

April 14, 2020

Mr. Alan M. Oshima
Hawaii Economic and Community Recovery & Resiliency Navigator
Office of the Governor
Executive Chambers
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Statewide Plan for Economic and Community Recovery and Resiliency

Dear Mr. Oshima:

Common Cause Hawaii is a nonpartisan, nonprofit, grassroots organization dedicated to upholding the core values of American democracy. Transparency in government is key to a healthy and strong democracy.

Common Cause Hawaii congratulates you on being named the Hawaii Economic and Community Recovery & Resiliency Navigator tasked with coordinating, directing, and implementing a collaborative statewide plan for economic and community recovery and resiliency. This is a monumental endeavor, and we wish you every speedy success.

As the Hawaii Economic and Community Recovery & Resiliency Navigator, Common Cause Hawaii respectfully asks you to keep transparency and accountability as tenets in planning for Hawaii's revival. Meetings of your special task force should be conducted according to Sunshine Law, and all documents and records should be subject to Public Records Law.

The public must be able to observe, comment, and review the actions of the specially appointed Recovery & Resiliency Navigator and his task force. The public must be able to know that actions are being taken for all our benefit and not just the special, monied interests. The public must be able to voice their concerns, if the recovery does not adequately address the community needs, and praise for achievements of the Navigator in reviving Hawaii's economy to serve all of us. This is democracy.

Common Cause Hawaii again supports you in your position as the Hawaii Economic and Community Recovery & Resiliency Navigator and respectfully asks that you support transparency and accountability in your role. Democracy and transparency matter more than ever in these times of crisis.

Very respectfully yours,

Sandy Ma
Executive Director
Common Cause Hawaii