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Mr. Clyde Namuo, Administrator  
Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA)  
Via e-mail

**Subject: Robert (Bob) Lindsey**

Aloha e Clyde:

It has come to my attention that OHA's trustees will be deliberating tomorrow on the selection of an individual to assume the remaining term of the trusteeship held by the late Linda Dela Cruz. I also understand that Robert Lindsey is among those who will be considered for the honor of serving our people through this important role. I write to provide a favorable reference for Bob's character and to wholeheartedly endorse his candidacy.

I first came to know Bob during our years as students of Kamehameha Schools (KS). He was an upper-classman in the highly visible role of Cadet Chaplain in which he set a wonderful example of humility and spirituality. Decades later, I was privileged to work closely with Bob in several capacities during his career at KS. The following observations are drawn from our long association.

**Mission-Driven:** Bob is deeply committed to the mission of improving the capability and well-being of Hawaiian people. Even prior to his joining our KS staff, Bob provided counseling and assistance to Hawaiians through his work as a court probation officer. His outstanding performance attracted our attention and led us to recruit him to KS. While at KS, he demonstrated compassion for the plight of our people, supported efforts to right injustices and advocated on behalf of policies and programs that would lead to our collective betterment.

**Man of Integrity:** Bob is a man of high integrity. He is an honest, reliable and accountable individual who has a well honed understanding of the important role of serving as a fiduciary of assets that are held in trust for a greater good.

**Considerable Social Capital:** Bob will seldom need introduction within our community. He is no stranger to Hawaiians across the state and has developed an extensive network of contacts in government and business, as well. Perhaps more important than just being known, Bob's respectful and dependable behavior have earned him social capital from those who have come to trust in Bob's words and deeds.

**Team Player:** Bob operates without personal agenda or ego. He is a consummate team player who always puts the interests of the institution and his colleagues above his own needs or wants. The teams he has led have all been characterized by a high degree of camaraderie and productivity.

**Courageous:** Bob has a keen understanding that the right course of action is not always the easiest or most popular decision. He does not bow to such pressures and is transparent and accountable for his actions. He has also demonstrated courage and selflessness when asked by others to be the agent of controversial policies.

**Uplifting Spirit:** Bob possesses a joy for life that uplifts the spirits of all who are around him. His good humor and hearty laugh create infectious enthusiasm that helps to break the tensions of our serious work.

OHA, our Hawaiian people and the larger community would be well served through Bob Lindsey's trusteeship. I urge your favorable consideration of his candidacy.

ʻO au iho nō me ka ha`aha`a,

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