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Testimony

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Meeting Date: Aug 12, 2026 @ 10:00 AM

Support: 5

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 0

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Dylan Armstrong	dylan.p.armstrong@gmail.com	96822
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Aug 11, 2026 @ 12:07 PM

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Etsuko Fields	etsuko.fields@modernhawaii.com	96706
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Aug 11, 2026 @ 09:01 PM

Testimony:

As a real estate agent I feel this is very important and that I believe Krishna will serve well as a managing director.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Kelly La'a	laaandcompany@gmail.com	96734
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Aug 12, 2026 @ 06:55 AM

Testimony:

Shannon Smith would be an amazing member of th the Real Property Assessment Appeals Board. Her commitment to her community coupled with her real estate background and long history of community service would elevate & complement the boards goal.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Arthur Hughes	arthureveretthughes@icloud.com	96792
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Aug 12, 2026 @ 09:33 AM

Testimony:

I am writing in support of the confirmation of Krishna F. Jayaram as Managing Director of the City and County of Honolulu.

Effective leadership in this position requires sound judgment, professionalism, and the ability to manage the complex responsibilities of our city government. Based on the qualifications presented for his nomination, I believe Mr. Jayaram is well qualified to serve in this important role.

I respectfully urge the Honolulu City Council to support his confirmation.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Arthur Hughes

REALTOR®

Hawai‘i Modern Realty		
Name: Shannon Smith	Email: steven.chung@modernhawaii.com	Zip: 96814
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Aug 12, 2026 @ 09:35 AM
Testimony: Shannon is a long time career Realtor that not only is knowledgeable but also very fair in evaluating real estate valuations. She will serve the public well. Aloha.		

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

12 August 2026

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

Thank you for considering my SUPPORT for the nomination of Krishna Fumihiro Jayaram, Esq. for Managing Director of the City and County of Honolulu.

I first became acquainted with Mr. Jayaram during the CoViD-19 pandemic. Mr. Jayaram was then employed as a state Deputy Attorney General, and frequently participated on behalf of the Attorney General's Office in the CoViD-19 Statewide Video-Teleconference and Senior Leader Briefing (a phone conference), which I managed and supported, respectively, as the Deputy Chiefs for the CoViD-19 Planning and Operations Sections in the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (HiEMA), among other roles.

Though we never stood in the same room, on countless occasions we participated in the same meetings. Mr. Jayaram is memorable to me for his dedication, professionalism, and humility, traits always in need for Honolulu city government.

It need not be elaborated that the CoViD-19 emergency formed a difficult, transformative time for island governments. What is noteworthy is that many in equivalent or similar roles as Mr. Jayaram, of comparable rank and level of influence, did not compare in his respectfulness and courtesy.

I have an excellent memory for character, and feel compelled to support true public servants in what sometimes can be a tense nominating process. For thoroughness, however, my hundreds of pages of notes from that time serve as my reference point.

My best conclusion is that Mr. Jayaram is a sincere public servant. I wish him the best, and hope you will confidently vote 'aye,' in favor.

Mahalo nui loa,
Dylan P. Armstrong
individual capacity.