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The Honorable R. Mark Browning

State of Hawai'i Probate Court

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Aloha kākou,

We are part of a group of Kamehameha Schools alumni who have been working since January, 2016, to develop appropriate criteria for the selection of new trustees for our beloved institution and ultimately to create a process for the selection of trustees that is more internally driven, relying heavily on our stakeholders' deep understanding of our Princess Ke Ali'i Bernice Pauahi Bishop, her Legacy, and the Kamehameha Mission.

In the short term, we twice wrote to the seven members of the current trustee selection committee who had been appointed by this court, the first time on May 11, 2017 (however unbeknownst to us they had already selected three finalists when they received our letter), and the second time on February 17, 2017, asking that they apply the criteria we had developed in screening applicants for the current vacancy. On January 24, 2017, we also sent a letter, a copy of which is attached, to then sitting Probate Court Judge the Honorable Derrick H.M. Chan sharing the criteria that we had developed and asking that the Kamehameha trustee selection process be changed. Perhaps, Judge Chan shared our letter with you before he left to assume his new position as the Appellate Court Judge. In any case, we did not receive either an acknowledgement of receipt of our letter or a response. We also have shared our proposal with the Honorable Mark Recktenwald, Chief Justice of the State of Hawai'i Supreme Court and received a letter from one of the Court's attorney's stating that it would be inappropriate for CJ Recktenwald to comment at this time on a matter he understands is before the Probate Court. We urge you to review our letter to Judge Chan as it lays out our concerns and our rationale for changes.

At this time we write this court requesting that a new screening committee comprised of Kamehameha stakeholders be appointed and that the applications for trustee once more be opened. Some of us had an opportunity to hear the three current finalists at a forum held in the Kamehameha Schools Kapālama auditorium last Friday evening, June 2. We also have familiarized ourselves with their qualifications and credentials. In short, while they are all good people, we do not believe any of the finalists strongly meets all of the criteria for being a Kamehameha trustee which we have laid out and which have resonated with those of our stakeholders with whom we have already shared them.

Recently, we became aware of Court Master Benjamin Matsubara's Report on the Petition for the Establishment of a Procedure for Selection of Trustees filed on August 5, 1999. Pages 27 and 28 of the petition state in part "Each (selection) Committee member shall be familiar with and sensitive to (1) the history and role of the Trust Estate relative to the Hawaiian community and the community at large, and (2) Pauahi's legacy and her vision for the future of Hawaiian children." We believe that overall the current selection committee as it is constituted falls short on meeting the preceding two criteria which resulted in the selection of weak finalists vis a vis what we believe are important qualifications.

We began in April to broaden our outreach to share our ideas with stakeholder groups and solicit their feedback and will continue to do. While we recognize that the request contained in this letter will further delay the selection of someone to fill the vacant seat of former Trustee Janeen Olds, we believe that it is important that the time be taken to select the right person and that our stakeholders must have a greater involvement in the process.

Mahalo nui loa for your consideration. Wishing you well as you assume your new responsibilities as the Probate Court judge.

Me ke aloha pumehana,

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