

## Aida Kawamura

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**From:** Linda Estes <lestes14@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 22, 2016 3:52 PM  
**To:** Council Testimony  
**Subject:** Water Board

I am writing to support the appointment of Beth Tokioka to the Water Board. Beth has had a long and distinguished career in public service on the island of Kauai. She has also been quite successful in the private sector. She knows the island and the people and she understands the problems related to the provision of water for all of the residents, businesses, and institutions on Kauai.

Beth also has the personal characteristics necessary to be a successful member of any board. She is very intelligent, always prepared because she does her homework, is an independent thinker, and she works well with all kinds of people. She will be a great asset to the board.

I cannot imagine a better appointment to the Water Board than Beth Tokioka and I strongly urge her confirmation.

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Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Gordon Yee <gyee@yeecorp.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 27, 2016 12:29 PM  
**To:** Council Testimony  
**Subject:** Applicant for Board of Water Beth Tokioka

Beth has been a long time community service volunteer and resident of Kauai. She has done community outreach for over 20 years on Kauai. She is an experience with dealing with government affairs and planning as part of the office of economic affairs.

She currently sits on the Hawaii Food bank board with me.

She is well qualified to sit on the Board of Water. She will listen to the concerns of the community.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Gordon Yee CLU, ChFC

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**From:** Scott Giarman <sng@kauaiunitedway.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 27, 2016 12:58 PM  
**To:** Council Testimony  
**Subject:** Beth Tokioka

Aloha—

I am writing in support of Beth Tokioka's application to serve on the County of Kauai Board of Water Supply. I have worked with Beth in a number of capacities through her service on the Board of Directors of Kauai United Way for about 20 years. I cannot think of anyone on our island who could bring a higher degree of personal integrity in judicious deliberations on the what is best for the people Kauai.

What particularly jumps out at me, personally, from having worked with Beth these years is her ability not to rattle under pressure or in complex situations but to cut through the noise to come up with readily implementable avenues toward constructive conclusions.

In addition to Kauai United Way, Beth serves on the Board of Directors of three other island non-profit organizations. Her unbiased commitment to, as well as a broad understanding of, our community is exemplified through her 20-year service to Kauai Mayors Kusaka, Baptiste and Carvalho. As a result, she has an excellent understanding of how County operations work, including DOW and its interactions with other County agencies. She has connections with a wide range of stakeholders and will bring a broad community perspective to Board decision making.

I cannot recommend Beth for this position highly enough. I may be reached at 245-2043 if you have any questions.

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**From:** Fred@hawaiiink.net  
**Sent:** Monday, June 27, 2016 1:30 PM  
**To:** Council Testimony  
**Subject:** Beth Tokioka Water Board Appointment

To Whom This May Concern: I am writing a letter of support on behalf of Beth Tokioka for the approval from the County Council to have Beth serve on the Board of Water Supply. I have known Beth for many years and feel that Beth is extremely qualified to serve. Beth worked in the County under three administrations which has given her great insight into the workings of the Water Department. I believe this knowledge will be very helpful to the entire board. Beth has all ways been open and responsive to community concerns. I personally do not feel you could find a more qualified person for this position.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me. You can reach me at 808-652-0752. Sincerely, Fred Atkins

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**From:** Dennis Esaki <dennis@esakimap.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 27, 2016 2:09 PM  
**To:** Council Testimony  
**Subject:** Beth Tokioka for Board of Water Supply

Honorable Councilpersons,

I am writing in support of Beth Tokioka for the Kauai County Board of Water Supply.

I believe that with her knowledge and experience, she would be a great addition to the Board, one who would not just be a rubber stamp.

Aloha,

Dennis M. Esaki

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**From:** downs monty <wmdowns2000@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 27, 2016 10:07 PM  
**To:** Council Testimony  
**Subject:** Beth Tokioka's nomination to serve on Board of Water Supply

Aloha Chairman Rapozo and Men and Women of the Kauai County Council:

Consider this a very rare time when you hear from me other than about an ocean safety issue. But actually there is a connection, since I was privileged to work with Beth on many occasions regarding ocean safety issues across 3 Mayoral administrations -- and she was an outstanding colleague. Not to say that she necessarily always agreed to what I was pushing for at the time, but even if she didn't agree she was always thoughtful and thorough. Fortunately for Kauai's safety she often did agree, and in fact the Kauai Lifeguard Association honored her, along with Sue Kanohe and Carol Pratt, as outstanding KLA Water Women of 2012.

Her experience with the County afforded her a good working knowledge of how the Department of Water operates, and it gave her insight into the challenges it has faced over the years. She also served as Director of the Office of Economic Opportunity for 5 years and this gave her a sound understanding of the business community in such matters as government regulation, planning, and infrastructure support.

Additionally, she has been involved with numerous non-government community organizations (e.g. Chamber of Commerce, Kauai United Way, Kamehameha Schools Association, Hawaii Food Bank, and others), and this too has given her a good sense of the needs and workings of the community.

My opinion is that Beth Tokioka is an excellent choice to serve on the Board of Water Supply.

Respectfully Submitted,

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KAUAI COUNTY COUNCIL TESTIMONY  
In support of BETH TOKIOKA

6/28/17

In my 45 years of marketing and promotions with Kauai radio stations, producing the Kauai County Farm Bureau Fair as well as funding and marketing Ocean Safety with KLA in support of our Kauai Ocean Safety Bureau, I can attest to the integrity, thoroughness and dedication in all that Beth Tokioka has worked and stood for.

Her presence and support at the Farm Fairs over the years for KAUAI MADE PRODUCTS help reinforce local economic boosts and support of Local crafts and businesses. Always added a visual attraction of display and branding whenever needed. While serving as the Mayors outreach assistant with three different Mayors I always found her accessible and responsive to my needs while I was the general manager and promotions director at Kong Radio Group. With my latest efforts with the Kauai Lifeguard Association her support while with Syngenta was of value because of the way she melded her efforts with the community and its needs. To have Beth Tokioka serving on the Board of the Water Supply will provide teamwork and leadership when needed or called upon. And she is always a pleasure to deal with and she has a great sense of humor which can keep things even keeled in the toughest of times. I do know that when I send my emails and communications out at 4am to various project coordinators and prospects she is usually one of the first if not *the* very first to reply and that is always most appreciated. I regard her input as valid and relevant because she knows Kauai and she will serve you well.

Sincerely

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**From:** Chris Cook <oookiah@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 28, 2016 9:20 AM  
**To:** Council Testimony  
**Subject:** Board of Water Supply nomination - Beth Tokioka

I support the nomination of Beth Tokioka to the County of Kaua'i Board of Water Supply.

In my role as a journalist and editor, and author, on Kaua'i I have frequently been in contact with Beth and always found her to be professional in her dealings with me. In particular, I saw Beth as serving well in her sometimes stressful role with the press during her years with the administrations of Mayor Kusaka, Mayor Baptiste and Mayor Carvalho. She provided accurate information and understood the simple and complex needs of the people of Kaua'i. Beth also knows in-depth through her work with the mayors the workings of the various departments of the County of Kaua'i.

Beth's after work service with the United Way, the local Chamber of Commerce, Kamehameha Schools and the Food Bank has provided her with a good sense of the voice of Kaua'i's people.

Regards, Christopher "Chris" Cook  
former Editor, The Garden Island newspaper



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**From:** Lisa Murphy <lisa@kgefco.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 28, 2016 12:54 PM  
**To:** Council Testimony  
**Subject:** Beth Tokioka

Aloha,

I highly recommend Beth Tokioka for a seat as a member of the Board of Water Supply. Her reputation, experience and integrity speak for itself.

Mahalo,  
Lisa

**Lisa K. Murphy Allison**  
Marketing Manager-CUCME



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DISTRICT HEALTH OFFICER

6/28/2016

Kauai County Council

RE: Support for the Nomination of Beth Tokioka to serve on the Board of Water Supply

Dear Chair Mel Rapozo and Kauai County Council Members,

This letter is in strong support of Beth Tokioka's nomination by Mayor Carvalho to serve on the Board of Water Supply, because I understand that the council will be voting their approval on Wednesday, July 6, 2016.

For the first nine years of the eleven years that I have served as the Kauai District Health Officer for the state of Hawaii, Mrs. Tokioka served as the liaison between the Department of Health and the Mayor's office under both Mayor Baptiste and Mayor Carvalho. During that period, it is my opinion that Beth did a superb job. She is conscientious, hardworking and is able to grasp issues and technical reports very quickly. Beth exhibited excellent interpersonal skills in dealing with some rather controversial issues. Especially on the few occasions when I disagreed with either her or my superiors on a policy or technical issue, she was able to help negotiate a compromise position or amicably disagree with me. That is a rare and valuable trait indeed.

Based upon my extensive contact with Beth during that period, it is my unequivocal opinion that she will serve on the Board of Water Supply to distinction and I strongly support her candidacy for this position.

My Aloha and Mahalo to you Chair Rapozo and to the Kauai County Council for your leadership and kokua in collaborating with the Department of Health during the last eleven years that I have been the District Health Officer for the island of Kauai. On the brink of my stepping down on June 30, 2016, may I wish you all well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Bal, M.D.", with a horizontal line underneath.

Dileep G. Bal M.D., M.S., M.P.H.  
Kauai District Health Officer



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June 29, 2016

TO

Kaua'i County Council Chair Mel Rapozo

RE

Testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of mayoral nominee Beth Tokioka  
to the Kaua'i Board of Water Supply

Chair Rapozo and Kaua'i County Council members:

This letter is submitted to express my wholehearted support for the confirmation of Beth Tokioka to serve as a member of the Kaua'i Water Board.

Through her dedicated work for more than a decade in three county administrations, Ms. Tokioka gained extensive experience in all facets of county planning and civic improvement, including infrastructural details, regulations, and permitting. One component of the expertise she gained is a broad knowledge of our vital resource—water—and its administration by the Department of Water.

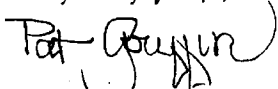
I was privileged to work with Ms. Tokioka on many activities during and beyond her term as Director of the Office of Economic Development, projects as varied as the Kaua'i Tourism Strategic Plan (and its Implementation Plan), the Kaua'i Business Council, and a historic walking tour. We have also participated together in efforts towards sustainability planning, public information efforts, and even the mayor's community walks.

And on many, many occasions I have sought her assistance for my own work with the Lihu'e Business Association and on research about the history of the region. She has always been helpful and knowledgeable.

During her many years on Kaua'i, Ms. Tokioka has developed deep roots in the island and is a well known, highly respected member of the community. Her calm, respectful nature combines with her interest in others to lead to easy conversation. She seeks consensus where possible but is capable of making difficult decisions when necessary, traits that contribute to her eminent qualifications for this board position.

I appreciate the opportunity to express my admiration and support for Beth Tokioka and ask this honorable Council to consent to her nomination to the Water Board. Mahalo for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

  
Pat L Griffin

## **Aida Kawamura**

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**From:** Maryanne Kusaka <MKusaka@hawaii.rr.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 30, 2016 9:28 AM  
**To:** Council Testimony  
**Subject:** Beth Tokioka Kauai Water Supply Board

I highly recommend Beth Tokioka for the Kauai Board of Water Supply. She has the experience of working for the county in several capacities and has done an exceptional job. She always puts her best foot forward and will be fair in her decisions.

Please appoint her to the Board of Water Supply.

Thank you.

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**From:** Samuel W. Pratt <sam@sampratt.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 30, 2016 1:46 PM  
**To:** Council Testimony  
**Subject:** Beth Tokioka - Board of Water

Aloha,

I am writing to SUPPORT the nomination of Beth Tokioka for the Kauai Board of Water Supply.

I have known Beth for more than 10 years working with her professionally, in our community, and as a parent. Beth has the right background, experience and personal character to add value to the Board of Water Supply on Kauai. Her working knowledge of County Government should also be an important consideration in favor of her nomination.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Mahalo,

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July 1, 2016

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RE: Nomination of Beth Tokioka to Board of Water Supply

Dear Chair Rapozo, Vice Chair Kagawa, and members of the Council:

I have had the pleasure of working closely with Beth Tokioka since she joined the Board of the Kauai Chamber of Commerce in 2015. A resident of Kauai for 24 years, Ms. Tokioka is well suited for a position on the Board of Water Supply, as she has strong knowledge and expertise into the inner workings of the Department and how it operates.

Ms. Tokioka has distinguished herself during her tenure at the County of Kauai, where she served under three administrations. From 2003-2008, she served as the director of the Office of Economic Development. Therefore, she has a solid understanding of the needs of the business community on Kauai, when it comes to matters of government regulation, planning, and infrastructure support.

Further, her involvement with numerous community organizations and nonprofits, provides her with a good sense of the needs of the community. Examples of her community leadership include serving on the boards of the Kauai Chamber of Commerce, the Kauai United Way, Kamehameha Schools Association of Kauai, and Hawaii Food Bank-Kauai Branch.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please call me at (202) 256-3338 or email me at [mark@kuaichamber.org](mailto:mark@kuaichamber.org).

Warm Regards,

Mark Perriello  
President & CEO

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**From:** charlie@kingautocenter.com on behalf of Charlie King <cgking@me.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 01, 2016 1:24 PM  
**To:** Council Testimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Support of Beth Tokioka

I would like to offer my support of Ms. Beth Tokioka for a seat on the Board of Water Supply.

Beth has a wealth of experience with our county's government having worked in various capacities for three different administrations spanning more than a decade. This gives her an insight few others can bring to the challenges facing the water department. During much of her time with the county and continuing into her current job, she has been involved in community outreach. Someone with that type of experience is a good listener, a valuable asset for any board member.

She exemplifies this community outreach by actively participating in the community with numerous non-profit and community organizations such as the Chamber, Kauai United Way and Hawaii Foodbank - Kauai Branch.

She is familiar with the business and regulatory side of Kauai through her time as Director of the Office of Economic Development for the county.

In all a good candidate for this volunteer position who, I believe, will serve the Department of Water and us well should you confirm her appointment as I hope you will.

## **Aida Kawamura**

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**From:** Edward Kawamura <edward@kawamurafarm.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 04, 2016 7:46 PM  
**To:** Council Testimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Support of Beth Tokioka

Aloha Council Members;

I have known Ms. Beth Tokioka since the start of her Career working for Kauai Government. She has always have demonstrated professionalism in whatever undertakings assigned.

She is dedicated to serve our community, including our Veterans and Families.

I fully support her nomination and ask for your support.

Thank you very much.

Edward M. Kawamura  
M. Kawamura Farm Ent., Inc.  
Veteran Helping Veterans



The Honorable Melvin Rapozo

Chair

Kauai County Council

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July

Subject: Letter in support of appointment of Beth Tokioka to the Board of Water Supply

Dear Chair Rapozo and Council Members:

Beth Tokioka has a wealth of skills, information and understanding of Kauai gained during twenty years of multifaceted service with the County of Kauai. From directing the work of the Office of Economic Development with responsibilities across a wide area of the economy to the analysis of policy implications and the formulation budgets, administration bills and personnel matters in the Mayor's office, her experience is unusually rich, deep and broad. It would be difficult to find many with her experience and skillset and wide public exposure, contacts and influence. I feel she will make an excellent addition to the Board of Water and enthusiastically support her appointment.

Sincerely,

Jerry Ornellas

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## Aida Kawamura

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**From:** Rose Ramos-Benzel <Rose.Ramos-Benzel@uhfoundation.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 06, 2016 10:15 AM  
**To:** Council Testimony  
**Subject:** Support for Beth Tokioka for Board of Water Supply

I am writing to express my support for Beth Tokioka to serve on the Board of Water Supply. Beth's professionalism and experience with the County are tremendous assets to this position. Beth truly cares about this community, and she has time and again, demonstrated an ability to be open and respond appropriately to community concerns.

Aloha and mahalo,



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