RES26-155
Testimony

MISC. COMM. 287

COUNCIL

COUNCIL Meeting

Meeting Date: Jul 8, 2026 @ 10:00 AM

Support: 1

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 0

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Dylan Armstrong	dylan.p.armstrong@gmail.com	96822
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Jul 4, 2026 @ 05:03 AM

Testimony for the Honolulu City Council
The Honorable Tommy Waters, Chair, and Andria Tupola, Vice Chair

8 July 2026

Res 26-155

Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Tupola, and Council Members,

Thank you for considering my SUPPORT for Shannon Alivado's nomination for the Grants-In-Aid Advisory Commission, the Mayor's nominee via Res 26-155. Having first met Ms. Alivado a decade ago, when she worked for the General Contractors Association of Hawaii, I recommend her as a well-qualified and needed candidate for these reasons:

- Ms. Alivado has extensive government work experience. The nominee offers potentially valuable insight into the wide breadth of societal needs which grants can fulfill, both for, and on behalf of, Honolulu's people:
  - She has worked at the federal, state, and municipal levels of government, including judiciary and legislative positions.
  - In her more recent government relations and research positions, Ms. Alivado has worked proactively and productively with government institutions..
- The nominee bears working knowledge of the law. As an attorney, Ms. Alivado has obtained a Juris Doctorate and clerked for two judges, in both civil and criminal law areas.
- Extensive civic involvement in a voluntary capacity, having served on multiple volunteer boards, readily demonstrates Ms. Alivado's commitment to public service and charity.

I have a decade of working experience in grants management, having successfully developed applications for and approved applications for various not-for-profit entities. As a co-founding board member and the first secretary to the Inspiration Hawaii Museum, I am familiar with the Grants-in-Aid process. Consequently, I feel confident supporting Ms. Alivado's nomination on the merits.

Finally, as your Council considers nominees for Honolulu's Boards and Commissions, it is important to support candidates made noteworthy for their humility, compassion, practicality, and prudence, candidates like Ms. Alivado. Please vote 'aye' in support.

Mahalo nui loa,
Dylan P. Armstrong
Individual Capacity