

RES26-061

Testimony

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Meeting

Meeting Date: Mar 31, 2026 @ 02:30 PM

Support: 8

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 0

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Representing: Gentry Homes, Ltd.	Position: Support	Submitted: Mar 30, 2026 @ 12:45 PM
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Representing: Royal Contrracting Co. Ltd.	Position: Support	Submitted: Mar 30, 2026 @ 02:04 PM
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Representing: D.R. Horton Hawaii	Position: Support	Submitted: Mar 31, 2026 @ 11:46 AM

March 31, 2026

TO: Honorable matt weyer, chair, honorable tyler dos santos-tam, vice chair, committee on energy, environment & sustainability

SUBJECT: **Support for RES 26-61.** RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF DARIAN CHUN TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, March 31, 2026

TIME: 2:30 p.m.

PLACE: City Council Chamber

Dear Chair Weyer, Vice Chair Dos Santos-Tam and Members of the Council,

The General Contractors Association of Hawaii (GCA) is an organization comprised of approximately five hundred (500) general contractors, subcontractors, and construction related firms. The GCA was established in 1932 and is the largest construction association in the State of Hawaii. Our mission is to elevate Hawaii's construction industry and strengthen the foundation of our community.

GCA **supports RES 26-61**, which submits for consideration and confirmation, the appointment of Mr. Darian Chun to the Board of Water Supply for a term expiring on June 30, 2030.

GCA believes that Mr. Chun has demonstrated the required experience and expertise to be a valuable member of the Board of Water Supply. Mr. Chun has decades of experience in various sectors of Hawaii and has a proven track record of results. He is currently a Project Manager with Royal Contracting Co. Ltd., and his role includes delivering critical infrastructure initiatives. His community service includes construction, community associations, and coaching. We're confident that Mr. Chun will be a great asset to the Board and that he is qualified to assist in the development, management, control, and operations of the City's water systems. We've always found Mr. Chun to be fair, competent, and knowledgeable.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of Mr. Chun's nomination.



March 30, 2026

TO: HONORABLE TOMMY WATERS, CHAIR, HONORABLE ANDRIA TUPOLA,
VICE CHAIR, HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Support for RES 26-61. RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF DARIAN
CHUN TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY OF THE CITY
AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

HEARING

DATE: March 25, 2026
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
PLACE: Honolulu Hale

Dear Chair Waters, Vice Chair Tupola and Members of the Committee,

Castle & Cooke Homes Hawaii, Inc. is a residential developer in Hawai'i focused on planning and building communities that support the state's long-term growth and infrastructure needs.

Castle & Cooke Homes Hawaii, Inc. supports RES 26-61, which submits for consideration and confirmation, the appointment of Mr. Darian Chun to the Board of Water Supply for a term expiring on June 30, 2030.

Castle & Cooke Homes Hawaii, Inc. believes that Mr. Chun brings relevant experience and a practical understanding of infrastructure and construction that would be beneficial to the Board of Water Supply. Mr. Chun has worked across multiple sectors in Hawai'i and has experience managing projects that involve coordination, budgeting, and delivery of infrastructure improvements.

Mr. Chun's background in infrastructure-related work provides a perspective that aligns with the operational and planning considerations of the Board of Water Supply. His familiarity with project delivery and coordination across stakeholders would be useful in supporting the Board's oversight of capital improvements and system management responsibilities.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of Mr. Chun's nomination.

Respectfully,

Anthony Gaston
Director, Site Development
Castle & Cooke Homes Hawaii, Inc.

RICHARD HELTZEL
1108 AUHAI STREET APT 305
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96814

March 31, 2026

TO: HONORABLE MATT WEYER, CHAIR, HONORABLE TYLER DOS SANTOS-TAM, VICE CHAIR, COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY

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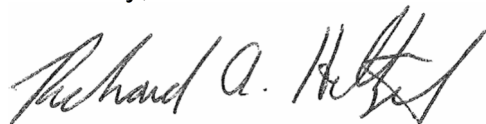
Dear Chair Weyer, Vice Chair Dos Santos-Tam and Members of the Committee,

I've been an executive and employee of local general contractor and subcontractor Healy Tibbitts Builders, Inc. for 46 years and am providing this personal written testimony **SUPPORTING RES 26-61**, which submits for consideration and confirmation, the appointment of Mr. Darian Chun to the Board of Water Supply for a term expiring on June 30, 2030.

I believe that Mr. Chun has demonstrated the required experience and expertise to be a valuable member of the Board of Water Supply. Mr. Chun has decades of experience in various sectors of Hawaii and has a proven track record of results. He is currently a Project Manager with Royal Contracting Co. Ltd., and his role includes delivering critical infrastructure initiatives. His community service includes construction, community associations, and coaching. We're confident that Mr. Chun will be a great asset to the Board and that he is qualified to assist in the development, management, control, and operations of the City's water systems. We've always found Mr. Chun to be fair, competent, and knowledgeable.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of Mr. Chun's nomination.

Sincerely,



Richard A. Heltzel



NORDIC PCL CONSTRUCTION, INC.

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March 31, 2026

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

Nordic PCL Construction, Inc., is a kama'aina company founded in Honolulu in 1938 with a portfolio of projects that include commercial, healthcare, hospitality, high-rise condominiums, education, airports, and institutional projects on all the major islands.

Nordic PCL Construction, Inc. **supports RES 26-61**, which submits for consideration and confirmation, the appointment of Mr. Darian Chun to the Board of Water Supply for a term expiring on June 30, 2030.

Nordic PCL Construction, Inc. believes that Mr. Chun has demonstrated the required experience and expertise to be a valuable member of the Board of Water Supply. Mr. Chun has decades of experience in various sectors of Hawaii and has a proven track record of results. He is currently a Project Manager with Royal Contracting Co. Ltd., and his role includes delivering critical infrastructure initiatives. His community service includes construction, community associations, and coaching. We're confident that Mr. Chun will be a great asset to the Board and that he is qualified to assist in the development, management, control, and operations of the City's water systems. We've always found Mr. Chun to be fair, competent, and knowledgeable.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of Mr. Chun's nomination.

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Glen Kaneshige
President



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March 31, 2026

TO: HONORABLE MATT WEYER, CHAIR
HONORABLE TYLER DOS SANTOS-TAM, VICE CHAIR
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PLACE: Honolulu Hale

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

ParEn Inc. dba Park Engineering is a Civil Engineering and Land Surveying firm based in Honolulu, Hawaii with over six decades of experience working on infrastructure projects throughout the state. In that time, we have worked on numerous Honolulu Board of Water Supply projects and understand the importance of strategic guidance at the board level to ensure the long-term protection and reliability of the water supply on Oahu.

Park Engineering **supports RES 26-61**, which submits for consideration and confirmation, the appointment of Mr. Darian Chun to the Board of Water Supply for a term expiring on June 30, 2030.

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of Mr. Chun's nomination.

Sincerely yours,

ParEn, Inc.
dba PARK ENGINEERING

Keith S. Uemura

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Engineering, OU=ParEn Inc.,
CN=Keith S. Uemura
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Keith S. Uemura, P.E.
President, Chief Executive Officer

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March 30, 2026

TO: HONORABLE MATT WEYER, CHAIR
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COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY
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PLACE: Honolulu Hale

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

Gentry Homes, Ltd., a residential real estate development company that builds homes and communities across O'ahu, strongly supports RES 26-61, which submits for consideration and confirmation the appointment of Mr. Darian Chun to the Board of Water Supply for a term expiring June 30, 2030.

We believe Mr. Chun brings the experience, judgment, and integrity necessary to serve effectively in this important role. He has decades of experience across multiple sectors in Hawai'i and a proven track record of delivering results. In his current role as Project Manager with Royal Contracting Co. Ltd., he is responsible for delivering critical infrastructure initiatives, giving him practical, on-the-ground insight into the systems and challenges that directly impact our communities.

In addition to his professional experience, Mr. Chun has demonstrated a strong commitment to community service through his involvement in construction, community associations, and coaching. He is known to be fair, competent, and thoughtful in his approach, and we are confident in his ability to contribute meaningfully to the development, management, and stewardship of Honolulu's water systems.

Water infrastructure is foundational to the health, resilience, and future growth of our communities. Mr. Chun's combination of technical knowledge, leadership experience, and community-minded perspective positions him well to help guide sound, responsible decision-making for the Board of Water Supply.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of Mr. Chun's nomination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Quentin Machida".

Quentin Machida
President & CEO

Leonard K.P. Leong
President

March 31, 2026

TO: HONORABLE MATT WEYER, CHAIR, HONORABLE TYLER DOS
SANTOS-TAM, VICE CHAIR, COMMITTEE ON ENERGY,
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Dear Chair Weyer, Vice Chair Dos Santos-Tam and Members of the Committee,

Royal Contracting Co., Ltd. is a licensed Contractor in the State of Hawaii. We specialize in sitework for new housing and commercial development. WE understand the importance of a healthy and adequate supply of water for these developments.

Royal Contracting Co. Ltd supports RES 26-61, which submits for consideration and confirmation, the appointment of Mr. Darian Chun to the Board of Water Supply for a term expiring on June 30, 2030.

I have known Mr. Chun for many years and because of his experience & knowledge he is currently employed by Royal Contracting.

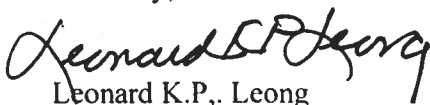
He has worked previously with other Contractor's and Developer's.

His interaction with the Community will also aid in understanding public concerns regarding water and the Board of Water Supply.

Royal Contracting will also allow Mr. Chun to take time off to service on the Board of Water Supply.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of Mr. Chun's nomination.

Sincerely,


Leonard K.P., Leong
President



March 31, 2026

The Honorable Matt Weyer, Chair
The Honorable Tyler Dos Santos-Tam, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee on Energy, Environment & Sustainability
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813-3077

RE: **Support** of Resolution 26-61 - Relating to the appointment of Darian Chun to serve on the Board of Water Supply of the City and County of Honolulu

Hearing date: March 31, 2026, 2:30 p.m.

Aloha Chair Weyer, Vice Chair Dos Santos-Tam and Members of the Committee,

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony on behalf of D.R. Horton Hawaii in **SUPPORT** of Resolution 26-61 – Relating to the appointment of Darian Chun to serve on the Board of Water Supply of the City and County of Honolulu.

Darian is a respected project manager in the construction industry who brings a thoughtful combination of experience, leadership, and demonstrated commitment to the long-term sustainability and resilience of O‘ahu’s critical infrastructure systems. At a time when the Board of Water Supply faces complex challenges related to water security, climate impacts, infrastructure investment, and community trust, his background and perspective will be a valuable addition to the Board.

Darian’s experience reflects a strong capacity for strategic decision-making, stakeholder engagement, and collaboration — all of which are essential for effective oversight of an agency responsible for one of the City’s most vital public resources. His ability to evaluate policy, financial, and operational considerations will help support responsible stewardship of ratepayer funds while ensuring continued investment in reliable and sustainable water systems for Honolulu’s residents and businesses.

Darian has also demonstrated a commitment to community service and collaborative leadership. The Board benefits greatly from members who can balance technical and



policy considerations with public accountability and transparency. His appointment will help strengthen public confidence in the Board's work and support forward-looking solutions.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Committee to adopt Resolution 26-61 and confirm Darian Chun's appointment to the Honolulu Board of Water Supply.

Mahalo for your consideration,

Lee Tokuhara
Vice President, Government Affairs & Community Relations
D.R. Horton Hawaii