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GM 509 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii'i Commission for National and Community Service, Gubernatorial Nominee, STACY S. K. HIGA, for a term to expire 6-30-2010.

Chair Hee, Vice Chair Inouye and Members of the Committee:

The University of Hawaii supports the reappointment of Mr. Stacy Higa to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service for the next four years.

As a member of the Hawaii Commission since 1997, Mr. Higa has contributed tremendously to the growth and stability of the commission. He has served as the Chair of the Commission during the past five years and again was recently voted as Chair for the current year. During his many years on the Commission, Mr. Higa has become very familiar with the federal rules and regulations of the program and is able to make qualified decisions in helping the Commission make a difference in our community. He has also develop a very good relationship with the directors and staff at the Corporation for National and Community Service, the federal agency that the commission receives its funding from, and has been very successful in ensuring that the commission develops high quality national service programs in our state. As a member and current Chair of the Big Island County Council, Mr. Higa is fully aware of not only the problems within his community, but also of the state, and this has helped the Commission refine its goals, objectives and priorities.

Mr. Chairman, I strongly urge your support in reappointing Mr. Stacy Higa to the Commission in order that he may continue to provide his expertise and insight in helping the Commission to fulfill the more comprehensive role envisioned for the Commission in order to foster and expand an ethic of service and volunteerism throughout the state.