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## **HART panel recommends candidate to fill Board vacancy**

A review panel for the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation's (HART) Board of Directors today recommended local accountant Terri Fujii to fill a vacant seat on the agency's Board.

"The committee felt that Terri's exceptional professional career was well suited to ensure the project's financial integrity and transparency is well maintained," said HART Board Chairman Don Horner.

Fujii was selected from a field of 10 candidates who applied for the position. A panel of board members interviewed all of the applicants and recommended her for the post.

Fujii has 29 years of experience in public accounting and is currently an audit partner with CW Associates, a certified public accounting firm. Prior to that she was an office managing partner and assurance partner for the Honolulu office of Ernst & Young LLP. She has also led audits of companies in several industries, including healthcare, nonprofit, higher education and state government. She also serves on several nonprofit boards, including Hospice Hawaii, Easter Seals Hawaii, Aloha United Way and Goodwill.

"I believe public service is important," Fujii said. "The rail project is one of the most important projects in our state's history, and if I am selected, I would look forward to serving the public as a member of the board."

The full Board of Directors is scheduled to vote on the recommendation at its September 24 meeting. If the recommendation is approved, Fujii would become the ninth voting member of the board and fill the remainder of term of former Board member Robert "Bobby" Bunda who stepped down earlier this summer. That term would expire on June 30, 2018. All board members serve as volunteers, without compensation.

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