues involving access to justice and fairness in the legal system.

Ryan's background as a practicing attorney and previous work in government will provide the necessary skills and experience to serve as an effective member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Therefore, I respectfully request the Council to pass Resolution 24-209 and to confirm the appointment of Ryan Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Sincerely,



Tiare M. Nakata

September 2, 2024

Honolulu City Council
Honolulu Hale
530 South King Street #202
Honolulu, HI 96813

**Re: Resolution 24-209; Appointment of Ryan M. Toyomura to
the Zoning Board of Appeals – (IN SUPPORT)**

Dear Chair Waters and Members of the Council:

My name is Richard Oshiro , and I am writing in **SUPPORT** of Resolution 24-209 and the appointment of Mr. Ryan M. Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

I first became acquainted with Mr. Toyomura when he worked at the Hawaii State Senate. He was a dedicated public servant and has continued to pursue his desire to serve the public. I am sure he will be an asset to the Zoning Board of Appeals if you confirm his appointment.

Ryan's background as a practicing attorney and previous work in government will provide the necessary skills and experience to serve as an effective member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Therefore, I respectfully request the Council to pass Resolution 24-209 and to confirm the appointment of Ryan Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Oshiro". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Richard" and last name "Oshiro" clearly distinguishable.

Richard Oshiro



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September 4, 2024

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**Re: Resolution 24-209; Appointment of Ryan M. Toyomura to
the Zoning Board of Appeals – (IN SUPPORT)**

Dear Chair Waters and Members of the Council:

My name is **Manuel D. Garcia**, and I am Of Counsel to the Honolulu law firm of Ashford and Wriston, LLP. I am writing in **SUPPORT** of Resolution 24-209 and the appointment of Mr. Ryan M. Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Ryan's background as a practicing attorney and previous work in government will provide the necessary skills and experience to serve as an effective member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Therefore, I respectfully request the Council to pass Resolution 24-209 and to confirm the appointment of Ryan Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Sincerely,


Manuel D. Garcia

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August 31, 2024

Honolulu City Council

Re: Resolution 24-209 for Appointment of Ryan Toyomura to Zoning Board of Appeals

As a practicing civil litigation attorney here from 1978 to 2014, as a practicing mediator and arbitrator in civil and public policy cases here since 1985, as a teacher and trainer in negotiations and conflict resolution at Hawai'i Pacific University for over 20 years and in the University of Hawai'i's Executive MBA program in Viet Nam for over 10 years, I can fully affirm from personal knowledge and experience Ryan Toyomura's outstanding qualifications, knowledge, experience, education, judgment, common sense, integrity and selfless dedication to understanding and serving the best interests of the community, for his appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Ryan Toyomura has consistently distinguished himself in both those qualifications and in his devotion to community service, including in his exceptional leadership role in the Hawai'i Judiciary's valuable Courts in the Community project, throughout the years I have known him. Ryan will without doubt bring the highest level of service and credit to his work and to those he serves, and it is an honor and pleasure to support his appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals without reservations or conditions of any kind. I would be glad to provide additional information and respond to any questions.

Sincerely,



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**Re: Resolution 24-209; Appointment of Ryan M. Toyomura to
the Zoning Board of Appeals – (IN SUPPORT)**

Dear Chair Waters and Members of the Council:

My name is Ryan Mandado, and I am the Chief Education Officer (CEO) of DreamHouse ‘Ewa Beach Public Charter School. I am writing in **SUPPORT** of Resolution 24-209 and the appointment of Mr. Ryan M. Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

I have known Ryan personally and professionally since college. During my time working alongside him, I am confident in his ability to hold high ethical standards to any decision making process. His leadership is courageous, passionate, and thoughtful. I appreciate Ryan’s dedication to the broader community and his willingness to ensure things are right for people.

Ryan’s background as a practicing attorney and previous work in government will provide the necessary skills and experience to serve as an effective member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Therefore, I respectfully request the Council to pass Resolution 24-209 and to confirm the appointment of Ryan Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ryan Mandado', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Name: Ryan Mandado

CEO

DreamHouse ‘Ewa Beach PCS

David L. Ellis
95-1068 Ahea Street
Mililani, HI 96789

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**Re: Resolution 24-209; Appointment of Ryan M. Toyomura to
the Zoning Board of Appeals – (IN SUPPORT)**

Dear Chair Waters and Members of the Council:

My name is David Ellis. I am writing in **SUPPORT** of Resolution 24-209 and the appointment of Mr. Ryan M. Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Ryan's background as a practicing attorney and previous work in government will provide the necessary skills and experience to serve as an effective member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Therefore, I respectfully request the Council to pass Resolution 24-209 and to confirm the appointment of Ryan Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Sincerely,

David L. Ellis

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September 2, 2024

From:

Christopher T. Han
888 Kapiolani Blvd #3301
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To:

Honolulu City Council
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**Re: Resolution 24-209; Appointment of Ryan M. Toyomura to
the Zoning Board of Appeals – (IN SUPPORT)**

Dear Chair Waters and Members of the Council:

My name is Christopher Han, and I am a Deputy at the Hawai'i Department of the Attorney General.¹ I am writing in **SUPPORT** of Resolution 24-209 and the appointment of Ryan M. Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Having known Ryan since law school, I whole heartedly vouch for his integrity, character, and work ethic. Ryan devoted much of his prior career to the public and maintains an active interest in the the local community to this day. Ryan has also maintained his humility while striving for excellence in a field known for its rigors and demands. Combined with his incredible mind, Ryan's ability to dedicate himself ensures that he will likely succeed in any endeavor he puts his mind to.

Ryan's background as a practicing attorney and previous work in government will provide the necessary skills and experience to serve as an effective member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Therefore, I respectfully request the Council to pass Resolution 24-209 and to confirm the appointment of Ryan Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher T. Han

¹ This letter is being submitted in my individual capacity and the opinions expressed here do not represent the views of the Department.

Stanford J. Fichtman

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September 4, 2024

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**Resolution 24-209; Appointment of Ryan M. Toyomura
to the Zoning Board of Appeals – (IN SUPPORT)**

Dear Chair Waters and members of the Honolulu City Council,

My name is Stanford J. Fichtman, a resident of the City and County of Honolulu. I am writing to the Council in **support** of Resolution 24-209 and the appointment of Mr. Ryan M. Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

As this is a first reading hearing in which Mr. Toyomura will be further evaluated by the Council's Zoning Committee, I would like to reserve my comments but express strong support for further evaluation by that committee and his eventual appointment. I am confident that moving Mr. Toyomura's name forward for evaluation and eventual appointment by the full Council will yield a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals who is a dedicated member and will fulfill his duties to the benefit of the City and County of Honolulu.

Thank you for allowing me to share with you my support of Mr. Toyomura in his appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City and County of Honolulu.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Stanford J. Fichtman', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Stanford J. Fichtman

September 4, 2024

Koo Baker
1755 Waiola Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96826

Honolulu City Council
Honolulu Hale
530 South King Street #202
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Re: Resolution 24-209; Appointment of Ryan M. Toyomura to
the Zoning Board of Appeals – (IN SUPPORT)

Dear Chair Waters and Members of the Council:

My name is Koo Baker. I am writing in **SUPPORT** of Resolution 24-209 and the appointment of Mr. Ryan M. Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Honor is a word that I live by and Ryan is the most honorable person that I met while I attended the Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawaii at Mānoa. As a cadet at the United States Military Academy at West Point, I learned to live by the Cadet Honor Code of "A Cadet will not lie, cheat, steal, or tolerate those who do." I internalized the same Cadet Honor Code throughout my 21 years of active service in the U.S. Army. I never tolerated who was not honorable. I believe that the service to the nation – at any level from the national level down to the local neighborhood level – is the highest calling for a citizen. Honor eliminates the dangers of corruption, scandals, and other hazards in public service. In that spirit, I certainly know that Ryan's public service to the City and County of Honolulu as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be honorable.

In conclusion, Ryan's background as a practicing attorney and previous work in government will provide the necessary skills and experience to serve as an effective member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Therefore, I respectfully request the Council to pass Resolution 24-209 and to confirm the appointment of Ryan Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Koo Baker". The signature is stylized, with the first name "Koo" written in a cursive-like script and the last name "Baker" in a more formal, slightly cursive script.

Koo Baker
Lieutenant Colonel (U.S. Army Retired)



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September 3, 2024

To: The Honorable Tommy Waters
Chair
Honolulu City Council
Honolulu Hale
530 South King Street, #202
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

From: Benjamin A. Kudo
Ashford & Wriston
999 Bishop Street, Suite 1400
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: **Resolution 24-209; Appointment of Ryan M. Toyomura to the
Zoning Board of Appeals – IN SUPPORT**

Dear Chair Waters and Members of the Council:

I respectfully ask for your favorable consideration and the support of your Committee members on the appointment of Mr. Ryan Toyomura to the City and County of Honolulu Zoning Board of Appeals.

I have known Mr. Toyomura for two (2) years. He is an associate attorney at Ashford & Wriston and has done many assignments for me. I have supervised his work and can affirm that he has demonstrated intelligence and competence on matters he has worked on. This is especially true for assignments he has performed in the areas of land use, planning and zoning, environmental law and administrative law. His past engagement in civic and political areas has added a positive dimension to his perspective and competence.

In my opinion, Mr. Toyomura is a person of high integrity, compassion and intelligence and has the capability to meet the challenges of this position. Mr. Toyomura will faithfully carry out his responsibilities as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals and will be a good addition to it.

Based on the foregoing, I strongly recommend with no reservation your favorable consideration of Mr. Ryan Toyomura for the aforementioned position. He is a person who will prove to be worthy of your support and the public trust.

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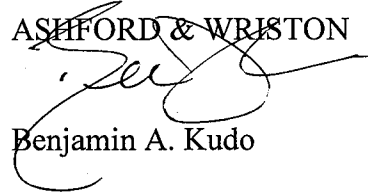
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Chair
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Thank you for your consideration and I respectfully urge your Committee's support to confirm his nomination.

Very truly yours,

ASHFORD & WRISTON

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Benjamin A. Kudo", is written over the printed name and the firm name "ASHFORD & WRISTON".

Benjamin A. Kudo

BAK:st

C. Mike Kido
2101 Nuuanu Avenue #2207
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817

September 3, 2024

Honolulu City Council
Honolulu Hale
530 South King Street #202
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: **Resolution 24-209; Appointment of Ryan M. Toyomura to
the Zoning Board of Appeal – (IN SUPPORT)**

Dear Chair Waters and Members of the Council:

My name is C. Mike Kido, and I am writing in **SUPPORT** of Resolution 24-209 and the appointment of Mr. Ryan M. Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Mr. Ryan Toyomura has developed his working career over the years to provide a broad base of life experience that will make the nominee an excellent candidate for public service on the City and County of Honolulu Zoning Board of Appeals.

Ryan's background as a practicing attorney and previous work in government will provide the necessary skills and experience to serve as an effective member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Therefore, I respectfully request the Council to pass Resolution 24-209 and to confirm the appointment of Ryan Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C. Mike Kido". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

C. MIKE KIDO

Century Square
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September 3, 2024

Honolulu City Council
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530 South King Street #202
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RE: Resolution 24-209; Appointment of Ryan M. Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals
(IN SUPPORT)

Chair Waters and Members of the Council:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony. I am writing to express my strong support for the appointment of Ryan M. Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

I have known Ryan for many years. He has always shown to be well spoken, thoughtful, fair, knowledgeable, and an effective leader. On a more personal note, I have worked with Ryan in various community groups. He has always brought meaningful insights, innovative ideas and never hesitated to express his opinions during discussions. I believe Ryan will continue to share these insights, ideas, and opinions and bring exceptional value and perspective to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Ryan's background as a practicing attorney and previous work in government will provide the necessary skills and experience to serve as an effective member of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Therefore, I respectfully request the Council to pass Resolution 24-209 and to confirm the appointment of Ryan Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Again mahalo for this opportunity to submit testimony.

Aloha,



Grant Tanimoto

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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Honolulu City Council
Honolulu Hale
530 South King Street #202
Honolulu, HI 96813

via email

**Re: Resolution 24-209; Appointment of Ryan M. Toyomura to
the Zoning Board of Appeals – (IN SUPPORT)**

Dear Chair Waters and Members of the Council:

My name is Steven D. Mewha, Esq., and I am an attorney with the law firm Clay Iwamura Pulice & Nervell, but am writing in my individual capacity. I am writing in **SUPPORT** of Resolution 24-209 and the appointment of Mr. Ryan M. Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Ryan's background as a practicing attorney and previous work in government will provide the necessary skills and experience to serve as an effective member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Therefore, I respectfully request the Council to pass Resolution 24-209 and to confirm the appointment of Ryan Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Sincerely,

Steven D. Mewha, Esq.

September 4, 2024

Dylan Gentaro Fujitani
3570 Kumu Place
Honolulu, Hawaii 96822

Re: Resolution 24-209; Appointment of Ryan M. Toyomura to the Zoning
Board of Appeals – (IN SUPPORT)

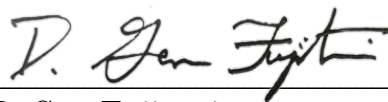
Dear Chair Waters and Members of the Council:

My name is Gen Fujitani and I write to you in support of Resolution 24-209 and the appointment of Mr. Ryan M. Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Ryan's experience as a practicing attorney and his previous work in state government have equipped him with the skill set to serve as a qualified and effective member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Ryan has carried out his public service with courtesy, good humor, and a commitment to serving the people of Hawaii. As an attorney, he is both a skilled and ethical practitioner. Additionally, Ryan's local upbringing and decades of life in Honolulu will inform his understanding of the nuances of our city's history, neighborhoods, and culture as he carries out his service.

For these reasons, I recommend that the Council pass Resolution 24-209 and confirm the appointment of Ryan M. Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Sincerely,

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D. Gen Fujitani

9/3/2024

Jason Bradshaw
jasonwbradshaw@gmail.com

Honolulu City Council
Honolulu Hale
530 South King Street #202
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Resolution 24-209, Zoning Board of Appeals, Ryan Toyomura (**In Support**)

Dear Chair Waters and Members of the Council,

My name is Jason Bradshaw, and I am writing in SUPPORT of Resolution 24-209 and the appointment of Mr. Ryan M. Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

I have known Mr. Toyomura for many years and can attest to his strong work ethic and desire to improve Hawaii. Mr. Toyomura will be an exceptional board member who will work well with all stakeholders. Furthermore, Mr. Toyomura's background as a practicing attorney and previous work in government will provide the necessary skills and experience to serve as an effective member of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

I respectfully request the Council to pass Resolution 24-209 and to confirm the appointment of Ryan Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Sincerely,

Jason Bradshaw



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Miyoko T. Pettit-Toledo
Assistant Professor of Law

September 3, 2024

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Honolulu, HI 96813

**Re: Resolution 24-209; Appointment of Ryan M. Toyomura
to the Zoning Board of Appeals (IN SUPPORT)**

Dear Chair Waters and Members of the Council:

My name is Miyoko Pettit-Toledo, and I am an Assistant Professor of Law at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa William S. Richardson School of Law. It is my privilege to write in support of Resolution 24-209 and the appointment of **Ryan M. Toyomura** to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

I first learned about Mr. Toyomura's character and talents when he had just graduated from WSRL and was clerking at the Intermediate Court of Appeals, State of Hawai'i. At that time, he was caring for an ill family member while balancing his obligations as a judicial law clerk. I later met Mr. Toyomura at WSRL Alumni events and learned about his law practice as counsel at Ashford & Wriston, LLP. Last year, I was further impressed by his leadership, character, and legal background when he was competitively selected to participate in the 2023 Hawai'i State Bar Association Leadership Institute. As member of the Leadership Institute's advisory council, and as a facilitator, moderator, and organizer on the Leadership Institute August session on "Doing the Right Thing," I witnessed first-hand Mr. Toyomura's thoughtful and professional demeanor, cooperative spirit, insightful contributions, and sound leadership. In my experiences with Mr. Toyomura, he has exemplified the highest levels of professionalism and excellence. His approach to the law and others reflects values steeped in our community.

For the above reasons and more, I believe that Mr. Toyomura's background as a practicing attorney and previous work in government will provide the necessary skills and experience to serve as an effective member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Thank you for this opportunity to provide comments in support of Mr. Toyomura. I respectfully request that the Council pass Resolution 24-209 and confirm the appointment of Ryan Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Sincerely,

Miyoko T. Pettit-Toledo

September 4, 2024
Keith Takeda
1020 Kalikimaka St
Honolulu, HI 96817

Honolulu City Council
Honolulu Hale
530 South King Street #202
Honolulu, HI 96813

**Re: Resolution 24-209; Appointment of Ryan M. Toyomura to
the Zoning Board of Appeals – (IN SUPPORT)**

Dear Chair Waters and Members of the Council:

My name is Keith Takeda, and I am writing in support of Resolution 24-209 and the appointment of Mr. Ryan M. Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Ryan's background as a practicing attorney and previous work in government will provide the necessary skills and experience to serve as an effective member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Therefore, I respectfully request the Council to pass Resolution 24-209 and to confirm the appointment of Ryan Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Sincerely,

Name: _____

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September 3, 2024

Honorable Rebecca A. Copeland
District Family Court Judge, First Circuit
Kapolei Judiciary Complex
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Kapolei HI 96707-3272

Honolulu City Council
Honolulu Hale
530 South King Street #202
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**Re: Resolution 24-209; Appointment of Ryan M. Toyomura to
the Zoning Board of Appeals – (IN SUPPORT)**

Dear Chair Waters and Members of the Council:

My name is Rebecca A. Copeland, and I am a District Family Court Judge for the First Circuit, recently appointed to the Circuit Court of the First Circuit. I am writing in **SUPPORT** of Resolution 24-209, and the appointment of Mr. Ryan M. Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

While I write in my individual capacity, I have come to know Ryan through my work on the Hawai'i Judiciary's Courts in the Community (CITC) program. As a prior member of the Hawaii State Bar Association's Board of Directors, and continuing to do so after being appointed to the Family Court bench, I have led the CITC efforts to recruit Oahu volunteer attorneys who go into the classrooms to teach students about a Hawaii Supreme Court case. Those students then attend a live Hawaii Supreme Court oral argument about the case, and have an opportunity to ask questions of the attorneys arguing the case. The students are also able to ask the justices general questions that do not involve the argued case. As a member of the HSBA's Leadership Institute, Ryan agreed to assist me with my CITC obligations. He went above and beyond doing so, allowing me to take a back seat while he organized the attorneys, communicated with both the volunteers and the teachers for the various participating schools/classrooms, and coordinated the efforts to ensure all of the students were prepared for the oral argument. Ryan did so well that after ten years serving as the volunteer attorney coordinator, I turned the reins over to Ryan.

Ryan's background as a practicing attorney and previous work in government will provide the necessary skills and experience to serve as an effective member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Additionally, having previously served on the Zoning Board of Appeals myself, and given my experiences with Ryan, I am confident he will serve the City and County of Honolulu and the

community well on the Board. Therefore, I respectfully request the Council to pass Resolution 24-209 and to confirm the appointment of Ryan Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rebecca A. Copeland". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Rebecca" being the most prominent part.

Rebecca A. Copeland



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September 2, 2024

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Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: **Resolution 24-209; Appointment of Ryan M. Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals – IN SUPPORT**

Dear Chair Waters and Members of the Council:

My name is Lauren Akitake, and I am a private practice attorney on Maui. I am writing in full **support** of Resolution 24-209 and the appointment of Mr. Ryan M. Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Ryan's background as a practicing attorney and previous work in government will provide the necessary skills and experience to serve as an effective member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. In addition to his solid resume of educational achievement and legal work experience, anyone who meets Ryan will quickly witness his maturity and professionalism. Therefore, I respectfully request the Council to pass Resolution 24-209 and to confirm the appointment of Ryan Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Sincerely,

Lauren M. Akitake

September 4, 2024

Honolulu City Council
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**Re: Resolution 24-209; Appointment of Ryan M. Toyomura to
the Zoning Board of Appeals – (IN SUPPORT)**

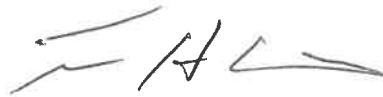
Dear Chair Waters and Members of the Council:

My name is Terrence Aratani, and I am writing in **STRONG SUPPORT** of Resolution 24-209 and the appointment of Mr. Ryan M. Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

I have known Ryan for approximately 10 years where we met while working at the Hawaii State Legislature. I worked with Ryan on various legislation and I always appreciated his input on legislative issues. I hold him in high respect for his intelligence and work at the legislature

Ryan's background as a practicing attorney and previous work in government will provide the necessary skills and experience to serve as an effective member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Therefore, I respectfully request the Council to pass Resolution 24-209 and to confirm the appointment of Ryan Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Sincerely,

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Terrence H. Aratani
223 Hao Street
Honolulu, HI 96821

September 3, 2024

Honolulu City Council
Honolulu Hale
530 South King St. #202
Honolulu, HI 96813

Resolution 24-209; Appointment of Ryan M. Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals – IN SUPPORT

Chair Waters and Members of the Council:

My name is Titiimaea N. Ta'ase and I am writing in SUPPORT of Resolution 24-209 and the appointment of Ryan M. Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

I met Ryan when we were both fellows of the 2023 Hawai'i Bar Association's Leadership Institute. What struck me about Ryan is his integrity and his belief in doing what is right. I believe that he will be a strong addition to the Zoning Board of Appeals and a diligent servant to the people of Honolulu.

Ryan's background as an attorney will provide the necessary skill and experience to serve as an effective member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Therefore, I request the Council pass Resolution 24-209 and to confirm the appointment of Ryan Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Sincerely,

Titiimaea N. Ta'ase

September 3, 2024

To: The Honorable Tommy Waters, Chair and Members of the Honolulu City Council

Subject: Resolution 24-209: **Strong Support** of Confirming the Appointment of **RYAN M TOYOMURA** to the Zoning Board of Appeals of the City and County of Honolulu

HEARING

DATE: SEPTEMBER 4, 2024
TIME: 10:00 A.M.
PLACE: HONOLULU HALE

The Honorable Chair Tommy Waters and Members of the Honolulu City Council,

My name is Lance M Inouye, CHB of Ralph S. Inouye Co., Ltd. (RSI), a local general contractor. I am writing in **strong support** of the confirmation of **Ryan M Toyomura**, to the Zoning Board of Appeals of the City and Council of Honolulu. **Ryan's** credentials as a practicing attorney and previous government work along with other testimony before the Honolulu City Council already speaks loudly and well of his qualifications for the position. I think it's best for me to speak of his character as a person.

Ryan is the go-to person for advice on maneuvering through government laws, rules and regulations if there is a problem that needs to be solved. In spite of the demands on this time, he always takes the time to help individuals such as me through the process. And that's not all. He has used his skills in helping industry associations such as the GCA and others through the governmental affairs process in our City and State so willingly. Don't let his youthfulness fool you. He has spent a lot of his years serving in the public sector with distinction. What is refreshing to me is that he always approaches any task with the overall good of our City and State in mind. The City and County of Honolulu and indeed the State of Hawaii will be the beneficiary of **Ryan's** experience and collaborative skills as well as his legal training as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Hence RSI and I personally **strongly support** the appointment of **Ryan M Toyomura** to the Zoning Board of Appeals of the City and Council of Honolulu and urge confirming his nomination. Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion of **Ryan**.

Honolulu City Council
Honolulu Hale
530 South King Street #202
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**Re: Resolution 24-209; Appointment of Ryan M. Toyomura to
the Zoning Board of Appeals – (IN SUPPORT)**

Aloha e Waters and Members of the Council:

My name is Henderson Huihui, and I am an attorney. I am writing in **SUPPORT** of Resolution 24-209 and the appointment of Mr. Ryan M. Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Ryan's background as a practicing attorney and previous work in government will provide the necessary skills and experience to serve as an effective member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Therefore, I respectfully request the Council to pass Resolution 24-209 and to confirm the appointment of Ryan Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Mahalo,


Henderson Huihui

Pacific Resource Partnership
1100 Alakea St. 4th Floor
Honolulu, HI 96813

Honolulu City Council
Honolulu Hale
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September 4, 2024

Re: Resolution 24-209; Appointment of Ryan M. Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals – (IN SUPPORT)

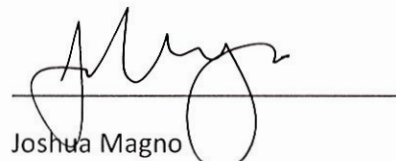
Dear Chair Waters and Members of the Council,

We write in SUPPORT of Resolution 24-209 and the appointment of Mr. Ryan M. Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Pacific Resource Partnership represents the 6,000 hard-working men and women of the Hawai'i Carpenter's Union as well as over 250 general contractors across the state committed to patronizing union laborers for their work.

Mr. Toyomura's lengthy history of service to Hawai'i in various capacities both professional and voluntary is a testament to his commitment and Aloha for our community. Through a lifetime of public service at the County, State, and Judiciary, Mr. Toyomura has developed a strong knowledge and understanding of our government institutions and practices, elements that will serve both his station and peers well. Furthermore, Mr. Toyomura's commitment to Hawai'i is only surpassed by his upstanding character and local family values which are at the foundation of his call to service.

Mr. Toyomura's background as a practicing attorney and previous work in government will provide the necessary skills and experience to serve as an effective member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Therefore, our organization respectfully requests the Council to pass Resolution 24-209 and to confirm the appointment of Mr. Ryan M. Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Sincerely,


Joshua Magno
Interim Executive Director



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Council Chairman Calvin Say & Council Vice Chairman & Tyler Dos Santos-Tam
530 S. King Street, Room 202, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Subject: Resolution No. 24-209; Appointment of Ryan M. Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals

Dear Chair Say & Vice Chair Dos Santos-Tam,

Chair Say & Vice Chair Dos Santos-Tam and members of the Zoning Committee. I'm Michael Magaoay an electrical consulting engineer testifying in strong support of Ryan M. Toyomura confirmation to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire on June 30, 2026.

Mr. Toyomura is presently serves as an attorney for Ashford & Wriston, LLP. I've known him since I was a legislature in the 2000 to 2010; community minded person to look at all aspect of the fulcrum to provide the best solution for the community at large, moving forward. He is a strong individual and will serve the Zoning Board of Appeals to the best of his abilities with grace.

I respectfully urge both of you and the committee to confirm Mr. Ryan M. Toyomura as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony.

Mahalo Nui loa,



Michael Y. Magaoay, President
MYM Services, LLC 09/03/24

September 3, 2024

Daniel W. Lum
1731 Hoolaulea Street
Pearl City, HI 96782

Honolulu City Council
Honolulu Hale
530 South King Street #202
Honolulu, HI 96813

**Re: Resolution 24-209; Appointment of Ryan M. Toyomura to
the Zoning Board of Appeals – (IN SUPPORT)**

Dear Chair Waters and Members of the Council:

My name is Daniel W. Lum, and I am a resident of Pearl City. I am writing in **SUPPORT** of Resolution 24-209 and the appointment of Mr. Ryan M. Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Ryan's extensive legal expertise, particularly in land use and government affairs, makes him an excellent candidate for the Zoning Board of Appeals. His experience as Counsel at Ashford & Wriston LLP and his previous role as a Senior Legislative Advisor equip him with the skills needed to navigate complex zoning issues.

Additionally, Ryan's commitment to public service and community involvement, demonstrated through his work with the Hawaii State Judiciary's Courts in the Community Program, highlights his dedication to our community's well-being.

I respectfully urge the Council to pass Resolution 24-209 and confirm Ryan Toyomura's appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Daniel W. Lum", written over a horizontal line.

September 3, 2024

Vasana Chiu
659 Hahaione Street
Honolulu, HI 96825

Honolulu City Council
Honolulu Hale
530 South King Street #202
Honolulu, HI 96813

**Re: Resolution 24-209; Appointment of Ryan M. Toyomura to
the Zoning Board of Appeals – (IN SUPPORT)**

Dear Chair Waters and Members of the Council:

My name is Vasana Chiu. I am writing in **SUPPORT** of Resolution 24-209 and the appointment of Mr. Ryan M. Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

I met Ryan while we were students attending the William S. Richardson School of Law, and we became friends while serving on the University of Hawaii Law Review. Since that time, I have been continually impressed by Ryan's character, wisdom and intellect, and his dedication to serving the Hawaii community.

Ryan's background as a practicing attorney and previous work in government will provide the necessary skills and experience to serve as an effective member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Therefore, I respectfully request the Council to pass Resolution 24-209 and to confirm the appointment of Ryan Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Sincerely,

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Vasana Chiu

September 4, 2024

Roger Tanaka
548 Lafayette Ave 4A
Brooklyn, NY 11205

Honolulu City Council
Honolulu Hale
530 South King Street #202
Honolulu, HI 96813

**Re: Resolution 24-209; Appointment of Ryan M. Toyomura to
the Zoning Board of Appeals – (IN SUPPORT)**

Dear Chair Waters and Members of the Council:

My name is Roger Tanaka and I am writing in **SUPPORT** of Resolution 24-209 and the appointment of Mr. Ryan M. Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

I've known Ryan since college and have been close to him since. We took the same business law class and he was always knowledgeable about the subject because he was a hard worker. He knew what his goal was and achieved it by practicing law. He is dedicated and a high achiever which is why we still keep in touch to this day. I have no doubt that he will be an excellent addition to the member of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Ryan's background as a practicing attorney and previous work in government will provide the necessary skills and experience to serve as an effective member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Therefore, I respectfully request the Council to pass Resolution 24-209 and to confirm the appointment of Ryan Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Sincerely,

Name:  _____



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September 3, 2024

Honolulu City Council
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Subject: Resolution 24-209; Testimony in SUPPORT of appointment of **Ryan M. Toyomura** to the Zoning Board of Appeals

Dear Chair Waters and Members of the Council:

I **strongly and whole-heartedly SUPPORT** Resolution 24-209 and the appointment of Ryan M. Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Over the past 17 years or so, I have gotten to know Ryan both professionally and personally, particularly though his work at the Honolulu City Council and Hawaii State Legislature, working together on political campaigns, and socializing. I have also followed Ryan's career as an attorney—from his judicial clerkships to his current position at Ashford & Wriston. We've talked in depth about many matters before the Honolulu City Council and the Legislature (e.g., the budget, public safety, housing, social issues, condominium law, and much more), legislative processes, and personnel issues. With his years of service at the City Council and Legislature, coupled with his judicial clerkships and private practice work, Ryan brings a depth and breadth of experience that will help provide valuable context and perspective for his public service on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

In my career, I have worked as an attorney in both private and public practice, served on the staff of two members of the Honolulu City Council (Randy Iwase and Audrey Hidano), served as the Chief of Staff/Committee Clerk of the Hawaii State Senate Committee on Ways and Means, and been one of the primary architects/drafters of Hawaii's condominium law (among other things). Given my life experience, there is no doubt in my mind that Ryan Toyomura will be an excellent addition to the Zoning Board of Appeals. I respectfully urge you to confirm his appointment to that position.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly by phone at (808) 542-1542 or by e-mail at gordonarakaki@hawaiiantel.net.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gordon M. Arakaki". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid.

Gordon M. Arakaki

JAYSON M. WATTS

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September 3, 2024

Honolulu City Council
Honolulu Hale
530 South King Street #202
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Resolution 24-209; Appointment of Ryan M. Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals – (IN SUPPORT)

Dear Chair Tommy Waters, Vice Chair Esther Kia'āina, and Members of the Council:

I am writing to express my strong support for Resolution 24-209 and Mr. Ryan M. Toyomura's appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

I have worked with Ryan Toyomura in various capacities for over ten years, and Ryan's extensive background as a practicing attorney, coupled with his experience in government, makes him exceptionally qualified for this role. His practice areas, which include land use, real property, government affairs, and energy infrastructure financing, are particularly relevant to the work of the Zoning Board of Appeals. His legal expertise and deep understanding of zoning and land use issues will be invaluable in ensuring that the Board's decisions are well-grounded in legal and practical considerations.

Furthermore, Ryan's prior experience as a Judicial Law Clerk at the Intermediate Court of Appeals has provided him with substantial experience in legal research and drafting judicial opinions, which are critical skills for analyzing the appeals that come before the Board. Additionally, his time as a Senior Legislative Advisor has equipped him with a unique perspective on the legislative process and stakeholder management, which will be beneficial in his interactions with the public and other stakeholders.

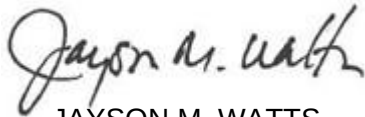
Ryan has demonstrated a commitment to public service throughout his career, including involvement with the Hawaii State Judiciary's Courts in the Community Program and membership in various community organizations such as the Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce and the American Judicature Society. His dedication to public service and his community involvement reflect his deep commitment to the well-being and growth of Honolulu.

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Given Ryan's qualifications, experience, and commitment to public service, I strongly and respectfully urge the Council to pass Resolution 24-209 and confirm the appointment of Ryan Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals. His expertise and dedication will be an asset to the Board and the City and County of Honolulu.

Thank you for your consideration and the opportunity to testify in support.

Very truly yours,



JAYSON M. WATTS

September 4, 2024

Leilani Carrero
94-510 Kupuohi Street
Waipahu, HI 96797

Honolulu City Council
Honolulu Hale
530 South King Street #202
Honolulu, HI 96813

**Re: Resolution 24-209; Appointment of Ryan M. Toyomura to
the Zoning Board of Appeals – (IN SUPPORT)**

Dear Chair Waters and Members of the Council:

My name is Leilani Carrero, and I am the 2023-2024 Judicial Law Clerk to the Honorable Kevin A. Souza at the Circuit Court of the First Circuit. I am writing in **SUPPORT** of Resolution 24-209 and the appointment of Mr. Ryan M. Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Ryan is a good friend of mine and has always been caring, dependable, and trustworthy. I believe his capacity and drive to serve the public, combined with his knowledge and practice in land use law, make him a highly appropriate candidate. Having also worked with him professionally I can attest to his commitment to hard work and to positively impacting his community. If confirmed, I know Ryan will work diligently and efficiently toward resolving any issues before the board while exhibiting fair judgment and balanced decision-making. These are just a few of his demonstrated qualities and why he has my unwavering support.

Ryan's background as a practicing attorney and previous work in government will provide the necessary skills and experience to serve as an effective member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Therefore, I respectfully request the Council to pass Resolution 24-209 and to confirm the appointment of Ryan Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Sincerely,

Name: Leilani Carrero



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September 3, 2024

HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

City Council Chamber

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

DATE: Wednesday, September 4, 2024

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON RESOLUTION 24-209; APPOINTMENT OF RYAN M. TOYOMURA TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

To Council Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia`aina and members of the Honolulu City Council:

Hawaii LECET is a labor-management partnership between the Hawaii Laborers' International Union of North America, Local 368, its' 5000+ members and its' 250+ unionized contractors. The Laborers' International Union of North America is the largest international construction trade union in the United States and Canada.

Hawaii LECET strongly supports Resolution 24-209; Confirming the Appointment of Ryan M. Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mr. Toyomura has extensive experience in government, as the former Senior Legislative Advisor for Hawaii State Representative Will Espero. As a practicing attorney at Ashford & Wriston LLP, his legal experience in land use issues will make him an asset on the Zoning Board of Appeals. In these capacities, Mr. Toyomura has gained valuable insight, knowledge and experience in a multitude of areas, such as public policy, legislative advocacy and matters as it relates to government.

Mr. Toyomura's involvement with the Hawaii State Judiciary's Courts in the Community Program, as well as a number of community organizations, speaks to his commitment to public service. Hawaii LECET strongly supports Mr. Ryan Toyomura's appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Thank you for your consideration.

Hawaii Laborers-Employers Cooperation & Education Trust



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GOVERNMENT STRATEGIES

A LIMITED LIABILITY LAW PARTNERSHIP

DATE: September 4, 2024

TO: Honolulu City Council
Councilmember Tommy Waters, Chair & Presiding Officer
Honolulu Hale

FROM: Mihoko Ito

RE: **Resolution 24-209; Appointment of Ryan M. Toyomura
to the Zoning Board of Appeals
Hearing Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2024**

Dear Chair Waters and Members of the Honolulu City Council:

I write in **SUPPORT** of Resolution 24-209 and the appointment of Mr. Ryan M. Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

I have known Ryan since he worked as a senior legislative advisor in a Hawaii State Senate office. I have observed Ryan's career as he went to law school, clerked for the state courts and then joined Ashford & Wriston. At Ashford & Wriston, Ryan is engaged in a wide variety of legal work including litigation, appeals, land use, real property, corporate law, and energy infrastructure financing, and also works with our government affairs team on several client matters relating to the State Legislature.

Ryan is very diligent and competent in his legal work, but beyond that, also has an enthusiasm for learning and wisdom beyond his years that is evident in the everyday approach he brings to the matters he is working on. In government affairs matters, Ryan has been a team player, and also never hesitates to contribute his perspective and propose solutions on client issues.

Ryan has worked on a wide variety of subject matter from legislation to litigation to transactional work, which has provided him with a very broad legal and life perspective. He also has taken the initiative to be a leader within the firm, which speaks to his leadership skills.

Ryan's background as a practicing attorney and prior work in government are a great background for serving as an effective member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. In addition, I have no doubt that his balanced temperament and can-do attitude will be an incredible asset to the ZBA.

For these reasons, I respectfully request the Council to pass Resolution 24-209 and to confirm the appointment of Ryan Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this measure.

September 3, 2024

Rachel Jordan - P.O. Box 11479, Honolulu, HI 96828

Honolulu City Council
Honolulu Hale
530 South King Street #202
Honolulu, HI 96813

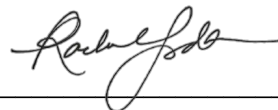
**Re: Resolution 24-209; Appointment of Ryan M. Toyomura to
the Zoning Board of Appeals – (IN SUPPORT)**

Dear Chair Waters and Members of the Council:

My name is Rachel Jordan, and I am writing in **SUPPORT** of Resolution 24-209 and the appointment of Mr. Ryan M. Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Ryan's background as a practicing attorney and previous work in government will provide the necessary skills and experience to serve as an effective member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Therefore, I respectfully request the Council to pass Resolution 24-209 and to confirm the appointment of Ryan Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Sincerely,

Name:  _____

September 3, 2024

Honolulu City Council
Honolulu Hale
530 South King Street #202
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Resolution 24-209; Appointment of Ryan M. Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals – IN SUPPORT

Dear Chair Waters and Members of the Council:

My name is Evalani Pandaraoan and I write to you in strong **SUPPORT** of Resolution 24-209 and the appointment of Ryan M. Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

I have had the pleasure of calling Ryan a friend for almost a decade. He is a dedicated public servant, as demonstrated by his years of experience serving in different capacities within the Hawai'i State Government prior to his law career, his experience as a judicial law clerk as he began his legal profession, and his current appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Ryan is a trustworthy, honest, and dependable friend who is dedicated to improving the conditions of those of us who call Hawai'i our home.

Ryan's background as a practicing attorney and previous work government will provide the necessary skill and experience to serve as an effective member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Therefore, I respectfully request the Council to pass Resolution 24-209 and to confirm the appointment of Ryan Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Sincerely,



Evalani Pandaraoan

September 4, 2024

**Re: Resolution 24-209; Appointment of Ryan M. Toyomura to
the Zoning Board of Appeals – (IN SUPPORT)**

Dear Chair Waters and Members of the Council:

My name is Maria Rallojay, and I am writing in **SUPPORT** of Resolution 24-209 and the appointment of Mr. Ryan M. Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Ryan's background as a practicing attorney and previous work in government will provide the necessary skills and experience to serve as an effective member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Therefore, I respectfully request the Council to pass Resolution 24-209 and to confirm the appointment of Ryan Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Sincerely,

Maria Rallojay

Name: _____

Councilmember Tommy Waters, Chair
Councilmember Esther Kiaʻāina, Vice Chair
Honolulu City Council

RE: Resolution 24-209 Confirming the appointment of Ryan Toyomura to the
Zoning Board of Appeals – In Support

Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kiaʻāina and members of the Council:

I appreciate this opportunity to submit testimony in support of the appointment of Ryan Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals, for a term to expire on June 30, 2026.

Ryan is an attorney at Ashford & Wriston and his practice areas include land use, litigation, appeals, real property, corporate law and government affairs. He is well-qualified to serve on the board and is willing to commit the time.

Your favorable action on his confirmation is respectfully requested. Thank you.

Lori Lum
98-1008 Piku Place
Aiea, HI 96701



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HASEKO DEVELOPMENT, INC.

Honolulu City Council
Honolulu Hale
530 South King Street #202
Honolulu, HI 96813

**Re: Resolution 24-209; Appointment of Ryan M. Toyomura to
the Zoning Board of Appeals – (IN SUPPORT)**

Dear Chair Waters and Members of the Council:

My name is Daniel Sandomire, and I am the Vice President at Haseko Development, Inc., a residential real estate developer in Ewa Beach. I am writing to express my strong **SUPPORT** for Resolution 24-209 and the appointment of Mr. Ryan M. Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Ryan's extensive experience as a practicing attorney, combined with his prior government service, equips him with the comprehensive knowledge and practical skills necessary for this important role. His background will allow him to effectively contribute to the Zoning Board of Appeals, ensuring that decisions are made with both legal precision and an understanding of community impact.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Council to approve Resolution 24-209 and confirm Ryan Toyomura's appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Sincerely,

Daniel Sandomire
Vice President

JUDGE RIKI MAY AMANO (Ret.)

1910 Lusitana Street

Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Phone: (808) 987-0857 (cell)

September 3, 2024

Testimony in Support of Resolution 24-209, Confirming the Appointment of Ryan Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

C&C of Honolulu City Council - Wednesday, September 4, 2024 • 10:00 am • Rm. 202

Chair Waters and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Honolulu City Council:

I am Riki May Amano, humbly submitting this writing as my testimony in support of Ryan M. Toyomura's appointment to the Honolulu Zoning Board of Appeals. Mayor Rick Bliangiardi has made a stellar selection!

Mr. Toyomura and I met professionally in 2023, through the Hawai'i State Bar Association's (HSBA) Leadership Institute. Even among outstanding lawyers chosen to participate in the Leadership Institute, Ryan stood out as exemplary. In addition to his two graduate degrees (Juris Doctor and Masters Degree in Public Administration), selection to the William S. Richardson School of Law's Law Review, and clerkships with notable jurists, Ryan's activities reflect his commitment to and involvement with several community organizations such as the Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce, American Judicature Society and the Hawaii State Judiciary's Courts in the Community Program. He is someone who clearly walks the talk.

In every aspect of his life, Ryan Toyomura demonstrates an unfailing commitment to reach for the highest bars. He is not one to be satisfied with *status quo* and gives his best efforts to everything he undertakes. As an alumnus of the William S. Richardson School of Law and a participant in the administration of the Hawaii State Bar Association's Leadership Institute, Ryan is a source of personal pride to me.

I respectfully request your confirmation of the appointment of Ryan M. Toyomura to Honolulu's Zoning Board of Appeals. He is certain to be a source of pride to each of you, as well.

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RIKI MAY AMANO
Judge (retired)

September 3, 2024

Aaron L. Johanson
Honolulu, HI 96819

Honolulu City Council
Honolulu Hale
530 South King Street #202
Honolulu, HI 96813

**Re: Resolution 24-209; Appointment of Ryan M. Toyomura to
the Zoning Board of Appeals – (IN SUPPORT)**

Dear Chair Waters and Members of the Council:

My name is Aaron L. Johanson and I am a self-employed Educational Consultant and a former State Representative. I am writing in SUPPORT of Resolution 24-209 and the appointment of Mr. Ryan M. Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Ryan is a terrific fit for continued public service. His long service with the Hawaii State Legislature has given him unique insights into how government works. At the Legislature, constituents rarely distinguish between state and county jurisdiction when they bring their concerns and issues to their elected officials. County issues regularly come up and I'm quite sure that in his many years with the Hawaii State Senate, Ryan intersected numerous county issues. Consequently, his experience makes him ideally suited to serving in an appeals and oversight capacity on the Zoning Board of Appeals. He is conscientious, hard-working, and diligent.

In addition to his governmental service, his legal background and training as a practicing attorney will be a key asset to the Board of Appeals.

Therefore, I respectfully request the Council to pass Resolution 24-209 and to confirm the appointment of Ryan Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Sincerely,

Name: Aaron L. Johanson

September 3, 2024

Keith Tokumoto ; 1251 Heulu Street #503; Honolulu, Hawaii 96822

Honolulu City Council
Honolulu Hale
530 South King Street #202
Honolulu, HI 96813

**Re: Resolution 24-209; Appointment of Ryan M. Toyomura to
the Zoning Board of Appeals – (IN SUPPORT)**

Dear Chair Waters and Members of the Council:

My name is Keith Tokumoto. I am writing in **SUPPORT** of Resolution 24-209 and the appointment of Mr. Ryan M. Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Ryan's background as a practicing attorney and previous work in government will provide the necessary skills and experience to serve as an effective member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Therefore, I respectfully request the Council to pass Resolution 24-209 and to confirm the appointment of Ryan Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Sincerely,

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Name: Keith Tokumoto