

RES24-209
Testimony

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Meeting Date: Sep 25, 2024 @ 09:00 AM

Support: 39

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 0

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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 21, 2024 @ 09:08 AM
Testimony: Aloha Honorable Calvin Say and Members of the Committee, Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Ryan Toyomura's appointment to the Zoning Board of		

Appeals.

I have known Ryan for at least 15 years and have a deep respect for his respectfulness, honesty, and warm-hearted nature. Ryan behaves with the utmost credibility and personal integrity. You will find his demeanor patient and thorough.

Although Ryan had a late start in his journey toward higher education, it certainly exhibits his perseverance and diligence in achieving his goals. Ultimately, I trust that Ryan will use that same approach as a valuable member serving this board.

I respectfully request the confirmation and appointment of Ryan Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Thank you very much.

Respectfully,
Jason Y. Ito

Name: Myoung Oh	Email: moh@wik.com	Zip: 96813
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 21, 2024 @ 03:19 PM

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

Aloha Chair Say and members of the Zoning Committee,

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

Name: Christopher Han	Email: chris91han@gmail.com	Zip: 96813
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Irene Matsumoto	matsu@hawaii.rr.com	96816
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 22, 2024 @ 06:24 PM
Testimony: To the Honorable Calvin Say and Members of the City Council: My name is Reverend Irene Eshin Matsumoto, resident minister of Palolo Kwannon Temple, a Tendai Buddhist temple for the past 29 years. I am writing in STRONG SUPPORT of Resolution 24-209 and the appointment of Ryan M. Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals. I first met Ryan when he came to the temple to ask me to say a “get well prayer” for his very ill grandmother. I learned that he was a senior at Mid Pacific Institute. I was impressed that a young man would come to the temple to ask for special prayer for his grandmother. From that day we connected. He is a kind, thoughtful and compassionate person. During the recent Virus Pandemic, I received a phone call from Ryan. Reverend, do you need any toilet paper or paper towel? Costco is selling them today and there is a long line, but if you need them, I will stand in line and get them for you.” I was touched by his concern. He is a wonderful PERSON and I support Ryan’s appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Sincerely, Irene E. Matsumoto		
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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 24, 2024 @ 09:51 AM
Testimony: Aloha Chair Say and the members of the City and County of Honolulu Zoning Committee, I am writing in SUPPORT of Resolution 24-409 and the appointment of Ryan M. Toyomura to the Zoning 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 Zoning Committee move Resolution 24-209 out of committee in the confirmation process to confirm Ryan M. Toyomura's appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mahalo, Jay Ishibashi		

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Testimony:

Testimony in Support

RES24-209

CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF RYAN TOYOMURA TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS.

Aloha e Chair Say -

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of Ryan Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Ryan's ability to wade through challenging issues with various points of view will ultimately make his tenure on the board an effective one. As a local boy, Ryan has seen our home change - allowing his homegrown experience to inform his potential responsibilities on the Zoning Board of Appeals is necessary. Coupled with his experience working with policymakers and his legal training, Ryan is a superb candidate for the board.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of Ryan Toyomura's confirmation to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Mahalo nui,
Adrian Kamali'i

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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 24, 2024 @ 10:34 AM

Testimony:

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

Dear Chair Say, Vice Chair Dos Santos-Tam, and Members of the Committee on Zoning:

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 your committee recommends that the Council pass Resolution 24-209 to 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: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 24, 2024 @ 11:59 AM
Testimony: Aloha Chair Say, Vice Chair Dos Santos Tam and members, I am writing in support of Resolution 24-209, appointing Ryan Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Ryan would add a unique perspective to the Zoning Board of Appeals, especially due to his experience in both state and county government and the private sector. His exposure to various Senate committees, while working at the Hawaii State Senate		

has prepared him well to understand petitioners that may come before the Zoning Board of Appeals about their displeasure with the City's ministerial decisions.

Additionally, Ryan's attention to detail and compassionate approach to difficult issues will add great value to this Board. Please confirm Ryan's appointment and approval of Resolution 24-209. Thank you for the opportunity to share my support.

Best regards,
Shannon Alivado

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Testimony:

Aloha Councilman/Chair Calvin Say and Committee members,

I am writing this memo in support of Ryan Toyomura for a seat on the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City and County of Honolulu. Ryan has many years of service in government, having worked with me for many years in the state senate. Ryan was a valued member of my staff, and I relied on his work ethic, writing skills, thinking abilities, and advice on all matters.

Ryan will be a fair and respectful member of the Appeals Board, and I know he will treat everyone with dignity and integrity. Ryan is articulate, intelligent, and a good listener, and he has the demeanor to serve with honor and distinction.

I am proud to give my support to Ryan and know he will do a fine job in the new position.

Thank you for your time.

Will Espero
State Senator

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Testimony: I support Ryan. I believe his background and experience will make a good selection for the Zoning Board of Appeals.		
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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 25, 2024 @ 01:13 AM
Testimony: Chair Say and members of the Zoning Committee 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 Zoning Committee to pass Resolution 24-209 and to confirm the appointment of Ryan Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals



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September 20, 2024

HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON ZONING

City Council Chamber

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

DATE: Wednesday, September 25, 2024

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

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

**To Committee Chair Say, Vice Chair Dos Santos Tam and members of the Honolulu City
Council Committee on Zoning:**

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.

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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 09/25/24

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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Councilmember Calvin Say, Chair
Councilmember Tyler Dos Santos-Tam, Vice Chair
Committee on Zoning

RE: Resolution 24-209 Confirming the appointment of Ryan Toyomura to the
Zoning Board of Appeals – In Support
Wednesday, September 25, 2024

Aloha Chair Say, Vice Chair Dos Santos-Tam and members of the committee:

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.

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Stanford J. Fichtman

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September 24, 2024

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

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

Dear Chair Say, Vice Chair Dos Santos-Tam, and Members of the Committee on Zoning,

My name is Stanford J. Fichtman, a City and County of Honolulu resident. 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.

I have had the honor of working with Mr. Toyomura while we served Councilmembers at the Honolulu City Council in the early 2000's. While we both worked for different Councilmembers, with different perspectives, I found Mr. Toyomura to be an ally to work with in moving mutually beneficial legislation forward. And that is the main trait I want to relay to you in this testimony, that Mr. Toyomura can work with a wide variety of people. This is a trait that has served him well in the past and will serve him well as he serves on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Furthermore, I am confident that moving Mr. Toyomura's name forward for final 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

Honolulu City Council
Committee on Zoning
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 Say and Members of the Committee:

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

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher T. Han



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The William S. Richardson School of Law

Miyoko T. Pettit-Toledo
Assistant Professor of Law

September 23, 2024

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

Dear Chair Calvin Say, Vice Chair Dos Santos-Tam, and Members:

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.

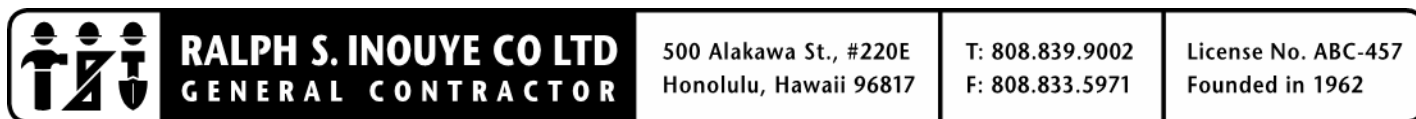
I first learned about Mr. Toyomura's character and talents when he had just graduated from WSRL and was clerking at the Intermediate Court of Appeals, State of Hawai'i. At that time, he was caring for an ill family member while balancing his obligations as a judicial law clerk. I later met Mr. Toyomura 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 a 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

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September 23, 2024

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

HEARING

DATE: SEPTEMBER 25, 2024
TIME: 9:00 A.M.
PLACE: HONOLULU HALE

Dear Chair Say, Vice Chair Dos Santos-Tam, and Members:

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**.



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GOVERNMENT STRATEGIES

A LIMITED LIABILITY LAW PARTNERSHIP

DATE: September 25, 2024

TO: Honorable Calvin Say, Chair
Committee on Zoning
Honolulu City Council

FROM: Mihoko Ito

RE: **Resolution 24-209; Appointment of Ryan M. Toyomura
to the Zoning Board of Appeals
Hearing Date: Wednesday, September 25, 2024**

Dear Chair Say, Vice Chair Dos Santos-Tam, and Members of the Committee on Zoning:

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 Committee to pass Resolution 24-209 for the appointment of Ryan Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

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

C. MikeKido
2101 Nuuanu Avenue #2207
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817

September 23, 2024

Honolulu City Council
Honolulu Hale
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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

To: Honorable Calvin Say, Chair;
Honorable Tyle Dos Santos-Tam, Vice Chair;
and Members of the Committee:

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. MIKEKIDO



ASHFORD + WRISTON
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September 23, 2024

To: The Honorable Calvin Say
Honolulu City Council
Committee on Zoning
Honolulu Hale
530 South King Street, #202
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

From: Benjamin A. Kudo
Ashford & Wriston
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RE: **Resolution 24-209; Appointment of Ryan M. Toyomura to the
Zoning Board of Appeals – IN SUPPORT**

Dear Chair Say, Vice Chair Dos Santos-Tam and Members:

My name is Benjamin A. Kudo and I am an attorney with Ashford & Wriston. I am writing in **SUPPORT** of Resolution 24-209 and the appointment of Mr. Ryan Toyomura to the 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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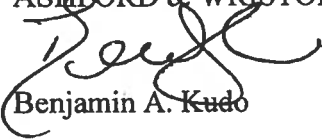
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Thank you for your consideration and I respectfully urge your Committee's support to confirm his nomination.

Very truly yours,

ASHEFORD & WRISTON

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Benjamin A. Kudo

BAK:st

September 25, 2024

Koo Baker
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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 Say, Vice Chair Dos Santos-Tam, and Members:

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 Hawai'i 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.

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 Committee 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 fluid and cursive, with the first name "Koo" and last name "Baker" clearly distinguishable.

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

Ryan C Mandado
1452 Alani Street
Honolulu, Hawai‘I 96817

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 Honorable Calvin Say, Chair:

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,

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Name: Ryan Mandado

CEO

DreamHouse ‘Ewa Beach PCS

September 24, 2024

Tiare Maruyama-Nakata 2033 Kilakila Drive Honolulu, HI 96817

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

Dear Honorable Chair Calvin Say, Vice Chair Dos-Santos Tam, and Members:

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 Maruyama-Nakata

September 24, 2024

Leilani Carrero
94-510 Kupuohi Street
Waipahu, HI 96797

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

Honorable Calvin Say, Chair:

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

September 25, 2024

Councilmember Calvin Say, Chair
Councilmember Tyler Dos Santos-Tam, Vice Chair
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 Say, Vice Chair Dos Santos-Tam, and Members:

My name is Evan Oue, and I am attorney at Imanaka Asato LLC. I am writing in **STRONG SUPPORT** of Resolution 24-209 and the appointment of Mr. Ryan M. Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals (the “Board”).

Mr. Toyomura has demonstrated the experience and expertise to be a valuable member of the Board. Mr. Toyomura has years of experience in various sectors of Hawaii including practicing as an attorney specializing in litigation, appeals, land use, real property, corporate law, government affairs, and energy infrastructure financing. In my time working with Ryan, he has carried himself with the utmost level of professionalism, consistently helping clients navigate complex legal and legislative matters. Mr. Toyomura’s constant work ethic, unwavering commitment, and attention to detail will allow him to thrive as a member of the Board.

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 Committee to pass Resolution 24-209 and to confirm the appointment of Ryan Toyomura to the Board. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support.

Sincerely,

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Evan Oue



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September 24, 2024

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

Dear Chair Say, Vice Chair Dos Santos-Tam, and Committee-Members:

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".

Gordon M. Arakaki

GMA:ga

September 24, 2024

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

Chair Say and Members of the Committee:

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,
/s/ Grant Tanimoto

Nicholas K. Ernst

1003 Bishop Street, Suite 1600
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

25 September 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**

Aloha e Chair Say, Vice Chair Dos Santos-Tam, and Members,

My name is Nicholas Ernst, and I am an attorney in Honolulu. I'm writing in **SUPPORT** of Resolution 24-209 and the appointment of Mr. Ryan M. Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals ("ZBA").

Ryan and I both attended the University of Hawai'i William S. Richardson School of Law together. We were both members of the evening/part-time program which allows students to work full-time jobs and attend law school in the evening. Mr. Toyomura was always very hardworking and diligent in his studies. He was also a member of the law school's Intellectual Property Moot Court Team.

Recently, I've worked with Ryan as a volunteer for Courts in the Community - the Hawai'i Supreme Court's educational outreach program that gives high school students unique, hands-on experience in how the Hawai'i judicial system works, and culminates with the full, five-member court traveling to Hawai'i high schools to hear oral argument in an actual case. Ryan assists with the program's operation and coordination, and was very helpful in providing materials and guidance when requested.

I am certain that Ryan's continued diligence as a practicing attorney and his volunteer work servicing countless students across the state demonstrate that Ryan is committed to working effectively on the ZBA. I respectfully request that the Committee pass Resolution 24-209 and confirm Ryan M. Toyomura's appointment to the ZBA.

Sincerely,


Nicholas K. Ernst



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

Dear Chair Say, Vice Chair Dos Santos-Tam, and Members:

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



HASEKO DEVELOPMENT, INC.

September 24, 2024

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

Dear Chair Say, Vice Chair Dos Santos-Tam, and Members of the Committee:

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

September 24, 2024

Daniel W. Lum
1731 Hoolaulea Street
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**Re: Resolution 24-209; Appointment of Ryan M. Toyomura to
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Dear Chair Say, Vice Chair Dos Santos-Tam, and Members of the Committee:

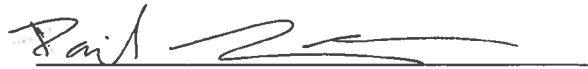
My name is Daniel W. Lum, and I am a resident of Pearl City. I am writing in **SUPPORT** of Resolution 24-209 and the appointment of Mr. Ryan M. Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

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,

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Daniel W. Lum

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

Dear Chair Say, Vice Chair Dos Santos-Tam, and Members:

My name is JARED J. SAY, and I am a staff attorney with the Law Office of Darlene Y.F. Itomura. 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 Committee to pass Resolution 24-209 and to confirm the appointment of Ryan Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Sincerely,

Name:

____Jared Say_____

September 24, 2024

Donalyn Dela Cruz
P.O. Box 179463
Honolulu, HI 96817

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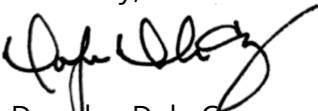
Dear Honorable Calvin Say, Chair; Vice Chair Dos Santos-Tam, and Members:

Aloha. My name is Donalyn Dela Cruz, 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 met Ryan some years ago when he was on staff at the State Legislature. He was thorough in his legislative work and had exceptional relationships. While on staff for a State Senator, Ryan spent some of his evenings attending law school. His drive for public service was evident then and it is now.

Ryan's background as a practicing attorney along with his previous government experience will be an asset to the Zoning Board of Appeals. I respectfully request the Committee to pass Resolution 24-209 and confirm the appointment of Ryan Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Sincerely,



Donalyn Dela Cruz



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

Dear Chair Say, Vice Chair Dos Santos-Tam, and Members:

I am writing to support the appointment of Ryan M. Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

As a partner at Ashford & Wriston, LLLP, I have had the privilege to work with Ryan as my colleague since October of 2022. During that time I have been uniformly impressed by Ryan's integrity, professionalism, strong work ethic, and calm demeanor in stressful circumstances. I particularly appreciate Ryan's enthusiasm for tackling and analyzing new and complex matters.

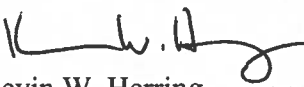
Ryan excels both independently and as a team member. He possesses excellent communication and analytical skills, enabling him to effectively engage with individuals from diverse backgrounds and perspectives. Ryan is open-minded, practical, and even-tempered. He can also be firm, when necessary, in a manner that is both respectful and persuasive.

Ryan's background as a practicing attorney and previous work in government make him an exceptionally qualified candidate for appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Therefore, I respectfully request the Committee to pass Resolution 24-209 and confirm the appointment of Ryan Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Very truly yours,

ASHFORD + WRISTON

A Limited Liability Law Partnership LLP

By 

Kevin W. Herring

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

Dear Chair Say, Vice Chair Dos Santos-Tam, and Members:

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,

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Evalani Pandaraoan

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

Honolulu City Council
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September 25, 2024

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

Dear Chair Say, Vice Chair Dos Santos-Tam, and Members:

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,

Name: _____

Joshua Magno
Interim Executive Director



ADRIENNE Y. SHIMONISHI ELKIND
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September 24, 2024

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

Dear Chair Say, Vice Chair Dos Santos-Tam and Members:

My name is Adrienne Y. Shimonishi Elkind, and I am an attorney with Ashford & Wriston LLLP. 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 his previous work in government will provide the necessary skills and experience to serve as an effective member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. I have personally worked with Ryan, and believe he will be a good addition to the Zoning Board of Appeals. I respectfully request the Committee to pass Resolution 24-209 and to confirm the appointment of Ryan M. Toyomura to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Sincerely Yours,

Adrienne Y. Shimonishi Elkind

Adrienne Y. Shimonishi Elkind



Legislative Testimony of Sunrun Inc.
Before the Honolulu City Council Committee on Housing, Sustainability, and Health
September 25, 2024

IN SUPPORT of Bill 40 (2024) – Relating to Professional Self-Certification

Dear Chair Weyer, Vice Chair Kia'āina, and distinguished Members of the Committee,

Sunrun is the nation's leading home solar, battery storage and energy services company, and has a long and proud history in Hawai'i with office and warehouse locations on O'ahu, Maui, and Hawai'i Islands. We employ more than 350 professions across the islands, including sales/marketers, customer experience professionals, and installation team members including electrical inspectors, technicians, forepersons and warehouse personnel.

Sunrun strongly supports Bill 40 (2024) proposed version CD1, which would create a self-certification pathway for larger-scale commercial and multifamily solar, energy storage and energy efficiency installations by expanding the list of eligible projects under current Ordinance 23-29.

Hawai'i has a 100% renewable portfolio standard (RPS) by 2045,¹ and DER systems are critical to achieving the state's RPS goals. In 2022, solar power generated nearly 17% of the state's total electricity, largely due to the rapid uptake of small-scale, customer-sites solar systems.² In 2023, Hawaiian Electric (HECO) achieved a 33% consolidated RPS, largely due to continued DER adoption.³ Rooftop solar is the leading contributor to Hawai'i's clean energy portfolio, making up over 46% of all renewable energy in the state.⁴ Continued implementation of rooftop solar has proven to be a strong component of the state's renewable energy generation and contributes to a more resilient energy system, however there are still significant permitting barriers hindering rooftop solar expansion, particularly for larger-scale commercial and multifamily sectors.

If passed, the bill will open a pathway for professional self-certification if a design professional undergoes additional certification with DPP for larger-scale commercial and multifamily solar, energy storage, and energy efficiency projects. This segment of the solar market offers an attractive opportunity to lower costs and increase resilience for businesses as well as residents in condominiums, many of whom are low-to-moderate income (LMI). We need to maximize solar on every rooftop in order to achieve the City and State's critical renewable energy and resilience goals, and to protect our citizens from an increasingly expensive and unreliable grid. Removing the barriers to solar permitting for businesses and condos is essential to expediting rooftop solar adoption for these sectors.

Sunrun strongly supports the proposed CD1 version of Bill 40 (2024) and respectfully urges the committee to advance this measure. Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony on this critical

¹ <https://energy.hawaii.gov/what-we-do/clean-energy-vision/>

² <https://www.eia.gov/state/?sid=HI#tabs-1>

³ <https://www.hawaiianelectric.com/hawaiian-electric-achieves-33-renewable-energy-in-2023>

⁴ <https://www.hawaiianelectric.com/about-us/performance-scorecards-and-metrics/renewable-energy>

legislation. As a national solar, storage and energy services company, Sunrun has a broad view of state and local clean energy policies and stands ready to assist O'ahu with its policy goals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'SR', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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