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**GARY NAKATA PROMOTED TO EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT
OF HAWAII CENTRAL FEDERAL CREDIT UNION**

Controller and Legal Counsel Gary Nakata was promoted to *Executive Vice President of Hawaii Central Federal Credit Union* (Hawaii Central). The announcement was made by *Hawaii Central* on May 1.

When asked about his promotion, Nakata said, "It's an honor and a privilege to work under the leadership of Drake [Tanabe] who has spent many years at the helm, fostering a culture still firmly based in the credit union movement. That is people helping people."

A Hawaii local, Nakata attended the *University of Hawaii at Manoa* where he graduated with a *Bachelor of Business Administration* degree in *Finance*. He also graduated from the American Bankers Association's Compliance School. Nakata has earned his Credit Union Compliance Expert designation and holds certifications as a Certified Management Accountant (CMA), Certified Credit Union Executive, and in Certified Financial Management (CFM).

Nakata worked as an *Examiner* with the *National Credit Union Administration*, served as *Senior Vice President of Finance* for *Hickam Federal Credit Union*, as well as *Vice President* and *Chief Financial Officer* of *Aloha Pacific Federal Credit Union* (Aloha Pacific).

In addition to a solid foundation in finance, having received his Juris Doctor degree in 1995 from *McGeorge School of Law*, Nakata has been a practicing attorney for almost

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three decades. Early in his career as a practicing attorney, Nakata headed the *Enlisted Advisory Council* for his unit in the *Hawaii Air National Guard*. He also provided advisement on significant legal and regulatory compliance matters while serving as *Chief Financial Officer* of *Aloha Pacific*. Nakata practiced privately with the *Kobayashi, Sugita and Goda* law firm before his appointment with the *City and County of Honolulu* as a *Deputy Corporation Counsel* and later as the *Director of the Department of Community Services*.

Nakata also remains engaged in his community, currently serving on the *Government Affairs Committee* with the *Hawaii Credit Union League* and has served his community in several other volunteer capacities over the course of his career.

Nakata's professional experience speaks for itself. He is a team player who has gained the trust of the community he serves many times over.

About Hawaii Central Federal Credit Union

Founded in 1937, Hawaii Central Federal Credit Union is a member-owned, not-for-profit financial institution serving over 17,000 members and has over \$325 million in assets. Membership is open to all individuals who live, work, worship or attend school on Oahu.

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