

June 18, 2024

Law Enforcement Standards Board
c/o Department of the Attorney General
425 Queen Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Testimony in Support of Gary Yamashiroya for the Position of Law Enforcement Standards Board Administrator

Dear Chair Raybuck and Members of the Law Enforcement Standards Board:

I am writing in my individual capacity to express my strong support for Gary Yamashiroya for the position of Law Enforcement Standards Board (LESB) Administrator.

I have worked closely with Gary over the last 18 months at the Department of Taxation, where I currently serve as Deputy Director of Taxation and Gary serves as Special Assistant to the Director.

Gary is an integral part of our team who is responsible for coordinating and resolving a wide variety of issues and tasks. In his role as Special Assistant, I have found Gary to be an effective problem solver and communicator who is hardworking and thorough. Many of the projects that Gary is responsible for, including litigation coordination, public information requests, and training program development, require multi-office coordination and consultation. Gary's leadership and management skills are evident in the way he has approached each of these projects in an organized and logical manner and in his ability to elicit group participation and facilitate meaningful discussions.

Beyond his leadership abilities, Gary is a trusted advisor who is able to understand the broader picture, identify different viewpoints, and express opinions with candor. I can rely on Gary to provide recommendations and advice that consistently prioritize the public interest, fairness, and transparency. I believe these are essential qualities for the LESB Administrator.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my strong support for Gary.

Sincerely,

Kristen M.R. Sakamoto