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Students tie limu to stones in preparation for replanting in the ocean. -
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'AHA WILL PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR WIDE-RANGING DISCUSSION

Aloha mai kākou,

Building a nation is all about possibilities for the future. And while we are reflecting on the past and the illegal overthrow of the nation and those implications today, we must spend more time thinking about how a nation will better our lives for the future.

Rather than thinking about the form of a government, we need to be thinking of the substance of a new government, the values and principles of responsible leadership, and of prudent fiscal accountability.

We need to figure out how we can include all people's ideas and to shape a society where we can all truly thrive. We need to decide how the values we hold dearly will become part of the principles of a nation.

For instance, when you think about a land base for a nation, you need to make conscious decisions about how much land you would use for housing, agriculture, commercial and other uses. What kind of agriculture is desirable? Organic? Diversified agriculture?

How will our economy and workforce be tied to the land? What is responsible growth?

How will we educate our children? Can we figure out a way for them to have an incentive to give back to our nation by providing incentives to the best and brightest to be key contributors to Hawai'i?

These are things the Hawaiian people must address together as part

of an 'aha. In a way, we have a unique opportunity. We can learn from other governments on what worked and what didn't. We can create a government that is responsive to the community and reflects our Hawaiian values.

We can tell the delegates to the 'aha how we want our government to run, what services we expect will be provided to the citizens and how we will pay for those services.

But most of all, we can become more sustainable. We can work together to find a way to produce more of our food needs. We can make sure our goods and services are homegrown. This will keep more of our money at home, not exported never to flow back into our community.

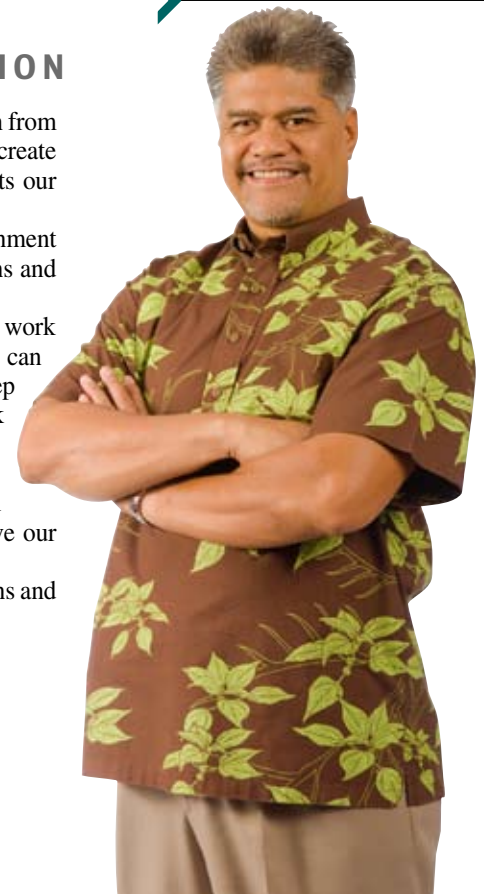
In order to seriously consider these questions, I am considering creating think tanks, capturing the best and brightest Hawai'i has to offer to consider these issues and find ways to improve our quality of life.

In this way, we have an opportunity to make Native Hawaiians and all of Hawai'i stronger and a better place for everyone to live.

'O au iho nō me ke aloha a me ka 'oia'i'o,



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Feds' governance hearing attracts hundreds

By Lisa Asato

Public hearings in Hawai'i will soon wrap up on whether the federal government should take steps to re-establish a government-to-government relationship with Native Hawaiians, but the public has until Aug. 19 to provide comment.

Comments are being solicited online and through mail from Native Hawaiians, federally recognized Indian tribes, the State of Hawai'i, state agencies and the community at large.

"We want the broadest possible public input with people with every possible view, so this is just the start of a long and extensive process," Sam Hirsch, acting attorney general for the Justice Department's Environment and Natural Resources Division, said after the first hearing.

The June 23 hearing at the state Capitol auditorium attracted an overflow crowd, with people sitting on the floor as 143 speakers testified – the majority in opposition to the Interior Department's involvement on an issue some said rightly belongs in the State Department – on a nation-to-nation basis. The Hawaiian nation still exists, they said, because, among other things, the U.S. Senate failed to pass a treaty of annexation and instead relied on a joint resolution of Congress to annex Hawai'i – a lower bar that falls short of the authority of a treaty.

Bumpy Kanahale, wearing a "Hawaiian by Birth" T-shirt, told the federal panel not to interfere in Hawaiian governance. "I'm against this process," said Kanahale, of the Nation of Hawai'i. "We don't need you folks to come in and tell us what to do. Let us figure out how to govern ourselves."

Nā'ālehu Anthony, vice chair of the Native Hawaiian Roll Commission, urged the department to develop a pathway "unique to the needs of the Native Hawaiian people at our point in history." He said the commission was supportive of actions to lay the groundwork for "possibilities without predetermining the terms of any relationship."

Earlier attempts at federal recognition of



Federal panelists listened to testimony at the nearly three-and-a-half-hour public meeting at the state Capitol. From left: Rhea Suh, Interior Department assistant secretary for policy, management and budget; Esther Kia'āina, then-senior adviser to the Interior secretary, and now the department's assistant secretary of insular areas; and Sam Hirsch, acting attorney general for the Department of Justice's Environment and Natural Resources Division. - Photos: Zach Villanueva



Attendees showed signs saying, "What tribe has a palace," "No Treaty of Annexation" and "Gov to Gov = Mob to Mob," referring to a government-to-government relationship.

Native Hawaiians – similar to the status of American Indians and Alaska Natives – had been unsuccessful in Congress since 2000. It passed several times in the U.S. House but never achieved the supermajority of votes needed in the Senate. U.S. Sen. Daniel Akaka, a Native Hawaiian and the chief sponsor of the bill, retired in 2013. At the June 23 hearing, he gave the opening pule, or prayer.

The hearings come as the Interior Department weighs whether to propose an administrative rule that would enable a government-to-government relationship with the Hawaiian community. In a statement, Interior Secretary Sally Jewell said that during a visit to the islands in 2013 she learned "firsthand about Hawai'i's unique history and the importance of the special trust relationship that exists between the federal government and the Native Hawaiian community." The proposed rule change comes at the request

of state and local leaders and the Hawaiian community, she said.

"We commend this initial effort by the Obama Administration to engage our people in a discussion about re-establishing a government-to-government relationship with the United States," OHA Chairperson Colette Machado said in a statement. "This effort is an important step toward ensuring that millions of dollars for Native Hawaiian education, health and other programs will continue to flow to our people and that our Hawaiian trusts and programs will be protected from further legal challenges. Trustees have vowed to protect these programs in perpetuity.

"We ask all Hawaiians to make their voices heard at the public meetings, and we also urge that we respect and aloha each other as we engage with the United States government on this complex but urgent question."

Kamana'opono Crabbe, Ka Pouhana, CEO of OHA, said: "We appreciate the Obama Administration's historic affirmation that Congress has long recognized our community's special political status as Kanaka Maoli, the aboriginal indigenous people of the Hawaiian Islands. And we

support the Department of the Interior's decision to come to Hawai'i to speak directly with our people.

"While a rule-making process proposed by the DOI is designed to open the door to a government-to-government relationship between the United States and our people, we see this as only one option for consideration. The decision of whether to walk through the federal door or another will be made by delegates to a Native Hawaiian 'aha and ultimately by our people. We are committed to keeping all doors open so our people can have a full breadth of options from which to choose what is best for themselves and everyone in Hawai'i."

The state has also taken up Hawaiian governance through legislation passed in 2011. More than 125,000 Hawaiians have signed up through the state Native Hawaiian Roll Commission's Kana'iolowalu registry. ■

The Department of the Interior is seeking comments on five threshold questions:

- 1) Should the secretary propose an administrative rule that would facilitate the re-establishment of a government-to-government relationship with the Native Hawaiian community?
- 2) Should the secretary assist the Native Hawaiian community in reorganizing its government, with which the United States could re-establish a government-to-government relationship?
- 3) If so, what process should be established for drafting and ratifying a reorganized Native Hawaiian government's constitution or other governing document?
- 4) Should the secretary instead rely on the reorganization of a Native Hawaiian government through a process established by the Native Hawaiian community and facilitated by the State of Hawai'i, to the extent such a process is consistent with federal law?
- 5) If so, what conditions should the secretary establish as prerequisites to federal acknowledgment of a government-to-government relationship with the reorganized Native Hawaiian government?

How to comment:

Online: www.Regulations.gov

Mail, courier or hand delivery: Office of the Secretary, Department of the Interior, Room 7329, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20240. (Please use Regulation Identifier Number 1090-AB05 in your message.)

Deadline to comment: Aug. 19

Meetings: Following the 15 meetings in Hawai'i, the panel will head to Indian Country for six consultations starting July 29. In Hawai'i, the final three meetings are on Maui as follows:

- 1-4 p.m. Sat., July 5, Hāna High and Elementary School
- 6-9 p.m. Mon., July 7, King Kamehameha III Elementary School
- 6-9 p.m. Tues., July 8, Pōmaika'i Elementary School in Kahului

Blessing ceremony marks return of Palauea to native stewardship



Supporters gathered for a blessing ceremony signaling the return of Palauea cultural preserve to Kanaka Maoli stewardship. - Courtesy: Brutus La Benz

By Dana Naone Hall

The June 17 ceremony marking the return of stewardship by our lāhui (nation) to the 20.75-acre Palauea cultural preserve was preceded by a sign from the heavens. On a bright, sunny late afternoon on Maui's south coast, a dark line of clouds, extending from the upper slope of Haleakalā toward Kaho'olawe, suddenly appeared. Rain fell from the nāulu cloud formation accompanied by a brisk breeze that ruffled the surface of the ocean.

The sky cleared when several dozen individuals assembled for a ceremonial blessing led by University of Hawai'i Maui College Hawaiian studies and Hawaiian language professors Kahele Dukelow, Kaleikoa Ka'eo and Ki'ope Raymond. The event, jointly sponsored by the UH Maui College Hawaiian Studies Program and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, which received title to the land in 2013, was proudly attended by Trustees Carmen Hulu Lindsey, Rowena Akana and Robert Lindsey.

During the blessing, community members recounted early efforts to reconnect to the coastal land at Palauea by reopening access to the sandy shoreline, and by preventing attempts by developers to close the Palauea portion of the Mākena-Keone'ō'io Road. (This road is shown on mid-19th century maps as the aupuni, or government, road, whose location is believed to be in



Ki'ope Raymond, above in foreground, and Kaleikoa Ka'eo, pictured in photo at right, both of the University of Hawai'i Maui College, addressed the gathering.

the approximate alignment of the Pi'ilani Trail established in the 16th century.)

Efforts to protect Palauea began in the 1980s and intensified in the following decades to include the preservation of archaeological and cultural sites. Archaeological evidence indicated long-term habitation of the area, and the nearly 21-acre preserve includes ceremonial places and site complexes, numerous habitation sites and hundreds of agricultural and other features. Years of lobbying government officials in Maui County and a sympathetic landowner/developer resulted in the recognition that this land required protection.

Palauea was poised for preservation, but the final push to bring all of the elements together was provided by Trustee Hulu Lindsey, at the time a newly appointed trustee. Trustee Lindsey secured the support and cooperation of her colleagues at

OHA, University of Hawai'i officials and Maui developer Everett Dowling, who transferred the land to OHA. The physical stewardship of the land is in the capable hands of the Hawaiian Studies Program under whose guidance high school and college students have begun to practice mālama 'āina (care for the land) at Palauea.

There is precedent for Palauea. Twenty years ago, in May 1994, at a ceremony on Palauea's shore, a deed returning Kaho'olawe to Hawai'i was signed by the U.S. Navy, then-Gov. John Waihe'e and a member of the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana. Ho'okupu (ceremonial offerings) were taken in canoes to the ocean and also placed at a heiau in the future preserve. The ho'okupu and



OHA Trustees Rowena Akana, second from left, Robert Lindsey and Carmen "Hulu" Lindsey with OHA land and property management staff Ikaika Nakahashi, left, and Brutus La Benz, right.



invocation of nā 'aumākua (family or personal gods) were part of a long series of dedicated actions benefiting Palauea.

At Palauea, the message from those conducting the recent ceremony was one of reaffirming our connection to the land where new mo'olelo (stories) about our lāhui will arise. In caring for the land, we will learn from the land and together we will grow and flourish.

Once again, Palauea is a place where the sun shines strongly and a sovereign wind blows. ■

Dana Naone Hall is a poet, and longtime advocate for saving important cultural lands and access to them.

LAND & WATER

'ĀINA

To maintain the connection to the past and a viable land base, Native Hawaiians will participate in and benefit from responsible stewardship of Ka Pae 'Āina O Hawai'i.

ECONOMIC SELF-
SUFFICIENCY

HO'OKAHUA WAIWAI

To have choices and a sustainable future, Native Hawaiians will progress toward greater economic self-sufficiency.

Loan from OHA helps pay for home repairs that keep family intact

By Harold Nedd

For hunter, fisherman and carpenter Yama Kaholo'a'a, his list of feats since moving to Moloka'i more than 30 years ago is as long as it is varied, including teaching teens from broken homes survival skills in the island's rugged rainforests, building his four-bedroom house by himself and raising seven children.

But gaining legal custody of three granddaughters remains the triumph that this 68-year-old resident of the Ho'olehua homestead is genuinely most excited about.

With an emergency \$7,500 loan from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Kaholo'a'a, who has 26 grandchildren, was able to make the home improvements that Child Welfare Services made a condition for giving him custody of three granddaughters and keeping them out of Hawai'i's foster care system.

"My grandchildren mean everything to me," Kaholo'a'a said during a conversation in his garage before a June 18 community meeting on Moloka'i hosted by OHA trustees. "Without that OHA loan, I don't get the chance I have today, which is to create a more stable life for three of my granddaughters."

Kaholo'a'a is among more than 400 Native Hawaiian consumers who have borrowed an estimated \$2 million from OHA's often-overlooked emergency loan program since it was created in 2005.

Called the "Consumer Micro-Loan Program," it was created for Native Hawaiians who are experiencing temporary financial hardship due



Yama Kaholo'a'a shares a moment at home with the three granddaughters he and his wife, Caroline, are raising. From left are Shandalyn, 13, Caroline, 15 months, and Makaila, 14. - Photo: OHA Communications

Consumer Micro-Loan Program

This program is designed to provide low-cost loans to Native Hawaiians who are experiencing temporary financial hardship due to unforeseen events, or who wish to enhance their careers.

For more information on CMLP, visit www.oha.org/cmlp or contact consumer micro-loan officer Lareina Meinecke at lareinam@oha.org or (808) 594-1823.

to unforeseen circumstances.

The program makes up to \$7,500 in low-interest loans available to Native Hawaiian consumers to pay for emergencies ranging from auto and home repairs to funeral and legal expenses.

Kaholo'a'a used the loan mainly to fix a roof that leaked and install windows that keep mosquitoes away. More importantly, the home repairs allowed him to comply fully with federal child-welfare standards designed to protect kids like his granddaughters – 14-year-old Makaila, 13-year-old Shandalyn and 15-months-old Caroline – from neglect and abuse.

For Makaila, whose extra-curricular pursuits include volleyball and softball, the home repairs bring with

them the promise of stability in her life, which is enriched by a grandmother, Caroline, who she describes as "caring and funny" and a grandfather that she said "never says no" and takes her everywhere, including diving for prawns and other seafood in his 33-foot boat.

"Without my grandparents, I would feel sad and lost," Makaila said. "I don't think I can handle not being with them." ■

OHA grant helping Native Hawaiians buy homes

By Harold Nedd

Luckily for Clayton Kilonu Ku, he was ready when the opportunity came for him to buy his four-bedroom home at the Kanehili homestead in Kapolei.

But it was not because the first-time homeowner had been saving up to buy the home he lives in with his wife and two young children.

Instead, the 31-year-old Navy sailor credited the \$15,000 in assistance he received from a program partly funded by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to help Native Hawaiians come up with the down payment to buy a home.

"The grant really helped," Ku said. "I didn't think I was anywhere near ready for the opportunity. It was just sheer luck; things fell into place for us."

He is among dozens of Native Hawaiians who have bought their homes within the past year through the Hawai'i Family Finance Project, which received a \$500,000 OHA grant to pay for homeownership counseling as well as assistance with down payments.

The program, which fits into a broader strategy at OHA to help Native Hawaiians achieve housing stability, is also funded by the U.S. Department of Treasury, Wells Fargo and First Hawaiian Bank.

The OHA grant helped 49 Native Hawaiian families with down payments, accounting for 61 percent of the families receiving this particular assistance from the program, which is coordinated by the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement.

In addition, the OHA grant helped 83 Native Hawaiian families buy homes after receiving homeownership counseling, accounting for 43 percent of the families receiving counseling from the program.

Among other key highlights: the program has helped 1,556 Native-Hawaiian families improve their credit score, the number that measures creditworthiness and goes a long way toward determining where you can afford to live.

While this program's OHA funding has dried up, information about similar assistance can be obtained by calling either Hawaiian Community Assets toll free at (866) 400-1116 or the Hawai'i Homeownership Center at (877) 523-9503. ■

Cultural signage project marks 6 moku of Kaua'i County

By Mary Alice Ka'iulani Milham

"For native Hawaiians, a place tells us who we are and who is our extended family. A place gives us our history, the history of our clan and the history of our ancestors."

—Hawaiian historian Edward Kanahele

The importance of knowing where you come from is gaining ground in Kaua'i thanks to a new initiative called Kaua'i Nui Kuapapa (Kaua'i of Great Genealogies), to place markers at the historic boundaries of moku (major districts), ahupua'a (mountain-to-sea divisions) and mauka-to-makai waterways that border roads.

Markers at Kaua'i County's six moku – Kona, Puna, Halele'a, Nāpali, Ko'olau and Ni'ihau – were unveiled May 30 in simultaneous blessing ceremonies.

The traditional ceremonies began at the stroke of noon when community members at all six locations blew pū (conch shells) six times – once for each moku – while facing Wai'ale'ale, Kaua'i's highest peak.

"It was the first time in Kaua'i's history that we had such a ceremony where people around the island were doing the same thing at the same time, facing each other across the island," said Keao NeSmith, a University of Hawai'i-Mānoa professor of Hawaiian language known for his dedication to cultural sites on Kaua'i.

It was in fact at one of Kaua'i's great cultural sites, Kahua o Kāneiolouma, that the idea for the moku sign project was born.

"We were doing work and the mayor decided to stop by," says NeSmith, a member of Hui Mālama Kāneiolouma, the nonprofit group leading the restoration and stewardship of the vast Kāneiolouma complex.

"I told (Mayor Bernard Carvalho) that: 'You know, Kaua'i people need to know our place. We need to know our moku. We need to know our ahupua'a.'"

Mayor Carvalho was equally taken with the idea.

NeSmith got a call the very next day from Carvalho's secretary inviting him to discuss the idea further and how it could fit together with Carvalho's Holoholo 2020 vision for Kaua'i.

NeSmith says his passion to memorialize Kaua'i's traditional landmarks traces back to his youth growing up on the island and the curiosity and longing he shared with his companions and 'ohana to know the traditional names of local beaches, mountains and ridges.

By tapping into Kaua'i's unique historical and cultural legacy, Kaua'i Nui Kuapapa hopes to strengthen the bonds between 'āina and community – fostering stewardship, knowledge and a stronger sense of place and community.

"They'll be able, as a result of this, to familiarize themselves with our moku, where they will be able to say, 'I was in Kona,'" says NeSmith.

The moku markers, each with distinctive color and site-specific design, were created by Dave DeLuca, publishing and media executive with Nā Hōkū Welo, a cultural consultancy including NeSmith, historian Randy Wichman, managing executive Kanoe Ahuna, PhD., and Joy Stedman, the group's marketing executive.

Integrating traditional knowledge with modern technology is an important underlying philosophy behind the Kaua'i Nui Kuapapa project.

The signs will provide information in English and 'ōlelo Hawai'i (Hawaiian language), as will the Kaua'i Nui Kuapapa website, along with more detailed information gathered by Nā Hōkū Welo's research.

By year's end, markers will be installed at 54 ahupua'a boundaries thus far identified from the time of King Kaumuali'i, the island's chief at the turn of the 19th century.

"We're trying to go back to his era to find out what the borders were," says NeSmith.



The Nāpali sign was blessed at Kē'ē Beach State Park on May 30 as part of a coordinated launch at six locations on Kaua'i. - Courtesy: Timothy DeLaVega

Plans also call for some interpretive signs and mobile apps with videos featuring mo'olelo (stories) about the sites, such as the names of the local winds and rains.

Kaua'i Museum, one of several of partners supporting the project, is also developing a Kaua'i Nui Kuapapa exhibit with 3D hologram images about Kaumuali'i.

NeSmith says the third phase of the project, a few years from now, will integrate historical and cultural data from Kaua'i Nui Kuapapa into curriculum for the county's schools.

Schools within each moku will also have access to the moku sign logos, as will businesses and the public, to encourage a sense of place on a communitywide basis.

Partners in the project include the Kaua'i Historical Society, the Office of the Mayor, Kaua'i County Council, Hawai'i Tourism Authority, Kaua'i Visitors Bureau, OHA Trustee Dan Ahuna, DataSpace Industries, Datawise Consulting and Pass the Projects. ■

Mary Alice Ka'iulani Milham, a Portland, Oregon-based freelance journalist, is a former newspaper reporter and columnist from California's Central Coast.

Signs of the times

Here are the designs of the six signs and their locations. The Ni'ihau design was revised with the input of the Ni'ihau community and a new sign will replace the one installed earlier.



CULTURE

MO'OMEHEU

To strengthen identity, Native Hawaiians will preserve, practice and perpetuate their culture.

OHA IN THE COMMUNITY



STRENGTHENING PACIFIC TIES

OHA in June welcomed New Zealand Minister Tariana Turia and her contingent, who stopped in Hawai'i on their return home from United Nations meetings in New York. Turia, a parliamentary member since 1996, had requested the meeting to share information about Maori programs and to learn of similar programs in Hawai'i. Pictured, first row, from left, are: OHA Trustee Carmen "Hulu" Lindsey, Chair Colette Machado, Minister Turia and Trustee Rowena Akana. Back row, from left, are: Lisa Turia, senior private secretary; Everdina Fuli of the University of Auckland; Malo Ah-You, private secretary; Holly Warren, deputy consul-general, New Zealand Consulate General in Honolulu; and OHA COO Kāwika Burgess.

- Photo: Nelson Gaspar

MEETING WITH MOLOKA'I BENEFICIARIES



SENDING VOYAGERS OFF WITH ALOHA

Before the voyaging canoes Hōkūle'a and Hikianalia left Hawai'i on their historic sail around the world, OHA's chief executive and chief operating officer visited the crew in Hilo, sending them off with aloha. The voyagers, who had been awaiting optimal wind conditions to embark on the first international leg to Tahiti, sighted the Tuamotu Archipelago on June 15 Hawai'i Standard Time, their first land sighting since departing May 30. The crews have received warm welcomes in Rangiroa, the largest atoll in the Tuamotus, and Pape'ete, Tahiti. OHA is a proud sponsor of the Mālama Honua voyage, which is training a new generation of noninstrument navigators and taking the message of caring for our Island Earth around the globe. From left are: Abraham "Snake" Ah Hee, OHA's Ikaika Nakahashi, Capt. Bruce Blankenfeld, OHA CEO Kamana'opono Crabbe, Attwood "Maka" Makanani, OHA COO Kāwika Burgess. To track the voyage, visit hokulea.com. - Courtesy: Ikaika Nakahashi

◀ A legislative update from OHA's Chief Advocate Kawika Riley, a handful of presentations and an array of beneficiary comments drew about 100 people to an OHA community meeting in Moloka'i on June 18. Among the highlights of the two-hour meeting held by the Board of Trustees at Kūlana 'Ōiwi Hālau was Riley's update on OHA's accomplishments from the past legislative session, including gathering support for bills that pave the way for a commitment from the state to address disparities in Native Hawaiian health. For the trustees, the meeting was also part of their annual round of community forums and regular board meetings on neighbor islands. The trustees are scheduled to meet on Kaua'i on July 16 and July 17. - Photo: OHA Communications

OHA Board Actions Compiled by Garrett Kamemoto

The following actions were taken by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Board of Trustees, and are summarized here. For more information on board actions, please see the complete meeting minutes, including the legislative matrix mentioned below, posted online at oha.org/about/board-trustees.

LEGEND

- 'Ae (Yes)
- 'A'ole (No)
- Kānalua (Abstain)
- Excused/Not Present

		Board of Trustees									
		Ahuna	Akana	Apo	Apoliona	H. Lindsey	R. Lindsey	Machado	Stender	Waihe'e	
June 5, 2014	Motion										
	Motion to 1) Amend Action Item ARM #14-03 to remove the proposed OHA Investment Policy Statement change of Section 1.5 Spending Policy (Page 2, Section B1), and 2) Approve amendments to the Native Hawaiian Trust Fund Investment Policy Statement as described in Attachment "A" (Investment Policy Statement). (First reading)	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
	<i>Motion passes with eight AYES and one EXCUSED/NOT PRESENT.</i>										
June 19, 2014											
	Motion to 1) Amend Action Item ARM #14-03 to remove the proposed OHA Investment Policy Statement change of Section 1.5 Spending Policy (Page 2, Section B1), and 2) Approve amendments to the Native Hawaiian Trust Fund Investment Policy Statement as described in Attachment "A" (Investment Policy Statement). (Second reading)	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
	<i>Motion passes with nine AYES.</i>										
	Motion to adopt and Approve the policy guidelines for the Committee on Land and Property.	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
	<i>Motion passes with nine AYES.</i>										
	MOTION To enter into a 65-year lease from the Department of Land and Natural Resources to OHA for land located at Wailua, Kawaihau (Puna), Kaua'i identified by Tax Map Key (TMK): (4) 4-1-004:021 and Sublease to Ho'omana subject to stipulations in item #2 of a memo from Administration dated May 30th, outlining a detailed due diligence process; and provided that final approval of the lease by OHA be subject to completion of additional due diligence on the property. OHA should request a minimum of 90-120 days to complete the additional due diligence. Administration estimates additional due diligence could cost up to \$20,000 to address each of the issues identified in the initial due diligence.	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
	<i>Motion passes with nine AYES.</i>										

Neighbor island meetings

OHA's Board of Trustees and Community meetings on the neighbor islands continue on Kaua'i this month.

The Kaua'i meetings are scheduled as follows:

- Community meeting at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 16 at Wilcox Elementary School cafeteria, 4319 Hardy St. in Līhu'e
- Board of Trustees meeting on Thursday, July 17 at 9 a.m. at Queen Lili'uokalani Chil-

dren's Center office and lānai area, 4530 Kali Road in Līhu'e.

For more information, please call Noalani Oba or Kaliko Santos on Kaua'i at (808) 241-3390.

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OLAKINO
YOUR HEALTH

Summer in Hawai'i



By Claire Ku'uileilani Hughes,
Dr. PH., R.D.

Summer is here! It's time for swimming, surfing, canoe paddling and picnics. These activities require wearing beach attire, like swimsuits and tank tops. Thus, it's time that many of us become highly self-conscious of the pounds gained during the fall and winter seasons. And so, the natural reaction and question is ... what are some ideas

and safe ways to start the weight-loss process? Fortunately, I found a sensible list that deals with ways to alter personal reactions to food and how to deal with them. These are good ideas for all year long.

Avoid mindless eating: Don't leave food around where you can see it. You are more likely to eat food that you can see, than if it is simply out of sight. At home, put temptations away in the food cabinet, refrigerator or freezer. At the office, put temptations in opaque plastic containers or metal canisters.

Beware of eating cues: Smells can trigger desires and cues to eat. Smells of baking bread and popping popcorn are just two examples of aromas that often cause you to reach for something to eat.

1. **Avoid the "troublemakers":** It is easier to avoid eating "troublemakers," if they are not near you ... whether it is a favorite chocolate candy or a favorite cookie or cake. If these irresistible treats remain in the store, then you will be far more likely to be able to resist them.

2. **Choose and eat healthy foods:** Choosing and eating healthy foods, such as more fish, vegetables and fruit, will eventually reduce cravings

for less-healthy and far-less-healthy foods. Focus on "adding" healthier choices and, do it soon. There will be less time to eat the less-healthy foods.

3. **Break the automatic response** – distract yourself: You have to practice breaking your automatic response to hunger. Some people find doing an enjoyable or distracting activity can help delay an automatic response. Read a favorite book, listen to music or go for a short walk. These activities can distract and/or delay your snacking responses.

4. **Beware of stress:** You are far more likely to start eating more food than you planned to when you are stressed. It has been proven that stress can trig-

ger the desire for "comfort foods." And, don't get overly hungry, that will intensify the drive to eat.

5. **Exercise:** There is proof that the body's response to aerobic exercise is an increase in the nerve cells in the prefrontal cortex of your brain, and this helps to control your impulses. And, simply going on a brisk walk is enough exercise to do it!

Looking better and feeling better are just two reasons to work to lose a few pounds. The bottom line is there are many health reasons to lose weight. Huge health gains result. Scientists have shown that as your weight increases, your risk for heart disease, cancer, diabetes, stroke and early death increases. And, a large waist (more than 35 inches for women and 40 inches for men) increases the risk for diabetes, heart disease and some cancers ... at any age.

Therefore, no matter what your weight, eat a healthy diet of vegetables, fruit, whole grains, seafood, poultry, low-fat dairy products and small-to-modest amounts of oils, nuts and other unsaturated fats. And shoot for 30 to 60 minutes of exercise a day! ■



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Mo'okiha o Pi'ilani crew members Kalani Kapahulehua, left, Fa'awae Maluia, Tahiar'i Yoram Pariente and Kalā Baybayan. - Courtesy: Jeff Balinbin

Maui's own voyaging canoe to launch July 11 in Lahaina

By Katherine Kama'ema'e Smith

On Friday, July 11 from noon to 4 p.m., the Maui community will gather to bless and launch Mo'okiha o Pi'ilani, Maui's own transoceanic voyaging canoe. The 62-foot, double-hull and twin-mast wa'a is 22 feet wide at the 'iako (crossbeams joining the two hulls), and weighs just over 10 tons.

Launch festivities include an 'awa ceremony, traditional canoe consecration and blessing, and commemorative speeches by kūpuna, Maui Mayor Alan Arakawa, Gov. Neil Abercrombie and Maui OHA Trustee Hulu Lindsey. Kumu Keli'i Tau'a and Kahu Naone Lyons will direct the cultural protocols.

The launch at the newly renovated Māla Boat Ramp in Lahaina coincides with the Akua moon (14th night of the full moon) on July 11, and high tide at 3:53 p.m. Canoe clubs from throughout Hawai'i will assemble to tow Mo'okiha o Pi'ilani into 'Au'au Channel and provide escort for her first sea trial – sailing



Mo'okiha o Pi'ilani crew and Hui o Wa'a Kaulua directors celebrate the upcoming July 11 launch. - Courtesy: Hui o Wa'a Kaulua

1.2 nautical miles south to a mooring just beyond the reef in front of Kamehameha Iki Park, 525 Front St. in Lahaina. Ho'olaule'a begins at Kamehameha Iki at 5 p.m.

June 28 begins canoe and crew kapu. A 20-foot ti fence will be put around the canoe, and only

crew members may enter. On July 6, the wa'a kaulua will be hauled 1.4 miles up Front Street to Māla Wharf. The procession begins at midnight. Once the canoe is at Māla, the kapu will continue, crew members will sleep on the wa'a and prepare final lashing of masts,



Tahiar'i Yoram Pariente, left, and Puaita Polutu lash Mo'okiha o Pi'ilani's mast as keiki look on. - Courtesy: Leilaniynne Hasbrook

spars, booms and sails.

Mo'okiha o Pi'ilani joins Mo'olele, a 42-foot double-hull and single-mast canoe built in the mid-1970s. The new wa'a kaulua's name also begins with "mo'o," followed by "Kiha" for Kihawahine, a mo'o goddess of Maui. Pi'ilani was high chief of Maui who ruled in the late 1500s. The canoe embodies the spiritual traditions of Maui and the mana of all the many volunteers who have invested their time, energy and aloha to see her set sail.

"The canoe belongs to everyone – she belongs to Maui," says Kimokeo Kapahulehua, president of Hui o Wa'a, Maui's Voyaging Society. "From the first person who had a vision for this canoe, to the last to one to sand her mast – all contributed to this moment when we see the canoe ready to go in the ocean."

Over the course of the last year, almost 1,000 Maui students have participated in Hui o Wa'a educational programs on voyaging, wayfinding, sustainability and Hawaiian canoe culture.

Many community groups volunteered their time to sand and finish masts, spars and booms, and cleats. Other volunteers helped lash

the canoe together, which consumed more than 9 miles of rope.

Hui o Wa'a Kaulua is very grateful for all the generous donations to this project. The Maui Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce, Alexander & Baldwin, Matson, Patricia Grace Steele Trust, Aloha Makana Foundation, Old Lahaina Lū'au Inc., Lahaina Ace Hardware, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Trust Company of America, Lāna'i Resorts LLC, ATC Makena Management Services Corp., Puna-hoa, The O.L. Moore Foundation, Maui Oceanfront Marathon, Tri-Isles Conservation, Hula Grill, Ameritus Charitable Foundation, Committee Films, Lahaina Shores and a host of others.

Suppliers and Maui businesses donated time, in-kind goods and services or discounted the materials required for canoe building.

Capt. Timi Gilliom, who has helped build several Polynesian Voyaging Society canoes, and canoe builder Charlie Noland have been working steadily toward this launch for the last four years. It can be said that the canoe building is never over. Every captain has a list of things that could be made better or revised. "I said the canoe will go when she is ready, and now she is ready," said Gilliom.

The wa'a will have traditional crab-claw-shaped sails, which will ride on tracks for safe and easy hoisting. The steering sweep handle ends in a ball, engraved with "MAU" in memory of Mau Piailug, the Micronesian navigator who taught Nainoa Thompson and other Hawaiians how to sail by the stars.

Kalā Baybayan, daughter of navigator and 'Imiloa Astronomy Center of Hawai'i navigator in residence Chad Baybayan, is an apprentice navigator for Mo'okiha o Pi'ilani. She sailed as an apprentice navigator on Hikianalia to Tahiti, escorting Hōkūle'a on the first leg of a worldwide voyage, and will fly back to Maui to launch Mo'okiha o Pi'ilani. While Hōkūle'a is away, Mo'okiha o Pi'ilani will be providing hands-on training in voyaging and wayfinding arts for keiki in Hawai'i.

For information on this historic launch, visit [huiowaa.org](#). ■

ON LĀNA'I, GROWING

With buy-in from the island's new owner, a former fisherman works to restore seaweed to its former glory

By Garrett Kamemoto

Courtesy photos:
Robin Kaye
for the Lāna'i Limu
Restoration Project

A LOVE FOR LIMU

▲ In the initial stages of the project, the group is working with the endemic ogo, pictured, and native huluhulu-waena, or *Gratelou-pia filicina*. Ogo, one of the most popular edible seaweeds in Hawai'i, is known scientifically as *Gracilaria parvispora*. - Photo: Arna Johnson

Kaiaokamalie with Lāna'i High and Elementary School students as they mark transects for their limu restoration project.



Kaiaokamalie's initial attempt to grow limu was in a 55-gallon drum in his yard.

Standing on the windswept sandy shoreline in the Maunalei Ahupua'a on the windward coast of Lāna'i, Allen Kaiaokamalie looks out toward the ocean and dreams of limu. As a young fisherman growing up in the late 1940s and early 1950s, he remembers limu as far as the eye could see.

Today, from a bluff overlooking the area, you can see a much different story. Much of the near-shore waters appear dyed rust brown, the result of years of erosion. Much of the edible limu is gone now because of the runoff and the growth of the turtle population that feeds on the limu.

But, as Kaiaokamalie looks out from the shoreline, he visualizes his dream coming true.

"I was a fisherman all my life," Kaiaokamalie says, "all I did was take, take, take so when I retired I figured I wanted to give something back."

But why limu?

"I'm not smart like you guys," he says with a chuckle. "I just figured the easy way is growing something and planting back in the ocean." Easy, however, often isn't as it appears.



A 20-foot-by-20-foot pen built off shore to keep the turtles out of the limu-growing test site.

Backyard beginnings

In early Hawai'i, limu farming and harvesting were traditional and customary practices and part of food sustainability. Today, those same practices are not followed.

The Lāna'i Limu Restoration Project is the result of Kaiaokamalie's hard work. He started in 55-gallon drums in his backyard three years ago and moved to an area next to the shoreline.

"I just made up my mind, I cannot haul water anymore," he said. "We always came down here fishing and camping and ... I said, hey, maybe I can clean up an area over here and start planning the limu."

He had some success, but project volunteer Robin Kaye said there were many challenges. They started to grow the limu in a cage offshore.

"We had success with every different method we tried, but it was limited and it was a real challenge to overcome the predators," Kaye said. "There was one occasion where we had the limu that we put overnight that we'd gotten from Honolulu. We put it in the enclosure and when we came back it was gone as a clump so we knew it was a human who had taken it."

The other challenge was the project didn't exactly have permission to be on the land. The land had been owned by Castle and Cooke but had since been purchased by billionaire Larry Ellison. Kaiaokamalie and Kaye decided it was time to pay a visit to the new owner and formally ask permission to be on the land. They approached Kurt Matsumoto, chief operating officer of landowner Pūlama Lāna'i.

Kaye said, "He listened and listened and listened and then he said, 'You know what? We'll do it. But let's make it bigger.'"

"Oh man that was the best thing. We were really surprised," said Kaiaokamalie.

Partnership with Pūlama Lāna'i

Pūlama Lāna'i committed to building a well with solar power generators to pump water into eight limu tanks so they could culture the limu away from the open ocean, where it is vulnerable to people and predators.

The company swooped in and cleared some of the kiawe and plans to build a traditional hale to serve as an area for education.

"And we knew from that point: Kurt, the COO, had told his folks, Uncle Allen's limu project is going to work (and to) do what they need. So there was never a question of budget or process. It was, What do you need? OK, you need eight ponds, OK we'll put



Preparing limu for placement on the stones, which will be replanted in the ocean.



Uncle Wally Ito, left, and Kaiaokamalie examine limu during one of Ito's visits to the Lāna'i Limu Restoration Project.

Gift for the next generation

On this day, Kaiaokamalie and Kaye are talking to some guests, among them Office of Hawaiian Affairs Chairperson Colette Machado. Kaiaokamalie is showing Maui County guidelines for building a traditional hale up to code. It's a building that will be used for educational activities.

They are discussing their effort to work closely with Lāna'i High and Elementary School to provide hands-on experience for 10 high school and 40 middle school students and how well the students take to the project.

As Machado looks over the plans, she says the gift from Pūlama Lāna'i is the gift of education for the next generation.

"That's a commitment to you, Uncle, as a Hawaiian," Machado said. "I think that they see the value of restoring the shoreline because you're a Hawaiian and you have a vision of how you're raised up here to do that work out there. So I'd like to think that was their commitment when they listened to what you were doing and the benefit of having you lead as the kupuna in this area."

Kaiaokamalie agrees that his limu project has evolved. Where once it was about the restoration of the limu, now, he says, "It's for the kids more."

Uncle Allen Kaiaokamalie uses a refractometer to measure salinity of well water.



them there. You want a composting toilet? Over there," said Kaye.

The only stipulations: the limu not to be grown for commercial purposes, and the public facilities like the toilet or the hale will be open to the public, so if a visitor wants to come, use the facilities and learn about the limu and conservation, they would be welcome.

Conditions Kaiaokamalie and Kaye were more than happy to accept.

LIMU STORIES

At the first Hāna Limu Festival in 2008, a frail kupuna woman approached seaweed specialist Uncle Wally Ito and opened his eyes to a new way of looking at a familiar species.

"She tells me: 'Good you guys come Hāna, show us limu. I used to eat limu small-kid time.'" With that, she picked out the *Amansia glomerata* from the various species he brought for show-and-tell and said, "I eat this."

Ito was in disbelief. "So she took a small sprig of the limu, she put it in her mouth," Ito recalls. And the memories came back to her: "Yeah, yeah, this is the one we used to eat."

Ito followed suit and discovered that the limu he had thought nobody ate was "so 'ono. Tasted like 'opihi. Real rich flavor."

Experiences like that have taught Ito that Hawaiian cultural knowledge of limu exists in pockets – so much so that even if everyone knows just a fraction of the information, collectively the knowledge is vast.

Now Ito and Uncle Henry Chang-Wo – who are known for holding limu workshops statewide and helping groups restore limu in their communities – are planning a small gathering of about 15 kūpuna from across the islands to encourage sharing of cultural knowledge before it's lost. The four-day gathering in Punalu'u is being organized with the help of the conservation group Kua'āina Ulu Auamo and supported by a grant from OHA.

Ito, 61, says the goal is to "give people a forum to share their information." He hopes to document Hawaiian names for limu, which vary from place to place, as well as learn about its uses in food, medicine, religion and other areas. He's also curious to hear how the kūpuna learned about limu and what can be done collectively to pass the knowledge down to the next generation.

The September gathering will be held at a Kamehameha Schools beach house in exchange for volunteer work at one of KS's properties. (The group will remove invasive limu at He'eia Fishpond, where Ito once worked on a grant to study limu feasibility and where he met Chang-Wo.)

And, because the topic of the gathering is limu, there will also be something planned for the taste buds. Kūpuna will be asked to bring limu from their area and prepare a dish "so everybody can taste different limu preparations," Ito says. "Fun stuff as well as sharing information." —Lisa Asato



Prince Lot Hula Festival

Kila Kila O Moanalua – Majestic is Moanalua, is the theme of the 37th annual Prince Lot Hula Festival, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 19 at Moanalua Gardens to honor Hawai'i's Kamehameha V, Prince Lot Kapuāiwa, who revived the once-forbidden hula of the district.

The free event, supported in part by an OHA grant, opens with music by the Kamehameha Alumni Glee Club, followed by a procession of the Royal Order of Kamehameha and other royal societies.

Performances will begin with kumu hula Robert Cazimero and his hālau, followed with a stellar lineup of kumu hula and dancers, including Kai'ililihiwa "Hiwa" Vaughan-Darval, John Kaha'i Topolinski, Karl Veto Baker and Michael Casupang, Coline Aiu, Māpuana de Silva, Leina'ala Kalama Hine, Michael Pili Pang, Vicky Holt Takamine, Elsie Ryder and the Joan S. Lindsey Hula Studio.

A historic and cultural treasure, Moanalua Gardens is home to rare trees, including the famed Hitachi Tree. Spreading a canopy across the acres of lawn, the trees make a perfect theater for a day of performances by Hawai'i's most renowned hula hālau.

The large lawn is a place to spread blankets and gather family and pals. In the back area, low beach chairs are allowed.

The festival's limited edition T-shirt and button will be available for sale while supplies last. The funds support the yearly event. Booths serve delicious food and showcase talented crafters and artists including noted cultural practitioners, feather expert Paulette Kahalepuna, sculptor Keith Maile and Daniel Anthony leading his Hui Aloha 'Āina Momona in pounding pa'i 'ai, giving visitors the opportunity to pound their own taro. Parking is free in the lot and on nearby streets. 839-5334 or moanalugardensfoundation.org. —Lynn Cook ■



Practitioners demonstrating the art of lei hulu, or feather lei, at the Cultural Festival at Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. - Courtesy: NPS/Jay Robinson

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'UKULELE FESTIVAL

Sun., July 20, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Dozens of award-winning musical acts will perform at this day of nonstop entertainment also featuring an 'ukulele orchestra of

more than 800 children. There will be food booths, giveaways, keiki bouncers and opportunities for novices to learn to play the 'ukulele. Kapi'olani Park Bandstand. Free parking and shuttle service from Kapi'olani Community College from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. info@ukulelefestivalhawaii.org or ukulelefestivalhawaii.org.

Kaukahi performing at the annual Gabby Pahinui Waimānalo Kanikapila, with, from left, Sonny Lim on bass, Kawika Kahiapo, Dean Wilhelm and Keale. - Courtesy: Chelle Pahinui

GABBY PAHINUI WAIMĀNALO KANIKAPILA

Sat., Aug. 9, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

More than 200 of Hawai'i's best musicians and hula dancers come together in the ultimate jam session to honor the late Gabby Pahinui's contributions to the musical identity of Hawai'i. Experience the educational booths, music workshops, cultural demonstrations and displays, food booths and craft vendors. (A slack key and 'ukulele workshop will be held Aug. 8 in the Waimānalo Beach Park pavilion.) Waimānalo Beach Park, 41-741 Kalaniana'ole Highway. This free annual event is supported in part by an OHA grant. (808) 722-8575, cyril@cyrilpahinui.com, or gabbypahinui.com. ■



4 national parks to host La Ho'ihō'i Ea events

On July 31 four national parks on Hawai'i Island will host events jointly commemorating La Ho'ihō'i Ea, restoration day, the first national holiday of the Hawaiian Kingdom.

Pu'uhonua o Hōnaunau National Park, Honokōhau National Park, Pu'ukoholā National Park and Kīlauea National Park are participating in the simultaneous event, which is free of charge. Park admission is waived for the day.

The national holiday dates to 1843, when Great Britain restored Hawaiian sovereignty after a five-month occupation initiated by Lord George Paulet. On July 31, Rear Admiral Richard Thomas restored Hawaiian sovereignty, prompting King Kamehameha III to utter the famous words, "Ua mau ke ea o ka 'āina i ka pono," which today is the motto of the state of Hawai'i, translated as "The life of the land is perpetuated in righteousness."

Kalaniakēa Wilson, a Kona resident and educator for more than 20 years, has been



Kalaniakēa Wilson, center, with the late University of Hawai'i Hawaiian Studies professor George Terry Kanalu Young at the first celebration of Lā Kū'oko'a at UH-Mānoa. - Courtesy: Kalaniakēa Wilson

holding La Ho'ihō'i commemorations at Pu'uhonua o Hōnaunau National Park for the past several years. This year, he'll lead the ceremony at Pu'ukoholā National Park.

Regardless of which park you go to, the ceremonies will follow the same schedule: 9 a.m. pū kani 'ohe workshop to make bamboo

trumpets (so people who don't have a conch shell can participate in the blowing of pū during the ceremony), 10 a.m. educational presentations on the day's history, including the song *Hawai'i Pono'i* and the phrase "Ua mau ke ea o ka 'āina i ka pono," followed by a noon ceremony taking down the British

flag and raising the Hawaiian flag, and a 1 p.m. ho'olaule'a with light refreshments and entertainment.

Pū will be blown 21 times during the flag-raising ceremony, echoing the 21-cannon salute originally done in 1843, Wilson said.

Wilson, who just earned his master's degree in Hawaiian language at the University of Hawai'i-Mānoa, said he learned about this little-known part of Hawaiian history when he was searching for a master's project. He researched Hawaiian-language newspapers and came across La Ho'ihō'i Ea as well as Lā Kū'oko'a, Hawaiian independence day, when, on Nov. 28, 1843, the British and French governments signed a joint agreement bringing the Hawaiian Kingdom into the small family of mutually recognized independent nations.

Wilson says he wants to share what he has learned from his research of Hawaiian newspapers prior to the overthrow, and take the story of La Ho'ihō'i Ea and "share it with the Hawaiian community and anyone else who attends."

He said this is the first time where all the national parks on Hawai'i Island will be unified in marking the event. —Lisa Asato ■

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By Lurline Wailana McGregor

History is an interpretation of past events as told through the eyes of the storyteller. It is based on that person's worldview, their specific knowledge of the events they are describing and their particular agenda. Until around 30 years ago, most books about Hawaiian history were written by members the dominant Western

culture, whose viewpoint is very different from that of the indigenous people, whose knowledge of events about Hawai'i's history is often based on other Westerners' accounts and whose intentions have conceivably been to steer the reader away from wondering if there was

his mo'olelo (history), his 'ōiwi (native) version of how the ruling ali'i of the Hawaiian Kingdom combined governance systems that had long been established in Ka Pae 'Āina (the archipelago) with carefully selected Western laws to create an independent nation-state.

The book begins with an overview of how the 'aha ali'i (council of chiefs) was established through genealogy to become the ruling chiefs, and how the evolution of the ahupua'a system provided a structure for land tenancy.

a wrongful takeover of an independent nation. Thanks to the growing body of work by Native Hawaiian historians and academics, this is no longer the case.

"Native agency optics" is how Kamanamaikalani Beamer describes the framework of his new book, *No Mākou Ka Mana: Liberating the Nation*, published by Kamehameha Publishing. It is

Beamer bases his findings and post-colonial interpretations on indigenous source materials that range from ali'i correspondences to 'ōlelo Hawai'i (Hawaiian language) newspaper reports to 'ōiwi discourses, from the historical publications of Davida Malo and Samuel Kamakau to the more contemporary work of Haunani-Kay Trask and Kehau Abad.

REVIEW



No Mākou ka Mana: Liberating the Nation
By Kamanamaikalani Beamer, Ph.D.
278 pages. Kamehameha Publishing. \$30 hardcover, \$15 softcover, \$9.99 Kindle and iPad.

The book begins with an overview of how the 'aha ali'i (council of chiefs) was established through genealogy to become the ruling chiefs, and how the evolution of the ahupua'a system provided a structure for land tenancy. Following the arrival of Capt. Cook and the ensuing settlement of foreigners in the islands, Kamehameha the Great sent a letter to King George III of England asking that his country serve as a protectorate of the Hawaiian Islands. Four years later, Liholiho traveled with an entourage to London to meet with King George IV to follow up on his father's letter and secure Britain's commitment to protecting the Hawaiian Islands from foreign threats. The king gave his verbal agreement to Liholiho's request to Boki, the highest-ranking member of Liholiho's entourage after he died. Beamer contends that the success of this diplomatic mission may have been the reason that Hawai'i remained independent as long as it did.

Ruling ali'i during the period of the Hawaiian Kingdom became proficient in European and American

legal systems, languages, clothing and customs. This was by no means to the exclusion of learning their own history and traditions; rather, their strategy was twofold: to be able to create a governing system that they could adapt to their increasingly Western and capitalist society, and through their acquisition of diplomatic skills, create international allies to ward off foreign threats to their kingdom. Beamer demonstrates through the inclusion of original newspaper announcements and posted kānāwai (laws) that the Hawaiian ali'i were highly competent in their capacity to issue laws and respond to crises, such as restricting the entrance of vessels into the harbor that may have originated in smallpox-infested areas. This is not to say that the ali'i were equipped to withstand the overwhelming forces of the U.S. businessmen and the American military in the overthrow of their government.

Beamer's mo'olelo covers an area of Hawaiian history that has not been methodically researched or critically analyzed, possibly because it does not serve a purpose for a Western audience. His 'ōiwi perspective in explaining ali'i agency is to show that the ali'i were highly capable of not only governing their own nation, but as skillful diplomats, creating political alliances with other governments. Beamer's work is intended to revive the intelligence and the mana of the ali'i, hence the title, *No Mākou Ka Mana* – we as Kānaka Maoli (Hawaiians) have the power inside us that will enable us to carve out our own future.

No Mākou Ka Mana: Liberating the Nation is a valuable contribution to interpreting past events from an 'ōiwi point of view. As Kānaka Maoli consider options to craft a government based on traditional practices while incorporating selected Western law, this mo'olelo provides important insights that will serve to further the discourse on modern nationhood. ■

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We are Kini Kailua, a hui of 25 kumu hula with roots in Ko‘olaupoko, ‘Oahu.

We are the keepers of the traditions of such respected hula masters as Maiki Aiu Lake, Lani Kalama, Bella Richards, Luka Kaleikī, Darrell Lupenui and Ellen Castillo. Most of us belong to third- and fourth-generation Kailua families; some of us, like the Māhoes and Kalamas, have been here forever. Many of us are also second- or third-generation teachers who carry on the legacy of our parents and grandparents, as in the case of Charnay Kalama-Macomber and Charlani Kalama (granddaughter and daughter of Kekau‘ilani Kalama), Tristin and Adah Enos (granddaughter and daughter of Bella Richards), Lani Girl Kaleikī-Ahlo (daughter of Louise Luka Kaleikī) and Maunalei Love (granddaughter of Ku‘ulei Stibbard).

All of our hālau are family organizations; we persist in our work because of ‘ohana, because we cannot turn our backs on the lessons of our kūpuna and the needs of our mo‘opuna. We are actual practitioners of our culture in and around Kailua, yet we are not the people whose names show up when Hawaiian culture is addressed in the Kawainui plans, letters, resolutions and advisory-board lists proposed by the Kailua Neighborhood Board and its allies. Because we have been regularly misrepresented and ignored there, we speak here for our 15 hālau, our families and our more than 1,000 students; we speak from our years of commitment to our land and culture.

What we would like to say is this: we fear the loss of place in Kailua. Place to teach, share and practice who we are. We fear for the identity of our great-grandchildren. Will they be shaped by an intimate, hands-on knowledge of their birth

sands and kulāiwi? Will they know the stories, songs and dances that belong to these lands? Will they be fluent in the language that holds these treasures? Will they know the skills of their ancestors, and will they be able to assume the profound responsibility of using these skills as stewards of land, pond and sea?

Place and identity are bound up in each other. We cannot be who we are if we do not have the place to be who we are. It is for this reason that we have partnered with other Kailua Hawaiian organizations (‘Ahahui Mālama i ka Lōkahi, the Kailua Hawaiian Civic Club, Hika‘alani and ‘Alele) in an effort to establish four learning centers on the perimeter of Kawainui Marsh: one with an agricultural focus at Ulupō Heiau, one with a culture and environment focus on the peninsula below the City Waste Transfer Station, one with a paddling and voyaging focus below Kalāheo High School and one with a language/performing/practical arts focus at Wai‘auia (the former ITT site at the entrance to Kailua town).

Most of us grew up in a Kailua where an imu and ‘ūniki in the backyard, or hula classes on the lānai, or a May Day rehearsal at the beach park, or pahu carving on the front steps, or ‘ukulele music in the garage did not incite a storm of complaints to the fire and police departments or the C&C building/zoning inspectors.

Our proposed site below the waste transfer station would give us the place to prepare (and teach the preparation of) our traditional and ceremonial foods, to camp overnight in two-person tents, to conduct private ceremonies, to hold larger hō‘ike for our families and community, to plant and maintain the gardens that will supply our own kalo, fibers, dyes, medicines and lei-making materials – it would give us a place to plant and harvest and cook and carve and kuku and ku‘i and dance and chant and sing and story-tell to our hearts’ content

in a setting where these activities would still be welcome, inspiring and healthy.

Members of our hui have shared this vision in small-group meetings with the planners at Helber Hastert & Fee (HHF) and with the Kailua representatives of the state Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW) and Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). We have also attended and given testimony at the five large community meetings for Kawainui that were sponsored by HHF, the Castle Foundation and ‘Ahahui Mālama. We feel that we have been listened to, and that the planning process has been inclusive and transparent. We feel, as well, that our vision for place and identity has its best chance of being realized through the HHF Kawainui Master Plan. The plan does not guarantee our success, but it does give us a fighting chance.

Conversely, the alternate plan adopted last November by the Kailua Neighborhood Board (Kawainui Marsh Restoration Plan; Priorities, Protocols, and Participation) does nothing to accommodate our vision. It eliminates our culture center on the transfer-station side of Kawainui and offers us, instead, an undersized “marae hula mound” and hut at Wai‘auia “for occasional manao sharing use by visiting halau.”

The board’s December 2013 recommendation that the DLNR restart the entire planning process – under the auspices of an advisory board to which we were not named – appears to be part of an ongoing effort to obstruct a legitimately-arrived-at, ‘ōiwi-appropriate plan. In recent letters to the media and at a community forum hosted by the board, our opponents have continued to associate our vision with the development and degradation of Kawainui. They accuse us of commercial rather than cultural interests. They say that we are “tools of the tour industry” intent on “making a second Waikīkī here.”

Although most of these critics are recent settlers with no trans-generational history of ties to our land and culture, they would establish themselves as adjudicators of appropriate Hawaiian cultural activity and expression. Despite our frequent arguments to the contrary, they continue to paint our learning centers as entertainment venues, tour bus magnets and ecological time bombs. Nothing could be further from the truth. Our legacy is that of aloha ‘āina and mālama ‘āina. We have never been the despoilers of Kawainui. We would be, again, its stewards and protectors. Yes, our voices have been misrepresented and then ignored and trivialized. But this has not been the doing of the DLNR-HHF Kawainui Master Plan.

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French Polynesian President Gaston Flosse in June inducted master navigator Nainoa Thompson into the Order of Tahiti Nui at a ceremony at the Presidential Palace. Flosse, not pictured, also plans to hold a ceremony July 29 to rename Paofai beach in Pape'ete to Hōkūlé'a Beach in honor of the special relationship between Tahiti and Hawai'i. The ceremony will be followed by a parade. Hawai'i's voyaging canoe Hōkūlé'a first sailed to Tahiti in 1976 in a historic crossing that sparked a revival of noninstrument navigation in Hawai'i. In June, Hōkūlé'a and its sister canoe Hikianaia made landfall in Tahiti on its first international leg of its current worldwide voyage. Following the induction ceremony, Thompson asked fellow pwo navigators Bruce Blankenfeld, Kālepa Baybayan and Tua Pittman to join him in carrying out the responsibility of commander in the Order of Tahiti Nui. - *Courtesy: 'Ōiwi TV/Ken Chang*

Esther Kia'āina confirmation

The U.S. Senate on June 26 unanimously confirmed Esther Kia'āina as assistant secretary for insular areas at the Department of the Interior.



Esther Kia'āina

The position coordinates federal policy for American Samoa, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands and the Northern Mariana Islands, and administers and oversees federal assistance to Micronesia, the Marshall Islands and Palau under the Compacts of Free Association.

President Obama nominated Kia'āina to the post in September while she was a deputy director at the Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources. She previously served as chief advocate at OHA and land asset manager at Kamehameha Schools.

In Washington, D.C., she served as legislative assistant to then-U.S. Sen. Daniel Akaka and chief of staff to former U.S. Reps. Robert Underwood of Guam and Ed Case of Hawai'i. At the time of her confirmation, Kia'āina was senior adviser to Interior Secretary Sally Jewell.

Proud Peacock Restaurant

Waimea Valley has lots to celebrate this summer. A newly restored amphitheater, the return of its summer concert series and the reopening of The Proud Peacock Restaurant after a renovation that extended the bar, removed some booths to create more open space and added fresh, locally grown produce to the menu.

Newly appointed Executive Chef Andy Dalan is a graduate of the Kapi'olani Community College Culinary Arts Program and was chef at Yogurstory when it won *Honolulu Star-Advertiser's* 'Ilima Award for best new restaurant in 2011.

The Proud Peacock's updated menu features prime rib, fresh fish and desserts like taro latte crème brulee and Uncle's North Shore

gourmet ice cream.

Hours are from 5 to 10 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, with happy hour from 5 to 6 p.m. The restaurant is open for brunch on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Reservations are not required, but parties of eight or more are asked to call ahead at 638-5864.

Traditions of the Pacific lecture

Steel guitarist and educator Alan Akaka and friends will host a panel discussion and pau hana kanikapila jam session Monday, July 14 from 6 to 9 p.m. on the Bishop Museum's Great Lawn.

The event, Rockin' Talkin' Kanikapila, is free and open to the public. The night will explore Hawai'i's stringed-instrument traditions and the roles of steel guitar, slack key guitar, 'ukulele and 'ukēkē – Hawai'i's only indigenous stringed instrument – in creating uniquely Hawaiian music.

To reserve a seat, call 847-8296 email membership@bishopmuseum.org or RSVP online at bishopmuseum.org/visitors/rsvp.html.

Kaumakapili Church lū'au

The historic Kaumakapili Church will be selling take-out meals for its 43rd annual lū'au on Saturday, July 19 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Cost is \$20 for dishes including kālua pig, chicken long rice, poi, lomi salmon, raw fish and pineapple, sweet potato, dessert cake and haupia. This year only take-out boxes are being prepared.

Tickets may be reserved online at kaumakapili.org or by calling the church at 845-0908 or emailing kaumakapili@yahoo.com.

The church is located at the corner of Pālana and North King streets across Tamashiro Market. Drive-through pickup will be on Kanoa Street, off Pālana Street.

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KAWAIPAPA AHUPUA'A

Haun & Associates is conducting a cultural impact assessment (CIA) for a portion of TMK: (2) 1-3-04:001, a 72.81-acre parcel in Kawaipapa Ahupua'a, Hāna District, on the Island of Maui. The landowner in cooperation with Habitat for Humanity would like to develop an affordable housing project on the property. All persons having information on traditional cultural practices and places located within Kawaipapa Ahupua'a and the vicinity of the project parcel are hereby requested to contact Solomon Kailihiwa, Haun & Associates, 73-1168 Kahuna A'o Rd., Kailua Kona, HI 96740, (808) 325-2402 within thirty (30) days of this notice.

KULI'OU'OU AHUPUA'A

Scientific Consultant Services, Inc. (SCS) is seeking information on cultural resources and traditional, or ongoing, cultural activities on or near the proposed Kuli'ou'ou Stream Flood Risk Management Project, located in Kuli'ou'ou Valley, Kuli'ou'ou Ahupua'a, Kona District, O'ahu Island, Hawai'i [TMK: (1) 3-8-017:080 and 3-8-011: 003]. Please respond within 30 days to Cathleen Dagher at (808) 597-1182.

WAI'ANAE UKA AHUPUA'A

Scientific Consultant Services, Inc. (SCS) is seeking information on cultural resources and traditional or ongoing cultural activities on or near Solomon Elementary School located within Schofield Barracks, Wai'anae Uka Ahupua'a, 'Ewa District, O'ahu Island, Hawai'i [TMK: (2) 7-7-001:007]. Please respond within 30 days to Cathleen Dagher at (808) 597-1182.

NOTICE OF INADVERTENT DISCOVERY TO POTENTIAL CLAIMANTS PURSUANT TO THE NATIVE AMERICAN GRAVES PROTECTION AND REPATRIATION ACT

This Notice of Inadvertent Discovery to Potential Claimants is provided in accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), 25 USC 3002(d), and its implementing regulations, 43 CFR 10.4 and 10.5, and seeks claimants of lineal descent and/or cultural affiliation to determine treatment and custody of human remains in the control of the US Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) at the James Campbell National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge) in Kahuku, O'ahu, Hawai'i.

On February 26, 2014, a single human bone was inadvertently discovered by a FWS employee while out in the field on the Refuge. The bone was resting on the soil surface of a dune feature near the

shore. FWS covered the human remains with a tarp and secured the area. The State Historic Preservation Division provided a contractor who determined the bone to be older than 50 years. The human remains are presumed to be of Native Hawaiian ancestry.

FWS has directly notified and initiated consultation with Native Hawaiian organizations registered on the Department of the Interior's Native Hawaiian Organization Notification List. This public notice continues that consultation.

Representatives of Native Hawaiian organizations (including 'ohana) wishing to claim lineal descent and/or cultural affiliation with the human remains are requested to contact Lisa Oshiro Suganuma, Department of the Interior, Office of Native Hawaiian Relations (808-792-9555; lisa_oshiro@ios.doi.gov) or Nick Valentine, USFWS Archaeologist (503-625-4377; nick_valentine@fws.gov) to engage in the above consultation. Contact information for the 'ohana of Mrs. John Kaleo, identified in the 1930s as a descendant of the area, or others who should be consulted, is requested as well. After July 18, 2014, the potential claimants who wish to engage in consultation will receive an invitation with the exact date, time, and location of a consultation meeting.

BURIAL NOTICE:

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Notice is hereby given that human remains were documented in during an Archaeological Inventory Survey on 25.44 acres of land [TMK: (3) 9-4-003:033 and 076] off of Kama'oma Road in Pu'umaka'a Ahupua'a, Wai'ohinu, Ka'u District, Hawai'i Island, Hawai'i. The lands are associated with Land Grant 2154 to Heleloa. Other individuals associated with these lands are Akao, Meinecke, Ishimaru, Martinson, and Palakiko. Three burials were identified and are presumed to be traditional Native Hawaiian remains. Proper treatment shall occur in accordance with Chapter 6E, Revised Statutes, Section 43.5 regarding unmarked gravesites. The burials will be preserved in place on the current property. The final disposition of the burial shall be made in consultation with cultural and lineal descendants and the Hawai'i Island Burial Council. Interested persons please respond within 30 days of this notice to discuss appropriate treatment of these remains. Individuals responding must be able to adequately demonstrate lineal and/or cultural connection to the burials on the above referenced parcels at Wai'ohinu, Hawai'i Island. Contact: Glenn Escott, Scientific Consultant Services Inc., (808) 938-0968, (808) 959-5956, or P.O. Box 155, Kea'au, HI 96749. ■

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Place-based education and cultural sustainability initiatives on Lāna'i

Trustee's note: This month's column is written by Kepā Maly, resident of Lāna'i, cultural historian and ethnographer.

In 2008, Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (one of five signatory parties in a 1987 MOA on the island of Lāna'i) engaged in a capacity-building initiative with the Lāna'i Culture & Heritage Center (www.lanaichc.org). OHA's support facilitated development of a series of place-based stewardship programs engaging Lāna'i's Hawaiian families and various partners in activities that are now growing and engaging multiple generations and participants in the rich Hawaiian legacy of Lāna'i.

Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education Native Hawaiian Education Act, the place-based education program "E 'Ike Hou Iā Lāna'i – Embracing Lāna'i's History through Language and Literacy" is a three-year program that began in 2013. The year-round programs are offered free of charge to Lāna'i residents and those interested in our island history.

As a part of the year-two (2014) programs, Lāna'i CHC has been hosting a series of cultural landscape and literacy workshops, and just completed a three-week field school in Hawaiian Lifestyles, Archaeology, Marine Biology, Watershed Systems, Stewardship and Literature. The summer enrichment camp was open to students entering grades 6-12 and recent high school graduates. Activities engaged participants in programs rooted in the native lore and practices of Lāna'i, and linked traditional knowledge with modern skills in environmental resource-management programs.

Upper Lāna'i High & Elementary School students and recent graduates who completed the three-week course may also apply their experiences to development of college credits in English 100 and Anthropology 200.

The program integrates traditional Hawaiian-language accounts penned by natives as early as the 1830s, and foreign accounts of Lāna'i. The historic literature documents practices, beliefs and changes that have occurred on Lāna'i over the last

180 years. The program integrates place-based knowledge of land, sea, water and people that are uniquely ours on Lāna'i.

Through a revival of traditional knowledge, history and sense of place, E 'Ike Hou Iā Lāna'i seeks to inspire wise use, stewardship and cultural sustainability among Lāna'i's present and future generations.

Students in the summer program participated in both classroom and fieldwork. The activities included: (1) surveying a traditional Hawaiian fishpond at Waia'ōpae along the windward shore of Pālāwai Ahupua'a, (2) mapping ancient



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Participants in the E 'Ike Hou Iā Lāna'i place-based education program learned about the nearshore marine environment and worked on mapping projects at Hulopoe Beach in June. - *Courtesy: Kepā Maly*

lo'i kalo and other cultural-archaeological resources in Maunalei Valley, (3) engaging in programs of literacy in Hawaiian and English, and (3) exploring the marine environment with Hawai'i Pacific University marine biologists and visiting the Sea Education Association (S.E.A.) 135-foot research sailing vessel. Lāna'i CHC has been working closely with Lāna'i High & Elementary School, Pūlama Lāna'i, Honua Consulting, UH-Maui College, Hawai'i Pacific University/S.E.A., Queen Lili'uokalani Children's Center and community partners to create an engaging place-based curriculum for Lāna'i. Instructors included specialists in a wide range of fields including archaeology, marine biology, musicians, university professors, as well as longtime Lāna'i resident fishermen, anthropologists, environmentalists and cultural practitioners.

Mahalo a nui to the many partners who have supported the vision of cultural sustainability on Lāna'i. ■

OHA 2014 Kaua'i meetings: July 16 and 17

Aloha from Kaua'i and Ni'ihau!

Mahalo this month to Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey, our Maui Island Trustee, who hosted the Trustees as we kicked off our summer season of Neighbor Island Community and BOT meetings back in May. It was another opportunity for the Trustees to visit with our beneficiaries and hear them share their mana'o on a wide range of issues affecting the Hawaiian community. We also had time for a couple informative site visits to Pu'u

Kukui Watershed Preserve and with Na Aikane O Maui. At PKW, Pōmaika'i Kaniaupio-Crozier and his crew showed us the largest Native Hawaiian seed bank in Hawai'i at its Napili Hau Baseyard. Hulu always puts so much thought and aloha into her site visits, so it is always something to look forward to. Ke'eaumoku and U'ilani Kapu and their board invited us to join a Maori group they were hosting, which ended with an 'ono dinner and cultural exchange, and the Maori performing for us as well. Mahalo Hulu, Pōmaika'i, Ke'eaumoku, U'ilani and Maui!

As an OHA Trustee, one of the highlights for me as a neighbor island Trustee is the annual opportunity I have to host my fellow Trustees on Kaua'i. This year's OHA Kaua'i meetings and site visit are scheduled for Wednesday, July 16 and Thursday, July 17.

Our Kaua'i Community Meeting will be on Wednesday, July 16 at 6:30 p.m. This year, we will be using the Wilcox Elementary School cafeteria, located at 4319 Hardy St. in Līhu'e. When we have these meetings, OHA shares some updates on our programs, services and initiatives. But the main purpose is to hear from you, our beneficiaries and com-

munity members.

The official Kaua'i Board of Trustees Meeting will be the following morning, on Thursday, July 17 at 9 a.m. As is our tradition, we will be using Queen Lili'uokalani Children's Center's office and lanai area, located at 4530 Kali Road in Līhu'e.

Both the Community Meeting and BOT Meeting are open to the public. I invite you to join us to hear about some of what OHA does, what some of

our Kaua'i partners are doing and to share your mana'o with me, my fellow Trustees and our OHA staff. Please help me to welcome these OHA visitors to our Beautiful Kaua'i.

If you can't make it, don't worry, you can always visit our OHA Kaua'i office at 4405 Kukui Grove St., across Kukui Grove Shopping Center, and next to Pyramid Insurance.

This is actually the second meeting I am hosting on Kaua'i this year, following a Community Listening Session I sponsored in the early part of our year. And our OHA staff have or are hosting other events, so I hope you will take advantage of these opportunities to kūkākūkā with those of us at OHA.

Finally, here's a shoutout to the 20 members and guests of the Kaua'i Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce (knhcc.org) who attended its June mixer. Remembering that "an economic engine supports a vibrant community," they came, they heard, they discussed and they suggested ideas regarding OHA's economic development initiatives for OHA, Native Hawaiians and all of Hawai'i nei.

Mahalo nui loa! ■



Dan Ahuna

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No ka ho'omana'o hou 'ana ia Rudy Leikaimana Mitchell a kekahi mau mea hou no Waimea

Aloha e nā 'ōiwi 'ōlino, na pulapula a Hāloa, mai Hawai'i a Ni'ihau, puni ke ao mālamalama.

On April 5, 2014, the Waimea Valley 'ohana honored the contributions, accomplishments and legacy of Rudy Leikaimana Mitchell (1927-2008). Uncle Rudy played a significant role in the life of Waimea Valley. The inscription placed at the pōhaku site in his honor,

located adjacent to the pā hula, notes: "Waimea Valley hereby recognizes Uncle Rudy Mitchell for the many contributions he made towards interpreting the historical and culturally rich stories that make this ahupua'a so unique. Uncle Rudy brought to life the days a Hawaiian 'ohana might have experienced in the pre-contact years (pre 1778), with special sensitivity to authenticity and utilizing the historical information that had previously been published. Uncle Rudy spent many years with Waimea Valley staff, professional consultants, and volunteers refining the details of the fascinating cultural discoveries in this valley for thousands of kama'aina and visitors to appreciate now and for years into the future. Uncle Rudy located significant sites, including Hale Iwi and Hale O Lono, and became their guardian and caretaker, eventually restoring them both. He filled a file cabinet with interesting and valuable reports and authored the book *From God to God*, the life of Hewahewa the last kahuna nui



Haunani Apoliona, MSW

Trustee,
At-large

in Waimea Valley. Uncle Rudy received many accolades over the years for his work in Waimea Valley including the Historic Hawaii Foundation's 'Preservation Award' in 1991 & 1995. It is our intention to perpetuate and acknowledge the work that Uncle Rudy initiated by dedicating this location in his honor."

Waimea Valley, Hi'ipaka LLC, continues to perpetuate Leikaimana's leadership and

legacy by its mission to preserve and perpetuate the human, cultural and natural resources of Waimea for generations through education and stewardship. Waimea Valley anchors and honors ancestral traditions while elevating and empowering the arts and the sciences of the present.

Waimea Valley will be hosting the gathering of musical artists whose craftsmanship is unsurpassed. In the upcoming summertime series, friends and family will celebrate Pila Ho'okani (Modern Hawaiian Instruments). The series consists of three concerts held Saturday, June 21, July 19 and Aug. 3 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The June concert, "Ke Kikā," featured Jerry Santos, Brother Noland and Led Kaapana. The July concert, "Ho'okani Ka 'Ukulele," features Eddie Kamae, Imua Garza, Kalei Gamiao and Brittni Paiva. The August concert, "Ho'okani Ke Kikā Kila," features Timi Abrigo, Jeff Au Hoy and Eddie Palama. Come embrace and enjoy the legacy that is Waimea Valley at www.waimeavalley.net. 19/48 ■



Rudy Leikaimana Mitchell. - Courtesy photo

Should GMO have a place at the table?

Trustee's note: I want to mahalo Walter Ritte and Dennis Gonsalves for contributing to this month's column on GMO, genetically modified organisms. Mr. Ritte offers the anti viewpoint and Dr. Gonsalves the pro viewpoint.

PRO

A genetically modified organism (GMO) is an organism whose genetic material has been altered using genetic engineering techniques. This perspective focuses on Hawai'i's GMO papaya, commonly known as Rainbow and SunUp, because I helped develop it and it is the most widely grown commercial GMO crop in Hawai'i.

The GMO papaya was developed via a public-sector project including scientists from Cornell University, University of Hawai'i and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and a collaborating scientist from the former Upjohn

Co., and funded by monies from USDA and the state of Hawai'i. The GMO papaya was engineered to be resistant to papaya ringspot virus (PRSV) by inserting a small part of the virus genome into the non-GMO Sunset papaya. It is somewhat similar to "vaccination" against a virus. PRSV entered the papaya-growing areas of Puna in 1992 and caused tremendous devastation. The GMO papaya was deregulated and released to growers in 1998, successfully controlled PRSV and currently makes up about 80 percent of Hawai'i's production.

Papaya is among the world's five most nutritious fruits, the GMO papaya arguably is the least expensive fruit in Hawai'i supermarkets and a dollar can purchase four GMO papaya at a farmer's market. This would not have been possible without the GMO papaya. GMO technology could help control important Hawai'i diseases such as bunchy top virus of banana, tomato spotted wilt virus of lettuce and tomato, and bacterial blight of anthurium. While each GMO needs to be evaluated case by case, laws that discourage or prevent the use of this technology put Hawai'i at a disadvantage toward attaining sustainable agriculture production.

—Dennis Gonsalves,
retired director of the USDA Pacific Basin
Agricultural Research Center ■



Robert K. Lindsey, Jr.

Trustee, Hawai'i

ANTI

University of Hawai'i had GMO the kalo and patented this newly invented kalo. UH then announced that it would be selling us the huli at \$1.75. No one said anything against this new Mahele of our Mana.

We organized, protested, marched and chained the doors on the UH Board of Regents in our successful efforts to protect Hāloa, have the patents torn up and a signed MOA never again to GMO Hāloa.

Today the GMO battle has grown into a multinational worldwide economic endeavor to gain control of the seed supply and therefore the food supply. The top five chemical companies of the world are here in Hawai'i experimenting and exporting GMO seeds. The political battle rages as thousands have taken to the streets, state lawmakers have been bought off, counties have passed laws to protect their citizens and now numerous lawsuits filed by chemical seed companies.

On Moloka'i, Monsanto's industrial farming practices are turning thousands of acres into dust bowls filled with chemicals, with dust and mud ending up on our precious reefs, and pesticides in our aquifer.

Aloha 'Āina stopped the annexation of Hawai'i, stopped the bombing of Kaho'olawe and will stop this Mana Mahele!

—Walter Ritte, activist and leader
in the movement against GMO



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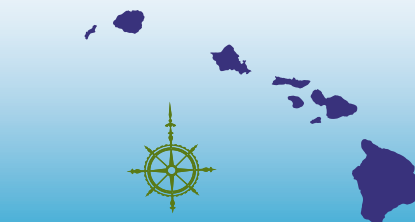
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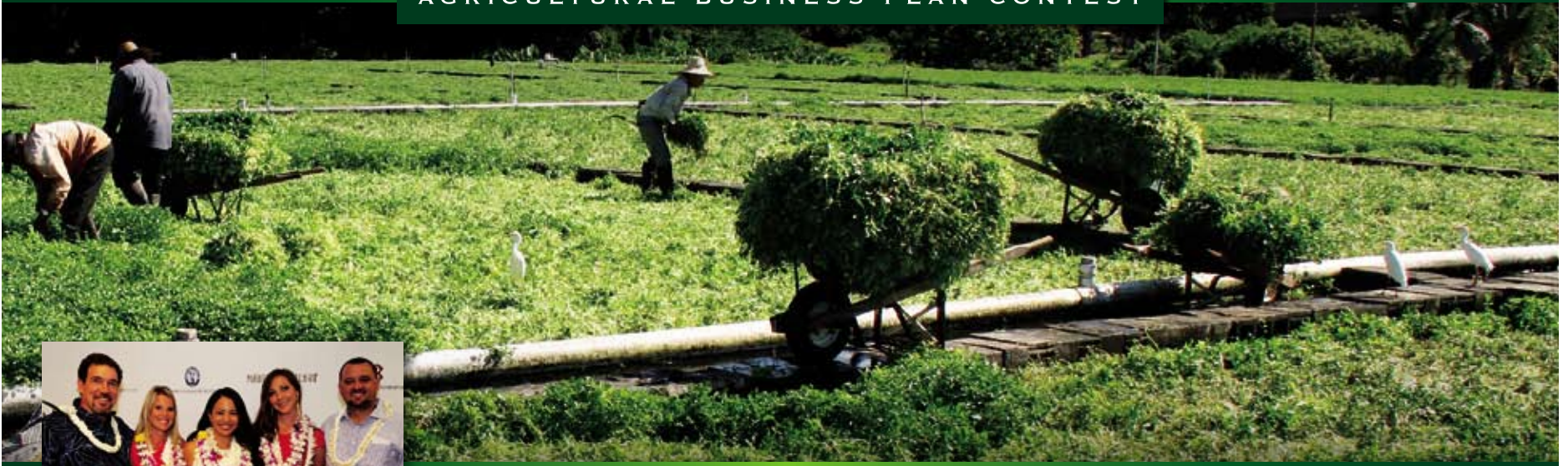
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OHA

Trustee 1st Primary Election

August 9

In a first, OHA trustee candidates face off in primary races

For the first time, there will be a primary election for trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. The election will be on Saturday, Aug. 9, 2014. Traditionally, OHA trustees have been elected in a winner-take-all special election held in conjunction with the General Election. In 2013, the Hawai'i Legislature changed the law to provide for a primary election to narrow the field for the general election.

This election guide covers candidates for Office of Hawaiian Affairs Trustees whose names will appear on the Primary Election ballot.

In the race for the O'ahu trustee, the top two vote getters will advance to the General Election.

In the race for At-Large trustees, the top six vote getters will advance to the General Election, where three candidates will be elected to fill those seats. However, if any one of the candidates receives more than 50 percent of the total votes cast in the Primary, he or she will automatically be elected and will not have to run in the General Election.

In the Maui seat, only two candidates are running and therefore will both automatically advance to the General Election. As a result, this candidate survey does not include responses from the two candidates, Mahealani Wendt and Carmen Hulu Lindsey since they will not appear on the Primary Ballot.



Photo illustration -
Francine Murray

All Primary Election candidates for the Board of Trustees were asked to provide answers to questions posed by *Ka Wai Ola*, and were given a maximum of 200 words per question to answer.

Additional questions were also posed to candidates, those questions and answers can be found at www.OHA.org/primaryelection2014.



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OHA TRUSTEE CANDIDATES

ISLAND OF O'AHU

1. OHA's Board of Trustees sets policies for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. What would be your policy priorities as a new Trustee?

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**APO,
Peter**

BP: Lahaina, Maui
HS: Mid-Pacific Institute
CR: 'Aiea, O'ahu
K: Maui

1. After 34 years, no one seems to know what OHA does. I would press for an overhaul of OHA's community engagement strategy to explain OHA's programs and services in language that people can understand. Second, OHA has to broaden its message reach beyond the Hawaiian community. Hawaiian issues have an impact on everyone and OHA needs to provide opportunities for non-Hawaiians to engage in the dialogue.

2. After having served on the first Board of Trustees, as a state legislator for 12 years, in high-level state and Honolulu County government administration for several years, and as a successful businessman with The Peter Apo Company, and my community service record of serving on numerous boards and commissions for 30 years - I bring a deep level of experience, knowledge, community history, sensitivity and understanding of both OHA's beneficiaries as well as the impact of Hawaiian issues on the broader Hawaiian community. I come with a full deck of experience and skill sets to develop and implement public policy.



**BURKE,
Jackie Kahookele**

BP: Hau'ula, O'ahu
HS: Kamehameha Schools
CR: Hālawā, O'ahu
K: Ke'ānae, Maui, and Waipi'o Valley, Moku Keawe

1. Internal Policy is to define the position of Trustee versus the CEO and set up protocol over the "Elected Officers" who are chosen by the people versus an employee CEO hired by the OHA Board of Trustees. Clyde Nāmu'o, the predecessor of Kamana'o Crabbe set in motion a different set of rules and created the CEO position with more powers than previous Administrators.

External Policy is to regain lost revenues from ceded lands that was not for the greater good of the Hawaiian people and to establish same status of power as the Legislature as was originally intended for OHA. Very difficult to accomplish given the climate of fear, greed and continued ignorance of the injustice carried on at the Hawaiian people's expense. A major policy change is to seek financial compensation from the federal government for use of ceded military lands and leave the entitlements back in Washington, D.C., for the other "Native" classified race groups.

2. My civil and business entrepreneurship skills and planning capacities can be used in a wide area of decision-making policies. Our system is laid out in layers, one upon the other: culture is the base with language a foundation of our worldview, and upon this we place sustainability management of our natural resources; then economic and financial development, and on the very top are the living conditions of our Hawaiian people and all others. I view this as an integration system that needs to be constantly updated and maintained. My skills and perceptions to the complexity of constantly ensuring the framework that holds these layers in place and allows for the vibrant and interactive is what I can offer should I be elected to Trustee.



**LUM LEE,
Christopher K.J.**

BP: Honolulu, O'ahu
HS: Damien Memorial School
CR: Makiki, O'ahu
K: O'ahu

1. Within my first year as an OHA Trustee, I aim to accomplish the following items:

1. I would like to see audits comparing the results of OHA-funded programs and expenditures to determine how the impact of funding can be better maximized.

2. Initiate a legislative proposal for an amendment to ACT 178, which would thereby give OHA its entitled ceded land revenue from the Legislature with an annual accounting of how the revenue value is determined to ensure a fair distribution of funds.

3. Immediately explore potential partnerships with trade unions, colleges and universities to provide blue- and white-collar job training to unemployed or underemployed Native Hawaiians to get them back to work to pursue the careers that they want.

4. Continue to promote the OHA loan programs such as the Native Hawaiian Revolving Loan Fund program.

5. Explore ways to make the videos of meetings held by the OHA Board of Trustees archived and available for reference.

2. In my experience working for the State, I've seen policymakers make policies that need more consideration or understanding of how their decisions impact the day-to-day operations of State agencies. Often enough, it causes inefficiencies and can be very expensive. As the only OHA employee in this race, I come with experience in program planning, budgeting, implementation and evaluation. This experience affords me the knowledge to identify how to best utilize funds and achieve the highest possible outcomes.

In my community service experience as a member of the Pearl City Neighborhood Board, Hawai'i Public Health Association Board of Directors and as a current Mānoa Lions Club member, I've learned more about issues relating to health disparities, land conservation needs and most importantly the need to create and strengthen partnerships with as many organizations as possible to unite resources to target the obstacles interfering with the quality of life for the people.



**SHIGEMASA,
C. Kamaleihaahaa**

BP: Honolulu, O'ahu
HS: Moanalua/Hawai'i Job Corps
CR: Salt Lake, O'ahu
K: Various

1. Housing, Education, Sustainable Growth and Native Hawaiian Sovereignty. Policy must be enacted: to direct funds to assist Hawaiians with housing needs; to create more emphasis on youth education programs in addition to post-high school education; to ensure that development is planned sustainably, keeping in mind the obligation we have in preserving and perpetuating the 'Āina; to guarantee that Native Hawaiian Sovereignty is addressed in a Pono way that all Hawaiians receive a voice in the outcome.

Too many Hawaiian families are forced to leave the islands because the land of their ancestors are now too expensive and the cost of living continues to rise. Educating the keiki of tomorrow will allow Hawaiians to excel for generations. Working toward developing more agricultural lands and ensuring that development in urban areas are planned sustainably will be a key component in the future of the islands. As we move forward in Native Hawaiian Sovereignty, all options and alternatives from self-governance to recognition must be evaluated and the final decision shall be the will of the people.

2. I bring a wealth of fresh ideas and new perspective.



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- Auntie Agnes "Aggie" Cope

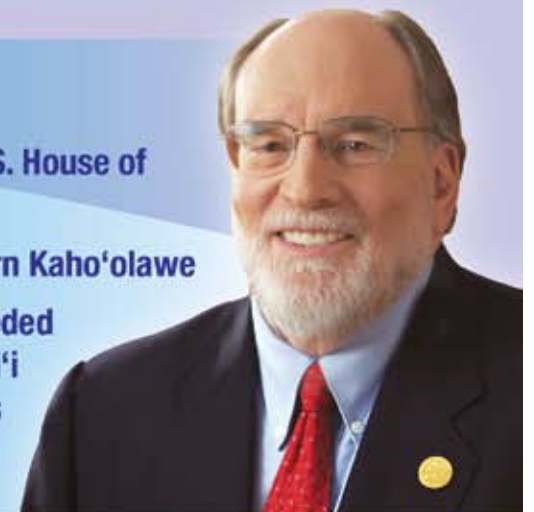


"Neil has always supported Native Hawaiian issues. The Akaka Bill actually never passed the U.S. Senate, but it passed the U.S. House three times under Neil's leadership. This is the same Neil that made a commitment to help return Kaho'olawe... and... worked out a settlement for ceded lands."

- Former Governor John D. Waihe'e, III

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Passed Akaka Bill through the U.S. House of Representatives three times
- Advocated and led efforts to return Kaho'olawe
- Spearheaded the settlement of ceded lands between the State of Hawai'i and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs



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As of press time, *KWO* did not receive a survey response from **Alona Quartero**, a candidate for OHA trustee at large.



AHU ISA, Lei (Leina'ala)

BP: Honolulu, O'ahu
HS: Kamehameha (one semester), Waipahu High School (grad)
CR: Honolulu, O'ahu
K: Hilo, Hawai'i, and Moloka'i

1. First of all, HOW would I set policy? By Listening to the People! I believe OHA exists for the people ... by the people. This was learned from being a State Representative and being on our Hawai'i State Board of Education for eight years, and, visiting many of our public schools and Charter schools on our seven neighbor islands with a \$2 Billion budget ... even Ni'ihau!

It broke my heart to see our Hawaiian children, homeless and living on the beach. They would go to school, eat breakfast and run back to the beach because they were bullied, teased. So sad! Priority should be to care for our keiki. Quality Education is the key to their future!

My priority is to carry out the OHA's Mission: The OHA mission is the betterment of conditions for all Hawaiians and to provide Hawaiians with the opportunity for a better life and future.

2. My experiences range from being raised in public housing, living with my Hawaiian grandparents who spoke only Hawaiian, prayed in Hawaiian, but forbade their mo'opuna to speak the language. I was only allowed to speak the Queen's English! It was forbidden to speak Hawaiian in school. That's why I value EDUCATION! Being a Professor at Hawai'i Pacific University gave me the opportunity to work with students from all over the world. I studied very hard to obtain my Ph.D. while raising my two children at Kamehameha Schools as a single parent. I was responsible for the Bill which first funded our Hawaiian Immersion Schools. I also served eight years on the State Board of Education as the Vice Chair and got to visit our 285 public schools, helped set up Charter Schools and even privileged to visit Ni'ihau graduation. I bring all of this to OHA and intend to add Value for all of you. Mahalo Nui Loa!



AKANA, Rowena M.N.

BP: Honolulu, O'ahu
HS: Roosevelt
CR: Niu Valley, O'ahu
K: O'ahu, Hawai'i

1. As a veteran OHA Trustee with nearly 25 years of experience serving on the board, the answer to this question is simple: It is always prudent to revisit OHA board policies every three to four years to ensure they are still relevant with our goals and priorities and to make changes when necessary.

2. The institutional knowledge I bring to OHA as the longest-serving Trustee allows me to provide the board with much needed context regarding the many issues that we continue to face. My decades of experience working with OHA's many investment managers allows me to serve as a steadfast and knowledgeable steward of OHA's Trust assets. When I was first elected in 1990, OHA was struggling just to exist. OHA had very little money in the Native Hawaiian Trust Fund, no land assets, OHA Trustees received no salaries and OHA was in the midst of contentious negotiations with the state on receiving its fair share of ceded land revenues.

After OHA finally received its first settlement of \$129 million, we prudently invested it in the stock market and by the year 2000, OHA's Trust Fund had grown to \$400 million.



AKINA, Keli'i

BP: Kansas City, Missouri
HS: Kamehameha
CR: Honolulu, O'ahu
K: Ka'u District, Hawai'i

1. OHA's current policies are dividing Hawaiians from non-Hawaiians and dividing Hawaiians from each other. If elected Trustee, my first priority will be to work for UNITING HAWAII'S PEOPLE by putting an end to OHA's race-based, sovereign nation-building scheme. This scheme must be exposed for what it really is, an attempt to create an Indian-style tribe of Native Hawaiians so that a small number of tribal leaders will gain rights to immense landholdings and potential casino operations. Hawaiians have already shown they want nothing to do with being cast into a tribe by overwhelmingly rejecting the Native Hawaiian Roll (Kana'iolowalu), which has "signed up" only a fraction of the Hawaiian population. My second priority will be to halt the wasting of millions of dollars on sovereign nation-building efforts, and instead use OHA's financial resources to meet the real needs of beneficiaries for housing, jobs, education and health care. This election, the OHA must be reformed from being a platform for a divisive sovereignty plan that exploits Hawaiians into an agency accountable for serving the real needs of Hawaiians and all people in Hawai'i.

2. A Trustee must be a statesman who can make wise, ethical decisions for the good of the public being served. I have three decades of experience as a trustee and director of local, regional and national boards in which I have helped guide the nonprofit humanitarian work of thousands of employees across the United States and several foreign countries. What has enhanced my work is the ability to understand relationships between different cultures, something which is essential for OHA to chart the course for Hawaiians. My cultural understanding comes from a Hawaiian background that includes training by Nona Beamer as chanter for her hula hālau, education at Kamehameha Schools and University of Hawai'i, and several years living and working on the Wa'ianae Coast ministering to Hawaiian youth. My Western education includes college at Northwestern University and advanced academic degrees, including the Ph.D. in Philosophy with an emphasis on both Western and non-Western ethics. I will bring to the OHA Board my combined experiences in board decision-making and my careers as a ministry leader, a college educator and now head of a public policy think tank that focuses on improving Hawai'i's economy, government and society.



MAKEKAU, Keali'i

BP: Honolulu, O'ahu
HS: Saint Louis
CR: Honolulu, O'ahu
K: Kingdom of Hawai'i

1. First, would be the revising of the governance policies from federal recognition to a neutral position. The quest for only federal recognition since 2000 has been a financial nightmare and has raised both constitutional and international law concerns, which has divided the Hawaiian community further as to whom is a Hawaiian and what is the Hawaiian nation. Second, is oversight of all OHA's real estate parcels, particularly Kaka'ako Makai, so that its best use and value can be determined thus yielding financial gains for the trust and programs but also providing for small businesses and work opportunity for the community. Third, would be serious enforcement of all the trustees' "Ethics" standard of conduct with the community/beneficiary and trustees' Meeting Attendance whether it is at BOT or committee meetings. As elected officials, things like no shows, tardiness and lack of temperance and disregard for public input have no place in public office, so if you can't take feedback how can you be trusted to be a leader and give feedback? Fourth and lastly, term limits so that we keep the mindset fresh and full of possibility/potential, thus keeping the career politician at home.

2. Simply put, by addressing and putting the needs of the beneficiaries first and foremost. OHA has the constitutional authority to be self-autonomous in its affairs but instead it's been the Legislature's piggy bank, thus the people's requests, let alone desires, have been conditioned to the Democratic Party's idea of what the Hawaiian people deserve and need. In 2013 I alone lobbied and promoted Senate Bill 3 into conference and with help from the Hawaiian Caucus and despite a last attempt to kill the measure from the current BOT it became Act 287, which we see today as the first OHA primary election.

This type of decision making alone conveys and confers my commitment to the people's needs and interests. Add to that my "ARM" accredited resident manager experience in housing and building management with companies like Chaney Brooks, Certified Management and Hawaiiana only validates the qualification factor to be a trustee let alone a public official. Having a reputation for diligence and persistence in attendance of all OHA meetings as to be dubbed the 10th trustee from OHA staff and onlookers is the kind of skill set and equality I bring to the BOT. Besides that, I live aloha.



McINERNEY, Harvey

BP: Tacoma, Washington
HS: Kamehameha-Kapālama
CR: Kahalu'u, O'ahu
K: Kohala, Hawai'i

1. In my current role as Trustee for the King William Charles Lunailo Trust, our policies and procedures guide us in setting the course for that organization. Additionally, in my work as a financial adviser, where over the past 27 years I have assisted hundreds of clients in securing their financial well-being, industry standards and policies have always helped to guide my way. Specifically, at OHA, the current spending policy mandates that 5 percent of the investment portfolio's value be used to fund programs and provide grants to our beneficiaries. Increasing the portfolio's overall value will also increase the amount of that 5 percent distribution. OHA's investment portfolio is currently valued at over \$350 million and it is imperative that the portfolio achieves maximum growth while at the same time having a risk profile that is prudently monitored. These funds should be managed with the thought that they will have to be available into perpetuity, similar to what we do at Lunailo Trust. Any investment would need to adhere to the requirements listed in the Investment Policy Statement and would further have to be aligned with the Mission of OHA to better the lives of our Native Hawaiian people.

2. As I've stated in my answer to the previous question I have served Lunailo Trust as a Trustee for the last six years. In 2008 Lunailo Trust only had a few policies to govern the organization. With a team effort, my fellow Trustees and our executive team have added numerous policies that have guided us in our efforts to turn a struggling, challenged and isolated organization into a Home for kūpuna that is vibrant, at full capacity and operating in the black. We have dramatically increased the subsidies that we provide to the kūpuna, grown the investment portfolio by almost 65 percent and collaborated with, and benefited from, partnerships within our community that have been initiated and strengthened over the past six years. These experiences, and my expertise in the financial field and capital markets, have prepared me well to take on this kuleana at OHA.



PAIKAI, Landen D.K.K.

BP: O'ahu
HS: 'Iolani School
CR: Kapālama, O'ahu
K: Hawai'i

1. My main priority as a new trustee would be to familiarize myself with the current policies that govern OHA, to preserve policies that work and amend policies that fall short. My desire is to respect the ground that has been laid while creating policies that effectively increase OHA's ability and efficiency in its mission to enhance the lives of every Hawaiian.

2. Life has been a great teacher and motivator. Homelessness, diabetes, incarceration, drug use, death and obesity are some of the many things that have made a profound impact in my life. Although I did not continue on to higher education, I understand the important role it plays and the opportunities it creates. Working in various industries has broadened my knowledge and has given me a greater insight to the needs of those in the workforce. My role as a husband and father has strengthened my resolve to make a better life for all. These experiences coupled with the ability to listen and empathize with the many beneficiaries OHA serves, gives the Board of Trustees a well-rounded approach in its effort to create policies that work for ALL Hawaiians.



SHIN-PENN, Lorraine Pualani

BP: Honolulu, O'ahu
HS: Kaimuki High
CR: Hilo, Hawai'i
K: Honolulu, Hawai'i

1. My background is in Business Management. As a new Trustee, I know it will take time and patience to review existing policies, discussing alternatives with other Trustees, and formulating new policy change, if needed, to optimize our revenues. My priority has always been about the education and care of our youth.

2. As prior State Director of USDA Rural Development, my team brought in over \$1 billion of funding from 2001 to 2008 to help rural areas in Hawaii, American Samoa and the Western Pacific with housing, medical centers, community facilities, rural utilities and business guarantee loans. I had the opportunity to collaborate with many others to arrive at decisions or solutions that would get the job done. I'm a people person who works well with others, and I believe my business experience and proven credentials is needed as a Trustee.



DESOTO-MCCOLLOUGH, Laura Lahilahi

BP: Honolulu, O'ahu
 HS: Wai'anae High School
 CR: Waimea, Hawai'i Island
 K: Northwest Hawai'i Island and Wai'anae Coast, O'ahu

1. Include our people, the beneficiaries, with the decision-making. As your newly elected trustee to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, I will be the voice of the people and focus on the issues that are barriers to self-sustainability and self-sufficiency.

2. The need to address the issues our people face today has been the driving force and determination to bring about change that I hear our beneficiaries want. I will contribute to conversations with board members on policies and work alongside beneficiaries and other groups that want to see changes. I am a professional Counselor by trade, in which I have worked and addressed the many disparities our people face on a daily basis such as: Education, Health, Socioeconomic, Judicial and Personal concerns. Whereas, I have the tools, knowledge and the resource to address these issues and identify the needs of our people. It is our people who are the experts in knowing the challenges we face every day. We just have to Ho'olohe. To be successful, we need the involvement and collaboration of our people in the policy-making process.



HOPKINS, Jeremy Kama

BP: Honolulu, O'ahu
 HS: Kamehameha Schools
 CR: Mānoa, O'ahu
 K: Kāne'ohē, O'ahu

1. One policy priority would be to systematically balance our grants program to offer greater grant opportunities to those organizations serving our people, our beneficiaries, in the areas of education, health care and housing. Currently OHA looks at achieving long-term goals by leveraging resources and working with partners by way of grants. I believe we need to balance that view and assist those organizations participating in the fulfillment of OHA's mission, "... to better the conditions of Hawaiians;" by searching out and offering grant opportunities to organizations who are helping our people right now. Oftentimes we can be caught up in long-term goals and forget that we have people that need help right now.

Another policy priority would be to incubate and nurture more economic and innovative ways to use OHA's assets to benefit its beneficiaries. OHA cannot succeed without necessary financial resources. We need to let our assets work for us. We need to have our beneficiaries and others be involved. If we are healthy and economically strong people, many more opportunities will be available to us.

2. My skills and experiences as a former Hawaiian Homes Commissioner will guide me in making prudent decisions as a policymaker at the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. As a commissioner, I was part of a commission that was responsible for management of a little more than 200,000 acres of land for agricultural, pastoral, residential, commercial and conservation dispositions. Also, we had oversight over a \$100+ million budget every year that included administrative, operational and developmental costs. I can bring this same thoughtful, insightful and decisive decision-making to the Board of Trustees. A tough thing to remember as a policymaker is that you will need to make tough choices that will not please everyone, but it needs to be done with compassion, with aloha and keeping in mind the goal of serving beneficiaries. I have been doing that and hope to continue to do so.



KALIMA, Leona Mapuana

BP: Mānoa Punahou Ahupua'a - With the benevolence of our Queen Kapi'olani
 HS: Sacred Hearts Academy
 CR: Waimānalo - known as God's Country
 K: Pae 'āina O Hawai'i nei - Hā'ena and Hanalei, Kaua'i, and Kaimukī, O'ahu

1. Review, assess and if necessary, implement, improve &/or remove policies not constructive to the OHA trust, operations or negatively impact our beneficiaries, including legislation on all levels of government;
 2. Same with the current fiscal budget, spending policies, investment and land portfolio, OHA's LLCs and loan programs;
 3. Same with OHA's financial investment/portfolio managers.
 4. The \$3-400M lost to OHA's portfolio during the 2000s two bull/bear markets should never happen again.

Subsequently:
 1. Possible reduction in OHA expenditures by 10 percent.
 2. Funding will be reallocated to assist Work Ready and training programs for various trade initiatives, technical, medical and other job-related skills. Although I am not influenced by the Rail and Kaka'ako, good-paying jobs will be available to the general populace. This should be important to all Hawai'i's residents for overall economic purposes.
 3. No funding cuts directly affecting the betterment of our people, nor our communities. This should be foremost in OHA's Policies. This is a "people investment."
 4. The worldwide economy stands to plummet, flux and is overall problematic. OHA must prepare for a negative impact affecting investments by saving revenue, if we want to continue to be productive and a key player in the state.

2. 1. The Triune God is #1 in my life, followed by family, friends and lāhui;
 2. Employed by OHA for over 19 years; know its pros and cons;
 3. In-the-know by living on a limited income and doing more with less;
 4. Community- and civic-minded, caring about the betterment of our beloved people and Hawai'i;
 5. Compassion for people, especially the kūpuna, homeless, downtrodden, widows and orphans;
 6. Willing and open to listen to others' opinions, foresight and ideas;
 7. Being a paralegal, I look at issues from a law point of view, asking the questions of potential liability and overall effectiveness;



KEKIPI, T. Keikialoha

BP: Kōkeā, O'ahu
 HS: Kapa'a High School
 CR: Kaueleau, Puna, Hawai'i
 K: Hawai'i nei

1. • Perpetuation of the values and practices of nā kūpuna
 • Community-based culturally driven education
 • To inspire our Lāhui to understand and practice their kuleana as cultural resource managers

2. I understand my kuleana as a descendant of my kūpuna. As a result of this understanding, I co-founded a 501c3 not-for-profit organization called Ho'oulu Lāhui and a Public Charter school at Pū'āla'a, Puna makai, called Kua o Ka Lā PCS. These initiatives took a deep commitment and a true understanding of how to collaboratively work with others. (Mahalo pihā to all who have helped and continue to contribute to the cultural stewardship of Pū'āla'a and the education of our 'ōpio!) Our work together required passion and perseverance for the 20+ yearlong endeavor. Along the way I learned the value of active listening while working in group settings. This skill enables me to respectfully understand the stance and opinions of others. If given the opportunity, I would leverage this skill to enhance the policymaking role of the OHA Board of Trustees.



TRASK, Miilani B.

BP: Honolulu, Hawai'i
 HS: Kamehameha Schools
 CR: Ō'āia, Hawai'i
 K: Hāna, Maui, and Moloa'a, Kaua'i

1. OHA needs to amend policies to ensure it hires the best independent investment/financial adviser and that that person reviews & presents to the BOT a critique of all investments & acquisitions, including the documents, agreements & contracts relating to the investment transaction, before the OHA BOT votes in order to ensure that the BOT fully understands the transaction and that it is in the best interest of the Trust.

In the case of Kaka'ako, the properties were not zoned for 400-foot residential high-rise use, but the State & OHA appraisals were valued at that height for a phantom value. The net loss to the Trust, if the Settlement deal is not renegotiated, is estimated at \$100 million.

These transactions were reviewed & approved by OHA's legal counsel, CEO & Board, but no one had the expertise to identify the problems. The OHA Trustees signed off on Kaka'ako but never actually read or personally reviewed the documents!

2. OHA needs an attorney on its board acting as a Trustee. The Trustees often do not understand what their fiduciary obligations are or what they are required to do as Trustees.

One example of this is the recent legal case brought by Trustee Rowena Akana against the BOT for conducting public business in "Executive Session." This questionable practice is often used at OHA to facilitate private discussions, avoid beneficiary & public disclosure of information & avoid transparency. In reality, the OHA Trustees have a fiduciary duty to keep beneficiaries informed and to provide regular accounting to beneficiaries. Hawai'i law allows for Executive Session discussions only in limited instances.

In some cases the BOT have been manipulated or misled by advice of their In-House Counsel, who are supposed to advise the BOT but often act to support the Chair of the OHA Committees or Board. This has also been used by Trustees, in the past, to avoid liability because "we were just following our attorney's advice."

My legal skills & experience will be of great use at OHA & hopefully will prevent problems like the Kaka'ako Settlement fiasco from recurring and negate the necessity of future Trustee litigation against the BOT.



WAIHEE, John D.

BP: St. Joseph, Michigan
 HS: Hawaiian Mission Academy
 CR: Waikīkī, O'ahu
 K: Hawai'i

1. Aloha kākou. Here are some of my policy priorities:

As fiduciaries and the 13th-largest landowner in Hawai'i, our duty obligates that our land acquisitions be based on a strong financial foundation. To that end, the OHA Board of Trustees must create guidelines to balance our real estate portfolio and develop a real estate strategy and investment policy. The OHA BOT must also develop a Master Plan for the development of our Kaka'ako Makai lands that preserves their cultural significance while enhancing the revenue generated from them. Additionally, the BOT must ensure that we have the administrative infrastructure in place to manage all our landholdings.

As OHA's grants program is the foundation by which we administer our mandate, it is important that it be run effectively and proficiently. To that end, the OHA BOT must continue to monitor, evaluate and create policies to improve it when necessary.

Finally, as land and water in Hawai'i are a limited public resource and trust, usage of either should be considerate and appropriate. To that end, the OHA BOT must create policies that encourage proper development of land and water and allow us to advocate quickly and effectively on issues relating to them.

2. I believe that the experience and contacts I've built up as an OHA Trustee for the past 13 years have put me in a position to effectively advocate on behalf of our beneficiaries. My learned knowledge of how OHA works and fits into the bigger community has allowed me to prudently manage the Native Hawaiian Trust Fund and successfully protect our beneficiaries' equitable proprietary interest in it, while fulfilling my mandate to them.

Most recently I've had the honor of chairing OHA's Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment. Through this experience I have been able to cultivate important relationships in Hawai'i and abroad and personally advocate on behalf of our beneficiaries. More importantly, I've gotten to work closely with OHA's own advocacy staff members and learn how the BOT can best empower them to advocate effectively. I believe that these relationships have helped lead to some of OHA's most successful Legislative sessions ever in terms of bills passed.

Finally, I realize that I am a Trustee and not a supreme authority over a polity. My duties, first and foremost, are to defend the Native Hawaiian Trust Fund and be loyal to, and administer in the best interest of, our beneficiaries.



WONG-KALU, Hina (Kumu Hina)

BP: Honolulu, O'ahu
 HS: Kamehameha Schools Class of 1990
 CR: Liliha-Pu'unui ma Nu'uuanu, O'ahu
 K: Honokōhau, Maui; Me Kona, O'ahu; and Kona, Hawai'i

1. My first and primary focus would be the forging of policy instituting a comprehensive educational campaign to empower our people of Hawai'i, both Native Hawaiian and non-native. One of the immediate issues for more stringent analysis would be the political future of Kanaka (Maoli) within the greater context of Hawai'i including malihini who now call Hawai'i home. Former policy implemented was limited to more Federal Recognition-oriented goals and objectives for our people without equitable inclusion of the potential for a politically independent Hawai'i. Kanaka and non-Hawaiians all deserve the opportunity to determine through sound educational forums the potential for Hawai'i's political future.

2. I am a fluent speaker of Hawaiian language with a solid cultural analysis and philosophical approach to engaging community and the diversity of our stakeholders. I have served for 13 years as Cultural and spiritual director for Hālau Lōkahi Public Charter School, current chairperson for the O'ahu Island Burial Council and leader member for six years. I've helped to navigate both school, council as well as the larger body of the Hawaiian community through very contentious waters and stand prepared to provide leadership at the trustee table for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.



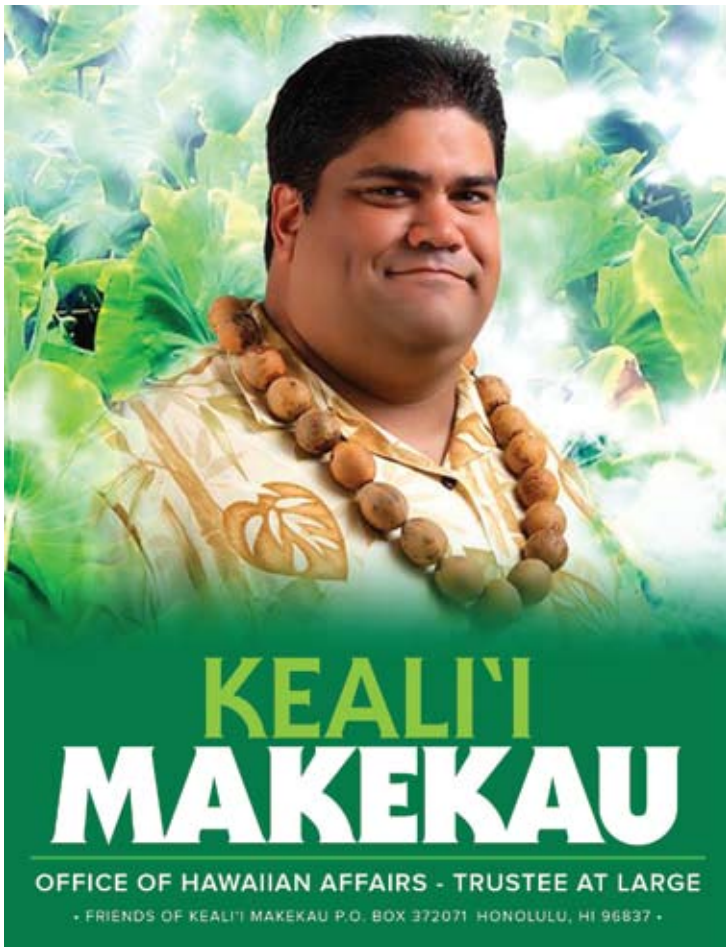
YOON, Wes Kaiwi Nui

BP: Honolulu, Hawai'i
 HS: Kamehameha
 CR: Kona of O'ahu
 K: Makawao, Maui

1. • Land & Property policies that enable OHA to operate, manage and/or develop landholdings
 • Concise articulation of Sustainability, its definition, implementation, applicable laws and enforceable conditions to ensure islandwide sustainability
 • Increase deliberate business vehicles that will build upon OHA core competencies in the energy, government contracting and construction sectors
 • Re-examination of trustee service terms and development of policies that better ensure trustee compliance to fiduciary duties

2. Our environment will play an increasing role in shaping our decisions and ultimately our governance. OHA is now the 13th-largest landowner, with involvements to include commercial and conservation landholdings. The Ea, sovereignty or life, will depend on the preservation and protection of our resources. Balancing the brilliance of our past, the measure of our current needs and the hope for our sustainable and healthy future will depend on qualified and committed leaders that are innovative, transparent and accountable.

With a background in architecture, I have experience in building: both in the built environment as well as meaningful business and community relationships. I was never afraid to evolve and to increase my professional capacity to serve Hawai'i's people, and I have augmented my architecture, development and construction background by developing my knowledge base and experience with historic preservation, land conservation and renewable energy. It allows me to balance both worlds - commerce and culture, capital and conservation, money and mana.



ELECTION FACTSHEET

Office of Hawaiian Affairs Board of Trustees

(Adapted from the State Office of Elections Factsheet
<http://hawaii.gov/elections/factsheets/fsbo136.pdf>)

ELECTION OF MEMBERS

Members of the Board of Trustees, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, are nominated at a Primary Election and elected at the General Election in every even numbered year. Contests are conducted in an at-large format, affording every qualified voter in the State of Hawaii the opportunity to vote in all contests on the ballot that year.

The law provides for slightly different procedures for Island Resident and At-Large Trustees to appear on the ballot and to be elected:

• **Island Resident Trustees**

In terms of the seats requiring residency on a particular island, if there is only one candidate at the close of filing, the candidate is immediately deemed duly and legally elected.

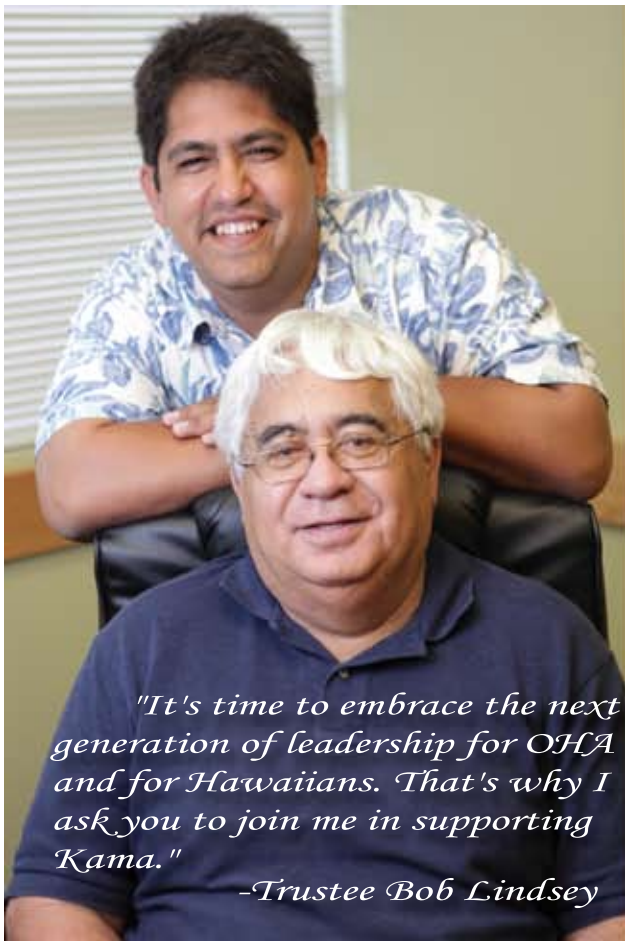
If there are only two candidates for a residency seat, at the close of filing, then they both automatically appear on the General Election ballot and do not need to appear on the Primary Election ballot.

However, if there are three or more candidates for the seat, then they must appear on the Primary Election ballot. The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be deemed nominated and move on to the General Election.

• **At-Large Trustees**

In a year in which there are three regularly scheduled At-Large Trustee seats on the ballot, not including elections to fill vacancies that may happen, the following occurs:

1. If there are three or fewer candidates for the available seats at the close of filing, the candidates are deemed duly elected and do not appear on the ballot.
2. If there are four, five, or six candidates, then they automatically are deemed nominated for the General Election and will not appear on the Primary Election ballot.
3. If there are seven or more candidates for the three At-Large Trustee seats then all will appear on the Primary Election ballot.
 - a. If in the Primary Election, a candidate receives over fifty percent of the votes cast (i.e. all votes including blank and overvotes) then the person is deemed automatically elected at that time.
 - b. "[N]o more than twice the number of qualified candidates as seats available" will be declared duly nominated for the General Election. This means that if there are three open At-Large seats then up to six candidates will appear on the General Election ballot for those three seats. However, if in the Primary Election, a candidate receives over fifty percent of the votes cast and is deemed elected, then there would only be two remaining seats available for the General Election, meaning that only four candidates with the highest number of votes would be nominated for the General Election ballot.
4. The candidates with the highest number of votes in the General Election are deemed elected. Specifically, if there are three At-Large Trustee seats on the ballot in the General Election, then the three candidates receiving the highest amount of votes are elected.



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GENERAL VOTING INFORMATION

The 2014 Elections will be held on the following dates

- Primary Election: Saturday Aug. 9, 2014
- General Election: Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2014

VOTER REGISTRATION

You are eligible to register to vote for Federal, State, OHA and County elections if you meet the following qualifications:

- You are a citizen of the United States,
- You are a resident of the State of Hawai'i, and
- You are at least 16 years old (but you must be 18 years old by the day of the election to be eligible to vote)

ABSENTEE VOTING

Absentee voting is designed to make voting more convenient for voters. Any registered voter may request to vote absentee, either:

1. In person
2. By mail

HOW DO I VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT?

IN PERSON

Absentee polling places shall be established at the office of the respective clerks, and may be established at such other sites as designated by the clerk under the provisions prescribed in the rules adopted by the Chief Election Officer.

Absentee voting-in-person dates are:
2014 Primary Election:
July 28 - August 7, 2014

2014 General Election:
October 21 - November 1, 2014

Please contact your City/County Clerk to inquire about the absentee polling place locations.

BY MAIL

To vote an absentee ballot by mail you may submit an application for Absentee Ballot:

Applications for Absentee Ballots shall be mailed to your City/County Clerk. Applications are available at the following locations:

- City/County Clerk's Offices
- Hawai'i State Libraries
- Office of Election's website: www.Hawaii.gov/elections
- Satellite City Halls
- State agencies
- U. S. Post Offices

PERMANENT ABSENTEE VOTING

Permanent absentee voting allows registered voters to receive their ballots by mail permanently for future elections.

As a permanent vote by mail voter, you will no longer have to apply for future elections. A ballot will automatically be mailed to you for each election in which you are eligible to vote.

HOW DO I REQUEST TO VOTE BY PERMANENT ABSENTEE BALLOT?

You must be a registered voter in order to receive your absentee ballots permanently.

Applications for Permanent Absentee Ballots (known as the *Wikiwiki Voter Registration & Permanent Absentee form*) are available at the following locations:

- City/County Clerk's Offices
- Hawai'i State Libraries
- Office of Election's website: www.Hawaii.gov/elections
- Satellite City Halls
- U.S. Post Offices

Submit your completed application directly to the Office of your City/County Clerk no later than 7 days before the election.

Permanent Absentee Applications will be accepted until:

2014 Primary Election:
Saturday, August 2, 2014

2014 General Election:
Tuesday, October 28, 2014

WHERE TO VOTE

Properly registered voters in the State of Hawai'i will receive a Notice of Voter Registration and Address Confirmation (NVRAC) postcard prior to the election. The NVRAC lists which election(s) a voter is eligible for, the voter's district/precinct number and polling place location.

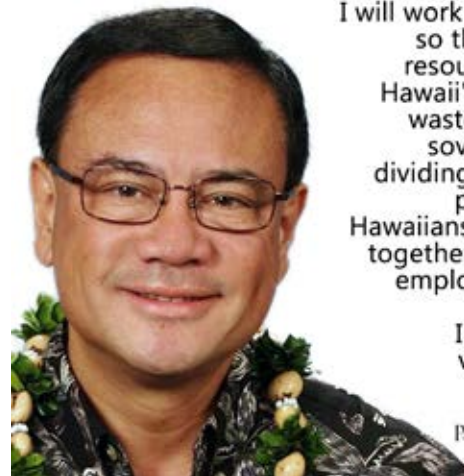
Questions regarding voter registration status or polling place location should be directed to the appropriate City/County Clerk:

- County of Hawai'i - 961-8277
- County of Maui - 270-7749
- County of Kaua'i - 241-4800
- City & County of Honolulu - 768-3800

For more election information, visit Hawaii.gov/elections



Aloha mai! I am a husband, father, educator, preacher, and community leader. I am YOUR candidate for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Trustee-at-Large.



I will work hard to reform OHA so that it will manage its resources for the good of Hawaii's people rather than waste them on a political sovereign nation that is dividing the community. My passion is to advance Hawaiians and non-Hawaiians together through education, employment and housing.

I humbly ask for your vote to unite Hawai'i!

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