

RES25-218
Testimony

MISC. COMM. 415

*INTERNATIONAL & LEGAL AFFAIRS (ILA)

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Meeting Date: Aug 20, 2025 @ 01:00 PM

Support: 5

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 0

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Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Aug 14, 2025 @ 02:30 PM
Testimony: I, Johnnie-Mae L. Perry a former WCNB #24 member SUPPORT RES25-218 RELATING TO THE REAPPOINTMENT OF LARRY VERAY TO SERVE ON THE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.		
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Self	Support	Aug 19, 2025 @ 08:49 AM
Testimony: Aloha - I support the reappointment of Larry Veray to the NCO. He has been a strong asset to this commission. Mahalo, Kathleen Pahinui		
Name:	Email:	Zip:
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Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Aug 19, 2025 @ 12:12 PM
Testimony: I wholeheartedly support the reappointment of Larry Veray to the Neighborhood Commission. Mr. Veray has		

demonstrated a strong commitment to the successful functions of O ‘ahu’s Neighborhood Boards as elected voices for their Community Districts, and possesses a wealth of knowledge and experience as an experienced Board Chair emeritus. Clearly Mr. Veray must be reappointed to the Commission to continue providing his expertise, evaluation skills, and astute recommendations as the Commission works directly with the Boards toward successful outcomes benefiting O’ahu’s communities.



The Senate
Ka 'Aha Kenekoa

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August 18, 2025

The Honorable Scott Y. Nishimoto, Chair
The Honorable Andria Tupola, Vice Chair
and Members of the Committee on International and Legal Affairs
Honolulu City Council, City Council Chambers
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Nishimoto and Members:

Subject: Testimony in Support of Resolution 25-218
REAPPOINTMENT OF LARRY VERAY TO THE
NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION.

I would like to thank Chair Waters and Councilmember Okimoto for introducing Resolution 25-218 which reappoints Mr. Larry Veray to serve on the Neighborhood Commission ("NC") of the City and County of Honolulu. I offer my testimony in support of Mr. Veray to serve on the Neighborhood Commission as a commissioner.

I have known Mr. Veray for the past 13 years in my capacity as a community member, former Councilmember, and now in my current role as a State Senator representing the Pearl City area. In all those years I have seen Mr. Veray display leadership qualities of a servant leader. Mr. Veray truly cares about his community by being actively involved in many community organizations, his service to our country, and most notably volunteering his time as a community leader by serving as Chair of the Pearl City Neighborhood Board, Friends of Sunset Memorial, Pearl City Community Association, and the Pearl City Lions Club. It is important and critical to have someone with experience as a neighborhood board member to be on the NC because they have a firsthand experience of how the NC interfaces with the Neighborhood Boards throughout our entire island. Mr. Veray truly has a passion for public service and remains committed to doing what is right for his community. Altogether, he has a caring heart for others and finds ways to give back to the community. I know Mr. Veray will make a tremendous contribution to the NC and I ask you to support Resolution 25-218. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Brandon Elefante
Hawai'i State Senator District 16

**TESTIMONY OF
PATRICK S. SMITH**

**TO THE
COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL & LEGAL AFFAIRS,
CITY COUNCIL, CITY & COUNTY HONOLULU**

August 20, 2025

**RE: SUPPORT RES25-218 RELATING TO REAPPOINTMENT OF LARRY VERAY
TO THE
NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU**

Aloha Chair Nishimoto, Chair, Vice Chair Andria Tupola, and Council members,

As the current Neighborhood Commission Chair, testifying in my personal capacity, I write in strong support of the reappointment of Larry Veray to the Neighborhood Commission. I can think of no one better suited to serve. He has for numerous years, and remains one of, if not the most, well respected board chair in our board system. In the heretofore short tenure of commissioner Veray, he has contributed significantly to betterment of the board system by utilizing his experience, energy, and wisdom. The Neighborhood Commission is much better for his service and will continue upon with the reappointment of commissioner Veray .

With this reappointment and the three recent appointments of new commissioners, I am greatly encouraged the Neighborhood Commission is strongly equipped to craft policy and provide oversight to one of our nation's most uniquely democratic grassroots organizations, our local neighborhood boards.

Thank you for consideration of this matter.

Mahalo,

Patrick Smith