February 20, 2008

The Honorable Linda Lingle Governor, State of Hawai'i Executive Chambers Hawai'i State Capitol Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Governor Lingle:

On behalf of the Regents Candidate Advisory Council (RCAC) and in conformity with the provisions of Act 56, 2007 Session Laws of the State of Hawai'i (Act 56), we present the following candidates from among which you may select nominees to serve, subject to Senate confirmation, on the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents (BOR).

To make these candidate presentations, the RCAC fulfilled the requirements of Act 56 by:

- 1) Receiving candidate nominations in response to statewide advertisements appearing in the *Honolulu Advertiser* newspaper, *Star Bulletin* newspaper, *Ka Leo* newspaper (University of Hawai'i), the *Hawai'i Tribune Herald/West Hawai'i Today*, the *Maui News* newspaper, the *Garden Island-Kaua'i* newspaper, and the *Pacific Business News* magazine. Also, letters and e-mails were sent to organizations to respond to our request to nominate candidates;
- 2) Providing copies of the RCAC selection criteria to each candidate;
- 3) Providing a description of the duties and responsibilities of a member of the BOR;
- 4) Providing procedures and rules of the RCAC;
- 5) Providing a candidate nomination form;
- 6) Providing authorization and release forms to conduct background investigations; and
- 7) Screening and interviewing candidates based on their background, experience, and potential for discharging the responsibilities as a member of the Board of Regents.

Furthermore, in accordance with Act 56, the RCAC assessed candidates in a fair, independent, and nonpartisan manner. All candidates, as required by Act 56, were asked to disclose any existing or anticipated contracts or financial transactions with the University of Hawai'i. Finally, with the assistance of a nationally-recognized firm, the RCAC had background checks performed on each candidate being presented. Based on the background checks, the RCAC concluded that there were no findings to indicate that any of the candidates being presented would not be able to discharge the responsibilities as a member of the Board of Regents.

Short biographies drafted by each candidate are enclosed. The candidates have authorized the public release of their respective biographies. Simultaneous with this presentation of candidates to

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you, the RCAC as required by Act 56, is making the same information publicly available through the University of Hawai'i.

The candidates are listed in alphabetic order for the respective seats for which they are being presented:

At Large (student: 1 seat)

- Grant Teichman
- Joshua Wingstrom

At Large (2 seats)

- Andres Albano, Jr.
- Michael Dahilig
- Catherine Lagareta
- Terri Ann Motosue
- Teena Rasmussen

Hawai'i County (2 seats)

- Harvey Tajiri (East)
- Ronald Terry (East)
- Carl Carlson, Jr. (West)
- Sandra Scarr (West)

Honolulu County (5 seats)

- Robin Campaniano
- James Donovan III
- Mark Fukunaga
- Chuck Gee
- Dennis Hirota
- Howard Karr
- Eric Martinson

Kaua'i County (1 seat)

- Thomas Cooper
- Ramón de la Peña

Maui County (1 seat)

- Artemio Baxa
- Paul Horikawa

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To help us in establishing a pool of future candidates for the BOR, we would appreciate you informing the Council regarding the length of the initial term of each nominee upon confirmation by the Senate. Should you have any questions, please call 692-1218 or email at <u>borapp@hawaii.edu</u>.

Sincerely,

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Roy Y. Takeyama Chair, Regents Candidate Advisory Council

Enclosures

c: Members, Regents Candidate Advisory Council Senator Colleen Hanabusa, Senate President Representative Calvin Say, House Speaker Senator Norman Sakamoto, Chair, Senate Committee on Education Representative Jerry Chang, Chair, House Committee on Higher Education Regent Allan Landon, Chair, Board of Regents President David McClain,